

# BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Special General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (BHNC) convened a General Board Meeting at the Pueblo del Sol Community Service Center located at 1300 Plaza del Sol, 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.

### **Commencement**

#### **a. Roll Call – 20 BHNC members present Quorum met.**

##### **Executive Board**

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

##### **Quadrant 1**

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

##### **Quadrant 2**

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

##### **Quadrant 3**

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

##### **Quadrant 4**

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

**Business:**

***Item # 3 of the Agenda:***

Margarita Amador motioned to not send funding request today to Budget Committee and Second by Diana del Pozo-Mora.

YES: 18

NO: 0

Abstained: 1 (Jose Aguilar)

Jose Aguilar asked for clarification of committees that had been established. He challenged that the funding request had to go to the Budget Committee where the Treasurer is the Chair as stated in the BHNC Bylaws. Confirmation by Ivan Spiegel, DONE Mentor confirmed that there is no mention of that process or that the Treasurer is the Chair in the BHNC Bylaws.

Continue Item #3 of the Agenda:

Eddie Padilla motioned to reallocate \$22,000 from the 2010-2011 BHNC budget Second by Courtney Jacobs. YES: 19

NO: 0

Abstained: 1 (Jose Aguilar)

BHNC members reviewed the 2010-2011 BHNC budget and Treasurer and Special Event Coordinator highlighted the line items that have been spent. This process allowed us to determine the \$22,000 that had not been spent and to be utilized for the funding request received and those being presented today.

Secretary announced the NPG's and Demand Warrants received requesting funding. These were the following:

1. Variety Boys & Girls Club for \$4,500.00
2. Proyecto Pastoral – \$5,000.00
3. LA Center for Law & Justice - \$1,000.00
4. Breed Street Shul - \$2,148.80
5. Roosevelt High School/Enrich LA \$18,000.00

Demand Warrants were the following:

1. Mendez Learning Center \$2,200.00
2. LAPD/Hollenbeck – \$800.00
3. LAPD/Hollenbeck – \$3,850.00
4. LAPD/Hollenbeck – \$1,590.00
5. LAPD/Hollenbeck - \$590.00
6. Mayor's Day of Service - \$1,000.00
7. Roosevelt High School Annual Mariachi Festival \$1,000.00
8. Adelante Awards - \$1,000.00
9. Hollenbeck Police Business Association - \$3,000.00
10. LAPD Special Olympics - \$500.00
11. Girls Today Women Tomorrow - \$1,500.00
12. Hollenbeck Police Activities League - \$1,500.00
13. Hollenbeck Cadets Program - \$1,500.00
14. BH Chamber of Commerce - \$7,500.00
15. Rockstar Academy - \$2,000.00

We had several organizations not submit funding request, but were allowed to make a presentation to request their funding. They were the following:

1. Corazon del Pueblo - \$2,000.00
2. El Comite de la Esperanza - \$1,500.00
3. Libros Schimos - \$3,700.00
4. BH Senior Citizen Ctr. - \$6,500.00
5. Urban Education Partnership - \$1,000.00
6. BH Historical Society- \$2,000.00

After each presentation, clarifications were made on the allowable expenses under Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) and Demand Warrants. It was made very clear by Lissete Covarrubias from DONE that under Demand Warrants purchases made using the Purchasing Card. Purchases of supplies that becomes the property of one individual is not an allowable expenses under this process. Under NPG, checks are issued directly to the Non-Profit and or School and can determine how the funding will be utilized.

The following BHNC members declared a conflict of interest and walked out of the room during the discussion and motion on the elimination of funding request.

- Margarita Amador – (LAPD Board member)
- Joel Ulloa (employee of the Breed Street Shul)
- Rocio Gandara (contracted partner with Variety Boys & Girls Club)
- Gumaro Oviedo (Treasure of El Comite de la Esperanza)
- Velvet Holguin (employee of Proyecto Pastoral)
- Eddie Padilla (board member of Casa 0101 who partners with Corazon del Pueblo)
- Courtney Jacobs (employee of 15<sup>th</sup> Group, boss is a board member of Puente Learning Center)

The following funding requests were eliminated:

1. Adelante Awards- \$1,000.00
2. Hollenbeck Police Activities League - \$1,500.00
3. LAPD- \$800.00
4. LAPD- \$590.00
5. LAPD - \$3,850.00
6. LAPD - \$1,590.00
7. BH Senior Ctr. - \$6,500.00
8. Rockstar Academy - \$2,000.00
9. BH Chamber of Commerce \$7,500.00
10. Hollenbeck Police Business Association - \$3,000.00

BHNC members who removed themselves were brought back into the room and were notified of the eliminations being recommended.

A motion by Margarita Amador was made to eliminate 10 projects Second by Sergio Guerrero. This vote was unanimous.

Joel motioned to allocate \$1,000.00 to the following organizations Second by Vera del Pozo. YES: 17

NO: 1 (Rocio Gandara)  
Abstained: 0

1. Mendez Learning Center (demand warrant)
2. Roosevelt Annual Mariachi Festival (demand warrant)
3. Mayor's Day of Service (demand warrant)
4. LAPD Special Olympics (demand warrant)
5. Hollenbeck Cadets Program (demand warrant)
6. Corazon del Pueblo (demand warrant)
7. Girls Today Women Tomorrow (demand warrant)
8. Variety Boys & Girls Club (NPG)
9. LA Center for Law & Justice (NPG)
10. BH Historical Society (NPG)
11. El Comité de la Esperanza (NPG)
12. Roosevelt High School/Enrich LA (NPG)
13. Libros Schimos (NPG)
14. Urban Education Partnership (NPG)
15. Breed Street Shul (NPG)
16. Proyecto Pastoral (NPG)
17. Puente Learning Center (NPG)

A friendly amendment was made by Denis Quiñonez that any request totaling less than \$1,000 that the balance be put into to General Fund Second by Diana del Pozo-Mora.

YES: 17

NO: 1 (Rocio Gandara)  
Abstained: 0

Margarita Amador, expressed concern about making the awards to organizations that have not submitted the proper paper work. We are taking a risk of losing the allocated funding if these organizations do not meet our funding deadline.

A deadline of April 14, 2011 was given to those organizations that did not have a completed NPG.

***Item #4 of the agenda:***

Margarita Amador motioned to reduce the BHNC board seats to 23 and not fill vacancies Second by Rocio Gandara. YES: 17

NO: 1 (Jose Aguilar)  
Abstained: 1 (Gumaro Oviedo)

Diana del Pozo motioned to insert 23 as the # of BHNC Board of Officers to Article IX – Board of Officers of the BHNC BylawasSecond by Brittany Ponce de Leon.

YES: 16

NO: 1 (Jose Aguilar)  
Abstaining: 0

Diana del Pozo-Mora motioned to add 13 to Article IX E. Quorum Second by Teresa Cano. YES: 19  
NO: 0  
Abstaining: 1 (Jose Aguilar)

A Special General Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 to approve the revised budget reflecting these funding allocations. Nicole Flores motioned to hold a meeting at Pueblo del Sol Community Service Center on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 Second by Vera del Pozo. This vote was unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:24pm