



Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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Board Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2024
7:00PM-9:13PM
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	NO	Residential
Michael Cortez	Absent/Excused	NO	Residential
Ronnie Frost Communications Officer	Absent/Excused	YES	Business
Christopher Garcia	Present	YES	Youth
Alex Goode 2 nd Vice President	Present	YES	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
Mariam Preissel	Absent	YES	Organization
Linda Schwering Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Jim Stein	Present	YES	Business
Bill Swartz	Present	YES	At-Large
Kathleen Swartz	Present	YES	Residential
Total Board Members -17	Present 14 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 Gravani at 7:06 PM. Ms. Gravani explained how to speak on the agenda items.

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 **The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Christopher Garcia**
- 3. Roll Call **Quorum was reached.**

Mandatory training – James Brown, Ethics, (No voting on Funding) Michael Cortez, Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct (No Voting on any Items)

LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call		
Present –14	Absent-01	Excused-02
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	Preissel	Cortez, Frost

- 4. Discussion and possible action to adopt the **April 3, 2024** agenda **ADD March 10, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:07PM)

LBNC ITEM 4. Motion to adopt the April 3, 2024 agenda with the addition of the March 10, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.				
Moved: Gravani Second Kalaydjian				
Yes-14	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	None	None	Cortez, Frost Preissel

Mariam Preissel joined the meeting at 7:07PM

- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of February 7, 2024 LBNC Meeting Minutes– Middleton

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:10PM)

LBNC ITEM 5. Motion to approve the February 7, 2024PM Meeting Minutes				
Moved: Middleton Seconded: Kalaydjian				
Yes-14	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	Preissel	None	Cortez, Frost

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of March 06, 2024 LBNC Special Meeting Minutes – Middleton

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:09PM)

LBNC ITEM 6a. Motion to approve the March 06, 2024 Meeting Minutes				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Knoll				
Yes-15	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Preissel Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	None	None	Cortez, Frost

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:10PM)

LBNC ITEM 6b. Motion to adopt the March 10, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Middleton				
Yes-05	No-00	Abstain-02	Ineligible-08	Absent-02
Garcia, Gravani, Knoll, Preissel, Stein	None	Jerosimich, Middleton,	Brown, Goode, Hazra, Kalaydjian, Negron, Schwering, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	Cortez, Frost

7. Announcements and Reports:

- a. West Valley LAPD Captain III Brian Wendling 26929@lapd.online – 818-374-7640
 - i. Senior Lead Officer (SLO) - Officer Mike Terrazas 818-374-7631 34499@lapd.online- **Officer Terrazas went over the Crime Stats. He passed out handouts. Many items are being stolen from cars around the Sepulveda Basin. Do not leave cash in cars. One person had \$9,000.00 stolen from their car. Burglary is the entering of a car or building with intent to steal. Robbery is with force or fear. Misdemeanor theft is anything less than \$900.00. Robbery is a Strike Offense. Officer Terrazas spoke about the upcoming 15th Annual Grateful Hearts Fundraising Event at Warner Center on April 6, 2024 from 9:00AM-4:00PM. will be food, fun, and entertainment. There will be a Chili Cook Off between the LAFD and LAPD. So, Cal Disaster Prep will be there also.**
Steve Leffert-suggested putting stuff in your trunk before you leave the house.
 - ii. Also Representing LBNC Sgt Larry Martinez 31179@lapd.online
 - iii. NON-Emergency 877-ASK-LAPD 877-275-5273
- b. LA Fire Department Battalion 10, Captain Matthew Conroy
- c. LA Fire Department Battalion 10 Chief Robert Barna- **He spoke about flooding in the Sepulveda Basin during storms and how cars get stuck. You should prepare and put an emergency kit in your car. Leave when you are told to evacuate. 6 inches of water can sweep a person away, 1 foot of water can sweep a car away. Also avoid wading in the water there could be electric lines down and electric currents in the water which can electrocute you. He can be reached at Robert.Barna@lacity.org**
- d. LA City Council District 6 (CD 6) Imelda Padilla [818-778-4999](tel:818-778-4999)
 - i. Rosie.Avetisyan@lacity.org - Field Rep for Lake Balboa -**There will be a meeting at the Van Nuys Civic Center in regards to the Balboa Aquatic Center/ Prop. K Oversight Committee. It will be this Friday, April 5, 2024 from 6:00PM-7:00PM. The Sherman Way Tunnel has been cleaned and will now be cleaned monthly. Ms. Gravani would like to have cameras installed. Mr. Kalaydjian mentioned that the Councilpersons website is not being updated which is required by law. Information on the Metro Meeting was requested. On Balboa between Roscoe and Stagg the trash bags have been sitting there for weeks.**

- ii. Rebecca.Gurrola@lacity.org – Homelessness Director
- iii. Christopher.E.Hernandez@lacity.org - Homelessness Coordinator
- iv. Lamont.Cobb@lacity.org – Land Use
- v. Alexandra.Leard@lacity.org – VNY Airport – Deputy Chief of Staff
- e. LA Mayor Karen Bass’ office–213-400-0916 Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org
- f. LA City Attorney’s Office – 213-978-8100 **Hydee Feldstein Soto**
- g. LA City Planning Liaison Ariel.Jones@lacity.org 213-820-4255
- h. LA Metro Ron Macias maciasr@metro.net
- i. LAUSD **Scott Schmerelson’s** office (District 3) 818-654-3785 Deputy Director of School and Community Engagement Tammy.Ramirez@lausd.net 213-241-8333
- j. LA County Supervisor **Lindsey P. Horvath** office (District 3) 818-901-3831 District Director Mirna Ezquivel mezquivel@bos.lacounty.gov **HELP for HOMELESS** www.la-hop.org
- k. CA Assemblymember **Jesse Gabriel** 46th Assembly district 818-346-4521 Jack Trent-Dorfman Field Rep
- l. CA State Senator **Caroline Menjivar, (District 20)** www.sd20.senate.ca.gov 916-995-7020 Kristi.Lopez@sen.ca.gov or Ravin.Thrift@sen.ca.gov District Director 818-272-1182-cell
- 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 Gabriela.Agarie@mail.house.gov
- o. US Representative **Brad Sherman** – (District 30) - 818-501-9200 Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov
- p. Van Nuys Airport Citizen’s Advisory Council (CAC) Alicia Avery and Doug Decker both residents of Lake Balboa VNYCAC@lawa.org.
- q. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Daniel.D.Johnson@lacity.org 818-374-9889 **Daniel Johnson-Ms. Gravani-did not receive a response to her email regarding quorum being more than ½ of voting members. Certificates were given to Danica Middleton and Linda Gravani as Women Leader Recognitions from the department. Bylaws amendments are due on April 1,2024, contact the department if you need an extension.**

Michael Cortez joined the meeting at 7:50PM.

- 8. **L.A. City Charter Sec. 910 Monitoring of City Services** *“Neighborhood councils shall monitor the delivery of City Services in their respective areas”*
 - a. Use MyLA311 to report potholes, dead trees, graffiti, homeless encampments etc.-**Reviewed**
- 9. **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 up to 2 minutes per speaker.** The State of California’s Brown Act **prevents the board from discussing** your comments, however we can ask clarifying questions. If there is a large group, you may be asked to select a spokesperson. You can also email your thoughts to LBNC President at: lindag@lakebalboanc.org.
 - a. **Arturo Gonzales-He is here representing Jacobs a company doing outreach. \$500 million dollars has been given by the city to redo the Tillman Reclamation Plant which processes 40 million gallons of water a day. The city has four water reclamation plants including Hyperion which processes 500 million gallons a day. The upgrade to the Tillman Plant will process the water to the Tertiary Stage where it will be pumped to the spreading grounds and used later.**
 - b. **Ernie- spoke about Muralism, they paint murals. They have painted 70 murals so far and have a goal of 100 before the Olympics. They can help Neighborhood Councils through the process.**

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 White Paper recommendations – read the summary and then go to the department(s) in which you are most interested)*

- 10. **Budget Advocate – Region 3 - Updates,** (budgetadvocates.org) –Budget Representatives: Mihran Kalaydjian – Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey **BUDGET DAY 15JUN2024 Budget Day will be at City Hall. The expect that Mayor Bass will be releasing her Budget around April 22, 2024.**

L.A. City Charter Sec. 907 Early Warning System *“establish procedures for receiving input from neighborhood councils prior to decision by the City Council, City Council Committees and boards and commissions.”*

- 11. Discussion and possible action regarding **CF 23-1422 LAPD Air Support Division-Gravani LA’s Controller’s audit. According to Chief Moore’s response, there are factual errors and misrepresentations within the audit and asserts an overall lack of understanding of the Air Support Division (ASD) mission. I move that LBNC reject the Controller’s audit and recommendations.**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:10PM)

LBNC ITEM 11. Motion to support the continued funding of the Air Support Division CF23-1422				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Kalaydjian				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-02	Ineligible-01	Absent-01
Brown, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	Negron, Preissel	Cortez	Frost

- 12. Discussion and possible action regarding CF20-0190 the arming of Park Rangers-Preissel- **Item was sent to the Public Safety Committee.**
- 13. Discussion and possible action regarding Traffic Safety in our neighborhoods – Negron- **There have been a lot of complaints of speeding on Victory between Woodley and the 405. Pedestrian deaths are up so he would like to put a letter together to send to LADOT.**
- 14. Discussion and possible action regarding **the AirTel Hotel Business Reference – Gravani** AirTel hotel has not had a lease for quite a while. They have been asked for business references. I forwarded a personal statement. The AirTel is the only hotel in our community holding many parties, weddings, VICA, Chamber and is used by the city of LA (Imelda). I move that LBNC support the renewing of the lease for the AirTel hotel. **The Item was discussed but no action was taken.**
- 15. **REMINDER:** Stakeholders can voice their own personal opinions on Council Files by forwarding **PUBLIC COMMENTS. See last two pages of this agenda for instructions.- Reviewed**
- 16. **Committee UPDATES: Approximately 2 minutes each**
 - a. **Emergency Prep, -Schwering-April 13,2024 at the FlyAway, 9:00AM. Emergency updates, actions in regards to earthquakes.**

- b. **Budget and Finance- Schwering-** The Budget will cover tonight’s expenditures but it will need to be adjusted for next month. The Budget meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.
- c. **Education, Kalaydjian-**He has reached out to the schools in regards to the Spelling Bee and Robotics.
- d. **Outreach, Negrn-**There has not been enough participation so he will be moving the meetings to another day, and meetings only every other month.
- e. **Health and Public Safety,- No Report**
- f. **Land Use, Gravani-**192 units are going to be built on the South side of the Birmingham campus.
- g. **Preissel,- April 14, 2024** she needs help with outreach table for the event. Middleton, Jerosimich, and Goode will help.

17. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **February 2024 MER** (Monthly Expense Report)
Schwering

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:55PM)

LBNC ITEM 17. Motion to approve the February MERS				
Moved: Schwering Seconded: Negrn				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-03	Absent-01
Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negrn, Preissel, Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	None	Brown, Cortez, Garcia	Frost

18. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding FY2023-24 BUDGET Schwering-**No Action Taken**

19. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **expenditure of up to \$700/annually for Survey Monkey to connect with our stakeholders. Frost**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:58PM)

LBNC ITEM 19. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$700/annually for Survey Monkey to connect with our stakeholders.				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Middleton				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-03	Absent-01
Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negrn, Preissel, Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	None	Brown, Cortez, Garcia	Frost

20. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of **up to \$30/month** to improve website hosting. /Frost

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:02PM)

LBNC ITEM 20. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$30/month to improve website hosting				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Kalaydjian				
Yes-12	No-01	Abstain-00	Ineligible-03	Absent-01
Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negrn, Preissel, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	Schwering	None	Brown, Cortez, Garcia	Frost

21. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the contribution of **\$500 for Budget Advocates' BUDGET DAY 15JUN2024.** Mihran

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:06PM)

LBNC ITEM 21. Motion to approve \$500.00 for Budget Advocates' Budget Day				
Moved: Kalaydjian Seconded: -Negrn				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-03	Absent-01
Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negrn, Preissel, Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	None	Brown, Cortez, Garcia	Frost

22. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of **up to \$400 for an LAUSD District #3 Candidate Forum Run-off**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:11PM)

LBNC ITEM 22. Motion to approve up to \$400 for an LAUSD District #3 Candidate Forum Run-off				
Moved: Kalaydjian Seconded: Middleton				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-03	Absent-01
Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Middleton, Negrn, Preissel, Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz	None	Knoll	Brown, Cortez, Garcia	Frost

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

24. **Adjourn Meeting.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:13PM

Next Regular Meeting IN PERSON of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Wednesday May 1, 2024 at Gault St School Auditorium