



Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, February 6, 2019
 6:30pm-7:00PM Meet and Greet
 7:00PM – 9:16PM 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 |
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| Carla Bautista | Present | YES | At-Large |
| James Brown 1 st Vice President | Present | YES | Resident |
| Ruth Doxsee | Present | 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 7:05PM) | YES | Residential |
| Sandra Joseph | Present (Arrived at 8:40PM) | YES | Residential |
| Cindy Kurland | Present | YES | Residential |
| Madeleine McKay | Present | 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 | Present | YES | Residential |
| James "Jim" Stein | Present | YES | Business |
| TOTAL: 17 | 15 PRESENT, 2 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-Ms. Linda Gravani called the meeting of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to order at 7:00 PM. Ms. Gravani read from the *LA City Charter Section 900* the purpose of Neighborhood Councils. She 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 twelve stakeholders in attendance. Timekeeper Mr. Brown.
2. Pledge of Allegiance-The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Brown.
3. Roll Call-Quorum is 9, roll was called by Ms. Schatz and there were 15 Boardmembers in attendance, Quorum was met.

| LBNC ITEM 3 Roll Call | | |
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| Present – 15 | Absent- 02 | Excused-00 |
| Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Kurland, McKay, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein | Hart, Joseph | NONE |

James Hart, Treasurer arrived at 7:05 p.m.

4. Adoption of the Agenda February 6, 2019

Discussion: President Gravani stated that Item #24 is a new item in that the City Clerk now requires that every time a Boardmember is to be reimbursed it must be on the meeting agenda. Tonight \$61.71 was spent on refreshments by Boardmember Linda Pruett and the president requested to fill in that amount on Item #24.

Public comment: none

Motion passed.

| LBNC ITEM 4 Adoption of the Agenda February 6, 2019 with addition of \$61.71 reimbursement to Board Member Linda Pruett in Item #24 Moved: Newman Second: Brown | | |
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| Yes – 16 | No-00 | Absent - 01 |
| Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Kurland, McKay, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein | None | Joseph |

5. 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 SLO (Para) West Valley Division-Senior Lead Officer Hugo Fuentes <mailto:40093@lapd.online> West Valley Division –Senior Lead Officer Smith (Para) 818-374-7631 <mailto:34488@lapd.online>-Absent
- b. Councilmember Nury Martinez’s Office (CD 6) 818-778-4999, Field Deputy, Lauren.Padick@lacity.org Lauren introduced Anna Garcia, a new case worker for the Van Nuys office, recently hired. Lauren is taking her to visit each Neighborhood Council and complimented Lake Balboa NC on how wonderfully organized they are. Lauren invited all to a February 23 clean up with Starbucks at Lake Balboa Park. CD6 will provide everything. Bring gloves. 9:00AM-12:00PM. Flyers available. What does a case worker do? Anna will answer phones and take reports of graffiti, etc. Ms. Gravani commented that an Encino Board Member wishes to speak with Lauren.
- c. Mayor Garcetti’s Valley Office, East Valley Area Representative, Jacqueline.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- Works with LAPD and the Council office. –Absent
- e. LAUSD Scott Schmerelson’s Office (District 3) 818-654-3785 Dir of Parent & Community Engagement Jeannie.Kamm@lausd.net - Absent

Steve Leffert (Past LBNC President) advised that Scott Schmerelson, Board District 3, is having an open house on 2/28 – 3:30PM-6:30PM, 6621 Balboa Blvd. Please call 213-241-8333 to RSVP.
- f. LAUSD Director of Communication & Community Affairs Ambrosia.Solis@lausd.net - Absent
- g. LAUSD Kelly Gonez office (District 6) 818-389-9216 - Dir of Community Engagement & Advocacy Cara.Onofre@lausd.net – Absent
- h. LAUSD Northwest District Administrator Parent/Community Engagement-Gonsalo Garay ggg9445@lausd.net 818-654-360 - Absent
- i. Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s Office (District 3) 213-974-3333 Dist. Dir. Benita Trujillo btrujillo@bos.lacounty.gov –Absent
- ⌋ California Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian’s office (District 46) 818-376-4246 Emma.Taylor@asm.ca.gov - Having 5th Annual Job and Career Fair on February 22, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with 40 different employers. Dress professionally and bring resumes. Interviews will be held. The person planning this event ended up working for their office. Women’s Self Defense Classes start in March. Mailers will not be going out this year. Check website

and get onto the e-mail list. There will be five classes. These are held twice a year. Looking for a location to do a coffee in Lake Balboa, any suggestions?

- k. California State Senator Robert Hertzberg's Office (District 18) - 818-901-5588 Samatha.Stafford@sen.ca.gov - Absent
- l. California State Senator Henry Stern's Office (District 27) 818-876-3352 – Absent
- m. US Representative Tony Cardenas (District 29) 818-782-7407 Nigel.Sanchez@mail.house.gov – Absent
- n. US Representative Brad Sherman (District 30) 818-501-9200 Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov – Absent
- o. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) 818-374-9898 Betty Wong Oyama betty.wong@lacity.org - Absent

Election Information:

Candidate Filing Starts: Sunday February 3, 2019. Ends: Thursday February 28, 2019

Official Candidate List Announcement: Wednesday March 20, 2019

Candidate Photo/Statement Deadline: Sunday May 12, 2019

LBNC Election Sunday May 19, 2019 10:00AM to 4:00PM

Board Retreat Saturday June 1, 2019

New Board Swearing in Wednesday June 5, 2019

President Gravani announced the purpose of Neighborhood Councils by reading from the *Los Angeles City Charter Section 910 Monitoring of City Services*. President Gravani said that Lake Balboa NC purchased video equipment to video our guest speakers and post on our website. She also announced that after the speaker, the Board will discuss how they would like to react to that presentation. Our job is to get the City to do its job.

L.A. City Charter Sec. 910. Monitoring of City Services.

Neighborhood councils shall monitor the delivery of City services in their respective areas and have periodic meetings with responsible officials of City departments, subject to their reasonable availability.

- 6. Guest Speaker - from Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee, Board Member of ENC and Committee member of ENC RaP Committee- Patricia Bates, Ph.D. Treasurer & Homeless Chair of the Encino Neighborhood Council. Patricia Bates holds a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in experimental psychology and zoology. She has been associated with the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society and the Encino NC Parks Committee for many years. Along with our LBNC representatives Ruth Dorse and Cindy Kurland, she represents Encino NC on the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee, which is comprised of volunteers from environmental and community organizations dedicated to protecting our wonderful Sepulveda Basin resources.

The Sepulveda Basin, consisting of 2031 acres, is an amazing resource: the 6th largest city-owned park in California and the 46th largest in U.S. Reseda Park is smaller but also a haven for migratory and non-migratory wildlife. They are havens in the midst of a large urban area. As a member of the Wildlife Steering Committee, we're approached frequently to deal with issues and problems in the Sepulveda Basin. There is a ban on fishing in the basin because birds get caught up in fishing lines. There are people hunting birds and gathering duck eggs and homeless issues in the Bowl Creek area. The law enforcement in our City parks is a patchwork since the General Services police were disbanded. We have some park rangers and their base is in Hansen Dam. It takes them over 30 minutes to get to the Sepulveda Basin. We need them at the Basin at all times to explain why people should not gather duck eggs. We have been asking for this for at least 5 years. Councilman Koretz said he would get this in the budget. It is time for the Encino and Lake Balboa and Reseda NCs to push the City to get a dedicated ranger station in our area to cover our basin and parks. She caught two men catching birds for the bird market. These are migratory birds and they need to be protected. Dr. Bates asked the Board to pass a resolution that we need a dedicated park ranger station.

- 7. Discussion and possible action regarding dedicated park rangers - Gravani 10 min
Discussion: Recommend that Lake Balboa send a resolution that we want more than one park ranger in the Sepulveda Basin and that rangers need to be able to write citations. When LAPD goes there, it is not their territory. If word gets out that people are cited then the illegal activities will stop. Nury Martinez, Bob Blumenfeld, and Paul Koretz did get an

enforcement motion, but it is not being enforced. Federal Rangers are patrolling only the south reserve that is south of Burbank Blvd. They are there to protect the dam. Rangers need an office and dispatch schedule. They need to be visible and talking with people, educating them. They need to be here and at Reseda Park and the Wildlife reserve. In 2008 the budget cutbacks decimated L.A. City Recreation and Parks. They say they are hiring people back, but the rangers are at Hansen Dam and Griffith Park. It takes over 30 minutes for a ranger to arrive and by that time the wildlife have been killed, stolen or severely injured. Lack of rangers and enforcement is the same run around we received when we tried to secede from the City over 15 years ago. Lake Balboa needs to take the lead and Encino and Reseda NCs can follow if they choose. This issue has been discussed in the past and sending a resolution is long overdue. Boardmember Brown expressed concern about voting for this without knowing the cost.

Public comment: none

Motion passed.

| LBNC ITEM 7 - Motion: Schatz / Doxsee that Lake Balboa write a Resolution that Lake Balboa NC requests that Park Rangers be stationed in Sepulveda basin along with an outpost. Moved: Schatz Second: Doxsee | | |
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| Yes – 14 | No -02 | Absent -01 |
| Bautista, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Hart, Kurland, McKay, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein | Brown, Gutierrez | Joseph |

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Dan Brower – Homelessness is the big thing at Lake Balboa. He recommends placing a hostel in the Bull Creek area in preparation for the Olympics which will be north of Lake Balboa.
- b. Lydia Grant – Organizations are going to be addressing the L.A. River tributaries. Opening up and putting in bike lanes and they want as much input from the public as possible. She will send information to Linda Gravani.

Break 7:36 PM to 7:40 PM

Meeting was called back to order at 7:40 PM

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS: Committee Chairs and Board Members

- a. **President Update:** The new board retreat will be 6-1-19. There are 43 pages of lobbyists who have registered in 2019 so far. We are 17 people, and are the lobbyists for Lake Balboa. Nury Martinez will be our guest speaker next month. There will not be an election if no seats are contested. Lake Balboa NC has 6 residential seats, 3 business representatives, 3 organizational, 1 youth, 1 senior, 1 at large and 1 at large appointed. We must have 9 people on the Board to have quorum. It is difficult to get people to serve on the NC. Apparently the fun we are having is not getting through.
Mulholland Middle School is holding a career day on Feb. 22, 8:30 am-12 noon. Mulholland has become a film production, bio technology, and engineering magnet school. There are also police cadets at the school. This is our only true middle school. Gault Street School started a GoFundMe account to form a nonprofit to keep 21st century essentials such as their computer lab and a computer aide in the school.
- b. **Ad Hoc Education-Gutierrez:** Bassett is again trying to become a magnet school and seeking a letter of support. They have a robotics program that has done very well. Gutierrez will participate at the Mulholland Career Fair.
- c. **Emergency Preparedness -Pruett:** This coming Saturday is the monthly meeting at the Flyaway. 4th in our series of DVDs will be on suturing and stapling and how to take care of big bad wounds. Emergency Preparedness meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at the Van Nuys Flyaway. The meeting starts at 9:00AM. 2nd floor community room. Parking out front. New ShakeAlertLA App will give you several seconds warning of an earthquake.
- d. **Health & Public Safety-Brown:** Mr. Brown is Co-Chair of the West Valley Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB). LBNC Board Members Doxsee, Bautista and Brown took part in the recent Officer Appreciation Day, feeding officers all day long. Mr. Brown presented Carla Bautista with a certificate of recognition from the City Council Office. He talked about the importance of CPR training. A new app allows you to text 911. **Neighborhood Watch:** There will be a meeting Sunday Feb. 9th hosted by Gary and the Greenbergs on McLennan Avenue, 10 a.m. There will be guests. Rain or shine, bring your own chair.

- e. **Land Use –Riley:** 3rd Monday of the month 7:00PM, Flyaway Bus Terminal 2nd Floor meeting room Chair: Thomas@lakebalboanc.org Committee: Jordan Reid, Jim Stein, Linda Pruett, and Mary Pennomon. Presented statistics on the high rents in L.A.
- f. **Newsletter - Kristin** -- Requests articles and events in by February 13th and we will aim to get it out by the 18th. We want to get a newsletter out this month.
- g. **Outreach-Nelson:** 4th Tuesday of the month 7:00PM, Flyaway Bus Terminal 2nd Floor meeting room Chair: allen@lakebalboanc.com Vice-Chair: clara@lakebalboanc.org Committee: Jim Stein, James Brown, Lorna Paisley, Linda Pruett, Kristen Fujitaki, and Mary Pennomon. Had a small informal meeting for Outreach at which we talked about getting videos posted and having them posted on YouTube.
- h. **Ad Hoc Recreation & Park-Stein:** Meetings TBA, Chair: jimstein@lakebalboanc.org : June 15 will be the 5th annual movie in the park, “*Indiana Jones - Raiders of the Lost Ark*,” at Louise Park. Last Saturday’s shredding event was successful. The next one is on 2/23 - 10 a.m. - 12 noon at Stagg Street School, 7839 Amestoy. Promoting on NextDoor and Facebook. Note: LBNC’s Emergency Preparedness bin is located there. During the shredding event we got 39 names. We shredded a lot of paper and met a lot of our stakeholders. Cost was \$250. Normally the charge is \$365. Comments: Shredding event a great idea. Ms. Schwering suggested holding the event a week or two later so people could find out more. There will be a 3rd shredding event March 2nd and a 4th at the election on May 19, 2019. We have these flyers that tell people what we do. We’re trying to get candidates so we’ll have a board quorum from these outreach efforts. We’re trying to do a newsletter and include the shredding event.
- 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:** Attended meeting on 1/22. There will be a Haskell Creek cleanup April 13 in the morning, and this event will get muddy and dirty. Speaker, Steve Dunlap, spoke on invasive pests that are in the super tankers from overseas and they breed like crazy. They are attacking our trees. It is a bigger problem than the drought. They come from outside the country and Mexico. Meets 4th Tuesday of odd numbered months at Balboa Sports Complex 6:30PM. Doxsee/Kurland. First Sunday of each month is the Bird Walk from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM. If you find a wild injured bird or animal, contact the California Wildlife Center. 310 458-9453 cawildlife.org10
- k. **Youth Affairs-McKay:** At Daniel Pearl, on Fridays the school band comes out once a month for the community and there’s a BBQ. Ms. McKay wants to do a student senate. Daniel Pearl has been much more receptive. We talked about a student senate event and pairing it with a BBQ. We also talked about going in to the parks and offering help to homeless people. How can we do this in a safe way will be explored.
- l. **Ad Hoc Election Committee –Schatz:** Thank you to the existing board. Everyone needs to register as a candidate. There will be a Rally in the Valley on 2/9. Haven’t responded about a table yet. It is a chance to recruit people and let people know what we do. Event is 10 am-2 pm. Chair: Karen@lakebalboanc.org Committee: Cindy Kurland and Mary Pennomon. There are 8 regions and some have already opened their candidate filing. Why doesn’t DONE have Spanish posters yet?
- m. **Homeless liaison --Kurland/Schatz:** Homeless census by volunteers held recently. Ruth volunteered.
- n. **Resilient Los Angeles liaison-Pruett:** The meeting last week was poorly attended. It was on CERT, not resilience. Each NC is supposed to be putting together their plan. LBNC has been ahead of the curve, thanks to Linda Pruett.
- o. **Volunteer Police- Pennomon** – We haven’t gone out on patrols because of the rain and liability.
- p. **Boardmembers: Ruth Doxsee:** The homeless count was pretty painless. One was the navigator and one the counter. I don’t think we should have LBNC Committee meetings next time during that week. We all need to participate on those evenings. Also, I attended the meeting of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors and spoke in favor of adding beds to mental health hospitals. Everyone should see the sheet on how to report homeless living on the street. Question by Pruett: Did they actually count the homeless in Lake Balboa. They did it by census tracks. Walked a small part. Mostly circulated by car. Kristen: In the middle of updating the website, send photos and items and will work with Aaron Devandry to have it updated.

L.A. City Charter Sec. 909. Annual City Budget Priorities. Each neighborhood council may present to the Mayor and Council an annual list of priorities for the City budget. The Mayor shall inform certified neighborhood councils of the deadline for submission so that the input may be considered in a timely fashion.

- 10. **Budget Advocate-(BA) Updates:** (<http://ncbala.com/>) Newman (Budget Advocate Carol Newman, Budget Rep Linda Gravani)
 Carol Newman said the BAs have completed their White Paper. It is used to describe all the reports. We did 30 + departments. There is also a 5-6 page report regarding city services that goes at the front. In total it is about 100 pages. Carol edited all the department reports. We are a lot further ahead this year in getting out the White Paper. It is now complete. We are trying to set up a meeting with the Mayor with the recommendations for each of the departments. Mayor promised a meeting in January but hasn't been scheduled. We will be having a series of town halls. Valley town hall will be in Tarzana. Stakeholders are requested to come and tell us the services they are not getting. City runs a structural deficit. Expenses routinely exceed income. This year so far the City is \$84 million behind where they thought they would be. This is why we don't have any city services. Every single department wanted more money. The BAs want the departments to succeed. Carol went to Ethics and the City Attorney departments. She read all the reports and her question is where the money is going to come from. There is no answer and the electeds want to push off the decision until their terms are over with. BAs will be putting together a mini white paper. We issued a survey trying to get stakeholder input to find out how the departments are doing. Responses were that they are not doing so good. DONE refused to distribute our survey. We got just under 1,000 responses. The White Paper will be distributed via email to all NCs. Comments: Any updates on City Council being investigated by the FBI.

- 11. Policy Changes to Neighborhood Council Funding Program dated 1.28.19
 James Hart: This is the second change since 2016. The City is making it more difficult for us. If you spend personal money we need multiple approvals: authorization to spend the money, and then authorization to reimburse you every time. I will try to get accounts set up with vendors but there aren't a lot of options. Linda Gravani: The policy changes are 48 pages. <https://clerk.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph606/f/NCFP%20Policies%2007.19.18%20Final.pdf>
 Public comment: This requirement should be for bigger amounts of money.

- 12. Discussion of new LA Council Committee assignments - Gravani - President Gravani gave a copy of the new assignments effective for City Council committees as of 1/23. Committees are where the work gets done at the City Council and you should be aware of where they meet and who's in charge.

- 13. Discussion / Possible Action to request the City Clerk include the email addresses for each legislative assistant and alternate for all committees of L.A. City Council. Gravani: The only way for stakeholders to send their comments to a committee is to email the legislative assistant. So we are looking into it. If you don't know the protocol you don't know. I want to push the City Clerk to request that the e-mail addresses be put on the committee list.

Public comment: none

Motion passed.

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| LBNC ITEM 13 - Motion: Lake Balboa requests the City Clerk include the email addresses for all legislative assistants and alternates for all City Council Committees. Moved: Gravani Second: Schatz | | |
| Yes – 16 | No -00 | Absent -01 |
| Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Kurland, McKay, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein | NONE | Joseph |

- 14. Land Use: Discussion and possible action regarding APCSV-2018-2184-ZC & env-2018-2185-EAF - 17534 - Sherman Way 2 family to 9 unit apartment - Riley. The developer is proposing a 9-unit apartment complex on two lots with single family homes. They could build 11 units but they are building 9. There is little to fight them with because Sherman Way is all multi-units. We found several things we thought should be done differently and they came back with the new version. It will be a multi story building with a bus stop there. Many park on the side streets. It's difficult because they don't have enough parking spaces for their building. The rest of the parking will be on the street which will compete with the bus stop. They tried to listen to our concerns and correct them.

Discussion: Linda Pruet has been against this development because of the impact on the surrounding neighborhood. Sadly they are within the City requirements. She will vote against this but there isn't anything we can do anything about it. They want to pack in as many units as possible with no concern for the community. Other comments: Bike racks can be traded to take the place of parking space needs. The City needs to do a better job updating the code. It's not the developer's fault

but the fault of the City. For a storage facility they could reduce parking because of bike racks. We have no control over planning in the City of Los Angeles because our former governor took away local control.

Public comment: none

Motion passed.

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| LBNC ITEM 14 - Motion: Riley / Gravani that Lake Balboa supports approval of this application to the district office. APCSV-2018-2184-ZC & env-2018-2185-EAF - 17534 - Sherman Way 2 family to 9 unit apartment Moved: Riley Second: Gravani | | | |
| Yes – 09 | No -06 | Abstain -01 | Absent-01 |
| Bautista, Fujitaki, Gravani, Hart, McKay, Nelson, Newman, Riley, Stein | Brown, Doxsee, Kurland, Pennomon, Pruet, Schatz | Gutierrez | Joseph |

Ms. Joseph joined the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

15. Land Use: Update on Community Plan - Riley - Mr. Riley gave the following updates: They are redoing the zones to current zoning codes. They are saying my property is RA1. RA1 requires 33,000 sq. ft., so zoning on my property is changed from RA1 to RA9500 which means you have to have properties that are 9500 sq. ft. I don't have enough to split the lot. There is an area on the north side of Vanowen at Andesol that has been designated by the City as a Historic District because the houses in that immediate area still look like when they were built in the 50's. They are coming back to us sometime in the spring. We have opportunities to participate and it appears they are listening to what we are saying. How well is yet to be seen. One of the most important things we've done is to meet with the community planners and discuss the Lake Balboa boundaries. They have said consistently that no decisions are made but we feel they are listening. The southern boundary is Victory and we share the park with Encino.

16. Land Use: Discussion and possible action to officially request a location for a Community Center be set aside - Stein - We've discussed this several times and at one point we got a letter from Nury Martinez saying she would support our efforts to get a community center. This is a required next step to officially request a location. There is so little land left in Lake Balboa. I thought I stumbled across some at 7000 Hayvenhurst Avenue and spoke with Ms. Sanchez. She decided she had something to put there but we don't know what it is. Jim has been asking for a Community Center. We want one in our community.

Public comment: none

Motion passed.

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| LBNC ITEM 16 - Motion: Gravani / Pruet that Lake Balboa NC supports a Community Center within Lake Balboa NC boundaries. Moved: Gravani Second: Pruet | | |
| Yes – 17 | No -00 | Absent-00 |
| Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, McKay, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein | NONE | NONE |

17. Land Use: Discussion and possible action to officially request to change the community plan entitled Reseda/West Van Nuys to Reseda/Lake Balboa and include the entire Lake Balboa NC area (West of the 405) - Riley - This is the same thing where we are officially making this request.

Discussion: According to the Community Plan you need to be going to the Van Nuys meetings to discuss what you want your community look like.

Public comment: none

Motion passed.

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| LBNC ITEM 17 - Motion: Gravani / Newman that Lake Balboa NC officially requests to change the community plan entitled Reseda/West Van Nuys to Reseda/Lake Balboa to include the entire Lake Balboa NC boundaries (West of the 405). Moved: Gravani Second: Newman | | |
| Yes – 17 | No -00 | Absent-00 |
| Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, McKay, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein | NONE | NONE |

18. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Nov Monthly Expense Report (MER) - Hart

Public comment: none

Motion passed

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| LBNC ITEM 18 - Motion: Hart / Brown to approve the November Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) | | |
| Moved: Hart Second: Brown | | |
| Yes – 16 | No -00 | Ineligible -01 |
| Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein | NONE | McKay |

19. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Dec Monthly Expense Report (MER) Hart

Public comment: no comment

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| LBNC ITEM 19 - Motion: Hart / Doxsee to approve the December Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) | | |
| Moved: Hart Second: Doxsee | | |
| Yes – 16 | No -00 | Ineligible -01 |
| Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein | NONE | McKay |

20. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of January Monthly Expense Report (MER) Hart - January not ready yet from the City. No action taken.

21. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action to authorize \$500 for Budget Advocates. Newman

Discussion: Budget Advocates gets \$10,000 a year from DONE. We are asking again this year for \$500. Hopefully our reports each month relay what the Budget Advocates do. We try to get the word out. Funds will help cover costs for Budget Day costs and refreshments. Is it possible to give more if we can afford it? City Council has voted roll-over maximum of \$10,000 for NC's starting this year. Budget Advocates are afraid they won't have any budget at all because NCs can hold funds. We can vote \$500 today and vote an additional amount at a future meeting. Funds will go for costs of White Paper and Budget Day event costs, among other things.

Public comment: no comment

Motion passed.

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| LBNC ITEM 21 - Motion: Newman / Brown to authorize \$500 for NC Budget Advocates Moved: Newman Second: Brown | | |
| Yes – 16 | No -00 | Ineligible -01 |
| Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein | NONE | McKay |

22. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action to authorize up to \$200 MOVIE IN THE PARK on Jun 15, 2019 Stein

Discussion: Thought there would be a Lake Balboa park event. We are not doing that this time.

Public comment: none

Motion passed.

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| LBNC ITEM 22 - Motion: Stein / Hart to authorize up to \$200 for 5th Annual Movie in the Park on June 15, 2019 Moved: Stein Second: Hart | | |
| Yes – 16 | No -00 | Ineligible -01 |
| Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein | NONE | McKay |

23. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action to authorize \$5000 NPG to Northridge Beautification Foundation (81-5463842) - Kurland.

Discussion: Tabled in December. This is the best opportunity to help the homeless in our community. Empowers them and gives them a job. Successfully used in other communities. Six week program twice a week helps the Homeless get \$25 a day and food, and these funds will go towards this cost. Concerns that support to this foundation would not be helping homeless in Lake Balboa. It's a great idea and we tabled it to find out more information. Tabled because of the application and not being properly agendized. Would like the board not to judge based on the presenter. NPG was not the same. Hoped to have more information on this nonprofit sent to the board. Googled the Northridge Foundation and Facebook comes up with Northridge Sparkle so there's no website for this organization. Wish we could have more documents to show what they've accomplished. Kathryn Barger donated \$15,000 to the foundation. \$5,000 is a lot of money for Lake Balboa's funds for something for just 9 days and more information should be provided to the board in advance. The charity is also delinquent in their filings with the State, specifically the RRF and 990 forms. This means that they are delinquent with the State. This is easily fixable but it shows

concerns with their finances. Have them get current and provide updated documents. No guarantee we will see anything in our community from this grant.

Public comment: none

Motion failed.

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| LBNC ITEM 23 - Motion: Kurland / Schatz to authorize \$5,000 NPG to Northridge Beautification Foundation/Clean Streets Program Moved: Kurland Second: Schatz | | | |
| Yes – 04 | No -10 | Abstain - 02 | Ineligible - 01 |
| Doxsee, Gutierrez, Kurland, Stein | Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Hart, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley | Bautista, Schatz | McKay |

CONSENT ITEMS - items #24 - 29 will be voted on in one motion, please indicate if you wish any item(s) to be removed and discussed individually. Previous years LBNC contributed \$400 for Magician and \$500 for Senior Symposium.

24. This standard motion will be completed with appropriate information based on specific cost and which board-member, actually paid for the refreshments. Funding: Discussion and possible action to Reimburse LBNC board member for tonight’s refreshments – Motion: LBNC approve the reimbursement of \$61.71 paid by board member Linda Pruet for tonight’s meeting.

25. FUNDING Discussion and possible action to authorize repayment of \$166 To James Hart for LBNC’s P.O. BOX.

26. FUNDING Discussion and possible action to authorize repayment of \$62.00 to Jim Stein for the CD of “Chess Country from CBS Archives.

27. Funding: Discussion and possible action to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1750 of the Election Budget. Up to \$1,500 for printing flyers, posters, bus benches and up to \$250 for refreshments at various election outreach events, - Schatz

28. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action to authorize \$450 for the Magician at the annual Spring Egg Hunt at Balboa Sports Complex on April 13, 2019 (Jason Liss, Acting Director)

29. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action to authorize \$500 for outreach participation at ONEgeneration 2019 Senior Symposium. (Jenna Hauss, Director ONEgeneration)

Public comment: none

Motion passed.

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| LBNC ITEMS 24-29 - Motion: Gravani / Doxsee to consent items #24-29 for \$61.71 board member reimbursement to Linda Pruet for refreshments; \$166 board member reimbursement to James Hart for LBNC PO Box; \$62 board member reimbursement to Jim Stein for “Chess Country from CBS Archives; authorize up to \$1750 for Election Budget which includes \$1,500 for printing flyers, posters, bus benches and up to \$250 for refreshments at various election outreach events; authorize \$450 for the Magician at the annual spring Egg Hunt at Balboa Sports Complex on April 13, 2019; authorize up to \$500 to ONEgeneration for outreach participation at 2019 Senior Symposium. Moved: Gravani Second: Doxsee | | | |
| Yes – 16 | No -00 | Ineligible -01 | |
| Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein | NONE | McKay | |

30. Adjourn-Meeting

Motion passed.

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| LBNC ITEM 30 – Adjourn 9:16PM Moved: Gravani Second: Brown | | | |
| Yes – 17 | No -00 | Abstain -00 | |
| Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, McKay, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein | NONE | NONE | |

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