



Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, September 5, 2018
 6:30pm-7:00PM Meet and Greet
 7:00PM – 9:30pm meeting**

Meeting Location:

[Gault Street Elementary School](#)
[17000 Gault Street](#)
[Lake Balboa CA 91406](#)

(MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Carla Bautista	Present (Left Meeting 8:45PM)	YES	At-Large
James Brown, 1 st Vice President	Present	YES	Resident
Ruth Doxsee	Absent**	YES	Organization
Kristen Fujitaki, 2 nd Vice President	Present	YES	At-Large
Linda Gravani, President	Present	YES	Business
Byron Gutierrez	Present	YES	At-Large
James Hart, Treasurer	Present (Arrived at 7:49PM)	YES	Residential
Sandra Joseph	Present	YES	Residential
Cindy Kurland	Present	YES	Residential
Madeleine McKay	Absent**	NO	Youth
Allen Nelson, Communications	Present	YES	Organization
Carol Newman, Secretary	Present	YES	Business
Mary Pennomon	Present	YES	Senior
Linda Pruett	Present	YES	Organization
Thomas Riley	Present	YES	Residential
Karen Schatz	Absent**	YES	Residential
James "Jim" Stein	Present	YES	Business
TOTAL: 17	13 PRESENT, 04 ABSENT		

*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken; **X**=expired

** Advance notice given for absence

1. Call Meeting to order, Welcome
 Ms. Linda Gravani called the meeting of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to order at 7:00pm. Ms. Gravani welcomed everyone to the meeting and notified the stakeholders about the sign-in sheets, speaker cards, refreshments and using the microphone when speaking. There were twenty-five stakeholders in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Brown.
3. Roll Call, Quorum is 9
 Roll was called by Ms. Fujitaki and there were 13 boardmembers in attendance, quorum was met.

4. Adoption of the September 5, 2018 Agenda

Public comment: no comment

Item #8 was moved to after #6.

LBNC ITEM 4 Motion to adopt the Agenda for September 5, 2018 Moved as amended: Newman, Second: Brown				
Yes – 13	No – 00	Abstain – 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 04
Bautista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Stein	NONE	NONE	NONE	Doxsee, Hart, McKay, Schatz

5. Approval of Minutes for: Sunday August 19, 2018 Special Meeting

Public comment: no comment

LBNC ITEM 5 Motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2018 Special General Board Meeting. Moved: Newman, Second: Joseph				
Yes – 11	No – 00	Abstain – 02	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 04
Bautista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley	NONE	Gutierrez, Stein	NONE	Doxsee, Hart, McKay, Schatz

6. Approval of Minutes for: August 1, 2018

Item postponed

As stated above, Item #8 was advanced to accommodate the schedule of Senator Hertzberg.

8. Guest Speaker California State Senator Bob Hertzberg- Senator Hertzberg represents about 1 million people from Northridge to Burbank. Senator Hertzberg has been working on many issues in Sacramento where the session has just ended. The State Senate meets more days than the U.S. Congress. The next session is Dec. 3.

- Some of the bills the Senator has been working on include bail reform, water conservation, the Rainy Day Fund, internet privacy, and since so much is now being done on the internet, they are working to improve and strengthen the reliability of the electrical grid.
- We're spending \$12 billion on homelessness on so many fronts but it isn't enough. There are 20-30 bills in session to address homelessness and one of the mental health bills will be going to the ballot for voters to decide. Senator Hertzberg feels that funding from the state directed to local governments should have a time limit so that local government works faster to address the problem. The State of California sends about 70% of its budgeted funding to the local governments.
- The state will now be funding approximately \$16,000.00 per pupil in spending for each student per school year. Senator Hertzberg recently met with Los Angeles School Board Superintendent Austin Beutner to discuss the extraordinary challenges that the LAUSD is facing. If the teachers go on strike it will be a problem. The LAUSD has two pension programs, but a much greater pension contribution is required, which is putting huge pressure on the LAUSD. We have \$1.9 billion to spend on schools.
- A substantial amount of money is being spent on transportation projects including infrastructure to pave 500 miles of streets. The Senator is working on getting \$500 million for road repaving.
- Senator Hertzberg was asked about High Speed Rail. Since Governor Brown will be leaving soon it is possible that other types of transportation will be considered such as a Maglev and a Hyperloop for future transportation needs. It is expected that there will be 10's of

thousands of housing units built in Central California so a transportation system will be needed.

- The California wildfires will also need additional funding as over a million and a half acres have burned. The state is working on brush clearance and has been purchasing new equipment.
- Senator Hertzberg would support making fireworks illegal across the State of California.
- Senator Hertzberg got \$5 million to remove the pile of asphalt but the City wanted \$15 million.
- He's working on getting \$180 million to get transportation into Northridge.
- More details at www.sd18.senate.ca.gov

Ms. Gravani returned the meeting to Item #7.

7. Announcements and Reports: Representatives of LAPD, Local, City, County, State and Federal Government Offices.

- a. West Valley LAPD Captain Ernest Eskridge - Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) - 1-877-ASK-LAPD Officer Smith -818-374-7631 <mailto:34488@lapd.online> Officer (open) - <mailto:34728@lapd.online>
SLO Smith, West Valley Division - The other Senior Lead position for the area should be filled in about a month. There have not been any residential burglaries last week. Social media and Neighborhood Watch have been very helpful in stopping crimes. Please keep posting information to keep your neighbors and community updated. The West Valley has two new captains, CIII Ernest Eskridge, who is in charge of the West Valley and CI Steven Embrich who is in charge of patrol. West Valley Police Station Open House will be held on October 20, 2018 from 10AM to 2PM.
- b. Councilmember Nury Martinez's Office (CD 6) 818-778-4999, Field Deputy, Lauren.Padick@lacity.org
FD Marco Sanchez gave the report for FD Lauren Padick who was unable to attend. Coastal Cleanup Day at the park in Lake Balboa will be held on September 15, 2018 from 9:00am to 12:00pm hosted by Heal the Bay (healthebay.org). The Strike Team will be there from 9AM to 12PM and everyone is invited. Councilmember Nury Martinez is hosting the 2nd annual Arts Festival Friday, September 28, 2018 6PM-10PM at Van Nuys City Hall. There will be interactive art exhibits and live music. Last year there were 1,500 people in attendance. There will be a cleanup of homeless encampments on Burbank Boulevard in September. The Volunteer Patrol is going to expand to Mission Division.
- c. Mayor Garcetti's Valley Office, East Valley Area Representative, Jaqueline.Serrano@lacity.org 213-910-9104- Absent
- d. City Attorney's Office 213-978-8100-Neighborhood Prosecutor, Raffy Astvasadoorian raffy.a@lacity.org 818-374-6842-Absent
- e. LAUSD Scott Schmerelson's Office (District 3) 818-654-3785 Dir of Parent & Community Engagement Jeannie.Kamm@lausd.net, -Absent
- f. Lake Balboa College Preparatory Magnet (formerly Valley Alternative Magnet) Robert Clarke Principal
Mr. Clarke said that the school needed to be revitalized. Graduates receive not only a high school diploma but also an AA degree. The School Board approved the change of name, and a ribbon cutting ceremony to reinvigorate the school is being planned. They want community support. There will be a Coffee with the Principal on September 27, 2018 at 8:30AM at the school office.
- g. LAUSD Director of Communication & Community Affairs Ambrosia.Solis@lausd.net - Absent
- h. LAUSD Kelly Gonez office (District 6) 818-389-9216 - Dir of Community Engagement & Advocacy Cara.Onofre@lausd.net – Absent

- i. LAUSD Northwest District Administrator Parent/Community Engagement-Gonsalo Garay ggg9445@lausd.net 818-654-360 - Absent
 - j. Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office (District 3) 213-974-3333 Dist. Dir. Benita Trujillo btrujillo@bos.lacounty.gov -Absent
 - k. California Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian's Office (District 46) 818-376-4246 Emma.Taylor@asm.ca.gov
Ms. Taylor thanked everyone who attended Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian's Labor Day Barbeque. Assemblymember Nazarian has nine bills waiting for Governor Brown's signature. Three of them address earthquake seismic challenges, earthquake insurance costs, and building codes for earthquake resiliency. They're planning a lot of fall events and looking for legislative ideas.
 - l. California State Senator Robert Hertzberg's Office (District 18) - 818-901-5588 Samatha.Stafford@sen.ca.gov
Several staff members were in attendance with Senator Hertzberg including Hannah Kelley who started in the Intern Program. Tara Logan, Robert Hertzberg's campaign representative, was in attendance and can be reached at 913-244-0390 Tara@Hertzbergforsenate2018.com.
 - m. California State Senator Henry Stern's Office (District 27) 818-876-3352 Kevin.Taylor@sen.ca.gov - Absent
 - n. US Representative Tony Cardenas (District 29) 818-782-7407 Nigel.Sanchez@mail.house.gov - Absent
 - o. US Representative Brad Sherman (District 30) 818-501-9200 Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov -Absent
 - p. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) 818-374-9898 Betty Wong Oyama betty.wong@lacity.org - Kathleen Quinn gave the report for Ms. Wong Oyama who was unable to attend. The election date for Lake Balboa will be May 19, 2019. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment held a get-together with several non-profits to help promote the upcoming Neighborhood Council elections. There was a Board of Neighborhood Commissioners' meeting in the North Valley on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. BONC did make quorum, but decided not to take action on the items discussed. The meeting items were stakeholder definitions and Neighborhood Council reforms. Ms. Quinn reminded the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to fill out Community Impact Statements. The Department is working on a women's leadership program to get more women to run for Neighborhood Councils. www.empowerla.org
 - q. City Clerk Election Administrator Josue (Josh) Marcus) 213-978-0444 Josue.marcus@lacity.org-Absent
9. Guest Speaker Deb Smith, Principal at Daniel Pearl Magnet –This is the smallest high school in population of all the LAUSD schools.
- Ms. Smith led the discussion regarding unfavorable environmental impacts at the Balboa/Victory strip mall and updated the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council on issues that have impacted the students. LAPD has been notified that some of the businesses at the corner of Balboa and Victory are encouraging tardiness and truancy for the students at Birmingham and the other six schools at the complex. Drugs are being sold to the students and some of the businesses are running cover for the drug dealers. One of the stores is selling single cigarettes to the students outside of their business.
 - The school will be hosting a LGBT Youth Event, TBA.
 - Daniel Pearl Magnet HS Accolades: Class of 2017 achieved a 100% graduation rate on time, 4 years in a row. The school is ranked in the top 4% of all high schools in the US, according to US News and World Report, and ranked #1 of ALL high schools in the San Fernando Valley according to the CORE Index of California schools, surpassing Granada Hills HS, El Camino HS, and Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies! The Pearl Post was named the #1 High School Newspaper by the Southern California Press Club for the second year in a row. Two of their student journalists were recognized this year for their outstanding

journalism. The Los Angeles Press Club has given awards to the Pearl Post three times. One of their seniors was awarded the POSSE Scholarship, a very prestigious award that grants 4-year scholarships to a total of ten seniors across the nation! The school paper is now competing with universities and colleges. Everyone is welcome to stop by for a tour.

- Ms. Smith is very excited about the upcoming Models of Pride Conference, which will take place on Oct. 20, 2018. She is serving her 26th year as a volunteer for the conference, which supports LGBT youth. The conference is being moved to Cal State LA. A lot of students in the Valley don't leave the Valley. Last year the NC gave some money to rent a bus. There is a funding motion later in the meeting.
- The School District is getting ready to build a three story Community Wellness Center where they have removed the bungalows just north of Daniel Pearl campus. The Center will provide mental health services and other Los Angeles Unified School District support services. A public meeting will be held on September 20, 2018. More information will be sent to Linda Gravani, as the neighborhood should be informed of the expansion changes and traffic concerns as there are seven schools in the complex including Birmingham High School at the corner.
- The school needs students. It has a robotics and School Police Explorers program. More details at www.pearlmagnet.org

Mr. Hart joined the meeting at 7:49PM.

10. Public Comment

Ilse Escobar, UTLA, parent and Community Organizer, is interested in learning how the Neighborhood Council can endorse or write a letter of support for teachers if they strike. Ms. Escobar will contact Ms. Gravani to see if the issue can be added to the next agenda.

Ms. Gravani called for a 2 minute break from 8:05PM-8:07PM

Ms. Pennomon left the meeting temporarily at 8:07PM.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS: Committee Chairs and Board Members

- President -Update:** The Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be held on September 22, 2018 at City Hall.
The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils will be hosting an Election Forum on October 11, 2018.
Please use the correct email to contact Ms. Gravani – lindag@lakebalboanc.org.
- Ad Hoc Education-Gutierrez:** Meetings TBA. Chair: Byron@lakebalboanc.org
Committee: Kristen Fujitaki, Linda Gravani, and Ruth Doxsee. The committee is working on future plans for this year. Mr. Gutierrez met with LAUSD Superintendent Austin Beutner. Future plans will be announced. A lot of changes are coming. The LAUSD needs to serve its kids better.
- Emergency Preparedness -Pruett:** Emergency Preparedness meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at the Van Nuys Flyaway starting at 9:00AM. The September meeting has been cancelled. The Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair will be on Saturday, September 29, 2018 (9:00AM to 1:30PM) at the Northridge Fashion Center-Pacific Theaters parking lot. 7,000 people attended the event last year. It is the biggest disaster preparedness event in all of Southern California. Free emergency preparedness kits will be given away with registration at www.valleydisasterfair.com or

www.socalprep.us. Amateur Radio Check-in – Every Sunday 9:00AM – Simplex 145.570. If busy, go down by 10's to 145.530 – NO FURTHER – Dan Tomlinson KI6YOW@gmail.com

- d. **Health & Public Safety-Brown:** This committee meets the 3rd Saturday, 10:00AM Flyaway Bus Terminal, 2nd floor meeting room. Chair: jamesb@lakebalboanc.org Committee: Carla Bautista, Mary Pennomon, and Jim Stein. More than 875 residents have been trained on CPR. They are the official training organization for Los Angeles Unified School District teachers and staff. The next meeting will be September 15, 2018 at the Flyaway. It is best to call for a reservation.
- e. **Land Use –Riley:** 3rd Monday of the month 7:00PM, Flyaway Bus Terminal 2nd Floor meeting room Chair: Thomas@lakebalboanc.org Committee: Jordon Reid, Jim Stein, Linda Pruet, and Mary Pennomon.
Land Use committee will follow and report back on the Wellness Center.
- f. **Newsletter-Fujitaki:** no report
- g. **Outreach-Nelson :** 4th Tuesday of the month 7:00PM, Flyaway Bus Terminal 2nd Floor meeting room Chair: allen@lakebalboanc.com Vice-Chair: carla@lakebalboanc.org Committee: Jim Stein, James Brown, Lorna Paisley, Linda Pruet, Kristen Fujitaki, and Mary Pennomon. Each Committee Chair needs to write a script about their committee to post on the website. The script content limit is 3 minutes – be concise and explain what the committee does.

Ms. Pennomon rejoined the meeting at 8:13PM.

- h. **Ad Hoc Recreation & Park-Stein:** Meetings TBA, Chair: jimstein@lakebalboanc.org. From the Sepulveda Off-Leash Dog Park, Steve Berman passed away on Monday, September 3, 2018. We offer our condolences.
- i. **Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC)-Prop K-Doxsee/Stein/Gravani:** no report
- j. **Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee (SBWASC) - Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee-Ruth Doxsee/ Cindy Kurland:** Meets 4th Tuesday of odd numbered months at Balboa Sports Complex 6:30PM. Gravani: The Sepulveda Basin has free family nature walks that will start in October 2018. They will take place the second Saturday of the month at 9:00AM. This is a great area for bird watching. The meet up spot is near the Amphitheater. Doxsee/Kurland.-no report. If you find a wild injured bird or animal, contact the California Wildlife Center. 310 458-9453 cawildlife.org
- k. **Youth Affairs-McKay:** Ms. Gravani said that she and Ms. McKay have contacted Birmingham High School and they are still working on setting up a meeting.
- l. **Ad Hoc Election Committee –Schatz:** Meeting TBA, Chair: Karen@lakebalboanc.org Committee: Cindy Kurland and Mary Pennomon. An Election Committee meeting will be scheduled in the next week or two.

m. **Liaisons:** no report

n. **Homeless-Kurland/Schatz:** no report

o. **Resilient Los Angeles-Pruett:** Ms. Pruett has been attending meetings downtown and will be starting to work on the resiliency report for Lake Balboa after the Disaster Preparedness Fair is over.

p. **Boardmembers:** no report

12. **Budget Advocate-Updates:** (<http://ncbala.com/>) Newman 5 min (Budget Reps/Advocates, Carol Newman/Dan Burt) The Budget Advocates are starting to meet with City Departments utilizing a ranking system prioritizing the departments, since the Budget Advocates do not have to meet with every department. Ms. Newman mentioned that she would be meeting with the Ethics Department. The Ethics Department is a high priority since it deals with corruption and transparency. The Budget Advocates are designating who the report writers will be, and the White Paper should be completed earlier this year. Ms. Gravani commented that \$400,000.00 of Neighborhood Council money was unspent and was sent back to the city.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding contribution from Councilmember Martinez for Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair 2018 (Saturday Sept 29, 2018 9:00AM-1:30PM) update from Linda Pruett. www.valleydisasterfair.com

- Ms. Pruett stated that this is the largest emergency preparedness event of its kind in Southern California, with over 7,000 attendees. Everything is free for the whole day. There are many things happening at the event. Last year, 75 Neighborhood Councils out of 98 were represented and fifteen City Council Districts were represented. Attendees came from 118 different cities and communities, 135 ID Kits for kids were processed, 53 pints of blood were collected, 2,500 lunches were served, appreciation gifts were awarded to 100 CERT Members, 9 Ham Radio Technician Licenses were given, there were five excellent speakers on Emergency Preparedness, and 1,500 Emergency Start Up Kits were distributed to families.
- This event this year will cost \$64,000.00 to put on. We have to raise money. Ms. Pruett is offended by the response of some elected politicians that this event isn't their concern because it isn't taking place in their district. Ms. Pruett stated that earthquakes do not know Council district boundary lines. The non-profit will send letters out again to every City Councilperson who has not contributed. Please give your Councilperson a call.
- FD Marcos Sanchez from Councilmember Nury Martinez's office reminded Ms. Pruett that Ms. Martinez wanted the event to take place in CD6. Ms. Pruett responded that when this year's event was being set up they looked for another location in the Valley. Ms. Martinez wanted it in her district, but there was not a location large enough to accommodate the amount of space needed to host the event. Mr. Sanchez stated that in all fairness to Councilmember Martinez, contribution letters should be sent to all elected officials who have not donated, not just Councilmember Martinez. He also said that he will ask Ms. Martinez to reconsider her position.
- David Ryu contributed \$10,000 this year and the event is not in his district. The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council is voting on this motion because Ms. Martinez is their Councilmember. Ms. Gravani suggested that Ms. Pruett ask for a contribution out of the money the Neighborhood Councils have returned to the City. DONE is also going to be asked to contribute.

Public comment: Linda Schwering said that she is extremely disappointed in our Councilmember's response to this event. Ms. Martinez should support this event.

LBNC ITEM 13 Motion to write a letter to Councilmember Nury Martinez asking for a monetary contribution for the Valley Disaster Fair Moved: Pruett, Second: Hart				
Yes – 14	No – 00	Abstain – 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 03
Bautista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Stein	NONE	NONE	NONE	Doxsee, McKay, Schatz

14. Discussion and possible action regarding LBNC’s policy on selling beer and wine at gas stations.
 Riley 5 min. Riley: The LBNC’s Land Use Committee recommends, and I hereby move that LBNC adopt a policy, which restricts gas stations in Lake Balboa from adding or renewing a Beer and Wine license in their food centers, regardless of the availability of such licenses in the census area that the gas station is located in. Over the last 20 years or so gas stations have started being food centers, and a lot of them are now selling beer and wine. People can buy alcohol and get on the freeway, which is an accident waiting to happen. Several comments were made including: This motion could harm local businesses that have a thin profit, putting these businesses at a competitive disadvantage. Even though it is legal it does not mean it is advisable. A question was asked if any other NC’s have this policy?

Public comment: Steve Lefferts (Stakeholder): In the past the 76 Station at Victory and Hayvenhurst could not have signage about selling alcohol.

LBNC ITEM 14 Motion that LBNC adopt a policy, which restricts gas stations in Lake Balboa from adding or renewing a Beer and Wine license in their food centers, regardless of the availability of such licenses in the census area that the gas station is located in. Moved: Riley, Second: Joseph				
Yes – 08	No – 05	Abstain– 01	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 03
Gravani, Joseph, Kurland, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Stein	Bautista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gutierrez, Hart	Nelson		Doxsee, McKay, Schatz

15. Discussion and possible action regarding Volunteer Police –5 min. Pennomon
 Mary Pennomon presented her experiences as a member of the Volunteer Police (West Valley Community Patrol). Ms. Pennomon worked for Rabbi Steven Jacobs and retired from her job at the temple. Looking for something to do, Ms. Pennomon decided to join the volunteer community members on patrol and has found it to be very exciting and rewarding. On one of her shifts she saw a dead body which had lain outside for 3 days. Though people had seen the body no one called it in. Ms. Pennomon has witnessed drug sales on the Orange Line’s cameras with dealers jumping on and off the buses to make deliveries. She thanked the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council for paying for 20 patrol uniforms. James Brown is also a member of the West Valley Community Patrol. He once saw a robbery when he was on patrol. When on patrol, their job is to be the eyes and ears of the Los Angeles Police Department and to help with crime reduction through their presence. They do not perform arrests – instead, LAPD officers are notified. The Volunteer Police do community engagement and help with non-emergencies. They do 4-hour patrols from 10 am to 2 pm and are beginning to do patrols from 6 pm to 10 pm. They are looking for more volunteers who are willing to work 4 hour shifts to help with the safety and well-being of the community. Thanks again to the LBNC.

Public comment: no comment

16. Discussion and possible action regarding Clarification of Abstentions - Gravani - 5 Min

Some NC’s believe that an abstention is a yes vote, but abstentions are a non-vote. Motion was suggested to update and clarify the bylaws. It was mentioned that boardmembers should abstain and not vote on meeting minutes when they were not present at that meeting.

Public comment: no comment

Ms. Bautista left the meeting at 8:45PM.

LBNC ITEM 16 Motion to change the abstention policy to make an abstention a non-vote and update the bylaws. Moved: Gravani, Second: Brown				
Yes – 13	No – 00	Abstain– 00	Not Eligible- 00	Absent-04
Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Stein	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bautista, Doxsee, McKay, Schatz

17. Discussion and possible action regarding CF17-1421 and CF17-1421-S1 which requests enhanced enforcement strategies, including a task force emphasizing the reduction of illegal fireworks. -

Brown 10 min

The City Council receives complaints city-wide. The City Council asked the Public Safety Committee and My SafeLA to report back on ways to increase outreach efforts, enhance enforcement, work with the Los Angeles Unified School District to outreach to children, and work with the California State Fire Marshall to allocate funding for destroying confiscated fireworks. A joint meeting was held to discuss possible solutions which included neighborhood watch leaders from other areas, LAPD, and Councilmember Nury Martinez’s office. Many ideas came out of that meeting, including increased jail time penalties and stiffer fines. One suggestion was to empower LAPD to write tickets on the spot. The use of fireworks in the City should be reduced. City Council offices should use discretionary funds to pay for extra police during those times, as the number of complaint calls increased to approximately 8,000 to the Los Angeles Police Department during that time period. The Lake Balboa area had three Senior Lead Officers patrolling on the 4th of July.

Public comment: no comment

LBNC ITEM 17 Based on the increasing number of community fireworks-related complaints, the potential danger and the impact on the safety of all residents and stakeholders in our Lake Balboa community, I move that Lake Balboa issue a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to support both the establishment of a Task Force to curb illegal fireworks as well as our support for stronger, stricter laws including fines and penalties related to the use, possession, sale, and discharge of fireworks within LA City limits before, during and after the July 4th holiday as well as New Year’s Eve, and on New Year’s Day. Moved: Brown, Second: Gravani				
Yes – 13	No – 00	Abstain– 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 04
Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Stein	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bautista, Doxsee, McKay, Schatz

18. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding July 2018 MER - Hart 3 MIN

Public comment: no comment

LBNC ITEM 18 Motion to approve the July 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report Moved: Hart, Second: Brown				
Yes – 13	No – 00	Abstain– 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 04
Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Stein	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bautista, Doxsee, McKay, Schatz

19. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of \$2000 NPG for Models of Pride Conference to be held on Oct 20, 2018 - Nelson - 5 Min

Deborah Smith, Principal, Daniel Pearl Magnet School, explained that this is the 26th year of The Conference for LGBT Youth. This year it has been moved to Cal State LA. The event will be held on Oct 20, 2018. It includes speakers, a dinner dance, and a free concert for the students.

Public comment: no comment

LBNC ITEM 19 Move to approve an NPG for \$2,000.00 for Models of Pride Conference to be held on Oct. 20, 2018 Moved: Nelson, Second: Joseph				
Yes – 13	No – 00	Abstain– 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 04
Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Stein	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bautista, Doxsee, McKay, Schatz

20. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of up to \$2500 for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Watch signs - 10 Min Brown

Signs have proved to be a deterrent. These will be specific to the Lake Balboa community. Price includes hardware to mount them. There are rules on where and how high the signs need to be hung per City regulations. The City will install the signs for \$55.00 per sign. A discussion ensued on adding a URL or hashtag for social media.

Public comment: Linda Schwering questioned why they were changing the design and not using the universal signs that she felt would be more recognizable and how will they be passed out?

Steve Lefferts (stakeholder) stated that the signs are supposed to be a deterrent and burglars aren't going to call the phone number.

LBNC ITEM 20 Motion to approve up to \$2500.00 for Neighborhood Watch street signs Moved: Brown, Second: Hart				
Yes – 10	No – 03	Abstain– 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 04
Brown, Fujitaki, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Stein	Gravani, Nelson, Newman	NONE	NONE	Bautista, Doxsee, McKay, Schatz

21. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a folding table for OUTREACH events, expenditure up to \$100 5min Nelson/Brown

Some of the events do not provide a table or enough table space.

Public comment: no comment

LBNC ITEM 21 Motion to allocate up to \$100.00 for folding table to be used at outreach events. Moved: Brown, Second: Pruett				
Yes – 13	No – 00	Abstain– 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 04
Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Stein	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bautista, Doxsee, McKay, Schatz

22. FUNDING: discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a projector and laptop for use at LBNC and committee meetings expenditure up to \$2000. Stein 10 min

The new items need to be compatible with each other.

Public comment: Linda Schwering stated that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council already has 2 Chromebooks.

LBNC ITEM 22 Motion to authorize up to \$2,000.00 for purchase of a projector and laptop computer for use at meetings. Moved: Stein, Second: Gravani				
Yes – 12	No – 00	Abstain– 00	Not Eligible-00	Absent – 04
Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Stein	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bautista, Doxsee, McKay, Schatz

23. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of an additional permanent chess table for Louise Park, expenditure up to \$2,000 -Stein 5 min

The tables that were previously purchased are being used. The pieces are available at the dock. This chess table will be for Louise Park. Recreation and Parks is willing to put down the concrete pad.

Public comment: no comment

LBNC ITEM 23 Motion to authorize expenditure up to \$2,000.00 for a permanent chess table for Louise Park. Moved: Stein, Second: Nelson				
Yes – 13	No – 00	Abstain– 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 04
Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Stein	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bautista, Doxsee, McKay, Schatz

24. Adjourn

LBNC ITEM 24 Motion to adjourn. Moved: Gravani, Second: Stein				
Yes – 13	No – 00	Abstain– 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 04
Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Stein	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bautista, Doxsee, McKay, Schatz

Meeting ended at 9:28PM

Next Regular Meeting of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 7:00PM