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Brief Summary: Lake Balboa NC and Stakeholders support the Sherman Way Tunnel

upgrade

Additional Information:

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 3, 2015 6:30 pm  
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium  
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406

1. Meeting called to order by Linda Gravani, President, at 7:05pm.
2. Roll Call, board members satisfied quorum of 9. There were 32 stakeholders were in attendance.

Natalie Arazi	Residential Stakeholder Representative (RSR); 1 <sup>ST</sup> Vice President	P
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; left at 8:37pm
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	P
Mary L Pennomon	Senior Stakeholder Representative	P
Kayla Albania	Youth Stakeholder Representative	P; left at 9:11pm
Brian Tessier	At-Large Elected CISR; EP Co-Chair	P; left at 8:09pm
	At-Large Appointed SR	
Karen Schatz	At-Large Appointed SR	P

3. **ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote:** *Cynthia Weichelt brought a motion to approve the agenda as corrected for the June 2015 meeting, seconded by James Brown*  
**16 AYES:** Albania, Arazi, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Schwering, Stein, Tessier, Weichelt  
**VOTE: (16-0-0) MOTION PASSES**
4. **APPROVED Minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting:** *Carol Newman brought a motion to approve the May 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Karen Schatz*  
**16 AYES:** Albania, Arazi, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Schwering, Stein, Tessier, Weichelt  
**VOTE: (16-0-0) MOTION PASSES**
5. **RECEIVED Announcements and Reports by LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Board Members, Committees**

- A. **LAPD Officer Captain Burlin** – He introduced himself as new Patrol Captain for West Valley Police Station. An update on crime was given: West Valley is down 2.5 percent in crime over last year.
- B. **Crystal Jimenez – Field Deputy for LA City Councilwoman Nury Martinez** – Work on the Sherman Way Tunnel lighting will begin July 19, 2015: Crews will work from 9:00pm-4:30AM on the project until completed by April 2016. A monthly budget for tunnel cleaning was allocated. Nury Martinez’s office is hosting LGBT Pride Month on June 26, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Government Center screening of the documentary, “Limited Partnerships.” Check website: [www.nury-martinez.com](http://www.nury-martinez.com) for updates. Torch Run for the Special Olympics is July 23, 2016 at the Government Center, volunteers are needed for the event.

**6. City Attorney’s Office – Raffy Astvasadoorian**

In response to our request for help, he found out bouncy houses and amplified music are not allowed in Louise Park and Department of Rec and Parks should install a sign stating these conditions. The marijuana shop on the NE corner of Saticoy and Louise has shut down.

**7. Discussion and possible Action: So. Calif. Cricket Association – Sid Patki**

So. Calif. Cricket Association wishes to partner with the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council in providing cricket to children by starting cricket groups at Lake Balboa schools.

**8. Public Comment**

A. **Leon Cain from Coalition to Save Small Business** is opposed to legalization of sidewalk vending.

B. **Fred and Lisa Suzuki –Stakeholders**

They stated they are concerned about the island in the 7500 block of Balboa Blvd on the east side by Saticoy as it is an eyesore.

C. **Miriam Preissel** – from Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Dog Park reported they attended the Therapy Dog event at Assemblymember Nazarian’s office with goodies supplied by Centinela Feed and Supplies. There will be an adoption event on Father’s Day from 8:00am – 1:00pm at the park at White Oak & Victory. Animal Services will bring 8-10 dogs for adoption.

**9. Announcements and Reports:**

A. **Ad Hoc Mural Project 3– Allen Nelson** – Memorial Day event was a huge success, permission was received from the family of Daniel Pearl to put his portrait on the mural, a lot of press was received (CBS had it on their website); kids participating in the mural received Certificates of Community Service from Councilwoman Nury Martinez and California Assemblymember Nazarian’s offices.

B. **Ad Hoc Dog Park – Linda Gravani** – Dog Adoption is June 21, 2015 at the Park, update on lights in the park was given.

- C. Ad Hoc VNY Airport Noise – Natalie Arazi** –An update was given on the North Hills West Homeowners meeting, the Citizens Advisory Council that was attended covering increased education and the creation of maps to be given out to local flight schools in accordance with suggested procedures. Customs opened at Van Nuys Airport. Ms. Arazi is to meet with Representatives in Washington, DC in July to lobby on airport issues. The first meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Committee is in August, time TBA. Report helicopter noise to: [heli.noise.la.com](http://heli.noise.la.com).
- D. Economic Revitalization & Development Committee – Natalie Arazi** – Movie Madness is on June 20, 2015, showing “ET.” June 27, 2015, showing “Best in Show,” live music and a Pet Adoption event is beforehand at 5:00pm at Woodley Park.
- E. Emergency Preparedness – EP – Linda Pruett** – The next EP meeting is June 13, 2015 at 9:00am at the Flyaway. Map Your Neighborhood Event at Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian’s office in the State Building Auditorium from 6:00-8:00pm. SOS annual sale is June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 4:00pm.
- F. LA Budget Representative - Cynthia Weichelt** – Budget Day is June 27, 2015 and is open to all stakeholders and board members.
- G. Land Use – Tom Riley** - No report.
- H. Outreach Committee - Allen Nelson** – No report.
- I. Safety & Neighborhood Watch – James Brown** – The next Committee meeting is June 20, 2015 at 10:00am at the Fly Away, second floor Conference Room. Topic is I.D. Theft Protection. A report was given on the Neighborhood Block Captains.
- J. Linda Schwering** – Mrs. Schwering stated this is the first year that Neighborhood Councils will be allowed to access and spend whatever funds are left in the budget to the end of the fiscal year.
- K. President’s Update – Linda Gravani** - LA City Council Meeting is Friday, June 5, 2015 at 10:00am at the Van Nuys Civic Hall. Natalie Arazi, the First Vice President and Ms. Gravani will attend Council District 6 meeting on Friday, June 5, 2015 with Councilwoman Nury Martinez. Linda Gravani will represent Lake Balboa at a function for Mayor Garcetti regarding conservation of water. There is no Neighborhood Council meeting in July. The Board should consider having elections every four years. Photos will be taken at the August Meeting. Linda Schwering was thanked for her work as Treasurer.

**10. Discussion and Possible Appointments(s) to Open Board Seat(s):**

*Linda Gravani brought a motion to accept Cindy Montanez for the Neighborhood Council At-Large Seat, seconded by Jim Stein*

**13 AYES:** Albania, Arazi, Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Schwering, Stein, Weichelt

**1 NAY:** Doxsee  
**1 ABSTENTION:** Pennomon  
**VOTE: (13-1-1) MOTION PASSES**

**11. Discussion and possible Action: iWATCH Program**

James Brown gave an update on the iWATCH Program which is set up by the Center for Terrorism Operations Bureau that teaches citizens what to look for in respect to our neighborhood and surrounding areas. To report anything suspicious citizens should call 911, any Police Department, or go on line to iWATCHLA911 or call 877-Athreat.

**12. Discussion and possible Action: Website/Masters required by BONC**

*Allen Nelson brought a motion to send a letter regretfully declining the use of the recommended web masters at this time, seconded by Jim Stein*

**15 AYES:** Albania, Arazi, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Schwering, Stein, Weichelt

**VOTE: (15-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

**13. Discussion and Possible Action –Update on 17100 Victory**

No action was taken.

**14. Discussion and Possible Action – CF14-1153 – Sherman Way Tunnel upgrade**

*Sandra Joseph brought a motion that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support Council File CF14-1153 and send a Community Impact Statement, seconded by Natalie Arazi*

**14 AYES:** Albania, Arazi, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Schwering, Stein

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

**15. Discussion and Possible Action – CF15-0367 – Noise Abatement & Curfew Ordinance VNY**

*Natalie Arazi brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support Council File CF 05-0367 that Los Angeles Airports be requested to report to the Trade, Commerce and Tourism Committee on the status of the current noise and abatement problems going on at the Van Nuys Airport and the feasibility of applying the Abatement and Curfew Rules on all departing and arriving aircraft and send a Community Impact Statement*

***Amendment** by Natalie Arazi to read Council File 15-0367, seconded by Linda Gravani*

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

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

**16. Discussion and Possible Action – CF14-1257 – Maintenance of Parks**

Item #16 was tabled.

**17. Discussion and Possible Action – CF14-0354 – Recreation And Parks (RAP)—Water saving**

*Carol Newman brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support Council File CF14-034 and issue a Community Impact Statement, seconded by Natalie Arazii.*

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

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

**18. Discussion and Possible Action – Budget and Funding revisions 2014/15**

*Linda Schwering brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, after review, approve the Budget Revisions for the year 2014/15 as presented, seconded by Linda Gravani.*

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

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

**19. Discussion and Possible Action – Freeway Signs**

*Natalie Arazi brought a motion that Lake Balboa NC fund \$5,000 for Lake Balboa’s portion of four new freeway signs in total, two on the north and southbound 101, and two on the north and southbound 405 freeways. Also that the Department of Transportation Standard Agreement should be corrected to read four signs. And Three and Four should be corrected to read “Lake Balboa the next three exits” on northbound LA405 on the right shoulder in advance of Burbank Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles, in the County of Los Angeles. Correct Number Four to read “Lake Balboa next three exits” on southbound LA405 on the right shoulder in advance of Sherman Way, Reseda off ramp in the City of Los Angeles, in the County of Los Angeles, seconded by Carol Newman.*

**Amendment** by Natalie Arazi that Lake Balboa NC fund \$5,000 for Lake Balboa’s portion for freeway signs in total to two on the north and southbound 101, two on the north and southbound 405 Freeway. And also that the Department of Transportation Standard Agreement should be corrected as agreed by the Assemblymember Nazarian’s Office, seconded by Carol Newman.

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

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

**20. Discussion and Possible resolution for expenditure of up to \$500 – 2015 Congress of NC and/or Budget Advocates**

*Carol Newman brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council allocate up to \$500 if it’s available to the Budget Advocates account with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.*

**Amendment** by Carol Newman as suggested and give \$350 to the LA Congress of Neighborhoods and \$150 to the Budget Advocates, seconded by Natalie Arazi

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

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

**21. Discussion and Possible Action – Up to \$2000 for NC outreach promotional items from SOS**

*Allen Nelson brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council spend up to \$2000 at SOS during their sale for outreach promotional items, seconded by Karen Schatz*

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

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

**22. Discussion and Possible Action – Proposed 2015/16 Budget**

*Linda Schwering brought a motion that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve the 2015/16 Budget as presented at the council meeting, seconded by Linda Pruett*

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

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

**23. Treasure's Report:**

*Linda Schwering brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2015, seconded by Ruth Doxsee*

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

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

***Consensus Vote on Items 24 -29, a total of \$250 for Budget Year 2014/15. Total up to \$6,300 for Budget year 2015/16.***

**24. Funding: Outreach Expense – NC Website July 2015 – Total \$250.00**

**25. Funding: Operational Expense for Budget Year 2015/16 – NC Storage at \$150/month totaling up to \$1,800.00**

**26. Funding: Operational Expense for Budget Year 2015/16 – NC Minute Taker up to \$2,100**

**27. Funding: Operational Expense for Budget Year 2015/16 – NC Facilities Rental/LAUSD meeting space \$175/month totaling \$2,100**

**28. Funding: Operational Expense for Budget Year 2015/16 NC Phone Messaging at \$25/month up to \$300**

**29. Funding: Total up to \$2,250 for FY 2014/15 and Total up to \$6300 for FY 2015/16,**

*Linda Gravani brought a motion that Funding Items 24 -29 be approved as stated, seconded by James Brown*

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

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

**30. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.**