



Board Meeting Minutes June 7, 2023 Zoom Meeting 7:00PM-9:25PM

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)

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		Present	YES	Senior
Gary Kay		Excused	YES	At-Large***
Danica Middleton	Secretary	Present	YES	Residential
Jared Negron		Present	YES	Stakeholder
Carol Newman		Excused	YES	Business
Jeremy Pisanic		Present	YES	Residential
Linda Schwering	Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Jim Stein		Present	YES	Business
Vacant				At-Large
Vacant				Organization
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TOTAL: 13 Board	members	PRESENT 11, ABSENT 02	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-The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Linda Gravani- Instruction on how to speak on items was given.

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 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 Gault St Student Isabella Bergese-She says her school is magnificent and everyone there is so supportive. We have other programs like Violin, Ballroom Dancing and Chess Club. The school is all around great. Comments from Principal Brusca- We love our school and treasure our students. We see them as our children too. We have strong academics and have doubled our scores from last year in English Language Arts. We also have lots of enrichment programs and we would like to thank you for helping us to expand our Chess and Robotics Programs. We now have a STEM Lab with Engineering Projects. We have Theater, dance and a full range of art classes. It is a great neighborhood school.
- 3. Roll Call- Roll was called by Danica Middleton-Secretary

LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call		
Present -11	Absent-00	Excused-02
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Garcia, Gravani, Jerosimich, Middleton,	None	Kay, Newman
Negron, Pisanic, Schwering, Stein		

4. Discussion and possible to action to adopt the June 7, 2023 Agenda (Item 22 will be tabled)

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

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LBNC ITEM 4. Motion to adopt the June 7, 2023 Agenda as amended.							
Moved: Doxsee Second: Pisanic							
Yes-10	No-01	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02			
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Garcia, Gravani,	Negron	None	None	Kay, Newman			
Jerosimich, Middleton, Pisanic, Schwering, Stein							

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval for February 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes- Middleton

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (7:12PM)

LBNC ITEM 5. Motion to adopt the February 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Moved: Middleton Second: Doxsee					
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-02	
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Gravani, Jerosimich, Middleton, Negron, Pisanic, Schwering, Stein	None	Garcia	None	Kay, Newman	

- 6. A moment to remember our long time Board Member Allen Nelson Schwering- A Moment of Silence for Allen Nelson who passed away in April.
- 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 Officer (SLO) 1-877-ASK-LAPD
 - ii. Officer Mike Terrazas 818-374-7631 34499@lapd.online

- iii. Also Representing LBNC Sgt Larry Martinez 31179@lapd.onli
- b. LA City Council District 6 (CD 6) 818-778-4999 Field Deputy Jonah. Glickman@lacity.org
- c. LA Mayor Karen Bass' office—213-400-0916 Michelle Vergara The Mayor signed the City Budget. June 24 is the Valley Pride Event in conjunction with Caroline Menjivar's office. Information is available at the SFVPride website. Get out and vote in the Council District 6 Election. There are Fireworks fliers in the back of the room. Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org-
- d. LAFD Martin Battalion 10, Platoon B spoke about fire safety and upcoming potential for brush fires, also check the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- e. Council District 6, Jonah Glickman-There is a big community meeting coming up on June 20,2023 at 6:00PM, at the Mid-Valley YMCA. It is for the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan. It is a comprehensive effort to look at the entire basin and look at the long- term opportunities and the future of the park. There are fliers in the back. It is really important for the community to come out during the early stages of planning and provide their feedback. CD6 has also been monitoring the small uptick in fires in the basin. We are working with Rec and Parks and other city agencies. They have been dispatching homeless outreach teams. There are compost bins available at the CD6 office. Contact CD6 to arrange a pick up.
- f. LA City Attorney's Office 213-978-8100 Hydee Feldstein Soto
- g. Neighborhood Prosecutor Michael.Liu@lacity.org 818-374-6837
- h. LA City Planning Liaison Ariel.Jones@lacity.org 213-820-4255
- i. LAUSD **Scott Schmerelson's** office (District 3) 818-654-3785 Deputy Director of School and Community Engagement <u>Tammy.Ramirez@lausd.net</u> 213-241-8333
- j. LA County Supervisor **Lindsey P. Horvath** office (District 3) 818-902-3831 District Director
 - i. HELP for HOMELESS www.la-hop.org
- k. CA Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel 46th Assembly district 818-346-4521 Jack Trent-Dorfman Field Rep
- 1. CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, (District 20)-Office Kevin Taylor Field Rep 818-901-5588
- m. CA State Senator Henry Stern's Office (District 27) 818-876-3352 Susie. Herrera@sen.ca.gov Field Rep
- 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
- p. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Daniel.D.Johnson@lacity.org 818-374-9889 Mr. Johnson thanked the Boardmembers that would no longer be serving on the Board. There was a townhall tonight in regards to SB11 and how Neighborhood Councils can weigh in on the issue. The meeting was recorded. There have been several staff changes at the Department, Gibson Nyambura is the new Director of Innovation. Marilu Guevera is the new Director of Engagement and Atziri Camarena is the new Director of Civic Leadership. Two NEA's have also been hired.
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: PLEASE ADVISE THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED LOBBYIST.
 PLEASE ADVISE THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IF YOU ARE AN LBNC STAKEHOLDER. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa NC. You have 2 minutes per speaker. The State of California's Brown Act prevents the board from discussing your comments. You can also email your thoughts to LBNC President at: lindag@lakebalboanc.org.
 - a. Grace Lee Parent of Gault Street Student. SB98 is about how we fund our schools. She supports it.
 - b. Norma Kemper Spoke about the airport issues.
 - c. Alicia Avery -Spoke about the airport issues, we need community involvement.
 - d. Suzanne Gutierrez Spoke about airport issues and pushback from LAWA. Wants an Airport Committee

e. Sue Steinberg wants an Airport Committee of the LBNC. You can't put profits over people. There are too many charters.

REMINDER download MYLA311 app and use it often

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

- 9. **Budget Advocate Region 3 Updates**, (budgetadvocates.org) –Bailey or Newman Budget Day 17JUNE2023 Budget Representatives: Carol Newman & Linda Gravani **Glenn Bailey- Gave the update for Budget Advocates. The budget report has been sent. Budget Day will be on July 17th.**
- 10. **Budget**: **BUDGET**: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the **April 2023 MER** (Monthly Expense Report) Schwering

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (7:40PM)

LBNC ITEM 10. Motion to approve the April 2023 (MER) Monthly Expenditure Report. Moved: Schwering Second: Brown							
Yes-10 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-01 Absent-02							
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Gravani, Jerosimich, Middleton, Negron, Pisanic, Schwering, Stein None Garcia Kay, Newman							

- 11. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the **May 2023 MER** (Monthly Expense Report)—Schwering--Item Tabled
- 12. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **expenditure of up to \$70** for plastic bins for LBNC's sound equipment from the 2022-2023 Budget There is \$135.25 of unspent budgeted funds (\$950 \$814.75) for the sound system -Stein

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (7:43PM)

LBNC ITEM 12. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$70 for plastic bins for LBNC's sound equipment from the 2022-2023 Budget. Moved: Stein Second: Brown					
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-02	
Brown, Cortez, Doxsee, Gravani, Jerosimich, Middleton, Negron, Pisanic, Schwering, Stein	None	None	Garcia	Kay, Newman	

13. FUNDING DEADLINES For 2022-2023 Budget

- 20May2023 Final date to request EVENT request for approval for 2022-23 funds
- 1JUNE2023 Final date to submit check payment
- 1JUNE2023- Final date to request NPG funds
- 20JUNE2023 Final date to use bank card

Scott Schmerelson- Spoke about Gault Street Elementary student Isabella Bergese and presented her with a certificate for her great job at doing the Pledge of Allegiance.

14. THANK YOU – Thank outgoing board members for your service our community. Jonah Glickman gave Certificates for the outgoing Boardmembers. Jeremy Pisanic, Carol Newman, Allen Nelson, Sandy Joseph, Gary Kay, Jasmine Garcia, and Ruth Doxsee.

15. Motion to recess 7:54PM

Short recess while Current Boardmembers exited and new Boardmembers took their seats.

16. Call meeting back to order at 7:57PM

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
James Brown 1 st Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Michael Cortez	Present	YES	Residential
Ronnie Frost Communications Officer	Present	YES	Business
Christopher Garcia	Present	NO	Youth
Alex Goode 2 nd Vice President	Present	NO	Residential
Linda Gravani President	Present	YES	Business
Surat Hazra***	(Joined in item19)	NO	At Large
Lydia Jerosimich	Present	YES	Senior
Mihran Kalaydjian	Present	YES	Organization
Jackie Knoll	Present	NO	Residential
Sky Kumtong	Absent	NO	Residential
Danica Middleton Secretary	Present	YES	Residential
Jared Negron	Present	YES	Stakeholder
Linda Schwering Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Jim Stein***	(Joined in item 19)	YES	Business
Vacant			At-Large
Vacant			Organization
Vacant			Organization
TOTAL: 13 Boardmembers	PRESENT 12, ABSENT 01	New Seated Board	

A video was shown with Councilmember Krekorian welcoming the new Board.

- 17. Introduce California Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel who will swear in new LBNC board members Frost, Garcia, Goode, and Kalaydjian. Jesse Gabriel represents Lake Balboa. He swore in the new Boardmembers. He thanked the outgoing Boardmembers for their service. He is eager to work with everyone.
- 18. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's (**DONE**) Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (**NEA**) Daniel D. Johnson to facilitate the **appointment of LBNC president**. **Linda Gravani Nominated by Kalaydjian**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (8:13PM) Linda Gravani was voted in as President

LBNC ITEM 18. Motion to approve Linda Grava	ni as President of the	Lake Balboa N	leighborhood C	ouncil.
Moved: Kalaydjian Second: Middleton				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01

Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich,	None	None	None	Kumtong
Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering				

19. BOARD VACANCIES: Article V Section 6 of BYLAWS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding appointments to the LBNC Board
 - 1 Business Representative

(1) Jim Stein

Public Comment: No comment **Motion Passed (8:17PM)**

LBNC ITEM 19i.Motion to appoint Jim Stein to the Business Representative Seat. Moved: Gravani Second: Cortez					
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01	
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering	None	None	None	Kumtong	

- ii. 2 At-Large Appointed Stakeholder Representative
 - (1) Surat Hazra (Resident)

Public Comment: No comment Motion Passed (8:19PM)

LBNC ITEM 19ii. Motion to approve Surat Hazra as a Resident Stakeholder. Moved: Gravani Second: Middleton					
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01	
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering	None	None	None	Kumtong	

Daniel D. Johnson swore in the two new Boardmembers.

iii. 1 Organizational Representative and At Large Seats are still available

20. BOARD OFFICERS Article VI Section 1:

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding Officer and other Appointments
 - i. 1st vice president
 - i. James Brown
 - ii. Mihran Kalaydjian
 - iii. Alex Goode

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (8:23PM) James Brown was voted as the First Vice President

LBNC ITEM20i. Moved: Schwering Second: Doxsee					
James Brown-09	Goode-02	Kalaydjian-01	Abstain-01	Absent-01	
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Negron, Schwering, Stein	Goode, Gravani, Middleton	Kalaydjian	Hazra	Kumtong	

ii. 2nd vice president

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (8:31PM) Alex Goode was voted as the Second Vice President

LBNC ITEM 20ii. Motion to approve Alex Goode as the Second Vice President. Moved: Gravani Second: Middleton								
Yes-14	Yes-14 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-01							
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, None None None Kumtong Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein								

iii. Treasurer Linda Schwering was nominated by Jared Negron

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (8:32PM) Linda Schwering was voted in as Treasurer

LBNC ITEM 20iii. Motion to approve Linda Schwering as the Treasurer of the LBNC. Moved: Schwering Second: Gravani						
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-05	Absent-01		
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, None None Frost, Garcia, Goode, Hazra, Knoll Kumtong						

iv. Secretary- Danica Middleton was nominated by Lydia Jerosimich

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (8:35PM) Danica Middleton was voted in as the Secretary

LBNC ITEM 20iv. Motion to approve Danica Middleton as Secretary of the LBNC. Moved: Middleton Second: Gravani								
Yes-14	Yes-14 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-01							
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein	None	None	None	Kumtong				

v. Communications officer Ronnie Frost and Mihran Kalaydjian self-nominated.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (8:37PM) Ronnie Frost was voted in as the Communications Officer

LBNC ITEM 20v. Motion to vote for Communications Officer. Moved: Gravani Second: Middleton						
Ronnie-07	Kalaydjian-05	Abstain-02	Ineligible-00	Absent-01		
Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Jerosimich, Negron, Stein	Cortez, Gravani, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Schwering	Hazra, Middleton	None	Kumtong		

- 21. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Boardmembers who will submit LBNC official **Community Impact Statements**
 - 1. Mihran Kalaydjian
 - 2. Surat Hazra
 - 3. Ronnie Frost
 - 4. Jared Negron
 - 5. Michael Cortez

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (8:45PM)

LBNC ITEM 21. Motion to approve Mihran Kalaydjian, Surat Hazra, Ronnie Frost, Jared Negron, and Michael						
Cortez as Community Impact Filers.						
Moved: Gravani Second: Middleton						
Yes-14	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01		
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein	None	None	None	Kumtong		

- 22. Committees Section VII
 - a. Discussion and possible action regarding committees and appointment of their chairs. The list shows past committees and a few requests. Item Tabled
- 23. Budget Representatives: Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of 1 or 2 Budget Representatives. Budget Day via zoom 17JUN2023 930a-1pm www.budgetadvocates.org Glenn Bailey went over the responsibilities.
 - 1. Carol Newman
 - 2. Mihran Kalaydjian

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (8:50PM)

LBNC ITEM 23. Motion to approve Carol Newman and Mihran Kalaydjian as Budget Representatives. Moved: Gravani Second: Middleton							
Yes-14 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-01							
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein None None None Kumtong							

- 24. Discussion and possible action to appoint Board Member(s) to represent Lake Balboa NC at Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee (meets 4th Tuesday of odd numbered months)
 - a. Representative Jim Stein
 - b. Alternate Danica Middleton

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (8:53PM)

LBNC ITEM 24. Motion to approve Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee Representative Jim Stein and Alternate Danica Middleton.							
Moved: Gravani Second: Middleton							
Yes-14	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01			
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein None None None Kumtong							

25. LBNC BOARD MEETING: Discussion and possible action to permanently change the start time of LBNC meetings to 6:30pm (meet and greet 6pm) Cortez

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Failed (8:57PM)

LBNC ITEM 25. Motion to change the start of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Meeting to 6:30PM.

Moved: Cortez Second: Negron						
Yes-4	No-10	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01		
Cortez, Hazra, Knoll, Negron	Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Middleton, Schwering, Stein	None	None	Kumtong		

- 26. **BUDGET**: Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of **2023-24 budget package to include**:
 - a. 1st Bank Card Holder Linda Schwering
 - b. 2nd Bank Card Holder- Mihran Kalaydjian
 - c. 1st Board Action Certification (BAC) signer is the Treasurer Linda Schwering
 - d. 2nd Board Action Certification (BAC) signer Jim Stein
 - e. Alternate Board Action Certification (BAC) Signer Mihran Kalaydjian

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed (9:04 PM)

LBNC ITEM 26a-e Motion to approve Item 26 a-e. Moved: Gravani Second: Middleton							
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-05	Absent-01			
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein	None	None	Frost, Garcia, Goode, Hazra, Knoll	Kumtong			

Consent Calendar: The following items 27-29 can be approved in one action, unless a Boardmember needs further clarification: I move that LBNC approve the funding items #28-29 as identified. Middleton, Kalaydjian

- 27. **FUNDING**: Discussion and possible action regarding the **expenditure of up to \$3,000** for rental of projector & sound equipment and miscellaneous items for LBNC's **Movie in the Park** proposed date August 26, 2023. Middleton
- 28. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **expenditure of up to \$500** for LBNC Board Polo shirts. (approximately \$25 each x 17) Gravani
- 29. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **expenditure of up to \$750** for LBNC Board Business cards. -Gravani.

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

LBNC ITEMS 28 & 29. Motion to approve consent Calendar Items 28 & 29. Moved: Gravani Second: Brown						
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-05	Absent-01		
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein	None	None	Frost, Garcia, Goode, Hazra, Knoll	Kumtong		

Public Comment: No comment Motion Passed (9:14PM)

LBNC ITEM 27 Motion to approve Item 27 (Movie in the Park). Moved: Middleton Second: Kalaydjian							
Yes-09 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-05 Absent-01							
Brown, Cortez, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein	None	None	Frost, Garcia, Goode, Hazra, Knoll	Kumtong			

- 30. NO REGULAR LBNC MEETING IN JULY next meeting will be August 2, 2023
- 31. VOTE JUNE 27, 2023 FOR CD6 COUNCIL MEMBER for OUR VOICE AT CITY HALL -
- 32. THANK YOU LBNC Boardmembers Past and Present AND Neighborhood Watch Block Captains for all YOU do behind the scenes for our community –
- 33. Adjournment-the meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM

Next Regular Meeting IN PERSON of the
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Wednesday August 2, 2023 at Gault St School Auditorium