



Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday December 1, 2021
 Zoom Meeting
 7:00PM –9:28PM 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	Excused	YES	Organization
Ruth Doxsee	Present	YES	Residential
Jasmine Garcia	Absent	NO	Youth
Linda Gravani President	Present	YES	Business
Annie Hanlon-	(Resigned)	YES	Residential
Sandra Joseph 2 nd Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Gary Kay	Present	YES	At-Large***
Danica Middleton Secretary	Present	YES	Residential
Miguel Miguel	Excused	YES	Organization
Allen Nelson	Absent (Arrived at 7:05PM)	NO	At-Large***
Carol Newman	Present	YES	Business
Mary Pennomon	Absent (Arrived at 7:15PM)	NO	Senior
Jeremy Pisanic	Present	YES	Residential
Thomas Riley	Present	YES	Organization
Linda Schwering Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Vacant			Business
TOTAL: 16	PRESENT 10, Absent 05 Resigned 01		

*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

(VOTE KEY: Yes, No, Abstain, Ineligible, Recuse, Absent)

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 entirely telephonically.

1. Call meeting to order welcome to our stakeholders- **The Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM Linda Gravani, the President Lake Balboa NC, mentioned that the Boardmembers are community members who have stepped forward to DONATE our time and talents to bring our issues before the paid elected officials.**

CHAT is disconnected, only raised hands will be recognized so that all comments can be included.

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 was 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.

Our Mission is to bring forward our concerns to the elected officials.

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. There is an item called PUBLIC COMMENT where you can address items NOT on the agenda. The President will identify the suggested time limits for each item 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 James Brown**
3. Poll board members for completion of mandatory NC training: Mary Pennomon and Allen Nelson are ineligible to vote.
4. **I am in receipt of resignation notification from Annie Hanlon effective 11/28/2021- Gravani, There is now an opening for a Residential Stakeholder.** Residential Stakeholder Representatives (RSR) –any person whose primary residence or living space is located within the Council’s boundaries whether in a home, apartment, condominium or other accommodation.
 - A. Any Community Stakeholder interested in filling a vacancy on the Board shall submit a written application to the Board, providing that Community Stakeholder is qualified for that particular seat. LBNC Bylaws Approved 06-23-20 7
 - B. The Board shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Board.

5. Roll Call

LBNC ITEM 5. Roll Call (7:04PM)		
Present –10	Absent-03	Excused-02
Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Middleton, Newman, Pisanic, Riley, Schwering	Garcia, Nelson, Pennomon	Cronin, Miguel

Allen Nelson joined the meeting at 7:05PM

6. Adoption of the Agenda for December 1, 2021

Public Comment: no comment
 Motion Passed (7:07PM)

LBNC ITEM 6. Motion to approve the Agenda for December 1, 2021 Moved: Schwering Second: Riley			
Yes-10	No-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Middleton, Newman, Pisanic, Riley, Schwering	None	Nelson	Cronin, Garcia, Miguel, Pennomon

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

Public Comment: no comment
 Motion Passed (7:08PM)

LBNC ITEM 7. Motion to approve the Minutes for November 3, 2021 Moved: Middleton Second: Schwering				
Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-02	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
Brown, Joseph, Kay, Middleton, Newman, Pisanic, Riley, Schwering	None	Doxsee, Gravani	Nelson	Cronin, Garcia, Miguel, Pennomon

8. Discussion and possible action for the **Approval of Minutes for Special November 3, 2021** meeting

Public Comment: no comment
 Motion Passed (7:09PM)

LBNC ITEM 8. Motion to approve the Minutes for November 3, 2021 Special Meeting Moved: Middleton Second: Gravani				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Middleton, Newman, Pisanic, Riley, Schwering	None	Doxsee	Nelson	Cronin, Garcia, Miguel, Pennomon

Meeting was moved to Item 10

9. Announcements and Reports Representatives of LAPD, Local, City, County, State
 - a. West Valley LAPD Captain David Grimes 31168@lapd.online – **No Report**
 - i. Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) - 1-877-ASK-LAPD
 1. Officer Sam Park office 818-374-7635 – 35234@LAPD.online
 2. Vacant
 - b. Councilwoman’s Martinez’s office (CD 6) 818-778-4999 Field Deputy Viana.Parra@lacity.org **Vaccine pop up on December 17, 2021. There will be a Clean-up between Balboa and Roscoe Balboa and Strathern. The Gift of Reading Event will be on Dec. 11, 2021 at Van Nuys City Hall. There will be Food Drive on December 13, 2021. She will send out flyers.**
 - c. LA Mayor Garcetti’s office [East Valley Area Rep – Lisa.Paylne@lacity.org](mailto:East Valley Area Rep - Lisa.Paylne@lacity.org) Public Engagement Director 213-713-0597- **No Report**
 - d. LA City Attorney’s Office – 213-978-8100 - **No Report**
 - i. Neighborhood Prosecutor – Michael.Liu@lacity.org 818-374-6837
 - ii. Community Resource Specialist – Cynthia.Hernandez@lacity.org 818-374-6839
 - e. LA City Planning Liaison Ariel.Jones@lacity.org 213-820-4255- **No Report**
 - f. LAUSD Scott Schmerelson’s office (District 3) 818-654-3785 Deputy Director of School and Community Engagement Tammy.Ramirez@lausd.net **213-241-8333 Updates: Starting**

January 10, 2021 new Covid policies will take effect. There will be Baseline testing, weekly testing only for unvaccinated. Masking indoors is required for all students. Go to achieve LAUSD\2022. The new Superintendent will be chosen by the end of the year. Community groups can use LAUSD Facilities. Grab and Go meals are available during break.

- g. LAUSD Dr. Eric Maxey Administrator, Community of Schools-Reseda ejm9800@lausd.net 818-668-1051
- h. LAUSD Board President Kelly Gonez office (District 6) 818-212-6687 - Dir of Community Engagement & Advocacy Michael.Menjivar@lausd.net
- i. LAUSD Northwest District Administrator Parent/Community Engagement-Gonsalo Garay ggg9445@lausd.net 818-654-3600
- j. LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office (District 3) 818-902-3831 District Director Jessica Orellana jorellana@bos.lacounty.gov and Brenda Yanez, Field Deputy BYanez@bos.lacounty.gov **Covid 19 updates-Omicron has been found in northern California. The office is hosting vaccine clinics. On Friday, December 3rd & 4th from 9:00AM-1:00PM at Pacoima City Hall and on December 4th and 18th at the North Hollywood Red Line. She will send out flyers. HELP for HOMELESS www.la-hop.org REPORT download MYLA311 app to your phone**
- k. CA Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian's office (District 46) 818-376-4246 Sophia.Soudani@asm.ca.gov – **Adrin Nazarian gave his report under Item #10.**
- l. CA State Senator Robert Hertzberg's Office (District 18) - 818-901-5588 Hannah.Kelley@sen.ca.gov
- m. 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**
- n. US Representative Tony Cardenas (District 29) 818-221-3718 Osvaldo.Ramirez@mail.house.gov
- o. US Representative Brad Sherman – (District 30) - 818-501-9200 Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov **No Report for items n and o.**
- p. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Vanessa Serrano NC Advocate vanessa.serrano@lacity.org 818-374-9889 -**Updates: extension of trainings Planning 101 training to January 1, 2022 and The Anti Bias Training deadline has now been extended to January 1, 2022. Yesterday, the new training Module 3 ended. The Module training videos are available to view.**
- q. West Valley Neighborhood Alliance of Homelessness Stakeholder Erich Eilenberger reporting back to LBNC- **No Report**
- r. The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Steering Committee- Ruth Doxsee- **The Meeting was last night. Jonah Glickman was there from Nury Martinez's office. They were unable to do the controlled burn due to a burrowing owl being spotted. They will try again in May or June. They are continuing maintenance on paths, viewing areas, and signage. One of the homeless people tampered with the outflow of the lake and the lake level has now gone down several feet. It caused erosion and problems for the wildlife. In late September an arson suspect was arrested. They were unable to get him for arson but they got him for having a meat cleaver. They are working on removing the three homeless encampments from the wild life area. Ms. Doxsee reported there were larger numbers of Monarch butterflies this year in La County.**

7:15 Mary Pennomon joined the meeting.

10. **Guest Speaker: California Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian representing the 46th District:** The Assembly-member has been Chief of Staff to Paul Krekorian and served as an aide to Brad Sherman and has been a great friend to Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council. Prior to COVID19, he hosted the High School Chess Tournament to which LBNC added the Grade School Tournament which led to the addition of chess tables at Lake Balboa and Louise Parks. COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE BY 12/31/2021 - GO TO asmdc.org/dz-survey Adrin Nazarian appreciates having a good team. He thanked for the complements about his staff. Assembly-member Nazarian has been dealing with the Pandemic for the last year and a half. There has been economic loss, mental health issues, fires, an on- going homeless crisis, and food insecurities. Housing market- It has been like Whack- a-Mole trying to stop the leaks in the dam. He has been working on aging and long- term care infrastructure. (Water and Transportation) and seismic Issues. To minimize injuries and death. The State is dealing with economic job loss and a hit to the market. He is very concerned with the most vulnerable people. They live in the most vulnerable housing. The structures being utilized for the underserved individuals are in buildings that need retrofitting and infrastructure improvements. He is on the Health Care Committee. and is concerned about the health care systems. On the education front- children's savings 529 accounts are being set up by the State of California for educational investment, whether it is university or trade schools, it helps to enhance student career opportunities. They had originally offered a pilot program for the school districts but only districts with money could afford to do it. Last year they saw that the budget might be better than it was expected to be. They began starting accounts with \$25.00 to help start the accounts with incentives so that more money can be earned. The Governor invested 50 Million in this program initially. This year a \$180 Million Dollar investment will be ongoing and a \$2 Billion Dollar one-time investment will help build the program. Adrin Nazarian has one more term available after this one. Vaccine pop up at the orange line. His staff will send a flier. COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE BY 12/31/2021 GO TO asmdc.org/dz-survey Tom Riley appreciated his opposition to SB9 & SB10. He also liked the 529 accounts.

Meeting moved back to Item 9

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 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. 2 minutes per speaker
- a. **Stacey Rotter wants a place for stakeholders to see flyers, put on Face Book Page?**
12. **BOARD COMMENTS:** 2 minutes per board member
- a. **Gary Kay- Purple Haze Smoke shop was robbed at gunpoint. He would like to start the meetings earlier. The Land Use recording hasn't been posted yet.**
 - b. **Danica Middleton- Gave an update about the Holiday Parade.**
 - c. **James Brown for the past nine years they have done an officer appreciation day, this year over 150 officers were served. Gary Kay, Danica Middleton, and Ruth Doxsee will be receiving Certificates for their help on Officer Appreciation Day.**
 - d. **Sandy Joseph-Saturday December 11, 9:00AM-11:00AM There will be an Emergency Preparedness Meeting. Jeffery Edelman, the owner of SOS Products, will be the speaker. He will show items you can give as holiday gifts.**
 - e. **December CPAB Meeting Wednesday, 6:00PM, Chief Moore will be the speaker.**

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.ORG for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 White Paper recommendations)

13. **Budget Advocate - Updates, (budgetadvocates.org) - Budget Advocate Carol Newman Budget Rep Linda Gravani- Newman Reports from City Officials. First the CAO's office says the City's financial health is in good shape. The City's expenditures are over \$100 million dollars. Half of that is police and fire. The reserve fund is up to 87% of the general fund revenues which is great news. They are still waiting for more money from the federal government. The budget gap for next year is expected to be \$161 million. Contact Carol Newman if you would like a copy of the report. The City Controller Ron Galperin issued a report for last year and he is concerned about \$300 million dollars in programs that were funded by revenue. He is concerned about the future. The Budget Advocates are interviewing the city departments. Today she met with Building and Safety for 90 Minutes. She has also met with the City Attorney and the Ethics Commission. The reports are being written up for the annual White Paper. They are always looking for people to be Budget Advocates. There are currently five vacancies. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.**

14. **President Update:**

- a. **LBNC has two open seats on our board, Business Rep and Residential Rep**
- b. **REMINDER-Each committee chair is responsible for notifying webmaster (Aaron Devandry) of any changes to your meetings and that your video must be posted within 5 days of your meeting**
- c. **Board members are required to complete an additional training called ABLE and for voting members of Land Use committee must complete Planning 101. The deadline has been extended until 1/1/22.**
- d. **The area around the AIRTEL has been having issues with homeless.**
- e. **There is an events Funding Program being offered by The Funding Department. A regular funding training is also available. Contact the City Clerk's Office.**

15. **Communications Chair Vacancy, Discussion and possible action** The Communications Officer shall be responsible for outreach to maximize stakeholder awareness and involvement, and if directed by the Board, to oversee the establishment and maintenance of a website. The Communications Officer will monitor and communicate to the Board information received through the Early Notification System. **Ms. Gravani is going to leave this position vacant since there are currently 2 vacant seats on the board and board will not meet until Feb. This position will handle OUTREACH and the Website/webmaster work group.**

16. **LA CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING MAP- Discussion and possible action - The Map was shown on the screen. The map looks like LBNC is no longer sharing the Basin with Encino NC. It is in CD6 Glenn Bailey- Facilities can be shared. The new boundary line shows no sharing. There is a small portion of the Basin that is in CD4**

17. **LAUSD REDISTRICTING UPDATE – Discussion and possible action- Lake Balboa remains in the same Board Districts. (Districts 3 and 6)**

18. **LA COUNTY REDISTRICTING UPDATE = PUBLIC HEARING BEING HELD NOW (12/1/2021 6:30PM)**

19. **LAND USE:** Discussion and possible action regarding Council Member Koretz’s Motion on CA Senate Bill 9 (SB9) **Member Paul Koretz’s motion regarding CA Senate Bill 9, entitled the California Home Act, to City Council for a memorandum prior to 12/31/2021 to be used by all Departments and agencies until such time as a local implementation ordinance is adopted inclusive of the 10 precepts in the motion. The item was shown on the screen. January 1, 2022 the new law goes into effect. It eliminates local review.**

Public Comment: Mary Wisner- Solve the problem by getting lower building costs that people can afford. Motion Failed (8:51PM)

LBNC ITEM 19. Motion that LBNC support Council Member Paul Koretz’s motion regarding CA Senate Bill 9, entitled the California Home Act, to City Council for a memorandum prior to 12/31/2021 to be used by all Departments and agencies until such time as a local implementation ordinance is adopted inclusive of the 10 precepts in the motion. Moved: Riley Second: Gravani				
Yes-03	No-04	Abstain-01	Ineligible-02	Absent-03
Gravani, , Pisanic, Riley,	Brown, Doxsee, Joseph, Newman	Kay, Middleton, Schwering	Nelson, Pennomon	Cronin, Garcia, Miguel

20. **Neighborhood Watch** – Discussion and possible action regarding updates – Kay. **They had two Block Captain Orientations. People are stepping up. The next step is to print introductory letters. The first actual meetings may start in mid- January.**

21. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding the October 2021 MER (Monthly Expenditure Report) Schwering **The MERS were shown on the screen.**

**Public Comment: no comment
Motion Passed (9:06PM)**

LBNC ITEM 21. Motion to approve the October 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MERS) Moved: Schwering Second: Brown				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-0	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Brown, Doxsee Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Middleton, Newman, Pisanic, Riley, Schwering	None	None	Nelson, Pennomon	Cronin, Garcia, Miguel

22. **THANK YOU, LBNC Board Members for all you do for our community - Happy Holidays**

23. **REMINDER NO MEETING IN JANUARY 2022**

24. **Adjourn-The Meeting was adjourned at 9:28PM**

**Next Regular Meeting of the
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Wednesday February 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM**