



Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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Board Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2023
Zoom Meeting
7:00PM-9:19PM
(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
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	Present	YES	At Large
Lydia Jerosimich	Present	YES	Senior
Mihran Kalaydjian	Present	YES	Organization
Jackie Knoll	Present	YES	Residential
Danica Middleton Secretary	Present	YES	Residential
Jared Negron	Present	YES	Residential
Linda Schwering Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Jim Stein	Present	YES	Business
Kathleen Swartz	Present	YES	At- Large
Vacant			Organization
Vacant			At Large
TOTAL: 15 Boardmembers	PRESENT 15, ABSENT 00 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)

Call meeting to order WELCOME to our STAKEHOLDERS -**The Meeting was called to order by President Gravani at 7:00PM.**

If you want to address the Board on any item on the agenda tonight, please complete a speaker card located at the back of the auditorium and bring it to me. Likewise, if there is an item you want to bring to the board’s attention, please complete a speaker card for item #8 PUBLIC COMMENT.

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 our 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 has 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 –Christopher Garcia from Lake Balboa College Prep (LBNC's Youth Rep)**
Christopher has attended the school since Kindergarten. One of the reasons he likes the school is his friendships will last through high school. You get to know everyone who is at the school and it allows for closer relationships.
3. **Oath of Office – Kathleen Swartz-She was sworn in by Councilmember Imelda Padilla**
4. **Roll Call 15 Boardmembers were in attendance. Quorum was reached.**

LBNC ITEM 4. Roll Call		
Present –15	Absent-00	Excused-00
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, Schwartz	None	None

5. **Poll for mandatory training** Frost, Garcia, Goode, Hazra, Knoll, Swartz- **Goode and Garcia are ineligible for Funding votes. Everyone else is eligible to vote.**
6. Discussion and possible to action to adopt the Aug 2, 2023 Agenda- **Issues with the numbering and Spelling correction to Jared's name.**

Public Comment: No comment Table 22

Motion: Passed (7:05PM)

LBNC ITEM 6. Motion to adopt the August 2, 2023 Agenda.as amended.				
Moved: Brown Second: Kalaydjian				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-00
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, Schwartz	None	None	Garcia, Goode	None

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval for Special LBNC Meeting 16Jul 2023 Meeting Minutes– Gravani

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:13PM)

LBNC ITEM 7. Motion to approve the Special LBNC July 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes.				
Moved: Gravani Second: Brown				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-03	Ineligible-02	Absent-00
Brown, Frost, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Stein, Schwartz	None	Cortez, Negron, Schwering	Garcia, Goode	None

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval for May 2023 LBNC Meeting Minutes– Middleton

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:15PM)

LBNC ITEM 8. Motion to approve the May 2023 LBNC Meeting Minutes.				
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Moved: Middleton Second: Jerosimich				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-02	Absent-00
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, Schwartz	None	Knoll	Garcia, Goode	None

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval for Jun 2023 LBNC Meeting Minutes– Middleton

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:16PM)

LBNC ITEM 9. Motion to approve the Jun 2023 LBNC Meeting Minutes. Moved: Middleton Kalaydjian:				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-00
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, Schwartz	None	None	Garcia, Goode	None

10. Announcements and Reports: **If present, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF and limit your comments to 2 minutes**

Representatives of LAPD, Local, City, County, State

- West Valley LAPD **Captain III Brian Wendling** 26929@lapd.online – 818-374-7640
Senior Lead Officer (SLO) - 1-877-ASK-LAPD
Officer Mike Terrazas 818-374-7631 34499@lapd.online -Spoke about the Fireworks at Birmingham High School. They did have a permit that did not have an end time on it. The Fireworks got delayed and when they fixed the problem the fireworks were shot off very late causing a lot of complaints. The fireworks were going off at 11:00PM. He will make sure that in the future the permits have a time on them, so this does not happen again. The recent airport crash happened on the runway. Officer Terrazas went over some of the Crime Stats. As far as broken down R.V.'s there is only one tow yard in the entire City of Los Angeles and that is in Wilmington. There are also not enough heavy-duty tow trucks. Questions were answered in regards to overgrowth of vegetation.
Also Representing LBNC Sgt Larry Martinez 31179@lapd.online
- LA City Council District 6 (CD 6) **Imelda Padilla** 818-778-4999 District Director – MarkLomeli@lacity.org
- **LAFD Logan Fields, and Christian Riley**-They were on command at today's air crash at the airport. There were two men. They responded to 30 brushfires in May. There are some low-cost retrofits and things you can do to prevent fires and the spread of fires.
Be aware of pool dangers and learn CPR. Make sure there is an AED at your public pool.
- LA Mayor Karen Bass' office–213-400-0916 Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org
- LA City Attorney's Office – 213-978-8100 **Hydee Feldstein Soto**
- Neighborhood Prosecutor – Michael.Liu@lacity.org 818-374-6837
- LA City Planning Liaison Ariel.Jones@lacity.org 213-820-4255
- **LA Metro Ron Macias** maciasr@metro.net – He spoke about the G line project. The Bus Rapid Transit Line. It will be an eighteen-mile alignment and new improvements enhancing connectivity. There will be an installation of 4th quadrant arm systems and structures to enhance safety above grade. From Van Nuys to Sepulveda there will be bike path improvements.
- LAUSD **Scott Schmerelson's** office (District 3) 818-654-3785 Deputy Director of School and Community Engagement Tammy.Ramirez@lausd.net 213-241-8333
- LA County Supervisor **Lindsey P. Horvath** office (District 3) 818-902-3831 District Director _____
HELP for HOMELESS www.la-hop.org
- CA Assemblymember **Jesse Gabriel** 46th Assembly district [818-346-4521](tel:818-346-4521) Jack Trent-Dorfman Field Rep
- CA State Senator **Caroline Menjivar, (District 20)** sd20.senate.ca.gov - 818-901-5588 Makenna Gordon

District Rep -The Senate is in Summer recess. **Ms. Gordon invited everyone to Coffee with Caroline on August 20, 2023 at 10:00A.M. Medical Redetermination is happening. There is a flyer in the back.**

- CA State Senator **Henry Stern's** Office (District 27) - 818-876-3352 Susie.Herrera@sen.ca.gov
Field Rep
- US Representative **Tony Cardenas** (District 29) 818-221-3718 Oswaldo.Ramirez@mail.house.gov
- US Representative **Brad Sherman** – (District 30) - 818-501-9200 Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Daniel.D.Johnson@lacity.org 818-374-9889

Mr. Johnson will be going on vacation. The department has employees available to do canvassing if the Board would like to take advantage of that. Civic Leadership Training will be held on August 29, 2023. There will be a Meet and Greet for all Boardmembers across the city on August 31, from 6-8P.M. in the Tom Bradley tower at City Hall. The Congress of Neighborhoods will be held on September 23,2023 at City Hall. Register online.

11. Guest Speaker – CD6 Newly Elected Council Member Imelda Padilla representing Lake Balboa at City Hall.

Member of the following City Council Committees:

- Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging and Disability
- Government Operations, Chair
- Personnel, Audits and Hiring, Vice Chair
- Planning and Land Use Management
- Ad Hoc Committee on the 2028 Olympics and Paralympic games
- Councilmember.padilla@lacity.org
- **Councilmember Padilla-Thanked the Board for inviting her. She was excited to be appointed to the Olympics Committee. She served on her Neighborhood Council for four years. She supports the Neighborhood Council System. She was officially sworn in yesterday but had been voted in as the Caretaker three weeks ago. She went over the positions she plans on hiring for her staff. They will have a Homeless Deputy. Her priority is to clean up the streets. The office has been understaffed previously. The need for median cleanups is her pet peeve**

➤ **Linda Gravani Questions and Statements**

- **Since you and Councilmember Lee are on the PLUM Committee – I want to be sure you know that current Housing Element plans will decimate Lake Balboa. There is NO mandate to upzone SFR. The overlays in the single-family neighborhoods MUST BE REMOVED and also in the sensitive multi-family areas – The mandated 255,000 units have already been reached when the City Council approved the DTLA and Hollywood plans. What will you do for us? We know City Planning is working with numbers for a project, We are working with families and stakeholders. LBNC other Valley NCs want to be included in the discussions and help work out equitable plans for each of our communities. Will you invite us to participate?**
- **With 4 million people in the City of LA and nearly 2 million in the SFV, I'm asking that you spearhead holding meetings at Van Nuys City Hall for the convenience of our stakeholders**
- **For about 5-6 years, Encino NC, Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas steering committee, Audubon Society and LBNC have been asking to bring GOATS into the basin to eat the brush. We need you to get the project passed before the valley goes up in flames.**
- **For about 9 years or so, we've been trying to get recycled water and solar lights at the dog park at White Oak and Victory. We would like to get that on your to do list.**
- **Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan is on tonight's agenda. They will be dechannelizing it and taking out the golf course. This raises concerns about flooding. Please look into it.**
- **Additional Questions and Statements**
- **Will you promote the Community Police Advisory Meetings (CPAB)?**
- **Would like to see you publish local success stories**
- **LA City Services are highly neglected in our area and there are a lot of empty buildings.**
- **The Airport and lack of representation the area is a problem.**
- **Restaurant applied for Beer and Wine License but he has been put off for a year and a half.**

- **Councilwoman Padilla Responses**
- **Bike lane report Back in 60 days**
She has submitted motion for report back in 30 days for pre-pandemic level meetings. (Meetings at Van Nuys City Hall)
- She reads everything that is sent to her. Feel free to send emails.
- She has been following the Vision Plan long before she ran for office.
- If you have not submitted responses to issues related to land use then you need to get your neighbors to submit also.
- She wants a robust website. Please feel free to send her items and success stories.
- Councilmember Padilla is very aware of the uniqueness of each of the communities that she represents.
- She is over the RV's. It is her goal to figure out how to stop allowing people to live in their RV's.
- Her new Policy Director just started. She needs to still hire her planning Director. Then her team can start working on the issues.
- Forward 311 requests to her office for follow up.
- Contact the District Director in response to the Liquor License.

12. **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 lindag@lakebalboanc.org.

- a. **Stakeholder- lets bring meetings to the valley because everybody can't go downtown. The Airport is too congested. Now they want to bring in air taxis.**
- b. **Suzanne Gutierrez There have been four plane crashes. These are non-essential airplanes. These planes fly over my daughter's school. There needs to be a moratorium. Google VOC's.**
- c. **Alicia Avery- Van Nuys Airport issues. There has been an increase in air traffic. Everything is unregulated and voluntary. The new flight path is going over homes. They had five planes go over head in five minutes.**
- d. **Mariam- Councilmember Imelda Padilla asked for the report back on the Bike Path. The City Council was not listening.**

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) –Budget Representatives: Carol Newman and Mihran Kalaydjian- **No Update**

14. **BOARD VACANCIES:** Article V Section 6 of BYLAWS

Discussion and possible action regarding **appointments to the LBNC Board**

- a) 1 At-Large Appointed Stakeholder Representative
- b) 1 Organizational Representative

15. Discussion and possible action regarding the **LBNC Committees We are all looking for stakeholder participation.**

- a) **Rec & Park** –1st Tuesday @7pm, Valley Relics, Chair is Jim Stein
- b) **Emergency Preparedness** - 2nd Saturday starting September 9, 2023 at 9am at Flyaway, Chair is Linda Schwering

- c) **Land Use** - 3rd Monday of the month at 7p at Flyaway, Chair is Linda Gravani -**committee members must take 101 training/Housing Element – organize community**
- d) **Health & Public Safety** - 3rd Wednesday at 7pm at Flyaway, Chair is James Brown
- e) **Outreach** - next meeting TBD, thereafter 4th Monday at 7pm at Flyaway, Chair is Ronnie Frost
- f) **Education** – TBD Chair is Mihran Kalaydjian
- g) **VNY Airport** – TBD Chair is Jared Negron, 3rd Saturday at 11a at Flyaway starting in September
- h) **AD Hoc Budget Committee** - Chair is Treasurer Linda Schwering

16. Discussion and possible action regarding **Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan and Survey Stein- Go do the Survey!**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sbvpsurvey2>
<https://engineering.lacity.gov/sepulveda-basin-vision-plan>

17. Discussion and possible action regarding LBNC representative become a **VOTING member** of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee (**SBWASC**) – Stein- **The Neighborhood Council representative attends the meeting but does not get to vote- Reviewed**

18. Discussion and possible action regarding the notification of **lack of city services to the** appropriate departments. Gravani **REMINDER...** download **MYLA311** app and/or myla311.lacity.org use it often

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:45PM)

LBNC ITEM 18. Motion to approve President Gravani to write letters in regards to lack of city services to the appropriate departments.				
Moved: Gravani Second: Cortez				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-00
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, Schwartz	None	None	Garcia, Goode	None

19. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding **Finances and Budget-Schwering- Reviewed**

20. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the new budget of up to \$4,800 for LBNC’s Movie in the Park – possible location change, and new date – Middleton

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:58PM)

LBNC ITEM 20. Motion to approve up to \$3,500 for Movie in the Park at Louise Park on Saturday September 30, 2023.				
Moved: Middleton Second: Gravani				
Yes-12	No-01	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-00
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Schwartz	Stein	None	Garcia, Goode	None

21. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding up to \$60/month for mail chimp and discontinue using LATER. Frost

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:03PM)

LBNC ITEM 21. Motion to approve up to \$60/month for mail chimp and discontinue using Later.				
Moved: Frost Second: Brown				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-00

Brown, Cortez, Frost, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, Schwartz	None	None	Garcia, Goode	None
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22. **FUNDING** – Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of up to \$900 for shelving for the storage unit- Stein

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:11PM)

LBNC ITEM 22. Motion to approve up to \$900 for shelving for the storage unit. Moved: Stein Second: Brown				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-02	Absent-00
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Stein, Schwartz	None	Schwering	Garcia, Goode	None

23. **FUNDING** – Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of up to \$500 for plastic containers for storage unit – Gravani

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:15PM)

LBNC ITEM 23. Motion to approve up to \$500 for plastic containers for storage unit. Moved: Gravani Second: Kalaydjian				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-00
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, Schwartz	None	None	Garcia, Goode,	None

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

25. Adjournment **The meeting was adjourned at 9:19PM**

**Next Regular Meeting IN PERSON of the
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Wednesday September 6, 2023 at Gault St School Auditorium**