



Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, March 3, 2021
 Zoom Meeting
 7:00PM – 9:53PM Meeting
 (APPROVED)**

Regular Meeting Location:
[Gault Street Elementary School](#)
[17000 Gault Street](#)
[Lake Balboa CA 91406](#)
 (MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
James Brown 1 st Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Katie Cronin	Present	YES	Organization
Ruth Doxsee	Present	YES	Residential
Jasmine Garcia	Present	YES	Youth
Linda Gravani President	Present	YES	Business
Annie Hanlon	Present	YES	Residential
Sandra Joseph 2 nd Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Gary Kay	Absent	YES	At-Large***
Danica Middleton Secretary	Present	YES	Residential
Allen Nelson	Present	NO	At-Large***
Carol Newman	Present	YES	Business
Mary Pennomon	Absent	YES	Senior
Jeremy Pisanic	Present	YES	Residential
Linda Pruet	Present	YES	Organization
Thomas Riley	Present	YES	Organization
Linda Schwering	Present	YES	At-Large
James "Jim" Stein Treasurer	Absent	YES	Business
TOTAL: 17	PRESENT 14, Absent 3		

*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 ***At Large Appointed

In conformity with the Governor’s executive order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Board of Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted by video conference and telephonically.

1. Call meeting to order- **The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Ms. Gravani welcomed the stakeholders and read Section 900 - L.A. City Charter Sec 900. Purpose (Of Neighborhood Councils) to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs, a citywide system of Neighborhood Councils and a Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is created. Neighborhood Councils shall include representatives of the many diverse interests in**

communities and shall have an advisory role on issues of concern to the neighborhood.

We are a department within the city of Los Angeles. We are required to follow city and state laws. The Brown Act does not allow us to discuss anything that is not on tonight’s agenda. Items are on time limits so that the meeting will end around 9:30PM. Time allocations are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. The time keeper is: James Brown

2. Pledge of Allegiance –The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Krystabel Gutierrez who has been an inspiration since she entered Bassett St. School five years ago. Her first-grade teacher Ms. Ricabal nominated her for the Council for Exceptional Children’s “YES I CAN” award in 2019, And YES, SHE DID, she won. Krystabel has been on Bassett.TV several times and plans to attend the Bassett Media Arts and Technology Magnet this fall.
3. Roll Call - Quorum is 9, quorum was reached.

LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call (7:03PM)		
Present –14	Absent-03	Excused-00
Brown, Cronin, Doxsee, Garcia, Gravani, Hanlon, Joseph, Middleton, Nelson, Newman, Pisanic, Pruett, Riley, Schwering,	Kay, Pennomon, Stein	None

4. Poll Allen Nelson to determine if he has completed mandatory training.- **Mr. Nelson is not eligible to vote.**
5. **Adoption of the agenda for March 3, 2021**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (7:05PM)

LBNC ITEM 5. Motion to adopt the agenda for March 3, 2021 Moved: Doxsee Second: Brown				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Brown, Cronin, Doxsee, Garcia, Gravani, Hanlon, Joseph, Middleton, Newman, Pisanic, Pruett, Riley, Schwering,	None	None	Nelson	Kay, Pennomon, Stein

6. Discussion and possible action for the approval of Minutes for December 2, 2020 meeting

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (7:08PM)

LBNC ITEM 6. Motion to approve the Minutes for the December 2, 2020 meeting. Moved: Pisanic Second: Middleton				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Brown, Cronin, Doxsee, Garcia, Gravani, Hanlon, Joseph, Middleton, Newman, Pisanic, Riley, Schwering,	None	Pruett	Nelson	Kay, Pennomon, Stein

7. Discussion and possible action for the Approval of Minutes for February 3, 2021 meeting

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (7:11PM)

LBNC ITEM 7. Motion to approve the Minutes for the February 3, 2021 meeting. Moved: Pisanic**Second: Middleton**

Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-02	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Brown, Cronin, Garcia, Hanlon, Joseph, Middleton, Newman, Pisanic, Pruett, Riley, Schwering,	None	Doxsee, Gravani	Nelson	Kay, Pennomon, Stein

7 Announcements and Reports:

- a. West Valley LAPD **Captain David Grimes** 31168@lapd.online – **No report**
- b. Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) - 1-877-ASK-LAPD
 - i. **Officer Isela (Para) Smith** office 818-374-7631- 34488@lapd.online
 - ii. **Officer Sam Park** office 818-374-7635 – 35234@LAPD.online
- c. Councilwoman’s Martinez’s office (CD 6) 818-778-4999 Field Deputy – Jonah.Glickman@lacity.org
There are mobile vaccination clinics being set up. Those that are eligible for injections are: child care workers, first responders, and food service workers. Jonah is working with multiple providers to get people into housing. The City Council overrode the Mayor’s Veto on the diverted funds from LAPD. The Council President is working on getting savings accounts open for first graders. The Council President is also working on the second round of rent relief, also waiting for the details on the Airtel Site. March 31st is supposed to be the end date of the contract and Jonah is working with multiple providers to get people into housing.
- d. LA Mayor Garcetti’s office East Valley Area Rep – Caroline.Menjivar@lacity.org 213-713-0597
Street Sweeping moved to bi-weekly at least thru the next two fiscal years more information is available at the streetsla.lacity.org website. Vaccines are being given at the County sites: Magic Mountain, Balboa Park, and CSUN. Those eligible now include drivers for Uber-Eats and Postmates, workers at stores that sell food. Teachers, and workers at independent schools. The vaccines have also been expanded to Veterans 55 years and older, diabetics, those with spinal cord injuries. Call 310-268-4900 for vaccines for Veterans.
- e. LA City Attorney’s Office – 213-978-8100
 - i. Neighborhood Prosecutor – Michael.Liu@lacity.org 818-374-6837- **He is working on several projects.**
 - ii. Community Resource Specialist – Cynthia.Hernandez@lacity.org 818-374-6839- **No report**
- f. LA City Planning Liaison Ariel.Jones@lacity.org 213-820-4255
- g. LAUSD Scott Schmerelson’s office (District 3) 818-654-3785 school Engagement and Data Specialist Tara.Vahdani@lausd.net 818-654-3785 **Mr. Schmerelson appreciated the letter of support from the LBNC Board. LAUSD has received more vaccines than expected. They now have enough to provide two doses to elementary staff by April. The schools will be opening in a hybrid model so students can return to school or continue to work online. There is free testing available at Reseda. Grab and Go meals are being distributed at Mulholland from 7:00AM-10:AM**

- h. LAUSD Dr. Eric Maxey Administrator, Community of Schools-Reseda ejm9800@lausd.net 818-668-1051 **No report**
- i. LAUSD Board President Kelly Gonez office (District 6) 818-212-6687 - Dir of Community Engagement & Advocacy Michael.Menjivar@lausd.net **No report**
- j. LAUSD Northwest District Administrator Parent/Community Engagement-Gonsalo Garay - ggg9445@lausd.net 818-654-3600 **No report**
- k. LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office (District 3) 818-902-3831 District Director Benita Trujillo btrujillo@bos.lacounty.gov (April will be Jessica Orellana jorellana@bos.lacounty.gov) **This is Ms. Trujillos' last meeting, she is retiring. There will be a food distribution event at the Japanese American Center from 9:00AM -12:00PM. We are headed towards a new tier of reopening. There is a new focus on getting Covid Vaccines into the under vaccinated communities. They will be working with mobile teams with coordination for ride share. Call 833-540-0473 to try and arrange transportation.**
 - i. **HELP** for HOMELESS www.la-hop.org
 - ii. **REPORT** download MYLA311 app to your phone
- l. CA Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian's office (District 46) 818-376-4246- **No report** Stephanie.Mkhlian@asm.ca.gov
- m. CA State Senator Robert Hertzberg's Office (District 18) - 818-901-5588- **No report** Hannah.Kelley@sen.ca.gov
- n. CA State Senator Henry Stern's Office (District 27) - 818-876-3352 –Jeremy.Wolf@sen.ca.gov and SFV representative Denise.Kniter@sen.ca.gov **No report**
- o. US Representative Tony Cardenas (District 29) 818-782-7407 Osvaldo.Ramirez@mail.house.gov **Mr. Cardenas has introduced Legislation called the ABLE Act. It allows those on Disability to be able to save money over the \$2,000.00 currently allowed. The Congressional Stimulus package should be approved by the Senate this week. You could receive a check for up to \$1,400.00. If you do you not receive, check your taxes and then apply.**
- p. US Representative Brad Sherman – (District 30) - 818-501-9200 Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov **No report**
- q. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) 818-374-9898 Vanessa Serrano NC Advocate vanessa.serrano@lacity.org 818-374-9889-**Ms. Serrano announced three events:**
 - i. **Open Data Hackathon on Food Insecurity on March 6,2021.**
 - ii. **There will be a 2 hour Funding Training on March 9th and March 23rd (The training will be on NPGs).**
 - iii. **Thursday, March 4th Funding Training on community events.**

Dial *9 if on the phone AND *6 to Unmute yourself or “raise your hand” if on the website to address the board on NON-agenda items

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments from Public on Non-Agenda items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa NC. The Brown Act, **prevents the board from commenting** on your comments. We are making note of them.

a. **Kayla Aredas, does not support Senate Bill 10**

b. **Isabel Granados, for environmental reasons (CEQA)Does not support Senate Bill 10**

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.budgetadvocates.com for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 White Paper recommendations

9. **Budget Advocate - Updates, (budgetadvocates.com) - Budget Advocate Carol Newman Budget Rep Linda Gravani) The Fiscal Year ends on June 30, 2021. The City is about \$550 Million Dollars in the hole. Lower revenues are Causing Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 20, 2022 to look about \$1 Billion Dollars in the hole. Budget Advocates is considering it's future because the Department is trying to silence them, and is taking away their money. What should be done? The Budget Advocates have been making lots of recommendations, publishing a lot of position papers which they will gather into a White Paper. Usually the Budget Advocates interview the Departments but this year it is being done differently. The Budget Advocates will not be raising money until they decide how to collect it. They are an alliance and are considering their options. The Department has stopped them from being able to publish articles in City Watch. The Budget advocates feel their first amendment rights are being taken away.**

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS:** Committee Chairs and Board Members

a. President Update: **CONGRATULATIONS!- West Valley Animal Shelter will remain a Municipal facility and will reopen as such by April. I've heard from many people about the increase in crime in their areas and have invited Officer Park to speak next month about the LAPD changes and what we can expect. I received an email from Mr. Precht from Bassett St School "Thank you so much for all your work on our behalf. Going through this process has been a real education for me. Everybody in Lake Balboa should be very grateful to the Council for the incredible work you all do."**

b. Ad Hoc - Education – Linda Gravani- **The Committee will continue to find representatives from the local schools to do the Pledge of Allegiance at the LBNC Board Meetings.**

c. Emergency Preparedness - Linda Pruettt RYLAN (Ready Your LA Neighborhood. **The next meeting will be on March 13, 2021. The main subject will be to "go bags."**

d. Health & Public Safety- James Brown- **During the February meeting the Senior Leads spoke about recurring trends. The meeting was recorded. The WVLAPD Advisory Board Meeting will be held on March 10,2021 at 6:00PM. The Special Guest will be Assistant Chief Girmala, Director of Operations.**

- e. Land Use - Tom Riley- **No report**
 - f. Ad Hoc -Neighborhood Watch – Linda Gravani – **No report**
 - g. Outreach – Jeremy Pisanic website – **The Outreach meetings are an intimate setting to connect on updates on the website. We want to hear from you and see if there are ways for you to get involved.**
 - h. Ad Hoc Recreation & Park - Jim Stein – meeting on 2/9/2021 at 7pm- **No report**
 - i. Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee (SBWASC) - Ruth Doxsee/Danica Middleton **February 23, 2021 was the last meeting. Still waiting for the approvals from Recreation and Parks to start the goats grazing. Plan B is repeated mowing. There is an unhoused neighbor living in the area that is gardening in a way that is counter to the need to help the restoration. Signs have gone up for illegal fishing and dog walking. There has been some improvement in regards to those issues.**
 - j. Volunteer Community Patrol - Mary Pennomon/James Brown - **The program helps to stop and prevent crimes. There are several occasions where perpetrators of crimes have been caught. They will start asking for more volunteers soon. Ms. Pruettt announced that Ms. Pennomon has been working 4-5 days a week from 6-8 hours a day. Ms. Pennomon is doing a super job!**
 - k. BOARDMEMBERS: **no reports**
 - l. **Liasions:**
 - i. Resilient Los Angeles - Linda Pruettt – **No report** www.lamayor.org/resilience
 - m. **Alliances:**
 - i. West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness-**No report**
11. **EDUCATION:** Discussion and possible action regarding Bassett Street School and Citizens of the World Charter Gravani- **A letter was sent to LAUSD in support of Bassett Street Elementary School.**
12. **UPDATE:** Discussion and possible action regarding the Lake Balboa Signage at White Oak and Sherman Way- Danica Middleton -**The new sign will cost between \$13,000.00 and \$17,000.00 to purchase the sign including installation. The signs that were ordered have been delayed due to Covid and shuffling staff around due to budget cuts.**
13. **LAND USE –** Discussion and possible action – **7650 Balboa Blvd proposed 7 story apartment building with 150 units A Special Town Hall Meeting will be held on March 24, 2021 7pm via ZOOM for the community to voice their opinions. Tom Riley <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81786124326> will be simultaneously in Spanish. The Neighborhood Council will be sending a mailer to stakeholders around the project, outreach will also be done on the website, Next Door and by fliers being distributed.**

14. **UPDATE: Senate Bill 9 (SB9) and Senate Bill 10 (SB10)** are a repeat of **SB1120 & SB902**, which LBNC voted down previously and did not pass in Sacramento. LA City Council File CF21-0002-S18 which opposes SB 9, LBNC agreed to support that council file during the Feb Meeting.

15. **LAND USE** – Discussion and possible action – **SB10 – Allows** cities to **ignore California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA-statewide policy of environmental protection)** to **allow 10-unit** pricey market-rate **apartments almost anywhere** and **allows city council to override voter-approved initiatives** which include protected **shorelines, canyons, urban boundaries** etc. LA Council File (CF) CF21-0002-S21 – **A Report from United Neighbors was presented by Mr. Riley with a slide show. The images were eye opening and showed how multiple units will affect the community especially with overcrowding and parking issues.**

Public Comment: **Steve Leffert, John and Michelle Hales** made comments against SB10.

Motion Passed (8:35PM)

LBNC ITEM 16. Motion for the LBNC to support CF21-0002-S21 Moved: Gravani Second: Middleton			
Yes-12	No-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Brown, Cronin, Doxsee, Garcia, Gravani, Hanlon, Joseph, Middleton, Pisanic, Pruet, Riley, Schwering,	Newman	Nelson	Kay, Pennomon, Stein

16. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of **JAN 2021 Monthly Expense Report (MER)**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (8:52PM)

LBNC ITEM. Motion to Approve the January 2021 Monthly Expense Report (MER) Moved: Gravani Second: Pisanic			
Yes-12	No-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-03
Brown, Cronin, Doxsee, Gravani, Hanlon, Joseph, Middleton, Newman, Pisanic, Pruet, Riley, Schwering,	None	Garcia, Nelson	Kay, Pennomon, Stein

17. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible changes to 2020/21 LBNC Budget – Gravani FYI: **Many hoops to jump through to change the budget which was voted on Monday. \$500 to CIP and \$5500 to NPG from Outreach- This Item was approved in a Special Meeting.**

18. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action to **upgrade LBNC zoom accesses** which would allow voice transcription for Committee Minutes. Requesting up to \$125.00. Gravani - **Vanessa Serrano advised that the zoom account paid for by DONE is the ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT, \$250/YEAR which allows for the transcription. She has activated the transcription for LBNC Committees. LBNC’s own account (which is \$199.90/year which is about \$50/more/year. When LBNC renews account, I move that LBNC upgrade FROM PRO to BUSINESS. - Cut and paste to make your minutes.-Item Tabled**

19. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding **the expenditure of up to \$500 of Community Improvement Project Budget for flowers/fertilizer** etc. to be planted at **Louise Park.**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed(8:59PM)

LBNC ITEM. Motion to approve up to \$500 of Community Improvement Project Budget for flowers/fertilizer etc. to be planted at Louise Park. Moved: Middleton Second: Brown
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Yes-12	No-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-03
Brown, Cronin, Doxsee, Gravani, Hanlon, Joseph, Middleton, Newman, Pisanic, Pruett, Riley, Schwering,	None	Garcia, Nelson	Kay, Pennomon, Stein

20. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding an NPG for \$1,000 to ONEgeneration Senior Symposium – **There were many comments and a discussion on the event, in regards to the costs when food is not being provided only canopies.**

Public Comment: **Steve Leffert, Glen Bailey and Gary Fordyce made comments against funding this event.**

Motion Failed(9:10PM)

LBNC ITEM. Motion to approve an NPG for \$1,000 to ONEgeneration Senior Symposium.

Moved: Schwering Second: Doxsee

Yes-01	No-07	Abstain-04	Ineligible-02	Absent-03
Doxsee,	Brown, Cronin, Gravani, Hanlon, Joseph, Newman, Riley,	Middleton, Pisanic, Pruett, Schwering	Garcia, Nelson	Kay, Pennomon, Stein

21a. Motion to amend an NPG for \$500.00 to ONEgeneration Senior Symposium.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Failed(9:30PM)

LBNC ITEM. Motion to approve an NPG for \$500.00 to ONEgeneration Senior Symposium.

Moved: Schwering Second: Pruett

Yes-05	No-05	Abstain-02	Ineligible-02	Absent-03
Cronin, Doxsee, Pisanic, Pruett, Schwering	Brown, Gravani, Hanlon, Joseph, Newman	Middleton, Riley	Garcia, Nelson	Kay, Pennomon, Stein

21. **Thank you LBNC Board Members for all you do for our community – Happy Belated Birthday to Ruth Doxsee-27 February and Tom Riley- 30 March**

22. **Adjourn- Meeting was adjourned at 9:39PM**

Next Regular Meeting of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00PM