

BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (BHNC) convened a General Board Meeting at the Boyle Heights Senior Citizen Center located at 2839 E. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033 at the above mentioned date. Meeting was facilitated by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) in accordance with its exhausted efforts authority under Article V I of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils.

I. Commencement

a. Roll Call – 25 BHNC members present Quorum met.

Executive Board

Present: President – Jose Aguilar
Vice-President – Teresa Cano
Secretary – Margarita Amador
Treasurer – Gumaro Oviedo
City Oversight Officer – Vera del Pozo
Special Events Officer – Diana del Pozo-Mora
Public Relations Officer – Saul Zepeda

Quadrant 1

Present: Eddie Padilla – Resident Representative
Juan Carlos Montenegro – At-Large Stakeholder
Maria Santoyo – Resident Representative
Sergio Guerrero – Resident Representative
Rocio Gandara – At Large Stakeholder
Joel Ulloa – At Large Stakeholder
Absent: Rosa Reyes – At Large Stakeholder

Quadrant 2

Present: Brittany Ponce de Leon – Resident Representative
William Morrison – At Large Representative

Quadrant 3

Present: Maria Aguila – Resident Representative
Fabian Debora – Resident Representative
Velvet Holguin – Resident Representative
Nicole Flores – At Large Representative
Gabriela Hernandez – At Large Representative
Randy Salinas – At Large Representative

Quadrant 4

Present: Enrique Legaspi – Resident Representative
Manny Aldana – At-Large Stakeholder
Denis Quinones – At Large Stakeholder
Courtney Jacobs – At Large Stakeholder
Absent: Teresa Mejia – Resident Representative
Maria Hernandez – Resident Representative

Business:

Item # 4 of the Agenda:

Rocio Gandara Motioned to not fill board vacancies Second by Velvet Holguin. YES: 15

NO: 8

Abstained: 2

Jose Aguilar and William Morrison strongly opposed to the motion, they fill that stakeholders expressing interest to should be granted that opportunity.

The general consensus from the BHNC board members was to address the issues of quorum before filling any vacancies. One major issue for not meeting quorum is the size of the membership. Vacancies can be filled at a later point the priority is to work with DONE to get out exhausted efforts and avoid decertification.

Item # 5 (a-e) of the Agenda:

Margarita Amador motioned to adopt the changes to:

- ✓ Article IX – Board Composition, Selection of Executive Board and Executive Officer Term
- ✓ Article IX, D.9, Article- Absence
- ✓ Article IX,E - Quorum
- ✓ Article XI – Recall and Petition by Mail
- ✓ Article XVII- Bylaw Review and Amendment

Second by Teresa Cano. YES 24 & NO: 1 (Manny Aldana)

Eddie Padilla motioned to approve the BHNC 1st Quarterly Purchase Card Reconciliation Form for submission to DONE Second by Diana del Pozo-Mora. YES: 21

No: 1 (William Morrison)

Abstained: 1 (Manny Aldana)

William Morrison and Manny Aldana had concerns about expenditures on Special Events conducted as part of outreach. William Morrison did not recall approving the expenditure to the Mariachi Festival and noted that the event had not taken place. Diana del Pozo-Mora and Margarita Amador reminded Mr. Morrison that the line item was approved during the creation of the 2010-2011 budget and the event had been cancelled on two occasions due to the rain storms. However, the Mariachi Festival will take place sometime in May and BHNC will still be recognized as a partner in all of their outreach materials as well as allowing BHNC to host a booth.

Margarita Amador motioned to put the following items on the agenda for the Special General Board meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at the Pueblo del Sol Community Center. Seconded by Vera del Pozo. YES: 20

NO: 1 (William Morrison)

Abstained: 1 (Jose Aguilar)

- I. Establish an Executive Board
- II. Allocate unused expenditures
- III. Fill Board Vacancies
- IV. Reduce BHNC membership seats

William Morrison expressed concern about the date because of prior commitments and asked that a different date be selected. However by vote of hand 19 of the BHNC members were available to attend on April 5, 2011.

Announcements:

Saul Zepeda, Public Relations Officer announced and handed his written resignation. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the functions of the BHNC. He had expectations as a member to make positive contributions to the stakeholders in Boyle Heights through his role in BHNC.

Lisette Covarrubias, Project Coordinator for DONE announced that she had received resignations notification from Teresa Mejia, Resident Representative from Quadrant 4 who refused to put it in writing and a written resignation after the conclusion of the meeting from Gabriela Hernandez, At Large Representative from Quadrant 3.