



Board Meeting Minutes March 1, 2023 Zoom Meeting 6:31PM-10:22 (APPROVED)

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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Regular Meeting Location:

Gault Street Elementary School

17000 Gault Street

Lake Balboa CA 91406

(MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

Boardmembe	r	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		Absent Excused	NO	Youth
Linda Gravani	President	Present	YES	Business
Lydia Jerosimich		Absent Joined at 6:35PM	YES	Senior
Gary Kay		Present	YES	At-Large***
Danica Middleton	Secretary	Absent Joined at 6:35PM	YES	Residential
Jared Negron		Present	YES	Stakeholder
Allen Nelson		Absent- Resigned	NO	At-Large***
Carol Newman		Present	YES	Business
Jeremy Pisanic		Present	YES	Residential
Linda Schwering	Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Jim Stein		Present	YES	Business
Vacant				At-Large
Vacant				Organization
Vacant				Organization
Vacant				Organization
TOTAL: 14 Boardmembers		PRESENT 10, ABSENT 04 a	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 WELCOME to our STAKEHOLDERS 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 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 930PM 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. Roll Call

LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call		
Present -10	Absent-00	Excused-04
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Gravani, Kay, Negron, Newman, Pisanic	None	Garcia, Jerosimich,
Schwering, Stein		Middleton, Nelson

4. Discussion and possible to action to adopt the March 1, 2023 Agenda

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (6:33PM)

LBNC ITEM 4. Motion to adopt the March 1, 2023 agenda. Moved: Doxsee Second: Brown							
Yes-10 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-04							
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Gravani, Kay, Negron, Newman, Pisanic Schwering, Stein	None	None	None	Garcia, Jerosimich, Middleton, Nelson			

Middleton and Jerosimich joined the meeting at 6:35PM.

- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval for Feb 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes Item Tabled
- 6. Announcements and Reports:
 - a. West Valley LAPD Captain III Brian Wendling 26929@lapd.online 818-374-7640
 - i. Senior Lead Officer (SLO) 1-877-ASK-LAPD
 - ii. Officer Mike Terrazas 818-374-7631 34499@lapd.online They do have a suspect in the shooting he is not in custody yet. They have written over 200 tickets in the area of the traffic fatality to try to slow traffic down. Please get a safe and bolt it down to hold your valuables. They are also stealing high dollar purses. There will be a catalytic converter etching event coming soon. Another homeless cleanup will be done on the bike path. Streets have to be surveyed before the police can use the radar guns.
 - iii. Also Representing LBNC Sgt Larry Martinez 31179@lapd.online
 - b. LA City Council District 6 (CD 6) 818-778-4999 Field Deputy Jonah Glickman. The speed hump window is currently closed. CD6 has been in storm response mode for the last few days. We have been working with DWP on the power outages due to the storms. Trees and potholes are being addressed as soon as we can. The homeless clean up was pushed back due to the weather. An Emergency Shelter was opened to get the homeless off of the streets. Four homeless individuals were rescued in water rescues.
 - c. LA Mayor Karen Bass' office-213-422-0815
 - d. LA City Attorney's Office 213-978-8100 Hydee Feldstein Soto
 - e. Neighborhood Prosecutor <u>Michael.Liu@lacity.org</u> 818-374-6837 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

- g. LA County Supervisor **Lindsey P. Horvath** office (District 3) 818-902-3831 District Director HELP for HOMELESS **www.la-hop.org** REPORT download **MYLA311** app to your phone
- h. CA Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel 46th Assembly district 818-346-4521 Field Rep <u>Jack.Trent-Dorfman@asm.ca.gov</u> He introduced himself. The Assembly member has twenty-six bills for this legislative session. The Adaptive Re-use bill will turn office space into housing. There will be a Day of Service Event at Pierce College if people want to volunteer or the Neighborhood Council would like a table.
- i. CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, (District 20) Office Kevin Taylor Field Rep 818-901-5588
- j. CA State Senator Henry Stern's Office (District 27) 818-876-3352 Susie.Herrera@sen.ca.gov
- k. US Representative Tony Cardenas (District 29) 818-221-3718 Osvaldo.Ramirez@mail.house.gov-Legislative update 988 Cyber Security Act- The Crisis Lifeline was hacked. On Valentine's Day we promoted the Valentine's for Heroes events where the kids made cards. The two schools in your area were Gault Street and Stagg Street Elementary Schools. They were hand delivered to the Sepulveda VA.
- I. US Representative Brad Sherman (District 30) 818-501-9200 Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov
- m. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) <u>Daniel.D.Johnson@lacity.org</u> 818-374-9889 Happy Women's History Month. Some folks are still missing the Anti-Bias Training. Please check and update your roster. You need to get your agreement locked in or you should cancel the meeting. Please have an alternate location. He gave a brief update on SB411 for Nc's to be able to continue to meet virtually. How many NCs do you cover? Why do some NCs get emails from you and others do not? Why are you (DONE) soliciting votes for council files that benefit DONE? He covers seven Neighborhood Councils. He sends communications to all. Linda Gravani mentioned DONE Staff should not be soliciting support for Council Files.

Linda Schwering stated that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council has been approved to hold its meetings at Gault Street School.

NOTE: Presiding Officer: Please prompt the public to either **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

AB 361 Updates -

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

- 7. Guest Speaker Tony Wilkinson Regarding MONO BASIN MonoLake@waterboards.ca.gov
 - a. Discussion and possible action regarding MONO BASIN Tony Wilkinson did a presentation on the issues with Mono Lake and local support to stop water from coming from the Mono Basin to the City of Los Angeles. Complaints have been sent to the California Water Resources Board by the Mono Lake Committee to try to stop the water from being sent to Southern California. Write to them by March 17, 2023 if you want the water to continue coming to Los Angeles. Tony suggested that the City Council should take a position to keep the water coming. You can write letters as an individual or take a Board action. Daniel Johnson stated that this was not a city issue and the Board should not be voting on it which caused confusion.

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (7:40PM)

LBNC ITEM 7. Motion to advise the City of Los Angeles that we actively oppose the attempt to further limit						
the city water supplies from the Mono Basin Moved: Gravani Second: Stein						
Yes-04	No-01	Abstain-07	Ineligible-00	Absent-02		
Doxsee, Gravani, Newman, Pisanic						

- Southern California Gas Company "PARTICIPATION Hearings "apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2205015 Every four years, SoCalGas is required to file a GRC application with the CPUC to set annual revenues March 6, 2023 at 2pm and March 15, 2023 at 6pm Phone Number: 800-857-1917 Passcode: 1767567# Webcast: Reviewed adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc
- Discussion and possible action regarding LBNC's open board seats Gravani LBNC currently has 3
 organizational seats open and 1 at-large appointed Vacant seats cannot be filled if 90days prior to an election
 March 20, 2023 No applications have been received- Reviewed
- 10. Discussion and possible action regarding LBNC June 18, 2023 Election Reviewed
 - a. 18FEB2023 Candidate filing BEGINS
 - b. 04APR2023 Candidate filing ENDS
 - c. 11APR2023 Submission of Candidate challenges ENDS
 - d. 19APR2023 Certified List of Candidates RELEASED
 - e. 19APR2023 Vote-by-mail application BEGINS
 - f. 21APR2023 Candidate Photo/statement DEADLINE https://clerk.lacity.org/clerk-services/elections/nc-elections/how-become-nc-candidate

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS-No Public Comments

12. Board Announcements

- Board, you are probably seeing that Google Workspace subscription is unable to renew-LS having difficulties with new City Credit Card. (should not affect you email until 5Apr2023 when we get shut off)
- b. Don't forget, stakeholders are anyone who lives, works, owns property or community organizations (1-year minimum)
- c. A request has been made for a location for our committee meetings. Ms. Gravani has not received a response yet.

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 – Region 3 - Updates, (budgetadvocates.org) –Bailey or Newman Budget Representatives: Carol Newman & Linda Gravani-Cindy Cleghorn The Budget Advocates are going into the report writing stage. Glenn Bailey sent a written update which was read to the Board. The Budget Town Hall with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment went well. The Budget Advocates met with Mayor Bass. Input is needed as to which type of Budget is requested by the Neighborhood Councils, in=person or virtually?

14. LAND USE: Discussion and possible action regarding 6839-6845 N. Woodley Ave FCPC-2022-4641-AC-HD-BL-SPR Proposed three story storage unit & truck rental facility — Passed Land Use committee MOTION: I move that LBNC support the proposed three- story storage unit & truck rental facility as proposed in FCPC-2022-4641-AC-HD-BL-SPR and that the Arts Development Fee be paid at the Department of Building & Safety when permits are pulled and earmarked for use by the LBNC community.

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (7:58PM)

LBNC ITEM 14. Motion that the LBNC support the proposed three -story storage unit & truck rental facility as proposed in FCPC-2022-4641-AC-HD-BL-SPR and that the Arts Development Fee be paid at the Department of Building & Safety when permits are pulled and earmarked for use by the LBNC community. Moved: Gravani

Second: Middleton

Yes-11	No-01	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kay, Middleton,	Doxsee	None	None	Garcia,
Negron, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering, Stein				Nelson

15. LAND USE: Discussion and possible action regarding 6435 & 6439 Woodley Avenue Proposed 10 small-lot subdivision (townhomes) No zone variance needed – Can build by right – Passed Land Use committee MOTION: I move that LBNC support the proposed 10 small-lot subdivision at 6435 & 6439 Woodley Ave LB and that if the Arts Development Fee applies to this project, the fee is paid at the Department of Building and Safety when pulling their permits and are earmarked for use by the LBNC community.

Public Comment: Steve Leffert in regards to the airport, new construction has better insulation.

Motion: Passed (8:06PM)

LBNC ITEM 15. Motion move that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council supports the proposed 10 small-lot subdivision at 6435 & 6439 Woodley Ave LB and that if the Arts Development Fee applies to this project, the fee is paid at the Department of Building and Safety when pulling their permits and are earmarked for use by the LBNC community. Moved: Gravani Second: Stein

Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kay,	None	None	None	Garcia,
Middleton, Negron, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering, Stein				Nelson

16. Health and Public Safety: Discussion and possible action regarding Police/Community Partnership – Brown Every community has a Community Police Advisory Board, which provided a platform to allow community members to directly communicate matters of concern directly to law enforcement officials and those that could make decisions in a more, timely fashion. As a result of that West Valley Community Police Advisory Board holds monthly meetings so that community members can express their fears and opinions. We know That next to Neighborhood Councils the Police Advisory Boards are one of the tools that the community has to get change in our community. Last night, The Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) sponsored the LAFD Cert Training which graduated 28 members of the community. People representing Reseda, Tarzana, and North Hollywood. The graduation certificates were signed by Mayor Bass. They were given ready to go backpacks and are ready to serve their neighbors. The Volunteer Community Patrol is made up with volunteers from the community, that are trained by the police department, and patrol assigned areas. They report back to LAPD so that there can be better deployment. This program has been in existence for five years. One of the members recently saved a life of a one-month old infant after taking CERT Training. There ar currently over 30 members of the volunteer patrol. Participants must be able to volunteer at least four hours every two weeks or eight hours a month. You need to fill out an application and you will be vetted and

trained. You are able to go on a ride along to see if this is something you would like to do. They need more volunteers. Mass Shooting numbers have increased. Free training on how to survive an active shooter event is available on Wednesday March 8, 2023, at the West Valley LAPD Station, at 6:00PM. Ms. Gravani thanked James Brown for his work and mentioned he was in the first graduating group of the Volunteer Community Patrol Program.

17. Rec & Park: Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed extension of bicycle path along the north side of the LA River from White Oak to Balboa Blvd – Stein

https://www.mapquest.com/us/california/sepulveda-basin-off-leash-dog-park-266318430 https://eng.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph1701/files/2023-02/SBVP Community Meeting 1 Presentation.pdf

Jim Stein had requested meetings on multiple occasions with city officials to discuss this project. The city has been refusing to hold community meetings in regards to changes in the Sepulveda Basin. They plan on building an additional bike path at the cost of 196 million dollars from the city budget and 80 million dollars will be coming from Measure M. The path will be thirty-feet wide and go right through the dog park. There are several residents in Reseda that will lose part of their backyards through eminent domain. The dog park is considered the best dog park in the City of Los Angeles due to the natural shade. The parking lot will be taken over with the bike path. Mixing dogs and bicycles is not a good idea. Mr. Stein was very frustrated to hear that people pushing this project are saying the community supports it. There has been no opportunity for public comments. This is the only dog park in the West Valley. The OneGeneration Farmer's Market will also lose part of its' land. The Motion that was approved by the City Council was moved by Blumenfield and Nury Martinez. When Councilmember Martinez was asked questions about the project she said the dog park wasn't in her area so she wouldn't discuss the project. The City of Los Angeles has nine dog parks. This is the only dog park in the valley. from Vanowen to Vanalden. The path will go CF 20-0247 You can see the plans on zimas@lacity.org

18. **Discussion and possible action regarding CD 22-0247 – Stein** MOTION: I move that LBNC not support the final MND Council File 22-024 **Items 17 and 18 are combined under this vote.**

Public Comment:

- a. Steve Leffert- the link does not work.
- b. Miriam- This was approved before the Vision Plan/ The Vision Plan Contractor was hired in a no bid contract.
- c. Betsy-likes bike path this plan removes at least 23 trees. This is inappropriate and disrupts the environment.
- d. Debbie-uses the dog park. A diverse group of people use this dog park for socializing.

Sharon Brewer Feels the subjects are being mixed. Says there is no imminent domain

- e. Dana people need to be able to use the dog park. We need to keep the park. The dogs will go after the bikes. Accidents will happen.
- f. Tony Wilkinson-He does believe in bike lanes but this is not okay. The Environmental Review must have alternatives Do not support the MND.

Motion: Passed (8:34PM)

LBNC ITEM 18. Motion to not support the final MND Council File 22-0247 Moved: Stein Second: Middleton					
Yes-10 No-01 Abstain-01 Ineligible-00 Absent-02					
Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kay, Middleton, Negron, Newman, Schwering, Stein	Cortez	Pisanic	None	Garcia, Nelson	

19. Discussion and possible action regarding SB411 – Neighborhood Council Virtual Meetings. https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SB411/2023 - Gravani MOTION: I move that LBNC forward a resolution in support of SB411 which would allow Neighborhood Councils to hold virtual meetings indefinitely. April meeting will be in person unless SB411 or similar is pass by California Government.
Jonah- There was a bidding process was done for the vision plan.

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:05PM)

LBNC ITEM 19. Motion that the LBNC forward a resolution in support of SB411 which would allow
Neighborhood Councils to hold virtual meetings indefinitely. April meeting will be in person unless SB411 or
similar is pass by California Government Moved: Gravani Second: Brown

Yes-11 No-01 Abstain-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-02
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kay, Middleton, Doxsee None Garcia,

Ruth Doxsee left the meeting at 9:08PM.

Negron, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering, Stein

20. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **January 2023 MER** (Monthly Expense Report) – Schwering

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:09PM)

LBNC ITEM 20. Motion to approve the January 2023 (MER) Monthly Expenditure Report Moved: Schwering Second: Stein					
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03	
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kay, Middleton, Negron, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering, Stein	None	None	None	Doxsee, Garcia, Nelson	

- 21. **BUDGET**: Discussion and possible action regarding the **financial status of committed funds vs spent. No action was taken. -Schwering**
- 22. **BUDGET**: Discussion and possible action to revise the **LBNC 2022-2023 Budget The revisions were shown on the screen. Schwering**

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:12PM)

LBNC ITEM 22 Motion to revise the LBNC 2022-2023 Budget as submitted. Moved: Schwering Second: Gravani						
Yes-11 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-03						
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kay, Middleton,	None	None	None	Doxsee,		
Negron, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering, Stein				Garcia, Nelson		

23. BUDGET: Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of LBNC 2023-2024 Budget – Schwering

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:25PM)

Nelson

LBNC ITEM 23 Motion to approve the LBNC 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget as presented Moved: Schwering Second: Brown					
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-03	
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kay, Middleton, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering, Stein None Negron None Ooxsee, Garcia, Nelson					

24. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of up to \$6,000 for LBNC Election Banners – Stein. Linda Schwering raised a concern that the election expenses may total more than the amount budgeted. The outreach has been separated into two sections: Candidates and Elections. The banners are Street Pole Banners along Sherman Way (15)

Amendment

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:34PM)

LBNC ITEM 24a. Motion to amend the amount to approve up to \$3,000.00 for banners Moved: Cortez Second:						
Brown						
Yes-07	No-01	Abstain-03	Ineligible-00	Absent-03		
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kay, Middleton, Negron	Newman	Pisanic, Schwering, Stein	None	Doxsee, Garcia, Nelson		

Public Comment: Tony Wilkinson you can adjust the budget at the next meeting

Motion Fails(9:54PM)

LBNC ITEM 24b. Motion to approve up to \$3000 for banners. Moved: Stein Second: Cortez						
Yes-05 No-05 Abstain-01 Ineligible-00 Absent-03						
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Middleton,	Kay, Negron, Newman, Pisanic Schwering,	Stein	None	Doxsee, Garcia, Nelson		

Consent Calendar: The following items 25-28 can be approved in one on action, unless a board member needs further clarification:

- 25. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding **approval of up to \$750 paper shredding** event(s) for election outreach-Stein
- 26. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval for **up to \$300 for phase 2 election flyers**. Stein
- 27. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval for **up to \$700** for **18 June 2023 election location**. Stein

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (10:05PM)

LBNC ITEM 25-27. Motion to approve the funding for the Consent Calendar items. Moved: Gravani Second:							
Brown							
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03			
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kay, Middleton,	None	None	None	Doxsee,			
Negron, Newman, Pisanic. Schwering, Stein				Garcia, Nelson			

28. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of up to \$6,000 for Every Door Direct advertising LBNC election – Stein

Public Comment: Tony Wilkinson supports using Every Door Direct. Feels it should be in English and Spanish.

Motion: Passed (10:10PM)

LBNC ITEM 28. Motion to approve up to \$6,000. for Every Door Direct advertising. Moved: Gravani Second: Middleton						
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-03		
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kay, Middleton, Negron, Newman, Pisanic, Schwering,	None	Stein	None	Doxsee, Garcia, Nelson		

29. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **approval of \$2500 TASC NPG** to purchase an evacuation chair and cabinet. Gravani

Public Comment: John Hales will send banner information to Linda Gravani

Motion: Passed (10:17PM)

LBNC ITEM 29. Motion for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to approve \$2,500.00 for an NPG to TASC for an evacuation chair Moved: Gravani Second: Brown						
Yes-09	No-01	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-03		
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kay, Middleton, Negron, Newman, Pisanic	Schwering,	Stein	None	Doxsee, Garcia, Nelson		

- 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 10:22PM

Next Regular Meeting of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Wednesday April 5, 2023 cancelled due to Passover