



Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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Board Meeting Minutes
October 04, 2023
7:05PM-9:21PM
(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	Absent/	YES	Residential
Ronnie Frost Communications Officer	Absent/Excused	YES	Business
Christopher Garcia	Present	NO	Youth
Alex Goode 2 nd Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Linda Gravani President	Present	YES	Business
Surat Hazra	Absent/Excused	YES	At Large
Lydia Jerosimich	Present	YES	Senior
Mihran Kalaydjian	Present	YES	Organization
Jackie Knoll	Present	YES	Residential
Danica Middleton Secretary	Present	NO	Residential
Jared Negron	Absent	YES	Residential
Mariam Preissel	Joined in Item 12	NO	Organization
Linda Schwering Treasurer	Absent/Excused	YES	At-Large
Jim Stein	Present	YES	Business
Bill Swartz	Present	YES	
Kathleen Swartz	Present	YES	At- Large
Total Board Members -16 at Roll Call	Present 11 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 by President Linda Gravani at 7:05PM all attendees were welcomed.**

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 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 915p. 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 – was led by James Brown**

3. **Roll Call** Roll was called by **Danica Middleton- Cortez, Frost, Hazra, Schwering** were excused. **Eleven Boardmembers** were present. **Quorum** was reached.

LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call		
Present –11	Absent-01	Excused-04
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian Knoll, Middleton, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	Negron	Cortez, Frost, Hazra, Schwering

4. **Poll for mandatory training- Garcia can't vote on funding due to his age. Danica Middleton was not eligible to vote.**

5. Discussion and possible to action to adopt the **October 4, 2023** agenda

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:10PM)

LBNC ITEM 5 Motion to adopt the October 4, 2023 agenda as corrected. Moved: Gravani Seconded:-Brown				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-05
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Stein, K. Swartz, B Swartz	None	None	Middleton	Cortez, Frost, Hazra, Negron, Schwering

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval for LBNC Meeting 6SEP2023 Meeting Minutes– Middleton

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:14PM)

LBNC ITEM 6 Motion to approve the LBNC Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2023 Moved: Middleton Seconded:-Brown				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-05
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	Gravani	Middleton	Cortez, Frost, Hazra, Negron, Schwering

7. Poll Board Members to determine status on filing Community Impact Statements: Cortez, Frost, Hazra, Kalaydjian, Negron –**only Mr. Kalaydjian has received his access.**

8. Announcements and Reports: Representatives of LAPD, LAFD, 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** On Friday the 13th there will be clean ups at **Haskell and Vanowen** and on the same day **Odessa and Victory**. During the last week of the month during the **Dodger playoffs**, many of the LAPD officers will be deployed to the **Mobile Field Forces**.
- Also Representing LBNC Sgt Larry Martinez **31179@lapd.online**

- LA Fire Department Battalion 10, Captain Matthew Conroy, **Logan Fields, Fire Station 39-** we are going to start seeing Santa Ana Conditions. November 3rd is Daylight Savings it is a good reminder to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Lithium Batteries increase the risk to fire fighters. Buy only those that are UL tested. There have been 87 fires with 13 fatalities in New York since August 23, 2023 caused by the batteries. They can be reached at LAFDBattalion10@lacity.org
- LA City Council District 6 (CD 6) Imelda Padilla 818-778-4999 Rosie.Avetisyan@lacity.org Rosie Avetisyan-we had a successful Movie Night, next time we will bring more hot dogs. She has been working hard to co-ordinate clean ups. In the Sepulveda Basin you have to work with many different entities to schedule them. We cleaned up the Basin near the Encino Creek. The office is working with Recreation and Parks to do graffiti removal. The Vision Plan meetings have been continuing and there is a survey that you can take. There has been some weed clean up on Balboa. The office is also working .on creating a contract for Graffiti Busters
- LA Mayor Karen Bass' office–213-400-0916 Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org
- LA City Attorney's Office – 213-978-8100 **Hydee Feldstein Soto**
- LA City Planning Liaison Ariel.Jones@lacity.org 213-820-4255
- **LA Metro Ron Macias** maciasr@metro.net
- 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 Assembly-member **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](mailto:Makenna.Gordon) District Rep
- CA State Senator **Henry Stern's** Office (District 27) - 818-876-3352 Susie.Herrera@sen.ca.gov
- US Representative **Tony Cardenas** (District 29) 818-221-3718 LiliaMonterrosa@mail.house.gov –**On Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Van Nuys Blvd. and Roscoe they are hosting a Health Fair in conjunction with Councilmember Imelda Padilla and Assemblymember Luz Rivas, There will be health screenings, vaccinations, help for mental health issues and substance abuse.**
- 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 **Daniel Johnson-SB411 has passed and is waiting for a signature. Then the City Council will need to approve it. Mr. Johnson spoke about conflicts of interest and the need to contact the City Attorney. The Congress of Neighborhoods was successful. They will be posting some of the workshop videos. He handed out notebooks for the Boardmembers.**

9. **Representative from Tony Cardenas's office** – Discussion and possible action regarding U.S. Department of Transportation **Federal Aviation Administration Advisory Circular #150/5200-38**– Gravani Lilia Monterrosa, Field Rep. Lilia handles transportation and FAA issues for the Congressman in the district and is familiar with Van Nuys Airport and noise issues etc. LA Ordinance 177327 required VNY Director of Planning to consider the comments of the Citizen's advisory Council (CAC)but they are not. We are therefore trying to get someone to listen to our concerns.

Items from email sent to Cardenas Regarding LEASE VNA-8825 with sod farm and 20year lease with PCS Energy LLC (SEE 16B)

- Too many private jets taking off day/night
- Individual seats being sold – which makes VNY a commercial airport
- Possibility of Air Taxis

- How will the closing of Santa Monica and Whiteman Airports effect the future of Van Nuys Airport?
- Possibility of Amazon type drones dropping off packages
- 34 acres to be solar panels
- Birds mistaking panels for a body of water
- Sepulveda Basin wild life area (3 miles away) FAA requires 5 miles – 27SEP2023 bird watcher identified 44 species of birds totaling approximately 467 actual birds.
- LBNC is requesting a qualified airport wildlife biologist and a copy of form 7460-1, if VNY filed one.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a. The Principal of Daniel Pearl Magnet High School, Armen Petrossian was in attendance. They have 225 students at the school. The school has 3 dual enrollment programs so that the students can earn college credits. The students can play in the sports programs at Birmingham High School.
- b. Byron Gutierrez- is running for LAUSD Board Seat 3
- c. Alicia Avery-She attended the CAC meeting. Van Nuys Airport flights have increased and they fly directly over homes. The jets are flying lower than they used to. It is a recipe for disaster

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) –Budget Representatives: Carol Newman and Mihran Kalaydjian – Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey-**Teams are being put together to start meeting with the city departments.**

12. **BOARD VACANCIES:** Article V Section 6 of BYLAWS Discussion and possible action regarding **appointments to the LBNC Board**

- a. 1 Organizational Representative
 - i. Miriam Preissel- **is involved with the non-profit for the Sepulveda Basin dog park. She would like to see more enforcement. There are homeless under the bridge and it is very frustrating.**
 - ii. Anna Measles – no application forwarded

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:08PM)

LBNC ITEM 12 Motion to Approve Miriam Preissel for the Organizational Representative Position				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-05
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	None	Middleton	Cortez, Frost, Hazra, Negron, Schwering

- b. Possible oath of office- Miriam Preissel was sworn in by Daniel Johnson

13. Discussion and possible action regarding **LBNC second credit card holder – Gravani**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:16PM)

LBNC ITEM 13 Motion to approve Jim Stein as the second credit card holder Moved: Gravani Seconded:- Goode				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-05
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	None	Middleton, Preissel	Cortez, Frost, Hazra, Negron, Schwering

14. VNY Airport: Discussion and possible action regarding **CF22-1489** This Motion was made and passed for CF22-1489 “I move that the LBNC Van Nuys Airport Committee recommend to the LBNC that it submits an updated CIS in support of this motion and sends a formal letter to LAWA requesting the promised report

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:19PM)

LBNC ITEM 14 Motion for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to submit a CIS in Support of CF22-1489 and Request LAWA Forward the Report to the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Moved: Gravani Seconded:- Kalaydjian				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-05
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Stein, K. Swartz, B Swartz	None	None	Middleton, Preissel	Cortez, Frost, Hazra, Negron, Schwering

15. VNY Airport: Discussion and possible action regarding **CF22-1125** This Motion was made and passed for council file 22-1125 “I move that the LBNC Van Nuys Airport Committee recommend to the LBNC that is submit a CIS in support of this council file send a formal request to LAWA and the City Attorney’s office for a copy of the promised written report and any letters from flight operators that have been provided to LAWA or the City Attorney.”

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:22PM)

LBNC ITEM 15 Motion that the LBNC Van Nuys Airport Committee recommend to the LBNC that is submit a CIS in support of this council file send a formal request to LAWA and the City Attorney’s office for a copy of the promised written report and any letters from flight operators that have been provided to LAWA or the City Attorney.” In addition, a CIS in support of CF22-1125 will be submitted and we request copies of any written reports and/or letters from flight operators to LAWA and/or the City Council and/or the City Attorney’s office. 2023 Moved: Gravani, Seconded:- Kalaydjian				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-05
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Stein, K. Swartz, B Swartz	None	None	Middleton, Preissel	Cortez, Frost, Hazra, Negron, Schwering

16. Discussion and possible action regarding:

- a. VNY Airport Committee – CF22-1127 Motion made and was passed “I move that the LBNC Van Nuys Airport committee recommend to the LBNC that it send a formal letter to all city council members requesting reconsideration of the council file as it was voted upon when CD6 did not have representation, I also move that the LBNC Van Nuys Airport Committee send a formal letter to the City Attorney and District Attorney’s Public Integrity Division requesting determination within 60 days as to how the amendment was proposed without CD6 representation.

Public Comment: Stakeholder-Steve Leffert- attended the CAC meeting. The lease was approved for solar on 35 acres. CEO of Paul Herrera took a vote in violation of the Brown Act.

Alicia- also expressed interest to join the committee

Motion: Passed (8:37PM)

LBNC ITEM 16. Motion that the LBNC Van Nuys Airport committee recommend to the LBNC that it send a formal letter to all city council members requesting reconsideration of the council file as it was voted upon when CD6 did not have representation, I also move that the LBNC Van Nuys Airport Committee send a formal letter to the City Attorney and District Attorney’s Public Integrity Division requesting determination within 60 days as to how the amendment was proposed without CD6 representation. Motion: Gravani Seconded:- Kalaydjian

Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-05
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Stein, K. Swartz, B, Swartz	None	None	Middleton, Preissel	Cortez, Frost, Hazra, Negron, Schwering

- b. Update-Land Use Committee – CF22-1127 – **City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee 31JAN2023 Agenda item #5 “APPROVED AS AMENDED Motion (Martinez-Blumenfield) (4) Yes; (0) No; (1) Absent: Lee** The notice of the amendment did not have the two speakers on when it was announced, you know because of their comments. This should be reconsidered since no mention of CAC moratorium request
- c. Update-CF05-2286 (Exhibit B) Ordinance 177327 – **Shall consider the comments received from the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council and FAA’s concerns regarding safety CAC discussed at their 1NOV2022 meeting that there should be a moratorium on all expansion at VNY so that stakeholders can voice their opinions. This has not happened.**

17. LAND USE UPDATE: Discussion and possible action regarding Los Angeles City Planning’s Housing Element- Gravani- Update-REMINDER RSVP for 14OCT2023 1PM 16643 Vanowen St Michaels Church – will handle room set-up break-down and water. Sherman Oaks PLUM committee chair Jeff Kalan will present. Councilmember Padilla will NOT be attending but will send staff. LA Times may be attending – need lots of people There are some folks who have forwarded comments that they want affordable housing but don’t understand that the Builders/Developers are being given a blank check to do what they want where they want without oversight.

18. H&PS: Discussion and possible action regarding Cardiac Emergency Preparation and Response James Brown-spoke about preventing the leading cause of death on school campuses which is cardiac arrest. The News has been reporting on two lawsuits against LAUSD due to students dying on campus without receiving proper medical care which could have been provided by school staff. Mr. Brown went over Assembly Bills that address related issues. Assembly Bill 1719-relquires students who graduate from High School to learn compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Assembly Bill 245 this Bills requirements are for High

School Coaches to be trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid with an emphasis on recognizing and responding to the signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest. Mr. Brown wants all of the local schools to get the AED Machines that are needed to save lives. Each school may need multiple units to make sure that there is proper access in a timely manner. Mr. Brown wants help to make sure that the lives of the local students are protected and would like the Education Committee to help.

Alex Goode Left the meeting at 9:00PM

19. Rec and Park: Discussion and possible action regarding, **CF22-0600-S61** Goats in the basin

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:04PM)

LBNC ITEM 19 Motion regarding CF22-0600-S61 Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council supports the use of goats in the spring to eat the weeds in the Sepulveda Basin Moved: Stein Seconded: Kalaydjian				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-06
Brown, Garcia, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	None	Middleton, Preissel	Cortez, Frost, Goode, Hazra, Negron, Schwering

20. Rec and Park: Discussion and possible action regarding the support of a **proposed Surf Skating Track** in the Sepulveda Basin. Stein **This is a new Olympic Sport.**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:05PM)

LBNC ITEM 20 Motion to support a proposed Surf skating Track in the Sepulveda Basin. Moved: Stein Seconded: -Middleton				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-06
Brown, Garcia, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	None	Middleton, Preissel	Cortez, Frost, Goode, Hazra, Negron, Schwering

21. Rec and Park Discussion and possible action regarding rezoning changes from R1 to commercial without DB&S approval nor community input **Item Postponed**

22. Discussion and possible action regarding **CF22-1196-S1 This Item will be on City Council Agenda tomorrow SOCT2023 File is 159 pages. You can still add your public comments**

- a. Independent redistricting/city
- b. council expansion/
- c. City charter reform

Christopher Garcia Left the Meeting at 9:15PM

23. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **AUGUST 2023 Monthly Expense Report (MER) – Gravani**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:15PM)

LBNC ITEM 23 Motion to approve the August 2023 (MERS) Monthly Expenditure Report Moved: Stein Seconded:-Kalaydjian				
Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-07
Brown, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Stein, K. Swartz, B Swartz	None	None	Middleton, Preissel	Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Hazra, Negron, Schwering

24. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of up to \$400 to host a Teacher Recognition Award. Kalaydjian

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:19PM)

LBNC ITEM 24 Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$400 to host a Teacher Recognition Award. Moved: Kalaydjian Seconded: Gravani				
Yes-06	No-00	Abstain-02	Ineligible-02	Absent-07
Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Stein, B. Swartz	None	Brown, K. Swartz	Middleton, Preissel	Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Hazra, Negron, Schwering

25. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the reimbursement of \$28.21 to Boardmember Jared Negron for VNY Airport Committee printing.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:20PM)

LBNC ITEM 25 Motion to approve the reimbursement of 28.21 to Board Member Jared Negron for VNY Airport Committee printing Moved: Gravani Seconded:-Brown				
Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-07
Brown, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Stein, K. Swartz, B, Swartz	None	None	Middleton, Preissel	Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Hazra, Negron, Schwering

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

27. **Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 9:21PM**