



Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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Board Meeting Minutes
August 03, 2022
Zoom Meeting
6:35PM-9:31PM
(DRAFT)

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
Michael Cortez	Present	YES	Residential
Ruth Doxsee	Present	YES	Residential
Jasmine Garcia	Present	NO	Youth
Linda Gravani President	Present	YES	Business
Lydia Jerosimich	Absent	NO	Senior
Sandra Joseph 2 nd Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Gary Kay	Present	YES	At-Large***
Danica Middleton Secretary	Absent	YES	Residential
Miguel Miguel	Present	YES	Organization
Allen Nelson	Present	NO	At-Large***
Carol Newman	Present	YES	Business
Jeremy Pisanic	Present	YES	Residential
Linda Schwering Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Jim Stein	Absent	YES	Business
Vacant			Organizational
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TOTAL: 15 at Roll Call	PRESENT 12, ABSENT 03 at Roll Call		

*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)

1. Call meeting to order. **The Meeting was called to order at 6:35PM.**

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. 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 930p. 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 Christopher Garcia of Lake Balboa College Prep. Magnet. He is 15 years old and is in 10th grade. He has been there since kindergarten. He likes the farm, sense of community and trust.
3. Roll Call

LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call		
Present –12	Absent-00	Excused-03
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Garcia, Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Miguel, Nelson, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering	None	Jerosimich, Middleton, Stein

4. Poll board members for completion of mandatory NC training: **Allen Nelson and Lydia Jerosimich are ineligible to vote.**
5. Discussion and possible to action to adopt the August 3, 2022 agenda. **Items 11 and 12 may be taken out of order when the speaker is available. Kay- corrections, there is no Item 8. For Item 7, Sophia is no longer there. Replacement has not been announced.**

**Public Comment: No comment
Motion Passed (6:39PM)**

LBNC ITEM 5. Motion to approve the August 3, 2022 Agenda Moved: Brown Second: Joseph				
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Garcia, Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Miguel, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering	None	None	Nelson	Jerosimich, Middleton, Stein

6. Poll board to determine **if any board member has a conflict of interest on any agenda item**

**Public Comment: No comment
Motion Passed (6:41PM)**

LBNC ITEM 6. Poll to determine conflicts of interest				
Yes-1	No-10	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Miguel	Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Garcia, Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering	None	Nelson	Jerosimich, Middleton, Stein

The meeting was moved to Item 11

7. Announcements and Reports: Representatives of LAPD, Local, City, County, State
 - a. West Valley LAPD Captain III Brian Wendling 26929@lapd.online – 818-374-7640
 - i. Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) - 1-877-ASK-LAPD

- ii. Officer Sam Park office 818-374-7635 – 35234@LAPD.online
- iii. Vacant
- iv. Also Representing LBNC Sgt Larry Martinez 31179@lapd.online
- b. Councilwoman’s Martinez’s office (CD 6) 818-778-4999 Field Deputy – Viana.Parra@lacity.org
Field Deputy- **The City Council has approved 41.18 that bans dwellings in spaces near schools and preschools. There will be signage in a 500 ft radius .Event-school supplies flier will be coming soon. The Whitaker Pedestrian Crossway is being worked on. Tree trimming and street resurfacing are being done in and around Lake Balboa.**
- c. LA Mayor Garcetti’s office–[mailto: Erin.Seinfeld@lacity.org](mailto:Erin.Seinfeld@lacity.org)213-422-0815
- d. LA City Attorney’s Office – 213-978-8100
 - 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
- 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 **Ms. Gravani mentioned that Scott Schmerelson is looking into LAUSD having an Aviation Magnet in Lake Balboa. Steve Zipperman is the new School Police Chief.**
- g. LAUSD Board President Kelly Gonez office (District 6) 818-212-6687 - Dir of Community Engagement & Advocacy Michael.Menjivar@lausd.net
- h. 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-indoor masking mandate will not going into effect. It is still advised. On Wednesday, August 17, 2022, there will be a Homeless Connect Day at Las Palmas Park San Fernando 9:00PM-1:00 PM, she will send a flier. There is money available for non-profits contact the office.**
 - i. www.reenvisionwhitemanairport.com **Whiteman Airport Advisory meetings virtual Next Meeting August 5, 2022**
 - ii. HELP for HOMELESS www.la-hop.org REPORT download MYLA311 app to your phone
- i. CA Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian’s office (District 46) 818-376-4246
- j. CA State Senator Robert Hertzberg’s Office (District 18) - 818-901-5588 Edwin.Amaya@sen.ca.gov
- k. 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
- l. US Representative Tony Cardenas (District 29) 818-221-3718 Osvaldo.Ramirez@mail.house.gov
- m. US Representative Brad Sherman – (District 30) - 818-501-9200 Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov
- n. Assembly Member Jessie Gabriel **Alberto Vargas Field Representative introduced himself**
- o. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Daniel.D.Johnson@lacity.org 818-374-9889 **Monthly Profile- Local Emergency on Monkey Pox. Covid 19 update 2ordinances adopted by C 22- City E CF21-0878 public locations Municipal code Vaccine Required for NC Meetings including pre and post meeting . Inclusive engagements positions are open Unvaccinated Boardmembers will not be able to attend- Negative Covid tests will not accept Covid Test results.**
- p. Recusals contact City Attorney- advised to table the item

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: PLEASE ADVISE THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED LOBBYIST.**

- a. Lionel Mares- Resident of Sun Valley is against 41.18 Homelessness have gotten worse. This criminalizes homelessness.
- b. Glenn Bailey spoke about Hybrid Meetings and weeds in the medians.
- c. Cristina Pilates- Large Business being built in a residential area. 2 story with permits for only 1 story. Nobody will respond.

10. President’s update:

- a. It has been determined that LBNC will continue to use Webmaster, Aaron Devandry
- b. 9/9/2022 LBNC will celebrate 18 years of service to the community.
- c. For NC in person meetings, all participants will need to show proof of COVID vaccination
- d. DONE will be paying for 1 ZOOM access per Neighborhood Council through April 2023, from May 2023-Apr 2024 LBNC must reimburse DONE
- e. Congress of Neighborhoods 9/24/2022 <http://NeighborhoodCongress.la>

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)

11. **Budget Advocate – Region 3 - Updates**, (budgetadvocates.org) Newman Budget Representatives: Carol Newman & Linda Gravani- **Glenn Bailey gave the update- There was a great Budget Day. The recording is available on the Budget Advocate Website. The Election was held for new Budget Advocates the following week. There is a vacancy for the third Budget Advocate position Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey and David Ubersax are the other two. Glenn is the Parliamentarian. Meetings are open to all Board members and community members. There is an upcoming Retreat focusing on Prioritizing. There will be a new Mayor.**

12. Discussion and possible action regarding **Council File 11-1020-S3 Funding for Budget Advocates – Gravani - The Department asked for the Board to reconsider its position. The General Manager is trying to put the Budget Advocates out of business. Budget Advocates were removed from the City Clerks Form. The Department Manager tried to take the Budget Advocates money to balance the Departments Budget. The money needs to go to the Group that the Neighborhood Council has voted for it to go to.**

Public Comment: None
 Motion Passed (7:01PM)

LBNC ITEM 12. Motion to oppose Council File 11-1020-S3 Funding for Budget Advocates				
Moved: Gravani Second: Pisanic				
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Garcia, Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Miguel, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering	None	None	Nelson	Jerosimich, Middleton, Stein

Meeting returned to Item 7

13. Discussion and possible action regarding the **resignation of Board Member Sandy Joseph effective**

tomorrow 8/4/22. She is leaving due to family issues and the City of Los Angeles and the way they work with Neighborhood Councils, constant barriers.

- 14. Discussion and possible action regarding the future of EP bins City Funding Clerk -**A discussion was had in regards to the bins.**
- 15. Discussion and possible action regarding EP Committee & meetings **Item Postponed discontinued until further notice**
- 16. Discussion and possible action regarding WLA Safety Fair asking for \$4,000 (No NPG)

Public Comment: William Keith presented slides

Stacy Rotter: Is there going to be a Valley Fair

Glenn Bailey- Valley Disaster Fair- was split to about \$700-1,000 dollars per NC

Motion Passed (8:10PM)

LBNC ITEM 16a. Motion to approve \$1,000 WLA Safety Fair Moved: Newman Second: Brown				
Yes-06	No-03	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-03
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Kay, Miguel, Newman	Gravani, Joseph, Pisanic, Schwering	None	Garcia, Nelson	Jerosimich, Middleton, Stein

Motion Passed (8:15PM)

LBNC ITEM 16b. Motion to approve an amendment of \$1,000 (No NPG) WLA Safety Fair Moved: Newman Second: Brown				
Yes-07	No-03	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-03
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Kay, Miguel, Newman, Pisanic	Gravani, Joseph, Schwering	None	Garcia, Nelson	Jerosimich, Middleton, Stein

17. Discussion and possible action regarding **LBNC’s open board seats – Gravani**

LBNC currently has **2 organizational seats open and effective tomorrow 4AUG22, 1 residential seat.**

The application can be found on LBNC’s website www.LakeBalboaNC.org under **ABOUT “Board Member Application”**

Please forward completed application to lindag@lakebalboanc.org

BYLAWS - Section 6: Vacancies – Vacancies on the Board shall be filled using the following procedure:

- A. Any “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. The Board shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Board.
- B. The Board shall vote on the application at the meeting. If multiple applications for one (1) seat have been submitted, the candidate with the most votes wins. In the event of a tie, a coin toss between the candidates with the most votes shall determine the seat appointment

Organizational Stakeholder Representatives (OSR) – Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who participate in a community based organization, including but not limited to a religious institution, educational institution, non-profit organization, neighborhood association, school/parent group, faith based group, senior group, youth group, arts association, service organization, boys or girls club, cultural group, or environmental group within the NC boundaries

Residential Stakeholder Representatives (RSR) – An RSR shall be any person whose primary residence or living space is located within the Council’s boundaries whether in a home, apartment, condominium or other accommodation.- **Ms. Gravani reviewed the positions and requirements**

18. Discussion and possible action regarding Election Information Worksheet for Sunday, June 18, 2023 LBNC election, (Due 8/1/22), Election Liaison at **DONE**, lanee.basulto@lacity.org
- a. Hours of operation, can have 4 hour or 6 hour span
 - b. Polling Place
 - c. Languages for Candidate Filing Forms (Free for Spanish, Korean & Chinese)
 - d. Languages for Voter Registration Forms (Free for Spanish, Korean & Chinese)
 - e. Languages for Polling Place Interpreter (Free for Spanish, Korean & Chinese) 4 or 6 hours? - 6 hour window, 10-4, Location-Gault Street School First choice, Park VNY- Second choice Location. Spanish and Korean Languages.

Public Comment: Steve Leffert- it is Handicap accessible
Motion Passed (8:35PM)

LBNC ITEM 18. Motion to approve the Election Worksheet Moved: Gravani Second: Doxsee				
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Garcia, Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Miguel, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering	None	None	Nelson	Jerosimich, Middleton, Stein

19. Discussion and possible action regarding the creation of Election Committee and appointment of chair and committee members-Michael Cortez, Linda Schwering (Chair), Jasmine Garcia
20. Discussion and possible action regarding whether or not current board members plan to run for LBNC again. **A straw poll was taken.**
21. Discussion and possible action regarding **Council File 22-0600-S20** for LAFD approval using goats for brush removal-Jasmine Garcia

Public Comment: Pat Bates supports the motion
Motion Passed (8:51PM)

LBNC ITEM 21. Motion to support Council File 22-0600-S20 for LAFD approval using goats for brush removal Moved: Garcia Second: Brown				
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Garcia, Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Miguel, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering	None	None	Nelson	Jerosimich, Middleton, Stein

22. Discussion and possible action regarding for Recreation and Parks approval of **22-0600-S61** using

goats for brush removal -Jasmine Garcia-

**Public Comment: Pat Bates- Goats eat everything, supports the motion
Item Postponed**

23. **UPDATE:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **Southwest Valley General Plan – Miguel**
An update was given

24. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding **the June 2022 Monthly Expense Report (MER)**
Schwering

**Public Comment: No comment
Motion Passed (9:11PM)**

LBNC ITEM 24. Motion to approve the June Monthly Expense Report (MER)				
Moved: Schwering Second: Brown				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-03
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Miguel, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering	None	None	Garcia, Nelson	Jerosimich, Middleton, Stein

Linda Schwering left the meeting at 9:12PM

25. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of **up to \$6000 to**
purchase Emergency Preparedness items to replace expired BIN items. Sandy Joseph

**Public Comment: Stacy Rotter
Motion Passed (9:19 PM)**

LBNC ITEM 25. Motion for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to spend up to \$6000 to purchase				
Emergency Preparedness items to replace expired BIN items. Moved: Joseph Second: Gravani				
Yes-06	No-02	Abstain-01	Ineligible-02	Absent-04
Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Miguel, Newman,	Cortez, Kay	Pisanic	Garcia, Nelson	Jerosimich, Middleton, Schwering, Stein

26. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action to pay **\$246.29 for Minuteman printing** for EP flyers for LBNC
schools

**Public Comment: No comment
Motion Passed (9:22 PM)**

LBNC ITEM 26. Motion for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to approve paying \$246.29 for Minuteman				
Printing for Emergency Preparedness flyers for LBNC schools Moved: Joseph Second: Doxsee				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-05
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, ,Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Miguel, Newman, Pisanic	None	None	Garcia, Nelson	Jerosimich, Middleton, Schwering, Stein

27. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action to spend up to \$500 for plastic containers for LBNC T-shirts in storage Gravani

Public Comment: No comment
 Motion Passed (9:24PM)

LBNC ITEM 27. Motion for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to allocate \$500.00 for plastic containers to store LBNC T-shirts in the storage unit. Moved: Gravani Second: Cortez				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-04
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, ,Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Miguel, Newman, Pisanic	None	None	Garcia Nelson	Jerosimich, Middleton, Schwering, Stein

28. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action to spend up to \$2,000 for Neighborhood Watch items.

Public Comment: No comments
 Motion Passed (9:26PM)

LBNC ITEM 28. Motion for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to allocate \$2000.00 from the 2022/2023 fiscal year Budget as outreach expenses so that we can continue supporting volunteer Neighborhood Watch Captains with the printing of materials(intro letters, questionnaire's, NW meeting invites/reminders, etc. and bottled water for their in-person meetings. Motion: Kay Second: Doxsee				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-04
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Kay, Miguel, Newman, Pisanic	None	None	García, Nelson	Jerosimich, Middleton, Schwering, Stein

29. **FUNDING:** Rogue Artists Ensemble is requesting an NPG of \$4,999 for Theater production
 Motion for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to support Rogue Artists Ensemble with an NPG of \$4,999.00 for their current theater production: Schlitzie: Alive and Inside the Decaying Sideshow.
 Moved: Gravani Second: No second- Motion Failed

30. **THANK YOU** LBNC Board Members AND Neighborhood Watch Block Captains for all YOU do behind the scenes for our community –

31. **Adjournment-** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:31PM

Next Regular
Meeting of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Wednesday
September 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM unless in person