

**LAKE LOS ANGELES RURAL TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
June 28, 2011

1. **Call to Order** – President Jason Gonella called the June meeting of the LLARTC to order at 7:02pm, on June 28, 2011 at the Twin Lakes Community Church auditorium.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Lawrence Brydie led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Moment of Silence** –? (no notes) **Pres. Jason Gonella asked that a moment of silence be observed.**
4. **Welcome & Purpose** –? (no notes) **Pres. Jason Gonella welcomed the community and gave a brief statement of the purpose of the Lake LA Rural Town Council.**
5. **Roll Call & Statement of Quorum** – Roll call was taken. Christiana Payne and Kathy Terrones absent. Both alternates seated. Quorum met.
6. **Amend the Agenda** – Robin Nute motioned to amend the agenda to include Christiana Payne's resignation under New Business, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl Chapin. Motion passes.
7. **Acceptance of Agenda** – Earl Chapin motioned to accept amended agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Nute. Motion passes.
8. **Minutes** – Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Robin Nute and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Tillman. Motion passes. Christiana Payne not present to abstain.

**Reports:**

9. **Treasurer's Report** – On May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the account balance was \$268.09. We received a donation of \$200.00 for the Chili Cook-off, there were zero disbursements, the new balance is \$468.09. There was a motion by Earl Chapin to accept the Treasurer's Report and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Nute. Motion passes.
10. **Public Information** – Janet Blichka reported she would like to get at least 10 volunteers to get a big trash dumpster arranged. Will call for volunteers. A date has not yet been set. **Earl Chapin and Janet Blichka asked that they be allowed to discontinue having committee meetings due to lack of attendance to which** Kristi Kennedy commented that she doesn't have any more time for the combined Public Information and Planning Committee meetings, to which only Earl Chapin (Planning Committee), Janet Blichka (Public Information Committee) and herself (Kristi Kennedy) show up. **There was no decision made regarding this request.**
11. **Ways and Means** – Bruce Tillman reported he hasn't been able to attend meetings, "We have had stuff we were working on," Bruce said "but due to circumstances in personal life could not." Next meeting will be on July 12, 2011, 7pm @ Burger Basket.

**Late arrival**

12. Kathy Terrones arrived. No longer considered absent.

13. **Planning Committee** – Earl Chapin reported that the Council should refer to the report given by the Public Information Committee.
14. **CSD Committee** – Robert Blichia reported they were making progress, slow but steady. The next meeting will be on July 18, 2011, 7pm @ Burger Basket.
15. **Committee Chairperson Announcement** – Both the Bylaws Committee and the Emergency Management Chairpersons positions are currently vacant.
16. **Truck Route Committee** – Kristi Kennedy reported. See attached written report.
17. **Election Committee** – Diane King reported that by tonight's meeting she had 5-6 volunteers and that we would need \$225.00 in the budget. The next meeting will be on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7pm @ Burger Basket.

### **Community Comments**

18. Kristi Kennedy commented she had asked before if we could get corrected minutes for previous years posted, instead of the uncorrected version. She specifically asked for the December 2010 minutes to either be corrected or removed. They say that Kristi didn't turn in ~~Council-stuff~~ **election receipts** when she did. Action to be taken: Posted minutes either be corrected or taken down.

### **Old Business**

19. **Community Musical Event** – The event is still in the preparation stage.
20. **Emergency Management Committee** – The question before the Council was, 'If Tom Fischer from CERT **would** chair this committee?' Earl Chapin will make inquiry. Kathy Terrones moved to declare the office vacant, Robin Nute 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.
21. **School Contract** – The contract with Vista San Gabriel needed to ensure the Council has a meeting place for the end of 2011 and the first part of 2012, has been secured.

### **New Business**

22. **Christiana Payne Resignation** – Motion to accept the resignation of Christiana Payne was made by Robin Nute, Kathy Terrones 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes. Related Action: Sr. Alternate, Janet Blichia was moved up to fill Seat #4 (2<sup>nd</sup> yr of 1<sup>st</sup> term), vacated by Christiana Payne. Jr. Alternate, Robert Blichia was then moved into the Sr. Alternate position, which is Seat #8 (1 yr only term). The Jr. Alternate position, Seat #9, was declared vacant and the Council will now accept applications for the position/seat. Announced that interested and qualified candidates please attend the next planning meeting on July 06<sup>th</sup>, 2011, for the purpose of filling out applications. The Council can vote on candidate at the next meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
23. **Introduction** – Our new 'Resident Deputy', Deputy White was introduced to the community by LLARTC, President Jason Gonella.
24. **ARTC Meeting** – All council members are encouraged to attend the Association of Rural Town Councils meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The ARTC may have a misunderstanding with Regional Planning on an issue in the Town & Country plan. We need to make sure we all understand this issue before we agree to sign on to an angry letter from the ARTC to Regional Planning. The desire of the ARTC is to have all the Town Councils submit

their own letter of disapproval and agree to be included in the ARTC letter to Regional Planning.

25. Town & Country Plan Presentation – At the July meeting of the ARTC, on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Regional Planning will be giving a presentation of the Town & Country Plan.
26. P.A. System – Scott Lezak informed the Council that it's P.A. System and several personal items were stolen from his home in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December 2010, approximately. He told Cole McCandless about the burglary also in December. A list of stolen items was given to the sheriff's department. Scott said, however, he only knew of a docket number. Deputy Bower did follow up with calls to the house. Deputy White and Scott will communicate after the meeting. **Bob Horsewood asked Scott why he still had possession of the P.A. system, 2 months after his resignation. No answer was given by Scott.** The P.A. system being used tonight is only a temporary loan from Scott Lezak and the Council will need to come up with a replacement plan.
27. Corrected Minutes and Agendas – Hard copies of both minutes and agendas are kept in the Recording Secretary's notebook. Kathy Terrones said that she also had electronic copies for last year on her computer. Jason Gonella and Kathy Terrones will get together however to get this sorted. Kathy also said she may not have January and February 2010 since she did not get her new computer until March of that year.
28. Links on Website – The link to the Chamber of Commerce is incorrect, it is a **.com** not a **.org**.
29. Spanish CSD's on website – English and Spanish translations of the CSD's are available on the CSD tab of the LLA Rural Town Council's website.
30. Incorporate changes to Bylaws on website – Jason Gonella reported that Kathy Terrones has updated the Bylaws and emailed a copy to him. He has posted them on the website.
31. County CSD Clarification Questions – Kathy Terrones answered Kristi Kennedy request. Kristi will print email with date CSD Committee submitted answers to County questions and bring it to the next CSD meeting.
32. Indian Museum Status – Robin Nute promised to look in to it, to see what the Ranger has to say about the Indian Museum. She will have an answer at the next meeting.
33. Website Editing – The Council will decide a Planning meeting who is to be permanent website editor.
34. Investigation Update – ~~Barry~~ **Mary** Moore, the chair, was supposed to be here. Alex Blichka represents the Investigation Committee; ~~Kathy (?)~~ **Kristi Kennedy** represents the Town Council. ~~Barry~~ **Mary** was supposed to be here with requests, but had a doctor's appointment. It states in Ostmann's final report that he had asked the Council how to proceed; there is no paperwork trail on how or what the Council's answer was. There may be emails missing.
35. Norm Hickling – Deputy Field Supervisor – Update –
  - Splash pad at Stephen Sorenson Park is being worked on.

- Supervisor Molina's parking ordinance – do not know if it passed.
- If people are selling fruit, the police or health department will come out. Flower's aren't moved on, however fruit is a health issue. It is also a traffic issue on Palmdale & 170<sup>th</sup> St. East.
- Board of Supervisors will be having a hearing on levying collection & assessments on landscaping and lighting – (one of the zones is us) – lighting is going from \$12.13 to \$57.95 on one parcel. Norm said he will look into it. Not all parcels are listed.
- Landscaping & Lighting District is the assessment on our community park. Not on county parks as a whole.

36. Sheriff's Department Update –

- Fires are caused by burns in the backyard.
- Newspaper crime-stoppers – assaults, then thefts, then burglaries have increased dramatically out here. Is that accurate? – Deputy will look into it and report back next month.
- Parole sweeps – When we're kicking our criminals out of prisons, why are we worried about putting them back in? – We have to keep them aware that the police are watching.
- About prisoners – Norm Hickling says to write a letter to the Supervisor's office.
- Sheriffs will be working on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, warning; don't do fireworks. Park shows a coordinated with the Sheriffs
- Get involved with the youth, soapbox derby. Negotiations have started; hopefully there will be a date for later in the fall.
- Corner garage sales, specifically on the corner of Ave. O and 170<sup>th</sup> St. East – If property owner allows it then it is ok, but if owner is not there and there is no permit then they have to go.

37. Community Announcements – Lake LA Day is October 8<sup>th</sup>. Anyone with ideas is encouraged to attend the Chamber of Commerce meetings starting in August on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ the Park trailer. July meeting will be a BBQ.

38. Backtrack for CSD Committee – CSD Committee to discuss the creation of a sub-committee to do new surveys. Is there a plan to do so? Doing this survey (poll) will be discussed at the next CSD meeting.

39. Volunteer – Ken Shaffer volunteered to organize a dumpster day.

40. Meetings

- Planning Mtg. – July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7:00pm @ Stephen Sorenson Park Office
- General Mtg. – July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7:00pm @ Twin Lakes Community Church

41. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Bruce Tillman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Terrones. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

Minutes and notes taken by Jason Gonella, President

Minutes prepared by Kathy Terrones, Corresponding Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Terrones, Acting Recording Secretary

07/26/2011