

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 2, 2016 6:30 pm  
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium  
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406

Meeting called to order by Linda Gravani, President, at 7:00pm.

1. Roll Call, 13 board members satisfied quorum of 9. Stakeholders present: 18.

Natalie Arazi	Residential Stakeholder representative (RSR); 1 <sup>ST</sup> Vice President	E
James C. Brown	RSR; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	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 7:34pm
Linda Gravani	Business Stakeholder Representative (BSR); President	P
Carol Newman	BSR	P
Jim Stein	BSR	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational SR; Secretary	P
Allen Nelson	OSR	P
Linda Schwering	OSR; Treasurer	E
Mary L Pennomon	Senior Stakeholder Representative	P
Kayla Albania	Youth Stakeholder Representative	P; Left 8:43pm
Brian Tessier	At-Large Elected CISR; EP Co-Chair	P
Cindy Montanez	At-Large Appointed SR	A
Karen Schatz	At-Large Appointed SR	P

2. **ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote:** Carol Newman brought a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting March 2, 2016 as corrected, seconded by Allen Nelson

**13 AYES:** Brown, Joseph, Pruet, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Stein, Doxsee, Nelson, Pennomon, Albania, Tessier, Schatz

**VOTE: (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

3. **APPROVED Minutes of the meeting:** Carol Newman brought a motion to approve the February 3, 2016 meeting minutes as corrected, seconded by Ruth Doxsee

**13 AYES:** Brown, Joseph, Pruet, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Stein, Doxsee, Nelson, Pennomon, Albania, Tessier, Schatz

**VOTE: (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

4. **RECEIVED Announcements and Reports by LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Board Members, Committees**
  - A. **LAPD Officer Steve Olivares**  
Update on the transient situation in the area was given. LAPD needs to be notified when a transient encampment is noticed. [34728@lapdcity.org](mailto:34728@lapdcity.org)
  - B. **Lauren Padick - Field Deputy, Councilwoman Martinez' Office (CD 6)**  
Department of Sanitation is doing a survey called "The Clean Streets L.A." Survey. Stakeholders can take this survey on-line at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/cleanstreetsLA](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cleanstreetsLA).
  - C. **Brian Gavidia – Field Representative, Mayor Garcetti's office**  
Ciclaviva is Sunday, March 6, 2016 from 9:00am – 4:00pm in Panorama City.  
Transportation Summit is Thursday, March 3, 2016 at CSUN.  
Shared Economy Job Fair is March 12, 2016 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at Economic Development Center Pacoima Work Source Center.  
Contact information: [brian.gavidia@lacity.org](mailto:brian.gavidia@lacity.org) 818-778-4990 and 213-713-0960.
  - D. **Rosalba Gonzalez – Senior Field Representative, Senator Fran Pavley (District 27)**  
Their office has been working on the Porter Ranch situation.  
An update on EB380 – Department of Oil Gas and Geothermal Resources Department was given.  
MCO Tax Managed Care Organization Tax Bill passed.
  - E. **Julio Anleu - Field Deputy, LAUSD Boardmember Monica Ratliff's office (District 6)**  
Northwest Fest is Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Reseda High School from 9am-3pm.  
An update on school projects in Lake Balboa: Cohasset Elementary is getting roofing retrofitting on entire school; Anatola Elementary is partnering with CSUN, whose professors will be teaching gardening and sciences to the pupils.  
The Town Hall event had a great turnout.
5. **Lake Balboa Candidate Introductions**
  - Residential Stakeholder** – James Brown, James Hart, Tom Riley, Sandy Joseph, Karen Schatz, Cindy Kurland
  - Business Stakeholders** – Jim Stein, Linda Gravani, Carol Newman
  - Organizational Stakeholders** – Allen Nelson, Linda Pruett, Cynthia Weichelt
  - Senior Stakeholders** – Mary Pennomon
  - At-Large Elected CISR** – Brian Gutierrez
  - Youth Stakeholder** – Madeline McKay, Kayla Albania
6. **2016 LBNC Election Update**  
An update on LBNC Election was given by Cynthia Weichelt. We reached 14,700 stakeholders for \$50 on Facebook, resulting in a 12,000% increase in Facebook exposure. We will give T-shirts to in person voters on April 17.
7. **Stakeholder Lorna Paisley to speak on Trans Pacific Partnership.**

Lorna Paisley gave a slide presentation informing us about the TPP. She feels it undermines our democracy. It was written in secret by a US trade representative and 600 corporations. It gives corporations too much power over trade partner countries, among other things and allows one country to sue another, as is happening now with Canada suing the U.S. over their financial loss from U.S. not allowing the Keystone Pipeline to be built, the lawsuit being allowed as part of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement.) She urged stakeholders to contact Senators and Representatives and say "Stop the TPP." For more info see [www.tradejustice.net](http://www.tradejustice.net), [www.citizen.org/tradewatch](http://www.citizen.org/tradewatch), or herself at [1paisley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:1paisley@sbcglobal.net)

## 8. Public Comment

**Steve Leffert** – Fortune House is moving to Ralph's Shopping Center, the building on Northeast corner of Saticoy and Balboa is going to be torn down and two story building to be constructed. Saticoy Street is to be widened.

## 9. Announcements and Reports

**A. Ad Hoc Mural - Allen Nelson** –The meeting with Levi Ponce, due to a work issue, to be rescheduled.

**B. Ad Hoc VNY Airport – Tom Riley** - Operation Gratitude is now on Chatsworth and Lassen and invites us to join assembly of care packages for military personnel on March 19. Aviation Career Day is April 1, 2016 from 9:00am -2:00pm on Woodley, at MP Aero Hanger across from Fly Away. Volunteers also needed to help that day.

**C. EraD – Karen Schatz** is heading up Movie Madness. Meeting is changed to the third Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is March 15.

**D. Emergency Preparedness – Linda Pruett** – The next meeting is Saturday, March 12, 2016 at SOS Survival Products on Strathern at 9:00am. Map Your Neighborhood Presentation was a success at SOS with 15 people present. Fair is planned for October 1, 2016.

**E. Linda Gravani** – Any purchase from Amazon.com click on [www.socalprep.us](http://www.socalprep.us) and a portion of the purchase will go to the Southern California Preparedness Foundation.

**F. L.A. Budget Representatives** – There is nothing new to report.

**G. Land Use – Tom Riley** – Angel Fest update (possible music festival in October 2016), Army Corp of Engineers is still waiting for the Environmental Assessment; the 26 house development on Vanowen was sold to a publicly held concern which means the construction will go faster and houses will probably be available for purchase in Spring 2017; the 5 story apartment building at 6805 Louise is converting an office unit into an apartment.

**H. Outreach – Allen Nelson** – No response from VegFest, formally World Fest. Outreach meeting is Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

**I. Safety & Neighborhood Watch – James Brown** – At the last meeting on February 20, 2016 18 people were certified in CPR. The next meeting is March 19, 2016. The meeting is open to adults and teenagers 12 through 18. They are implementing a plan for CPR training of students on the Birmingham Campus. West LAPD is putting together a Neighborhood Watch Captain Leadership Conference.

#### **Board Members**

**J. Kayla Albania** met with Mayor Garcetti to show a video expressing her experience with the Neighborhood Council and spoke about the Mural of Daniel Pearl and how successful it was to engage the youth.

**K. Mary Pennomon** – Spoke regarding transportation with Metro and student passes.

**L. Cynthia Weichelt** – L.A. Innovation Commission Fund Grants are available.

**M. President's Update** – Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is Thursday, March 10, 2016 6:00-9:30pm.

Valley Transportation Priorities requests stakeholders in Lake Balboa to attend on March 3, 2016 at 5:00pm

Retreat is Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9:00am – 1:00pm

Linda Gravani attended City University to be discussed at the Retreat. She stated she did not get a copy of the election Newsletter.

#### **10. Discussion and possible action: CF 16-0093 – Dept of Water and Power REFORM**

No action taken.

#### **11. Review of the LBNC Budget and request adoption of the reallocated funds and/or categories as recommended by the Budget Committee**

*Cynthia Weichelt brought a motion to approve the revised budget, seconded by James Brown*

**13 AYES:** Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein, Tessier, Weichelt

**1 INELIGIBLE:** Albania

**VOTE: (13-0-0-1) MOTION PASSES** (Votes: Aye, Nay, Abstain, Recused, Ineligible)

#### **12. Treasurer's Report – Review and request for adoption of the Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2015**

*Cynthia Weichelt brought a motion to approve the MER for February 2016, seconded by James Brown*

**13 AYES:** Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein, Tessier, Weichelt

**VOTE: (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

**13. Funding request for up to \$750 for Senior Symposium**

*Mary Pennomon brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve a request for up to \$750 for Senior Symposium*

*Linda Pruett brought a motion to amend the amount up to \$500 for the Senior Symposium, seconded by Sandy Joseph*

**10 AYES:** Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Weichelt

**3 NAYS:** Doxsee, Tessier, Stein

**VOTE: (10-3-0) MOTION PASSES**

**14. Funding request for up to \$500 for Spring Egg Hunt**

*Cynthia Weichelt brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve up to \$500 for Spring Egg Hunt, seconded by Linda Pruett*

**13 AYES:** Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein, Tessier, Weichelt

**VOTE: (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

**15. Funding request for up to \$1500 for 2016 Movie Madness**

*Karen Schatz brought a motion that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council increase the budget for Movie Madness 2016 by \$1500 from the \$5000 approved up to \$6500, seconded by James Brown*

**5 AYES:** Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Schatz

**6 NAYS:** Doxsee, Tessier, Pruett, Nelson, Pennomon, Stein

**2 ABSTENTIONS:** Brown, Weichelt

**VOTE: (5-6-2) MOTION FAILS**

**16. Funding request for \$250 for Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC)**

*Linda Gravani brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council contribute \$250 for Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mixer, seconded by James Brown*

**13 AYES:** Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein, Tessier, Weichelt

**VOTE: (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

**17. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

These minutes were transcribed by Maggie Shumaker from AppleOne and edited and submitted by Ruth Doxsee.