

**LAKE LOS ANGELES RURAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2011**

1. **Call to Order** – President Jason Gonella called the October meeting of the LLARTC to order at 7:05 pm, on October 25, 2011 at the Vista San Gabriel Elementary School.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – In the absence of our Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Lawrence Brydie, President Jason Gonella led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Moment of Silence** – President Gonella requested that we observe a Moment of Silence.
4. **Welcome & Purpose** – A brief Welcome to the community and a Statement of Purpose for the LLARTC was made by President Jason Gonella. He also announced that Community Comment forms were available at the back table and anyone who wished to speak, please fill out a form.
5. **Roll Call & Statement of Quorum** – Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Kathy Terrones. At the time of Roll Call all the Council Members including the Sr. & Jr. Alternates were present. Recording Secretary Kathy Terrones made the statement that since all Council Members and Alternates were present, the Quorum was met.

Meeting Setup and Reports

6. **Motion to accept agenda** –
 - **Amendments to agenda** – Corrections from Kristi Kennedy.
 1. Under **Roll Call** – Leslie Shafer's name is misspelled; Shafer is spelled with one 'f' not two 'ff'.
 2. Under **New Business** – reinsert 'Lodged Complaints'
 3. The November Regular meeting is listed as at the Vista San Gabriel Elementary School, is this correct. Usually the School is closed for Thanksgiving break. Jason will check to see if the Council will be meeting at the School or Twin Lakes Community Church and post it to the website.
 4. The Planning meeting is listed as **Thursday**, November 3rd, 2011. The Council although having discussed moving the meeting to Thursdays, after talking with Park reservations and being told we could not move the meeting, the Council decided to leave it on Wednesday. Jason reported that community member Yvonne Malikowski however, was successful in getting the change with Park reservations for us. Kristi pointed out that people may have made plans believing the Planning meeting was on Wednesday and this amount of notification is insufficient. Bob Horsewood commented that we as a Council should vote on whether to change it back or not. He felt that a meeting on Thursday is better than no meeting. The question was raised if we would even be able to change it back to Wednesday through Park reservations. Jason said he believed we should take that vote now. Jason calls the question, who is in favor of holding the Planning meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011? 3 Council members in favor. Who is in favor of holding the Planning meeting on Thursday, November 3rd, 2011? 3

Council members plus 2 alternates. The LLARTC November Planning Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3rd, 2011, 7:00pm at the Park Trailer. No change to the agenda regarding the date of the Planning meeting.

7. Robin Nute motioned to accept the agenda as amended. Earl Chapin 2nd the motion. Motion approved by all Council members present. Motion passes.
8. Motion to accept September Minutes – Jason stated there were still corrections to be made and that it had been suggested to table the motion. Robin Nute made the motion to table the acceptance of the September Minutes. Seconded by Earl Chapin. Bob Horsewood brought up the question if the corrections he had noticed will be addressed. First was that he had received the candidate check last month and it was not tabled. Then the community comments made by Clif King should be summarized. Bob was reassured that, yes, both issues will be addressed and corrected before the vote to accept next month. With the exception of 1 abstention by Kathy Terrones, the motion was approved by all Council members present. Motion passes.
9. Statement of Absences – Jason stated that since last month we have had two absences, both for the October 5th, 2011 planning meeting. One was for Robert Blichia making his Absence Total-2. The other absence was for Leslie Shafer making her Absence Total-1. (Copy of Statement of Absences attached)
10. Treasurer Report – Bob Horsewood reported that our ending balance for Sept. 27th, 2011 and our beginning balance for Oct. 25th, 2011 is \$541.98. The Council had one receipt of an Election Application Fee of \$35.00 and zero disbursements. That makes our current balance this month on Oct. 25th, 2011, \$576.98. Special Note: The Election Application Fund has a balance of \$35.00. (Copy of Treasurer Report attached) A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Kathy Terrones. The motion was seconded by Robin Nute. With the exception of 1 abstention by Bob Horsewood, the motion was approved by all Council members present. Motion passes.
11. COMMITTEE REPORTS –
 - Public Information Committee – Council Alternate & Committee Chair Glenn Allen reported that at the meeting of Oct. 11th, 2011 the format of email notifications were discussed. Also discussed was the layout and distribution of the Meeting information flyer. He did post the fliers at approximately 15 businesses. They were also posted at the Library and the Post Office. He also received a response from Thomas at the A.V. Political Observer who will be posting the information on his website. He will also be sending the information to the Daily News, Lake LA News and High Desert Broadcasting also offers Public Service announcements. He has not heard an announcement on the radio; however, he doesn't listen to that station. Glenn announced that the next Public Information Committee meeting will be November 8th, 2011 @ Burger Basket @ 7:00pm. Kristi brought up that November 8th was also Election Day and wondered if there would be a conflict. Jason said yes, that he was volunteering at the LLARTC polls that day. Glenn changed the Public Information Committee meeting date from November 8th to November 10th, 2011, same place and time.

- Ways & Means Committee – Council Member Robert Blichka reported that the fundraising booth selling coffee freezee's for the Council at Lake LA Day did well. Thanks to the efforts of Jason and others, they were able to hand Robert Blichka the revenue of \$80.00 in an envelope. Jason stated that although he had not remembered to bring his receipts, however they totaled approximately \$50.00. The profit for Lake LA Day therefore is approximately \$30.00. Robert Blichka announced that the next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee would be held also on the same date, time and location as Public Information Committee which is 7:00pm on November 10th, 2011 @ Burger Basket.
- Planning Committee – Council Member & Planning Committee Chair William (Earl) Chapin reported that nobody showed up, there's no meeting. Kristi Kennedy asked for which meeting he was reporting. Kristi asked that since Earl had been absent at the September 27th, 2011 Regular meeting, she would like to hear the report for the Planning Committee's meetings on 9/26 and 10/24. Earl stated that no one showed up for either meeting. A Community Member asked why nothing can be done, if nobody shows up. Doesn't Committee Chair Chapin have any ideas of his own? Community Member Kristi Kennedy stated that she knows and can verify that at the September 26th, 2011 Planning Committee meeting both Community Member Harold Brand and her were at the meeting and the Committee Chair Earl Chapin was not there. Jason Gonella referred to the subject of calling the Los Angeles County and inquiring about putting a bridge up on Ave 'O' because of flooding and asked Committee Chair Earl Chapin if he had done that yet. Jason also asked Earl if he had contacted Waste Management to set up a Trash Clean-Up yet. The answer to both questions from Earl Chapin was, no, not yet.
- CSD Committee – Council Alternate & CSD Committee Chair Leslie Shafer reported that as the 10/03/2011 meeting voted on Proposal 72 regarding Cargo/Storage Containers. The vote was to delete paragraphs F thru K, of Section D, Subsection 4. There was approximately 25 present at that meeting. At the meeting on 10/17/2011 the committee discussed Proposals 73 & 74. The vote on Proposal 73 was the majority ruled for 'no change' on this issue. Then on the Proposal 74 which deals with Owner/Operator Truck Operations, Chapter V, Section E, Sub-section 2 the majority ruled to delete text dealing with the size of the property or how much additional property needed for the parking of a truck unit/units. This proposal will be revisited at the next CSD Committee meeting. A sign-in sheet was started at the previous meeting. There were 20 people at this meeting who signed in. The next meeting will be November 7th, 2011, 7:00pm @ Burger Basket. Leslie asked the Council if they would agree to develop a committee with a fixed number of 6 to 8 committee members who would be eligible to vote on proposals. Community member Kristi Kennedy asked that according to the Bylaws, the CSD Committee is to take input from voters for the CSD's. No one, whether they vote or not, is ever asked if they are registered to vote. Jason Gonella suggested that at this time based upon the reading of the Bylaws another column should be added to the sign-in sheet with the question 'Are you a registered voter? Yes or No. Also Jason suggested that if Leslie is

going to have a fixed number on the committee and again based upon the reading of the Bylaws each committee member must be a registered voter in order to have a vote on the committee. Robin Nute interjected that having had been the CSD Committee Chair in the past there is precedent for a fixed number of members on the committee and each member that voted was registered to vote within the boundaries of Lake Los Angeles. We would take input from everyone but when it came time to vote and all input was taken into consideration only registered voters eligible to vote within the boundaries of Lake Los Angeles were allowed to have their vote counted. Community member Alex Blichka stated he was not too sure he cares how this is dealt with; his main concern is the members of the committee need to be completely unbiased. President Gonella's reply was that no one is completely unbiased. In order for us to have a completely unbiased committee is to have the committee chaired entirely by computers. In order to move forward, stating we still have a candidates forum tonight, Jason said that this discussion would be taken up at the next Planning meeting.

- By-laws Rewrite Committee – Committee Chair Kristi Kennedy reported (Copy of written report attached) the committee was able to meet only one time this month on October 4th, 2011. Changes for LLARTC discussion are also attached. Kristi also requested that the Council give back to the Committee a copy of the approved changes or corrections so that the Bylaws can be updated. Jason asked Kathy Terrones to please send official correspondence back to Kristi with the approved changes by the LLARTC. Next month's meetings will be November 1st and 15th, 7:00pm @ Burger Basket. The committee may possibly decide to also meet on November 29th, 2011.
- Truck & Traffic Safety Committee – Committee Chair Kristi Kennedy reported (Copy of written report attached) due to scheduling conflicts there was no meeting this month. Next month's meeting will be announced.

Jason found his receipts for the coffee freeze booth at Lake LA Day and submitted them to Treasurer, Bob Horsewood.

- Election Committee – Committee Chair Diane King was not present to give report. However, Jason Gonella was able to report that he had received 4 candidate applications and 2 applications had been turned in prior to this meeting. The Council has 6 candidates for this year's election and will be given the opportunity to speak during the Candidate Forum portion of this meeting. Announcement made that the LLARTC Election is on November 8th, 2011 and the polling place for the LLARTC is at the Fire Station on 170th Street East.

12. Community Comments – (Copy of Community Comment Forms attached) –

- Mary Hanna – Recording Secretary of the Lake LA Park Assoc. announced that going on at the Park this weekend, on Oct. 29th between 6 – 8pm, is the Trunk or Treat event by the Lake LA Park Assoc. There will also be a Haunted House and free Hot Chocolate & Cookies. What the Park Assoc. needs is for the Community to donate cookies. The Park Assoc. will be providing the Hot

Chocolate and the Community Queens will be serving and volunteering. We do need the community to help out with cookie donations. All cookie donations and candy for the Trunk or Treat must be store bought. For more information contact Dominic Fohrenkam @ 264-4340 or www.lakelapark.org the website for the park. You can also find Lake LA Park on facebook.

- Stormy Hope – wanted to notify the Council of a trashy area that needs cleaning up. This area is at the wash crossing just south of Ave ‘O’. She suggested that the council organized some way to help with the clean up. Kathy Terrones suggested that this information be passed on to our Planning Committee who would be able to organize a “Clean-Up Day” with Waste Management. Community Member Kristi Kennedy suggested that a list of locations also be kept so specific areas can be kept track of. This information will be passed on to our Planning Committee so it can be addressed properly.

13. Old Business

- ◆ P.A. System letter – Corresponding Secretary Janet Blichia reported that after preparing the letter to Scott Lezak for tonight, she found some corrections she needed to make. She also asked if the serial number could be included in the letter. It was voted on and passed, so Bob Horsewood gave the serial number from the receipt of the P.A. system to Janet Blichia.
- ◆ Roadway Resurfacing Project –
 - ➔ Jason asked who was to be responsible for this item and community member Kristi Kennedy responded you, Jason. Jason stated he had not done any research and will call and find out about this item. Kathy Terrones handed him some information and Jason said he would call and get the details.
- ◆ Pending Bylaw Proposals – (Audio tape resumed)

(Copies of original report, proposals with motion and vote attached)

- ✓ Article IV: Organization of the Rural Town Council, Section C: Reports

Motion: Kathy Terrones motioned to approve proposal, Robin Nute 2nd the motion. 6 members approved; 1 opposed by Earl Chapin. The motion passed.

- ✓ Article IV: Organization of the Rural Town Council, Section D: Appointed Positions

Motion amendment: Kathy Terrones motioned to amend to change by replacing the word “members” with the term “Chairpersons”, Robin Nute 2nd the amendment motion. 6 members approved; 1 opposed - Earl Chapin. The amendment motion passed.

Motion: Robin Nute motioned to approve amended proposal, Bob Horsewood 2nd the motion. 6 members approve; 1 opposes - Earl Chapin. Motion passes.

✓ Article V: Membership, Section C: Alternates

Motion: Robin Nute motioned to approve this proposal, Bob Horsewood 2nd the motion. 6 members approved; 1 opposed by Earl Chapin. The motion passed.

✓ Article VI: Officers and Standing Committee Chairs of the Rural Town Council, Section B: Election of Officers and Appointments of Standing Committee Chairpersons

Motion: Kathy Terrones motioned to approve proposal, Robin Nute 2nd the motion. 6 members approved; 1 opposed by Earl Chapin. The motion passed.

➤ Kathy Terrones was directed by Pres. Jason Gonella to email Bylaws Rewrite Committee Chair Kristi Kennedy the results of tonight's votes.

◆ Legal Status – Jason Gonella reported that our State Charity status is now up to date and we are no longer considered delinquent by the State Attorney General's office. We no longer qualify for the Federal (IRS) EIN 501C3 (Tax Exempt) status. Our organization does not have a large enough yearly income. Donors may deduct the amount of donations on their State Tax Returns ONLY.

🕒 Pres. Gonella stated that because of the time, we needed a motion to table the rest of the agenda with the exception of the ARTC Update under New Business.

14. New Business

➡ ARTC Update – Jason Gonella stated he would be attending the ARTC meeting this month and would like permission from the Council to discuss with other Councils their position on securing the services of a Tax Attorney to help with some other Tax questions that he believes the other Council's have also. Both???? Bob Horsewood and Robin Nute said that they would either support a motion or make the motion that would give Jason permission to communicate with other Councils for information only and not that this is a proposal the LLARTC is making. Robin Nute motioned that the Council gives permission to Jason Gonella to communicate with other Town Council's for the purpose of fact finding only regarding Tax questions. The motion was 2nd by Kathy Terrones. All members present approved.

15. Motion to Table – Bob Horsewood motioned that the balance of Old and New Business be tabled to afford the six candidates ample time to speak. The motion was 2nd by Earl Chapin. Motion approved by all members present.

16. Candidates Forum: Each candidate will have 3 minutes to speak.

🕒 Candidates spoke in the order of receipt of application.

1. Glenn Allen
2. Robin Nute
3. Robert Horsewood
4. Kristi Kennedy
5. Janet Blich

6. Alex Blich

17. **Norm Hickling – Deputy Field Supervisor – Update** – Norm Hickling reported that the Park was on schedule. The gymnasium is on schedule. The splash pad will be finished in about a year so it is on schedule.

18. **Sheriff's Department Update** – Deputy White reported the crime rate was down again this month over all. Be safe while Trick or Treating. Wear reflective costumes, carry flash lights or glow sticks. Drive safely, slowly and cautiously especially though the neighborhoods.

19. **Community Announcements** – (Upcoming Events)

☞ Jason Gonella announced that on this Thursday, October 27th, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the Wilsona district office; there will be a School Board candidate's forum.

☞ Kathy Terrones announced that the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing concerning a proposed BICYCLE MASTER PLAN on November 16th, 2011 at 9:00am in Room 150, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

- A community member asked if the Town Council had an official position concerning the Bicycle Master Plan that could be presented to the County. Jason stated that he did not remember ever discussing this issue in the almost one year that he has been in office. He also felt it was important enough that, due to the time constraint, she should come to the next Planning meeting on November 3rd, @ the Sorensen Park and pick up the discussion there.

☞ Yvonne Malikowski commented (inaudible on audio tape)

20. **Next Meetings**

☞ Planning Meeting – November 3rd, 2011 – 7:00pm @ Sorensen Park Office

☞ Regular Meeting – November 22nd, 2011 – 7:00pm @ Twin Lakes Community Church

21. **Motion to Adjourn Meeting** –

☒ Robin Nute made a motion to adjourn the October Regular Meeting of the LLARTC @ 8:30pm. The motion was 2nd by Earl Chapin. All members present approved. Motion passed.

☒ October Regular Meeting of the LLARTC adjourned at 8:30pm by Pres. Jason Gonella.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Terrones
Recording Secretary
Lake Los Angeles Rural Town Council
11/22/2011

Community Standards District Meeting

10-03-11

Voted on Proposal 72 F-K

In Chapter V (pg.9) Section D (pg.12) Cargo Storage Containers Subsection 4 (pg.12) Paragraphs F – K (pg.13) was voted on to delete each one and the majority ruled to delete those paragraphs (F - K in Chapter V Section D Subsection 4).

There were approximately 25 people at the meeting.

Community Standards District Meeting

10 -17 -11

Voted on **Proposal 73** Chapter V Section D Subsection 4
Paragraph B – Majority ruled for no change. Chapter V (pg.9)

Section E (pg.13) **Owner/Operator Truck Operations**

Proposal 74 Chapter V Section E Subsection 2 – was to delete text “An owner/operator may have 1 additional truck unit per ½ acre gross of owned, leased or rented property” The majority ruled to delete this but we will revisit this at the next CSD meeting.

Proposal Seventy Four a:

Chapter V, Section E, Subsection 1

Insert text “or any truck or combination weighting 26,000 lbs or more” between “and 1 set of double” and “)” and delete text “the number of” between “Operations refers to” and “permitted truck units”.

APPROVED 10/17/11

There were 20 people at the CSD meeting according to the sign in sheet.