

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 5, 2014 6:30 pm
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406

1. Meeting called to order by Natalie Arazi, 1st Vice President, at 7:20pm.
2. Roll Call, 15 board members satisfied quorum of 9.

Natalie Arazi	Residential Stakeholder Representative (RSR); 1 ST Vice President, Economic Revitalization Ch.	P
James C. Brown	RSR; 2 nd Vice President; Safety Chair	P
Sandy Joseph	RSR	P
Linda Pruet	RSR; Emergency Preparedness Co-Chair	P
Tom Riley	RSR; Land Use Chair	P
Cynthia Weichelt	RSR	P, arrived 7:30pm
Justin T. Bonney	Business Stakeholder Representative (BSR); Communications Officer	P
Gary Davis	BSR	P
Linda Gravani	BSR; President	E
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational SR (OSR); Secretary	P
Bethany Harris	OSR	P
Linda Schwering	OSR; Treasurer	P
Mary L Pennomon	Senior Stakeholder Representative	P
Vacant	Youth Stakeholder Representative	
Brian Tessier	At-Large Elected CISR; EP Co-Chair	P
Tom Brennan	At-Large Appointed SR	P
Vacant	At-Large Appointed SR	

3. **ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote:** *Natalie Arazi made the motion to amend agenda, Item 10 should read Organizational not Occupational. Seconded by Tom Brennan. James Brown brought a motion to approve the agenda as amended for the November 5, 2014 meeting, seconded by Tom Brennan.*

AYE: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruet, Riley, Bonney, Davis, Doxsee, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

VOTE: (12-0-0) BOTH MOTIONS PASS.

4. **APPROVED Minutes of the October 1, 2014 meeting:** *Mary Pennomon brought a motion to approve the October 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Tom Brennan.*

AYE: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruet, Riley, Bonney, Davis, Doxsee, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

VOTE: (12-0-0) MOTION PASSES

5. Stakeholder Concerns this month.

No concerns

6. RECEIVED Announcements and Reports by LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Board Members, Committees

- A. Lynda Levitan** reported for LAPD -Problems with massage parlors and marijuana shops in area of Balboa and Vanowen are being addressed, LAPD will continue to patrol areas around Birmingham High School. Address any concerns to the LAPD
- B. Lynda Levitan** – Area Director for City Councilwoman Nury Martinez, CD6
November is National Family Literacy Month; Councilwoman Nury Martinez is collecting books through November to donate to mini libraries at the police stations, DWP is having Saturday Service Days from November 8th to December 4th 2014, quality of life issues and prostitution are areas being focused on by Nury Martinez. Mrs. Levitan thanked Linda Pruett, Brian Tessier and others for their help at the Health Fair.
- C. Linda Pruett**, Emergency Preparedness Committee
She stated that she participated in Community Health Fair on October 25, 2014 and information was given out on emergency preparedness in English and Spanish, Monthly meeting is Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 9:00-11:00am at the Flyaway Community Room, Sunday November 16, 2014 is a CERT community meeting at Fire Station #88 from 2:00-5:00pm.
- D. Tom Riley** – Land Use – Special Land Use Meeting is November 12, 2014 from 7:00-8:30pm at Lemay Street School to discuss a 26 home development at 17300 Vanowen. A new plan has been presented to build a 187 unit six story apartment complex at 17100 Victory, meeting for community is the third Monday in January, Lake Balboa is building more apartments.
- E. James Brown** – Public Safety Committee – Special meeting is on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 9:00-11:00 at the Flyaway Conference Room to discuss Neighborhood Watches, and increase in burglaries.
- F. Natalie Arazi** – Economic Revitalization and Development – Mapping Our Business Program has continued. The committee has received support from Adrin Nazarian’s office for a movie series in the park next summer. The next Committee meeting is Monday, December 1, 2014 at Millies. A letter was read from the Deputy Mayor to the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council regarding their participation in Water LA.
- G. Gary Davis** – Parks and Recreation Committee – He stated he has to resign from the board and the committee.
- H. Ruth Doxsee** – Reported she went on the Los Angeles Aqueduct and Owens Valley tour provided by LADWP in October. Taking water from the Owens Valley in 1900 leaving Owens Lake empty by 1928 has cost over a billion dollars today because DWP has spent that much for dust mitigation in the Owens Valley.

- I. **Linda Schwering** – Announced C-PAB Summit on November 1, 2014 geared to advance social media and make more of a partnership of people who live in the community as stakeholders to work directly with the LAPD. Volunteers are needed to work the front desk at the West Valley Office. The Next C-PAB meeting is Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7:00pm at the LAPD Division on Vanowen.
 - J. **Natalie Arazi** – She participated in a Round Table with the City Attorney along with Linda Gravani and Carol Newman to voice concerns in the West Valley regarding the pot shops and massage parlors.
7. **Los Angeles Budget Update – Cynthia Weichelt** - A monthly update from all the budget advocates will be available next week to be put on the website and forwarded to the board. Cynthia has been appointed by Nury Martinez to the Innovation and Productivity Commission. The one million dollar fund is to be launched on November 6, 2014 to promote productivity and efficiency inside city operations.
 8. **Public Comment**
Dina Schmidt spoke regarding illegal dumping on Woodley/Burbank. It was suggested that stakeholders take a picture and submit to MyLA311.
 9. **Neighborhood Concerns**
Allen Nelson –He met with LAPD regarding complaints about high school students littering, loitering, smoking pot, vandalism and tagging. Black and white patrols will be increased to watch for the students’ activities. Vice will handle drug sales to students at Victory/Balboa strip mall. They met with principals at the high schools and asked photos to be taken of any activity seen. The next meeting is November 19, 2014 at Birmingham School Conference Room.
 10. **Board Member Removal**
Bethany Harris was removed as a Board Member due to missing five meetings within one year. She will continue to serve on Lake Balboa Committees.
A Certificate was presented to Bethany Harris and Gary Davis from the City of Los Angeles for their dedication to the Lake Balboa NC Board.
 11. **Possible Appointment to Open Board Seats**
At Large Appointed Stakeholder
Youth Rep
Item #11 was tabled and a call was issued for stakeholder submission to the open board seats of Organizational Rep, Business Rep, Youth Rep and At-Large Appointed Rep.
 12. **Special Olympics 2015**
A presentation was given on the Special Olympics 2015 to be held in Los Angeles July 25th through August 2nd, 2014. The delegates will be housed at USC, UCLA. Sporting events will take place at

UCLA, USC and Long Beach and Lake Balboa. There will be 70 athletes and 30 coaches per host town, total of 7,000 athletes and 3,000 coaches from 177 different countries.

13. Film LA Presentation - Guy Langman

FilmLA provides outreach and education regarding filming in L.A. He advised the company would like to work with our NC related to considerations and concern about location filming in our neighborhood. FilmLA may be able to provide additional community outreach should LBNC sponsor a 'movie night' in the future. Contact email is glangman@filmla.com and Phone (213) 977-8600.

14. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report - Review and request for adoption of the October 2014 Expenditure Report

Linda Schwering made a motion to adopt the October 2014 Expenditure Report, seconded by Cynthia Weichelt.

AYE: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Riley, Weichelt, Bonney, Davis, Doxsee, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

VOTE: (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES

Contact Linda Schwering for any questions regarding a funding request form needs to be filed out for each particular item.

15. Discussion and Possible Action: Proposal to renew LBNC domain name, which will expire soon, at a cost of up to \$300 for 10 year renewal. Justin Bonney

Tom Riley made a motion that Lake Balboa approves the request for the renewal of LBNC domain name at a cost of up to \$300 for 10 year renewal, seconded by James Brown.

AYE: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Riley, Weichelt, Bonney, Davis, Doxsee, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

VOTE: (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES

16. Discussion and Possible Action: Neighborhood Purpose Grant: Consideration of request from LAPD to co-fund Community Police Advisory Boards (C-PABs) City Wide. James Brown

Item #16 was tabled

17. Discussion and Possible Action: Land Use Committee Request to allocate up to \$35.00 from 2014-2015 outreach budget for meeting on 11/12/14 between developer and community regarding the proposed project at 17300 Vanowen. Tom Riley

Tom Riley made a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approves funding up to \$35.00 for the meeting on 11/12/14 for the 17300 Vanowen Home Development Program, seconded by Natalie Arazii.

AYE: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Riley, Weichelt, Bonney, Doxsee, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

VOTE: (12-0-0) MOTION PASSES

- 18. Discussion and Possible Action: Community Improvement Committee Request to allocate up to \$1,500 for direct costs of the Lake Balboa Mural Project – Stage 3 on Haskell Ave, North of Victory Blvd.** Brian Tessier

Brian Tessier made a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approves funding up to \$1,500 for direct costs of the Lake Balboa Mural Project – Stage 3 on Haskell Ave, North of Victory Blvd, seconded by Linda Pruett.

AYE: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Riley, Weichelt, Bonney, Doxsee, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

VOTE: (12-0-0) MOTION PASSES

- 19. Discussion and Possible Action: Outreach request to allocate up to \$360 for 40 (18"x24") LBNC lawn signs providing additional notice and information to stakeholders of NC meetings. The signs were originally proposed at the 9/3/14 meeting.** James Brown

James Brown made a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approves funding up to \$360 for the Neighborhood Outreach Lawn Signs to better inform the community of our monthly meetings, seconded by Ruth Doxsee.

AYE: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Riley, Weichelt, Bonney, Doxsee, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

VOTE: (12-0-0) MOTION PASSES

- 20. Discussion and Possible Motion to: reimburse Board member Brown \$359.94 for cost of LBNC lawn signs.**

Linda Schwering made a motion for board member reimbursement to James Brown in the amount of \$359.94 for the cost of LBNC lawn signs, seconded by Brian Tessier.

AYE: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Riley, Weichelt, Doxsee, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan
ABSTAIN: Justin Bonney

VOTE: (11-0-1) MOTION PASSES

- 21. Committees: Possible appointment of LBNC board member to Chair LBNC Park and Rec Committee, possible attendees for Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering committee and Encino Parks Committee**

No appointment

- 22. Adjournment**

Natalie Arazi brought a motion to adjourn, Cynthia Weichelt seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.