



Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, December 4, 2019
 6:30pm-7:00PM Meet and Greet
 7:00PM – 8:30pm meeting
 (APPROVED)**

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 2 nd Vice President	Present	YES	Resident
James Brown 1 st Vice President	Present	YES	Resident
Ruth Doxsee	Present (left at 9:21 pm)	YES	Resident
Kristen Fujitaki	President	YES	Organization
Linda Gravani President	President	YES	Business
James Hart Treasurer	Absent	YES	Resident
Sandra Joseph	Present	YES	Residential
Gary Kay	Absent	YES	At-Large appointed
Danica Middleton	Absent	YES	Residential
Allen Nelson	Present	YES	At-Large appointed
Carol Newman	Present	YES	Business
Mary Pennomon	Present	YES	Senior
Linda Pruett	Present	YES	Organization
Thomas Riley	Present	YES	Organization
Linda Schwering	Present	YES	At-large elected
Emma Scott	Present (left at 8:29PM)	NO	Youth
Jim Stein	Present	YES	Business
TOTAL: 17	14 PRESENT, 3 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 LA City Charter the purpose of Neighborhood Councils and 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 fourteen stakeholders in attendance. Read from the City Charter. Meetings are on time limits for the school staff. Timekeeper James Brown.

2. Pledge of Allegiance-The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Brown

3. Roll Call, Quorum is 9-Roll was called by Boardmember Schwering and there were 14 Boardmembers in attendance, Quorum was met.

LBNC ITEM 3 Roll Call		
Present – 14	Absent- 1	Excused-2
Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schwering, Scott, Stein	Hart	Kay, Middleton

4. Adoption of the Agenda December 4, 2019 Discussion: President Gravani stated that tonight \$105.63 was spent on refreshments by Boardmember Sandy Joseph and the president requested to fill in that amount on Item #28. For items 25, 26, 27 add the word outreach to each of the agenda items as we may do these as outreach.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 4 Adoption of the Agenda December 4, 2019 Motion: Newman / Brown to adopt December 4, 2019 with addition of \$105.63 in Item #28 and adding word outreach in items 25, 26, 27.		
Yes – 14	No-0	Absent - 3
Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Scott, Stein	None	Hart, Kay, Middleton

5. Approval of Minutes for September 4, 2019 **Motion Tabled**
6. Approval of Minutes for October 2, 2019 **Motion Tabled**
7. Approval of Minutes for November 6, 2019 Discussion: Correction that Ruth Doxsee is excused not absent because she notified in advance. Emma was not eligible for funding voting.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 7 Adoption of the November 6, 2019 minutes Motion: Riley / Brown to adopt November 6, 2019 as corrected.		
Yes – 14	No-0	Absent - 3
Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Scott, Stein	None	Hart, Kay, Middleton

8. Announcements and Reports: Representatives of LAPD, Local, City, County, State
- 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>
West Valley has a new area Captain, Paul Espinosa and you can meet him next week at CPAB.
 - b. Councilmember Nury Martinez’s Office (CD 6) 818-778-4999, Field Deputy, Lauren.Padick@lacity.org -no report
 - c. Mayor Garcetti’s Valley Office, East Valley Area Representative, Caroline.Menjivar@lacity.org 213-978-0662 – 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 Robert T.E. Jackson, Deputy Director for Community Engagement Robert.Jackson@lausd.net Penny -- served as principal in the past. Great to be back. Supervisor now. Attending on behalf of McGrath.
 - f. LAUSD Northwest District Administrator Parent/Community Engagement-Gonsalo Garay - ggg9445@lausd.net 818-654-3600 - Absent
 - g. LAUSD Kelly Gonez office (District 6) 818-389-9216 - Dir of Community Engagement & Advocacy Michael.Menjivar@lausd.net – Absent
 - h. Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s Office (District 3) 213-974-3333 Dist. Dir. Benita Trujillo btrujillo@bos.lacounty.gov –Absent
 - i. CA Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian’s office (District 46) 818-376-4246 Stephanie.Mkhlian@asm.ca.gov - Absent
 - j. California State Senator Robert Hertzberg’s Office (District 18) - 818-901-5588 Samatha.Stafford@sen.ca.gov - Absent
 - k. CA State Senator Henry Stern’s Office (District 27) - 818-876-3352 –Jeremy.Wolf@sen.ca.gov and SFV rep Denise.Kniter@sen.ca.gov – Absent
 - l. US Representative Tony Cardenas (District 29) 818-782-7407 Osvaldo.Ramirez@mail.house.gov – Absent

- m. US Representative Brad Sherman (District 30) 818-501-9200 Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov –Absent
- n. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) 818-374-9898 Betty Wong Oyama betty.wong@lacity.org - Happy Holidays. GM Raquel will be attending LBNC in February. She has visited 40% of the Neighborhood Councils in the City to gather information of what works and what doesn't. She would like 15 minutes on your February agenda. Census 2020 NC Ambassadors: You do not need to be board appointed. Being involved in the Census will help your community because everyone needs to complete the Census. You do not have to be a US Citizen to complete the Census. Contact Betty directly if you are interested. GM has requested NCs to review their Bylaws. You have opportunity to do so between now and April 2020.

9. Guest Speaker L.A. City Councilmember the Honorable Nury Martinez - 1 hour

President Gravani read 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. She then introduced Councilmember Nury Martinez, President of the City Council and Councilmember of the 6th District.

Councilmember Martinez is looking forward to honest conversation regarding the homeless crisis and taking back our neighborhoods so they are safe for our kids to grow up. She shared the map of the clean-up areas underway in the Sepulveda Basin and what an enormous problem that is. There should never be anyone camping overnight. About 200 people live in the Sepulveda Basin. Through a collaborated effort they have four phases underway. She gave a recap of the phases completed so far:

First is Phase 1 started 8/5, a week before we had the fire. In the follow-up of the fire they actually found a grenade, 200 propane tanks and the drug paraphernalia was overwhelming.

Phase 2 is Haskell Creek and started on 8/23. They have to have a coordinated effort with LAHSA to notify and offer services. 2-5 individuals went into treatment but one went back on the streets within a few days. Two other phases are the most difficult because they require permits from State Fish and Wildlife.

Phase 3 launched along the Creek was so severe and she personally saw the terrible conditions when they went through Nov. 4-8. It was so bad they did a second phase Dec. 2, but had to pull back due to the rain. Weather permitting they'll complete by next week. Since starting the clean-up no one has gotten back to Phase 1 or Phase 2. Councilmember Martinez believes that as long as we enforce the LAMC and we continue to do so that area will be free of camping there.

The last Phase 4 is Encino Creek - this is the most difficult and largest. Waiting for the last set of permits from Fish and Wildlife and expect to start at end of December or the first week of January. It will take several weeks to complete and they will do their best to house these people so they don't go to other parts of the community. This has taken a lot of work to bring all the departments together.

Q&A: Every time the area is cleaned out, they come back and the area has so much foliage. CM Martinez stated that City Recreation and Parks needs to take responsibility. It takes an act of Congress to be able to do anything in the area with the permissions and permits. It's taken a lot of political muscle to get this far. The task force includes Bureau of Sanitation, Rangers, CD6, LAHSA. They've said no housing is available and the folks living at the basin are hardest to help, they are housing resistant. CM Martinez disagrees with LAHSA because these people are drug addicts. The news reports are not accurate. We are not doing enough to help people with mental and drug addiction issues. People who are down on their luck would accept housing. People on drugs refuse housing. *Do we have enough housing?* No. We have temporary beds. We do not have enough Permanent Supportive Housing. Very few people accept the shelter beds. Encino and Lake Balboa Neighborhood Councils have requested dedicated Park Rangers. Because the Park Rangers were folded into LAPD it was expected that LAPD would take charge of our parks but it's not happening. We're trying to build up our Park Ranger program to what it was before the last recession. It is not only the Sepulveda Basin; it is also all the parks that are inundated with people living in bathrooms and throughout the parks. We need to do more to enforce our codes, but LAPD never saw themselves dealing with homeless issues. The City owns the basin problem. CD6 can take credit for 466 units of Permanent Supportive Housing. Even though each district is to do their fair share of building 222 units, CD 6 has 310 in line to build and no one is challenging these units being built even across from industrial facilities. Some of the largest encampments are in Panorama City along the Orange Line. People are scared and don't want to take the bike lanes. If you go to Edna you see the amount of people living on the sidewalks. With Bridge Housing we are giving a

solution. It takes millions of dollars to have officers make sure people are not dwelling on the sidewalks. Cost \$7-8 million. We need other council districts to step up and she will look in Lake Balboa for a Permanent Supportive Housing or Bridge Housing. We need it on both the east and west side of CD6. There are proposals that she sees but nothing has been confirmed as yet.

Q&A: LBNC Land Use committee looked at areas and can provide that information. CM Martinez doesn't want to discuss without developers present. If there is a serious proposal she will let LBNC know. There are challenges with certain properties that have been left idle by their owners making it difficult to keep the neighborhoods safe. City is responsible for land use and we contract out the building of the housing. The people have to want to accept shelter. LAHSA numbers aren't showing the serious drug and health issues, but if someone isn't willing to take shelter, we should be providing them services through LA County Dept. of Mental Health. The City of LA is paying the price with people having to live without these services. *Are we looking to increase the role of LAPD?* No. The majority of this Council is at decriminalizing homelessness. CM Martinez is skeptical of Care and Care Plus program that she doesn't think is working. Our cleaning crews are not expected to be accompanied by LAPD. Confronting those folks can be dangerous. At City Council there's a big push to decrease the role of LAPD. Her staff goes out to every clean-up with before and after photos, but often the photos look the same. LAHSA is in charge of saying if trash stays or goes. The City should be determining what stays or goes. Keep track on the Care and Care Plus programs. She's going to give it another month and if it still isn't working she will ask that the program be dismantled. LAHSA hasn't done enough for homeless families. There are 351 families that are not housed. It is cheaper to keep people in their current housing by helping with their current rent. Help is needed regarding three LA Municipal Codes; 41.18 is controversial and would prevent encampments on the way to schools, libraries, and parks. We need people to show up or email so we can take action. When this came up at City Council the meeting had to go into recess because it is so controversial. 85.02 is living in your vehicle or RV, she didn't vote for it as it's for industrial and commercial areas. There is an enormous problem with dwelling in their vehicles and RVs in commercial areas that impact our small and large businesses especially since CD6 has the most industrial sites. 56.11 is to Mr. Brown's enforcement concern. This allows people to put up a tent and they have to take it down by 7:00AM. There's no enforcement piece. We need to go back and fix it. Regarding Marijuana - she's shut down 50 dispensaries. The cannabis industry is alive and well, but there is a lot of illegal cannabis. We have an internal list of legal and suspicious locations. Trash continues to be a huge issue in CD6. She started a strike team four years ago going throughout the district. The more bulky items we have on the street, the more trash we have. She has two now in the district. If you see a mattress, take a picture and send it through the 311 office. Every 30 days people move out from apartments and they don't take their furniture and that furniture ends up on the street. Franklin Perez is the new person who works this daily and paid through the CD6 budget. Nury is proud to represent the community and she takes office as Council President on January 5, but CD6 are her priority.

Q&A: Carol Newman asked about the City Budget for 2019 predicted a surplus and the picture has changed with the CAO finding overspending of \$150 million across various departments and predicted surplus in next 4 years have vanished. \$200-\$400 million each of the next deficit each of the next four years. Shouldn't the city be transparent? This is a material adverse change and needs to be disclosed to the public. How should the City deal with these deficits? We are now facing this deficit because we had a number of MOUs because several departments got raises. We have a number of city employees who work hard. Wages have been stagnant for a number of years. The only sustainable jobs are our city jobs. We need to increase revenue and we were supposed to get it from the Cannabis and Uber and Lyft industries. She will be asking Mr. Krekorian to take this up in the coming months.

Q&A: Isabel asked about kids from Birmingham congregating near her workplace daily doing drugs. Even with the task force efforts to correct the situation is not better. Nury said she would put a meeting together with School Police and the Senior Lead Officer and her office.

Q&A: John DiGregorio, Panorama City asked about the debt the City has and would like the budget released on Feb. 1, 2020 instead of April. She asked why it's not doable. Drafts are read but not released. She will try to find out why it's not ready. She would like formal seats within the committee to understand the budget process.

Q&A: John would like to know if she'll take a no fossil fuel pledge. She will take a look at it.

Q&A: Brian Allen also wanted to emphasize releasing the budget Feb. 1. There are movements with regular meetings with city departments but not enough.

Q&A: Linda Gravani asked about opening up the live feed at Van Nuys City Hall. Nury won't make a commitment until she gets more information, it hasn't been functioning since she's been in office.

10. Surviving an Active Shooter - James Brown - A parent of a child involved in the Saugus shooting event called him to thank him for providing the training at the schools. Just as we prepare ourselves for the next big earthquake we need to prepare ourselves in case you suddenly find yourselves in an active shooter event. We have to be aware of our surroundings no matter where you go. Be aware of two exits and how to get out and what your options are. There are brochures in the back of the room regarding free training for your company, church or school.

Emma Scott left the meeting at 8:29PM.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: a total of 10 MIN - Comments from Public on Non-Agenda items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa NC. Please fill out a speaker card, TIME PERMITTING 2-minute limit per speaker, you may be asked to select a spokesperson. The California State Law known as the Brown Act requires PUBLIC COMMENT to be a NON-DISCUSSION PERIOD.

Lorna Paisley - Krekorian sent out a newsletter with a link on how to protect your house from fire and things to keep safe. She shared a copy with her neighbor whose yard needed clean-up. Soon after the neighbor cleaned up their yard. The point being that the information is good to share. Traffic lights at Victory, Balboa and the bus route going north are not functioning well.

Break 8:36 PM to 8:38 PM

Meeting called back to order at 8:39 PM

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. (see www.ncbala.com for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 White Paper recommendations)

12. Budget Advocate - Updates, (ncbala.com) - Newman 10 min (Budget Advocate Carol Newman and Co-Chair of Budget Advocates with Jack Humphreville, who writes articles for LACityWatch.com. Budget Rep Linda Gravani)

As you heard earlier there are 36 Budget Advocates who look at how the City is doing at providing City services. We are unique because we publish a 100 page book on reports on City departments on what they are doing, what they are not doing. Most of the book consists of those reports by the Budget Advocates. Big budget deficits and inability to provide services that we don't have the money to provide the services. When you have the new labor contracts that has a major impact on the provision of services to us. At this time most of the reports are in and we are editing the book to be published in January. We want to publish it before the Mayor publishes his budget in the spring. There are a number of openings across the city for Budget Advocates. If you know anyone, even a stakeholder, there might be a way to have them join. Three per region. General elections for Budget Advocates will be held in June. We are looking for people interested. Budget Day will be June 20, 2020. Anyone can come to hear the various elected and city department officials who make policy in the City. Previous white papers are on the website ncbala.com.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS: Committee Chairs and Board Members - 22 min TOTAL (2MIN each)

- a. President Update - Special holiday celebration by Hertzberg and Ryu will be held December 19, 5-7 p.m. at Hertzberg's office.
- b. Treasurer - Jim Hart - absent
- c. Emergency Preparedness - Linda Pruett RYLAN (Ready Your LA Neighborhood) - EP Meeting and Holiday party. December 14 at the Flyaway, 9:00AM double meeting and holiday party. Erin Huey, from SOS, will give Stop the Bleed class for free and you'll receive a certificate. There's new information. No meeting in January.
- d. Health & Public Safety- James Brown - Wed. Dec. 11, 6:30PM West Valley LAPD office on Vanowen next CPAB guest speaker CM Monica Rodriguez, chair of Public Safety Committee that oversees LAPD, LAFD, LADBS. Free CPR class will be Dec. 14 at West Valley LAPD, rsvp required. Dec. 21 next Public Safety with SLO Fuentes at the Flyaway to answer questions regarding forming Neighborhood Watch groups. Jan. 27 next Community Police Academy at Mission Station on 8 consecutive Mondays in Spanish.
- e. Land Use - Tom Riley - Handout that shows when different properties were built pre-1910 to post 1990. These are your neighborhoods. What is interesting is if you look at the bottom of the page to the orange equals the oldest building in Balboa. This information is available from SurveyLA.
- f. Outreach - Kristen Fujitaki - no report

- g. Recreation & Park - Jim Stein - no report
- h. Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee (SBWASC) - Ruth Doxsee/Jim Stein - the cause of the fire is still unknown. We thought the clean-up work was getting done before January as that's when nesting season begins. 1600 seedlings were planted from the CA Native Plant Society with volunteers. In memory of City Park Ranger Captain Albert Torres. Committee supports to name the Griffith Park Ranger Station after him. The committee feels naming the Wildlife Basin would be too long and it is suggested to name the amphitheater or grove of trees.
- i. Ad Hoc-Homeless - Mary Pennomon - www.lamayor.org/ABridgeHome www.eopath.org - no report. Will be meeting with Lauren in two weeks regarding homeless children.

Liaisons: Resilient Los Angeles - Linda Pruet www.lamayor.org/resilience - no report

Alliances:

West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness - no report

Volunteer Community Patrol - Mary Pennomon - Great things happening with a lot of programs coming through. Need more volunteers for the Police Departments. Two classes held on writing reports and summaries. Detective units need volunteers for December and January to answer phones.

BOARDMEMBERS: Linda Gravani for Gary Kay regarding issues at Balboa/Victory - The ongoing task force with certain retail vendors. Would like to see constant patrolling of the area either by LA School Police or LAUSD or LAPD. The shop owners are afraid to be there after 7:00PM at night.

Sandy Joseph, We should have a special meeting to review the Bylaws if we want to make any changes. Linda Gravani encouraged all to review the Bylaws and present any recommendations.

Jim - The LB holiday parade on 12/23 start at 7944 Paso Robles Ave. Bikes, Golf Carts to walk a mile and spread holiday cheer. More info contact: danica212@gmail.com, 5-8 p.m.

14. LAND USE: Discussion and possible action regarding 16040 Sherman Way, ZA-2019-6325-CUB & ENV-2019-6326-CE: Allow the sale of a full line of alcohol for off-site consumption in conjunction with a new 50,296sq ft Vallarta Supermarket. Hours of operation 6:30AM to 11:00PM daily. Land Use committee recommended approval by a vote of 7-0-0-0. Discussion: They are moving to the former ToysRUs facility and this location is a transfer of the license, they are doubling their size and increased parking. Would be great to have a location for notices. New location will be open next summer. This Vallarta was one of the first supported by LBNC and it didn't have enough parking which has been a disaster.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 14A Motion Riley/Doxsee to amend that this market be approved on the condition that this store's location be recognized as Lake Balboa location.		
Yes – 13	No-0	Absent-4
Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Stein	None	Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 14B Motion as amended: Riley /Pennomon to support 16040 Sherman Way, ZA-2019-6325-CUB & ENV-2019-6326-CE: Allowing the sale of a full line of alcohol for off-site consumption in conjunction with a new 50,296sq ft Vallarta Supermarket on the condition that this store's location be recognized as Lake Balboa location. Hours of operation 6:30AM to 11:00PM daily.		
Yes – 13	No-0	Absent-4
Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Stein	None	Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

15. LAND USE: Discussion and possible action regarding 16948 Sherman Way, AA-2019-2156-PMLA: to subdivide an existing commercial building into 4 individual air spaces units for sale per LAMC. Land Use committee recommended approval by a vote of 7-0-0-0. Riley 10 min. Discussion: Complicated application, located across from the Sizzler and an office building rented out four different times. New owner wants to subdivide 4 offices into condos. Wants to sell the offices individually. Comment: The address on the application is 16946 Sherman Way. This is a typo and change will be made.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 15 Motion: Riley / J. Stein to support 16946 Sherman Way, AA-2019-2156-PMLA: to subdivide an existing
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commercial building into 4 individual air spaces units for sale per LAMC.		
Yes – 13	No-0	Absent-4
Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Stein	None	Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

16. Budget: Discussion and possible action regarding the request of up to \$4,000 of the Outreach Budget be allocated for EVERY DOOR DIRECT by USPS for future mailings to our stakeholders. – Gravani 2 min. Discussion: Last month mentioned we had Nation Builder. At the outreach meeting we found that its \$3,300 to mail to our stakeholders. This is the postage cost. In order to make some impact we'll send a postcard so we can reach more stakeholders. This could be multiple mailings over time because it's limited to 5,000 at a time. This does not include printing.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 16 Motion: Gravani / Brown to \$4,000 of the Outreach Budget be allocated for EVERY DOOR DIRECT by USPS for future mailings to our stakeholders.		
Yes – 13	No-0	Absent-4
Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Stein	None	Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

17. Budget: Discussion and possible action regarding the Redistribution of BUDGET funds – **Tabled**

18. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of September Monthly Expense Report (MER) Hart 3 min. Minutes show that the Sept. MER was approved (pg. 7 of 9)

19. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of October Monthly Expense Report (MER) Hart 3 min. Discussion: Linda Gravani notices a discrepancy in the starting amount, July 2019 \$43,412.83 which includes the rollover. The Oct. report shows \$40,559.89. Sharon pointed out that this amount should be OK because it includes what expenses have been paid up to date.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 19 Motion: Stein / Schwering to approve October Monthly Expense Report (MER)		
Yes – 13	No-0	Absent-4
Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Stein	None	Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

20. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of up to \$60 to purchase a CD Text file of Voter/Precinct/Election information Files of Lake Balboa from the LA County Clerk to expand our LBNC database for outreach. This would be more up-to-date than NationBuilder Discussion: Kristin said we had 20,000 records from Nation Builder but we're missing emails. We can purchase this for more up to date information. It will be the most current that they have.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 20 Motion: Fujitaki / Gravani to approve expenditure of up to \$60 to purchase a CD Text file of Voter/Precinct/Election information Files of Lake Balboa from the LA County Clerk to expand our LBNC database for outreach.		
Yes – 13	No-0	Absent-4
Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Stein	None	Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

Ruth Doxsee left the meeting at 9:21PM.

21. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the monthly expenditure of up to \$90 for Mailchimp Essentials Plan to increase database number for emails. This is the service we use for our email newsletter. We can have up to 2,000 contacts for free. When you exceed they start charging you. We have about 1,600 now.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 21 Motion: Fujitaki / Gravani to monthly expenditure of up to \$90 for Mailchimp Essentials Plan to increase database number for emails.		
Yes – 12	No-0	Absent-5
Bautista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Stein	None	Doxsee, Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

22. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for \$2000 to Northridge Hospital Foundation (Center for Assault Treatment Services [C.A.T.S.]) Discussion: Steve said Northridge Hospital is part of Dignity Health, a Catholic organization. If someone wants a morning after pill they won't get it. This may or may not be true. This NPG was approved last year as well. This is highly regarded by the LAPD and CD6, Nury Martinez. Abused women and children are taken to an undisclosed location so abusers can't find them.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 22. Nelson / Gravani to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for \$2000 to Northridge Hospital Foundation (Center for Assault Treatment Services [C.A.T.S.])			
Yes –8	No- 1	Abstain-3	Absent-5
Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Nelson, Pennomon, Riley, Stein	Newman	Joseph, Pruet, Schwering	Doxsee, Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

23. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding allocation of up to \$500 for the purchase of bandanas for Outreach

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 23 Motion: Fujitaki / Joseph to approve allocation of up to \$500 for the purchase of bandanas for Outreach		
Yes – 12	No-0	Absent - 5
Bautista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Stein	None	Doxsee, Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

24. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the allocation of up to \$500 for Land Use Townhall Event or Outreach to educate stakeholders on the new laws from Sacramento – Riley/Fujitaki 5 min. Discussion: Important to educate stakeholders on the new laws that will impact single family residences. There are 13 new laws regarding zoning on what we are and are not allowed to do with our properties.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 24 Motion: Riley / Fujitaki to approve allocation of up to \$500 for Land Use Townhall Event or Outreach to educate stakeholders on the new laws from Sacramento		
Yes – 12	No-0	Absent-5
Bautista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Stein	None	Doxsee, Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

25. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of up to \$500 for the Candidate Townhall/Debate Event or Outreach for LA City Council District 6 seat. Lake Balboa is the furthest West and will partner with other NCs to hold the event.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 25 Motion: Fujitaki / Gravani to approve expenditure of up to \$500 for the Candidate Townhall/Debate Event or Outreach for LA City Council District 6 seat.		
Yes – 12	No-0	Absent-5
Bautista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Stein	None	Doxsee, Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

26. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of up to \$500 for the Candidate Townhall/Debate Event or Outreach for LAUSD Board Member. We have two districts that cover Lake Balboa. District 3 is up for election. Discussion: This is to outreach our stakeholders. The districts are gerrymandered so it's an opportunity to gain input from attendees.

Many stakeholders do not know how important the board seat is for LAUSD. You may send your child to school in a district that you do not live in.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 26. Motion: Newman / Brown to approve expenditure of up to \$500 for the Candidate Townhall/Debate Event or Outreach for LAUSD Board Member.			
Yes –10	No- 0	Abstain-2	Absent-5
Bautista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Pennomon, Riley, Schwering, Stein	None	Newman, Pruettt	Doxsee, Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

27. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the allocation of up to \$500 for refreshments for Outreach at the Holiday Parade in Lake Balboa on 12/23/19. (Danica to recuse herself). Discussion: Linda Pruettt thinks this is too much money for this outreach. It is a small neighborhood event and doesn't include the bulk of Lake Balboa.

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 27. Motion: Fujitaki / Gravani to approve allocation of up to \$500 for refreshments for Outreach at the Holiday Parade in Lake Balboa on 12/23/19			
Yes –8	No- 2	Abstain-2	Absent-5
Bautista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Newman, Riley, Schwering, Stein, Newman, Riley, Stein	Nelson, Pennomon	Pruett, Schwering	Doxsee, Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

28. Reimbursement MOTION: I move LBNC approve the reimbursement of \$105.63 paid by Boardmember Sandy Joseph for refreshments for tonight's LBNC meeting

Public comment: none

Motion passed

LBNC ITEM 28 Motion: Gravani / Brown to approve the reimbursement of \$105.63 paid by Boardmember Sandy Joseph for refreshments for December 4, 2019 board meeting		
Yes – 12	No-0	Absent-5
Bautista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruettt, Riley, Schwering, Stein	None	Doxsee, Hart, Kay, Middleton, Scott

29. **NO MEETING IN JANUARY. Next meeting Wednesday February 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

30. Thank you LBNC Board Members for all you do for our community!

31. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

32. Adjourn- Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

Wednesday February 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM

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