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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 5, 2016 6:30 pm
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406

Meeting called to order by Linda Gravani, President, at 7:05pm.

1. Roll Call, board members satisfied quorum of 9.

James Brown	Residential Stakeholder Representative (RSR); 1 st Vice President	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Stakeholder Representative (OSR)	P
Kristen Fujitaki	At-Large Appointed SR	P
Linda Gravani	Business Stakeholder Representative (BSR); President	P
Katie Griffith	Youth Stakeholder Representative	A
Byron Gutierrez	At-Large Elected CISR	P
James Hart	RSR; Treasurer	P; left at 8:30 pm
Sandy Joseph	RSR, 2 nd Vice President	P
Cindy Kurland	RSR	P
Allen Nelson	OSR	P
Carol Newman	BSR; Secretary	P
Mary L Pennomon	Senior Stakeholder Representative	P
Linda Pruett	OSR	P
Tom Riley	RSR	E
Karen Schatz	RSR	P
Jim Stein	BSR; 2 nd signer	P
James Uline	At-Large Appointed SR	E

2. **ADOPTED Agenda:** The agenda was amended to move #5 after #3, and #9 to when the speaker arrives.

Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to adopt the Agenda for October 5, 2016 as amended, seconded by James Brown

14 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (14-0-0-0) MOTION PASSES

3. **Minutes of the meeting:** James Brown brought a motion to approve the September 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Sandy Joseph

14 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (14-0-0-0) MOTION PASSES

5. Guest Speaker: California State Senator Robert Hertzberg, District #18

An update was given on: creating a citizen commission for redistricting, taxes, local government, early earthquake warning, water, water reuse, storm water runoff, desalinization, tax reform (Senator Hertzberg wants a borough system dealing with local issues), senior care, transit, education, funding for defibrillators, CSUN congestion, Measure M, and his own intern program. He welcomes interns in his office.

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

A. West Valley LAPD Officer Ham – Email 25717@lapd.lacity.org

An update on crime was given. The problem in West Van Nuys is cars being broken into. The police are patrolling. Be sure to lock car, don't leave items in the car, join a neighborhood watch group.

B. Linda Levitan – LA Councilwoman's Martinez's office (Council District 6) 818-778-4000

The Neighborhood Council was thanked for supporting the cleanup on Saturday. A health fair will be held November 5, 2016 at the Children's Community School, 14702 Sylmar, Van Nuys. Also, a Homeless Town Hall Meeting will be held on October 13, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Rosa Parks Learning Center in North Hills.

C. Raffy Astvasadoorian – Neighborhood Prosecutor , raffy@lacity.org

L.A. City Attorney Mike Feuer's office broke the Wells Fargo issue and brought about a settlement. Be sure to vote at the next election Nov. 8, 2016.

D. Ankur Patel - LAUSD Scott Schmerelson's office (District 3) 818-654-3776 – ankur.patel@lausd.net

He introduced Dr. Margaret Kim, Director of Schools. He thanked the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board members for attending the Education Roundtable.

E. Dr. Margaret Kim, Director of Schools

She introduced two new principals, Carl Christoff from Bassett St. Elementary, and Karen O'Riley, Valley Alternative Magnet. Dr. Kim was grateful to our Board members and said that she considers parents and community members her partners.

F. Carl Christoff, Principal of Bassett Street Elementary School

He stated there are 820 children attending the school.

G. Karen O'Riley, Principal of Valley Alternative Magnet School

Their school is K through 12. They also have a farm for the children.

H. Julio Anleu, LAUSD Monica Ratliff's office (District 6) 213-241-6388 Julio.Anleu@lausd.net

His office is looking for parents interested in magnet schools.

6.

Guest Speaker from Anheuser Busch – to discuss their water conservation program

Jeff Jenkins, engineer at Anheuser Busch, gave a presentation on Anheuser Busch’s water reuse and conservation program. They are using much less water and cleaning up the water flowing out of the brewery. They are an industry leader in water efficiency and are trying to be trend setters to take care of the community. They are 3rd in the nation among breweries in using the least amount of water.

7. Guest Speakers from LADWP.

Jason Stinnett, our liaison from Community Relations, introduced speakers from LADWP.

Victoria Black, Assistant Director of Customer Relations and Management

Call Center operating hours are 7:00am-7:00pm. There are 540 representatives assigned to the Call Center. The Call Center answers 90% of the calls in 60 seconds. DWP is in settlement discussions about billing. She discussed how they address billing. She discussed conservation. There are lots of rebates and programs on their website.

Jeff Carview – LADWP

He addressed power system reliability. They have a reliability project to bring more reliable power. He addressed 3 long duration outages in the community and said that DWP will address that issue through its reliability project.

George Chen – LADWP

He discussed rates. DWP’s water rates are the lowest in the area. DWP uses a formula for usage for different areas. Power rate budget allotments have 4 tiers: Tier 1 (Indoor Use), Tier 2 (Efficient Use), Tier 3 (High Use), Tier 4 (Excessive Use).

Bernice Barajas – LADWP

DWP has programs to help with conservation. She discussed Consumer Rebates, Air Conditioning Optimization, Direct to Door Program, Refrigerator Exchange Program for low income customers, Free LED Light Bulbs Program, Home Energy Improvement Program, Efficient Product Marketplace Program, Water Conservation Program, Weather Irrigation Control Program. DWP also has a partnership with SoCal Gas.

8. ~~Roxanne Beckford Hoge Republican Candidate for Assemblymember~~

This agenda item was placed off calendar.

17. Treasurer’s Report – Review and request for adoption of the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for September 2016

This item was taken out of order because treasurer James Hart had to leave for a business emergency.

Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to adopt the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for September, 2016, seconded by James Hart

14 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (14-0-0-0) MOTION PASSES

James Hart then left the meeting (8:30 p.m.).

9. Guest Speaker: Democrat candidate Angela Rupert running for California Assembly Seat District 46

She introduced herself and her qualifications for the position of California Assembly Seat Dist. 46. She has four main concerns: traffic, crime, education and homelessness. Programs she wants to address: Creating incentives to work from home, neighborhood safety, quality education, efficient and effective mental health services, substance abuse programs, affordable housing. Check out her website: angelarupert.com, email her with any problems or questions.

10. Guest Speaker: Joslyn Treece, Community Manager, LA24.org– to discuss the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2024

LA24.org is a private nonprofit committee formed to bid on the Olympics and Paralympics. They will present a low cost, low risk bid using what already exists here in terms of infrastructure, but also LA's tech center. The concept is to take advantage of the existing infrastructure and transit improvements (mass transit lines). There will be 4 primary sport parks: downtown area (Staples Center, Convention Center, Microsoft Theater, LA Memorial Coliseum, USC Campus), South Bay (Stadium, Velodrome), Valley (Sepulveda Dam Recreation Center for equestrian, shooting, white water canoe) and Long Beach area (BMX, water polo).

11. Guest Speaker: Brian Gavidia, East Valley Representative for Mayor Garcetti's Office

Brian gave an update of directives and initiatives from Mayor's Garcetti's office: (1) the age friendly city initiative, to encourage wellbeing among seniors, led by the Department of Aging, with a task force of departments, including responsive transport for seniors, mobile library services for homebound residents, and meals for low income seniors; (2) the comprehensive homeless strategy, which presently has \$138 million in funding, incorporating street engagement, long term housing, and prevention; and (3) the Clean Streets Initiative (cleanstreets.org). He discussed creating homeless baskets to be distributed.

12. Public Comment

A. Gary Davis – Sepulveda Unitarian Universalist Society

Their Halloween Party will be October 29, 2016. It will be open to everyone and will feature a spooky reading of "The Raven."

B. Steve Leffert – He congratulated Linda Pruet and other board members who participated in the Valley Disaster Fair.

- C. **Robert Cable** – He is fighting to get the bike path repaired. It needs lighting, garbage cans, and a stop sign at Haskell, among other things.

13. Sustainability Alliance – Board must vote on being part of the alliance AND vote on representative, we already voted on representative – Byron Gutierrez

Linda Gravani brought a motion that Lake Balboa become part of the Sustainability Alliance, seconded by Ruth Doxsee

13 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki , Gravani, Gutierrez, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Schatz, Stein

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

14. Changing Education/Business to ad hoc committees until committee structure is complete

Item #14 was discussed, no action taken. The Education and Business Committees will be ad hoc until there are regularly scheduled meetings.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS: Committee Chairs and Board Members

A. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Linda Pruett

The Emergency Preparedness Fair was an amazing event with over 3,000 attendees. We fed 2,350 people, 14 City Council Districts were represented out of 15, 65 Neighborhood Councils registered, and more than 1200 Emergency Preparedness Kits were given out. Seventy-six families from Lake Balboa attended. We were told it was the best one in LA.

The next EP Committee Meeting will be Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 9:00am at the Fly Away. Sandy Joseph will discuss the CERT conference and the Congress of Neighborhood Councils.

B. Health and Public Safety Committee – James Brown

To date 465 residents have been successfully trained and certified in CPR and AED usage. The goal is to train 800 individuals including young people. Training has branched out to LAUSD and is ongoing. Training in CPR is free.

The next meeting will be Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fly Away.

C. Land Use Committee

Linda Gravani (for Tom Riley) stated that at the Land Use meeting on October 17, 2016 we are hoping to discuss two initiatives which will be on the ballot regarding land use.

D. Recreation and Parks Committee – Jim Stein

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2016. On the agenda are the bike path, movies in the park, and plans for a public event in Lake Balboa. In and Out has declined.

E. Business Committee – Karen Schatz

The Business Committee is now an ad hoc committee. We need to redefine the purpose of the committee.

F. Outreach –Allen Nelson

Linda Gravani, Lauren Padick and Allen have been meeting with all the schools over the past

month to promote the schools in Lake Balboa. We participated in the fair at Magnolia Science Academy. There will be a community cleanup on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the Bassett Street School area. We (the NC) paid for lunch.

G. Ad Hoc Newsletter Committee – Kristen Fujitaki

Articles for the newsletter should be submitted by the 15th of the month.

H. Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee (SBWASC) – Ruth Doxsee

- Field trips will start October 6, 2016, and family walks will start the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 am.
- Abel Perez of Rec and Parks said the woodcrete fences are decaying due to age. He's unsure if or when they will be replaced.
- The California Native Plant Society sale will be October 22 and 23, 2016 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia at Hayvenhurst. There will be speakers, plants, seeds, books, and refreshments.
- The ACOE representative said they are planning on hiring two rangers, one for the Hansen Dam area and one for the Sepulveda Basin.
- Friends of the L.A. River is having a fundraiser October 8 at 7:30 p.m. at LA River Studios. Tickets and information are available at folar.org/fandango.

At the Disaster Preparedness Fair a woman from the Crisis Response Team from Mayor Garcetti's Office stopped by and stated they assist the Fire and Police Departments to offer temporary support for homicides, suicides, domestic violence, etc. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Joseph Avalos at 213-393-7396.

16. Budget Advocate update:

Carol Newman – The Budget Advocates are waiting for a letter from the Mayor to the department heads telling the department heads what is expected of them. The departments then have to prepare their budgets by the middle of November. The Budget Advocates' recommendations need to be ready before then. Budget Advocates will meet with the city departments in the next month. She is working on two areas: L.A. City Attorney's office and city pensions. Let her know what stakeholders want to see in the city budget.

18. President's Update – Linda Gravani

- (a) Katie Griffith has resigned as Youth Representative. Linda has sent out an e-mail to the other two prospective Youth Representatives who applied. We will have a new Youth Representative within the next month.
- (b) The Board is invited to the Daniel Pearl World Music Festival at Daniel Pearl Magnet High School on October 28, 2016 at 10:30 a.m, 6649 Balboa Boulevard. An RSVP is necessary.
- (c) The LA Grand Jury is looking for members, if anyone is interested.

19. Discussion and possible action regarding: Stakeholder Council File Training in Nov/Funding for Coffee/Tea Refreshments – up to \$250 from Outreach Budget

We will hold a class to teach what council files are, and how to watch them.

Linda Gravani brought a motion that Lake Balboa approve up to \$250 for the meeting location and refreshments, seconded by Karen Schatz

13 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Schatz, Stein

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

20. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a Philips HeartStart Onsite Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Daniel Pearl Magnet H.S. This would require a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for up to \$1,000

James Brown brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve up to \$1,000 to purchase a Philips HeartStart AED for donation to Daniel Pearl Magnet High School, seconded by Linda Pruett

8 AYES: Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Schatz, Stein

5 NAYS: Fujitaki, Kurland, Nelson, Doxsee, Gutierrez

VOTE: (8-5-0-0-0) MOTION PASSES

21. Discussion and possible action regarding spending up to \$700 for the purchase of a 14' ladder for Gault St. School

Item #21 was tabled.

22. Discussion and possible action regarding: spending up to \$50 for the purchase of 1 set of Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council business cards for Jimmy Uline

Item #22 was tabled.

23. Discussion and possible action regarding: spending up to \$100 for the purchase of Lucite Holders for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Newsletters

Allen Nelson brought a motion to spend up to \$100 for the purchase of Lucite Holders for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council newsletters, seconded by Linda Gravani

13 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Schatz, Stein

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

24. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 9:32pm.