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BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meeting of the General Board

Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 6:15PM

Boyle Heights Senior Center, 2839 E. Third Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033

1. Meeting to be called to order
2. SPOTLIGHT (5 minutes): Promesa Boyle Heights
3. Pledge of Allegiance (2 minutes)
4. Roll Call (3 minutes)
5. Discussion and Possible Action (5 minutes): Agenda Review and President's report
6. Discussion and Possible Action (1 minute): Review of code of civility
7. General Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda (10 minutes total: 1 minute per speaker with a speaker card)
8. Government Reports (10 minutes)
9. Presentation (5 minutes): Ozzie Lopez Youth Opportunity Movement
10. Discussion and Possible Action (10 minutes): Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2013 and March 27, 2013
11. Discussion and Possible Action (5 minutes): Motion to approve a Policy and Procedures update concerning equipment use and coordination between meetings and amongst committee chairs
12. Discussion and Possible Action (10 minutes): Motion that the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council approve a community impact statement to be sent to the Los Angeles City Council in support of the CA Drivers Licenses resolution.
13. Report from Outreach Chair (5 minutes)
14. Report from Treasurer (5 minutes)
15. Discussion and Possible Action (5 minutes): Motion that the BHNC move budget line items 20 and 27 to line 31 on the BHNC budget for a total budget transfer of \$1,000 to Neighborhood Purposes Grants
16. Discussion and Possible Action (15 minutes): Motion that the BHNC approve Neighborhood Purposes Grants as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee:
 - a. Hollenbeck Middle School in the amount of \$1,000 in support for the 100th Anniversary event
 - b. Mendez Learning Center in the amount of \$500 in support of their first official Powder Puff football game
 - c. Las Fotos Project in the amount of \$500 in support of the Primavera Festival
 - d. Salesian Boys & Girls Club in the amount of \$1,500 for their Fun Day, a fishing contest and health fair
 - e. Green/Stage of the Arts in the amount of \$500 for artistic activities and performance at Farmers Market
17. Discussion and Possible Action (10 minutes): Motion that the BHNC write a letter to Los Angeles City Councilmember Jose Huizar in support of a ban of EPS (aka - styrofoam) food packaging.
18. Discussion and Possible Action (10 minutes): Motion that the BHNC create an ad-hoc committee to address the EXIDE issue.
19. Discussion and Possible Action concerning Board Replacements (10 minutes): Motion that the general board elect two replacement board members to fill recently vacated positions.
20. Discussion and Possible Action (5 minutes): Motion that the general board elect a new Treasurer for the BHNC.
21. Discussion and Possible Action (5 minutes): Motion that the general board elect a new Planning and Land Use Committee Chair.



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22. Discussion and Possible Action (5 minutes): Motion that the general board elect new board (1) and stakeholder members of the Planning and Land Use Committee.
23. Discussion and Possible Action (10 minutes): Motion that the BHNC take a position concerning the new marijuana dispensary at 2617 Cesar E. Chavez, Los Angeles, CA 90033 and draft a position letter to Councilmember Jose Huizar and the Los Angeles Police Department.
24. Announcements (5 minutes)
 1. Board Announcements
 2. Public Announcements
25. Adjournment
26. Next Executive Committee: May 16, 2013, 6:15pm, location TBD
27. Next General Board Meeting: May 22, 2013, 6:15pm, Boyle Heights Senior Center, 2839 E. Third Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033

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April 25, 2013

Los Angeles City Councilmember Jose Huizar
200 N. Spring Street, Room 465
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUPPORT: Koretz Motion to Phase Out Polystyrene Food Containers

Dear Councilmember Huizar:

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council representing stakeholders in the City of Los Angeles supports a city-wide phase out of EPS polystyrene foam takeout food containers, because of both the human health threat associated with these products and the environmental blight they cause.

In June, 2011, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) of the U.S. Department of Human Health & Services listed the Styrene within Styrofoam as a “reasonably anticipated human carcinogen.” Workers exposed to Styrene suffer increased risk of leukemia, lymphoma and neurological problems such as loss of hearing, balance and spatial orientation. Since there are comparably-priced alternative containers available from the same companies who produce polystyrene containers, we believe these types of “toxic jobs” should be phased out completely.

As the NTP report also suggests possible cumulative impacts on consumers who use EPS polystyrene, we are particularly concerned with the potential impacts on vulnerable populations such as children, pregnant women, and infants. Specifically, Styrofoam food trays should not be used on a daily basis by school children as studies have shown that Styrene in food containers leaches into the food when heated, or in contact with acids, or grease and oil. In fact, the Los Angeles United School District voted to do away with their EPS polystyrene food trays in July 2012.

Since lower income communities tend to have the highest percentage of fast food restaurants, those who can least afford to pay for the ill-effects of Styrene are the most at-risk of needing to. In addition, in these same neighborhoods with less funding for street sweeping and litter control, foam litter contributes to urban blight.

Additionally, polystyrene packaging is pervasive in the environment, is extremely damaging throughout its lifecycle, and is rarely recycled. Because it is lightweight, floats, and easily breaks into small pieces, polystyrene packaging is easily carried from streets through storm drains to the ocean where it constitutes the second most abundant form of beach debris littering urban California beaches.

At a time when local agencies are facing budget challenges, the costs incurred to deal with polystyrene waste clean-up are significant. This is especially true of Southern California communities with impaired waterways that are required by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reduce litter. Since 2001, Southern California cities have spent in excess of \$1.7 billion removing trash from our storm drain systems leading to the L.A. River and Ballona Creek, in order to comply with EPA stormwater regulations. We believe those tax dollars could be much better spent improving our neighborhoods.

For all these reasons, the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council supports phasing out the use of EPS polystyrene food containers in Los Angeles.

BHNC BOARD COUNT of April 24, 2013:

Yes _____ No _____ Abstained _____

Sincerely,

Edward Padilla, President
Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council

Dated:

Cc: Councilmember Jose Huizar, Chair, Energy & Environment Committee
Councilmember Paul Koretz
Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

Agenda Request Form Form submitted on Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council

2 messages

Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council <milanvasic@msn.com>

Thu, Apr 4, 2013 at 5:43 PM

Reply-To: milanvasic@msn.com

To: agenda@bhnc.net

Name	Milan Vasic
Email	milanvasic@msn.com
Phone	323-574-4561
State	CA
Do you wish your information to be released to the Public so they may contact you ?	Yes
Name and address of Committee/Organization for which request is being made:	Stakeholders and Dist #5 CM Koretz
Provide name or title of Event and or Project:	A Letter of Support for a city-wide ban on EPS (aka- Styrofoam) food packaging
Identify the nature of your presentation:	I'm asking the council to consider writing a "letter of support" for a city-wide ban on EPS as put forth by Council-member Koretz. The Neighborhood Councils of Highland Park, Eagle Rock and LA32 have all voted and agreed to write "letters of support". DLANC will vote on it this coming Tuesday.
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Edward Padilla <edward@casa0101.org>

Mon, Apr 15, 2013 at 1:22 PM

To: milanvasic@msn.com

Cc: cmontes@bhnc.net

Hi, Milan. We are working on a draft agenda for our next General Board meeting of April 24, 2013. Is this item coming before City Council soon? Is there any identified opposition to this motion that we should be aware of?

Thank you for your help with this. I am copying the Chair of our Transportation and Environment Committee in case additional follow up is needed by his committee.

Sincerely,

Edward Padilla
President, BHNC
[\(323\) 646-8344](tel:(323)646-8344), cell.

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[Quoted text hidden]

Fw: 2617 Cesar E. Chavez 90033

1 message

~~Renee Chavez <reneecbhnc@yahoo.com>
Copy to: Renee Chavez <reneecbhnc@yahoo.com>~~

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 9:50 AM

To: "epadilla@bhnc.net" <epadilla@bhnc.net>

Hello Eddie!

Here is the email that I sent to the leasing agent after I spoke with him.

Please let me know if this makes the agenda for the next BHNC meeting. I don't think this should have to go to the PLUC due to its proximity to the Boys & Girls Club. I am interested in getting a position letter from the BHNC against this particular dispensary.

I will type the letter for your approval at lunch today. It will be a combination of both these emails.

Thank you for your time and your help.

Renee Chavez

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Renee Chavez <reneecbhnc@yahoo.com>**To:** "willie@endeavorre.net" <willie@endeavorre.net>**Cc:** "jennifer.martinez@lacity.org" <jennifer.martinez@lacity.org>; "ortegaa@lapd.lacity.org" <ortegaa@lapd.lacity.org>; "molina@bos.lacounty.gov" <molina@bos.lacounty.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2013 4:36 PM**Subject:** 2617 Cesar E. Chavez 90033

Thank you for taking time to speak with me Willie. As discussed, please find the pictures of the Pot Dispensary open and doing business. I understand that this may be a sub-lease however, I believe that the owner of the building should know about the current situation. The pictures show the business is fully operational complete with Grand Opening sign.

Please stress to the owner that my concern is the proximity of the Dispensary to the Variety Boys & Girls Club. The property, the Club, a single family home and an apartment building share the same alley. As you may know, the property is also next door to a single family home. For these reasons and so many more, this is not the type of business that should be in the area.

As a rental property owner, I understand the need to ensure that there is income from said property. However, it is important that we safeguard our community from rental income that is not appropriate, responsible and/or legal. I hope that the owner understands the significance and history of the Boyle Heights community and Variety Boys & Girls Club despite only having acquired the property in 2010.

Please ask the tenant to remove the green cross from the public sidewalk. It is inappropriate and on

public property and at the entrance to the alley that is shared with a single family home, apartments and the Variety Boys & Girls Club.

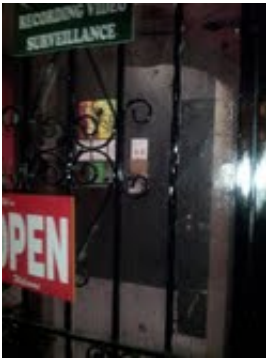
Please feel free to forward my contact information to the owner of the building and the tenant for further discussion.

Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this matter.

Renee M. G. Chavez



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Fw: 2617 Cesar E. Chavez - 90033

1 message

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 9:46 AM


To: "epadilla@bhnc.net" <epadilla@bhnc.net>

Hello Eddie!

This is the email that I sent out when I first discovered the dispensary. I would like the opportunity to speak before the full BHNC Board at the next meeting and get a position letter against this dispensary.

I am sending the second email that I sent to the realtor next for your information.


Thank you!

Renee Chavez

----- Forwarded Message -----


To: "jose.huizar@lacity.org" <jose.huizar@lacity.org>
Cc: "tmarq3711@aol.com" <tmarq3711@aol.com>; "ndiaz@usc.edu" <ndiaz@usc.edu>;
"Jennifer.Martinez@lacity.org" <Jennifer.Martinez@lacity.org>; "David.miranda@lacity.org"
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"monicaharmonla@aol.com" <monicaharmonla@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2013 9:35 PM
Subject: Re: 2617 Cesar E. Chavez - 90033

Photos attached. I apologize for the extra email traffic.


To: "jose.huizar@lacity.org" <jose.huizar@lacity.org>
Cc: "tmarq3711@aol.com" <tmarq3711@aol.com>; "ndiaz@usc.edu" <ndiaz@usc.edu>;
"Jennifer.Martinez@lacity.org" <Jennifer.Martinez@lacity.org>; "David.miranda@lacity.org"
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"monicaharmonla@aol.com" <monicaharmonla@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2013 9:33 PM
Subject: 2617 Cesar E. Chavez - 90033

Hello Jose,

I just noticed this new "business" on my way to the polls today, March 5, 2013. I was shocked! This marijuana dispensary is new and complete with the "Grand Opening" sign. This is not the type of business that is wanted or needed in our community.

I am particularly concerned as this address shares the alley with the Variety Boys & Girls Club on Cincinnati. In addition, I hope that children do not live in the single family home next door to the business. Just down the street is an MTA parcel that in discussion for development or some use that is to be decided.

I have attached the photos I took these evening at 8:30pm. As I was taking the pictures this evening, I spoke with a mother with her 3 young children who was shocked and disappointed. Another passerby and I spoke and agreed that the business can only be a week old. This business is in direct opposition to the documentary highlighting the improvements in Boyle Heights.

This is an urgent issue that needs to be addressed by your office and the community.

Please contact me to discuss our options for the prompt removal of this business.

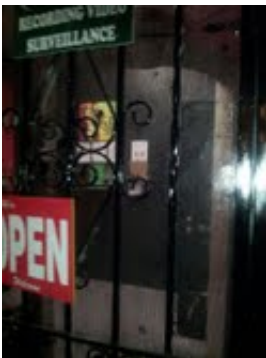
Thank you.

Renee M. G. Chavez

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