

BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (BHNC) convened a General Board Meeting at the Boyle Heights Senior Center, 2839 East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033 at the above mentioned date. Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Eddie Padilla, President.

Commencement

a. Roll Call

Present: Margarita Amador, Secretary
Absent: Gumaro Oviedo, At Large Member
Present: Vera del Pozo, Treasurer
Absent: Diana del Pozo-Mora, At Large Member
Present: Eddie Padilla, President
Present: Sergio Guerrero, At Large Member
Present: Joel Ulloa, At Large Member (arrived at 7:11pm)
Present: Brittany Ponce de Leon, At Large Member
Present: Randy Salinas, Special Events & Outreach Officer
Present: Michael McClure, Land Use Officer
Absent: William Morrison, At Large Member
Absent: Tam Nguyen, At Large Member
Present: Danny Bozarth, At Large Member
Present: Edward Torrez, At Large Member
Present: Kenneth Wyrick, At Large Member
Present: Jesus Hermosillo, At Large Member

Item # II of the Agenda: Pledge of Allegiance

Item # III of the Agenda: Discussion and Possible Action: Minutes Approval. Motion to approve the April 25, 2012 General Board meeting minutes and the May 30, 2012 General Board meeting minutes.

- Vera del Pozo motioned to approve the meeting minutes for April 25, 2012. Second by Sergio Guerrero
Yes: 9
No: 0
Abstaining: 2 (Randy Salinas & Jesus Hermosillo)
- Michael McClure motioned to approve the May 30, 2012 meeting. Second by Brittany Ponce de Leon.
Yes: 10
No: 0
Abstaining: 1 (Jesus Hermosillo)

Item # IV of the Agenda: Government Reports

- Paul Park – Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) Commissioner
 - ✓ Making visits to the 12 Neighborhood Councils in the East Region that he represents
 - ✓ Commissioners set policies for all 75 Neighborhood Councils
 - ✓ Working on implementing city wide standards and best practices for all Neighborhood Councils.
 - ✓ Councilmember Parks continues to push funding reduction for Neighborhood Councils.
 - ✓ At the end of July the East Region will host a meet and greet for the Neighborhood Councils.

- Lisette Covarrubias – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)
 - ✓ Regional 8 Elections Training on June 30, 2012 at Lincoln Heights Library
 - ✓ BHNC election date set for October 13, 2012
 - ✓ Budget due by July 15, 2012
 - ✓ Meet & Greet for East Region at Glassel Park on July 31, 2012
 - ✓ Alba Peña a UCLA intern will be assisting DONE with NC business.
- Shannon Eastenson – City of LA Engineering Division & Glenn Flutie – Martin Outdoor Media
 - ✓ Martin Outdoor Media has been selected as the contractor for the Bus Bench Program
 - ✓ Benches will be replaced with environmentally friendly ones
 - ✓ 6,000 more benches will be added
 - ✓ Benches and Trash cans will be maintained twice a week
 - ✓ No shelters will be added through this project
 - ✓ City will generate approximately 2.7 million dollars for the City and will help fund 2 Inspectors
 - ✓ All funds will go to the City's General Fund.
 - ✓ No advertisement of Alcohol or Tobacco will be permitted
- Rocio Hernandez – Office of Councilmen Huizar
 - ✓ Annual Firework Show at Hollenbeck Park on June 30, 2012 4pm to 9pm
 - ✓ Boyle Heights Chamber will have MTA as a guest to speak on the Eastside Access Project funded under Measure R on July 10 at 12noon at Hollenbeck Police Station. Measure R will help fund street improvements along First Street.

Public Comment:

Terry Marquez is requesting that Councilmen Huizar attend BHNC meetings occasionally and MTA should approach the BHNC about their upcoming project.

Item # V of the Agenda: *Motion to approve a letter of Support/Opposition of the Community Care Facility Ordinance*

- a. Presentation from Sober Living Network
 - Margarita Amador motioned to postpone to the July 25, 2012 General Board meeting. Second **Vera del Pozo**
Yes: 10
No: 0
Abstaining: 1 (Jesus Hermosillo)

Item # VI of the Agenda: *Motion to approve a letter of Support/Opposition for Urban Beekeeping*

- Michael McClure motioned to postponed for a future meeting. Second by Sergio Guerrero
Yes: 2
No: 4
Abstaining: 5

BHNC Member Comments:

Ken Wyrick – lack of info no and no one to answer Board member questions

Michael McClure – Requesting that they be present

Item # VII of the Agenda: *Motion to approve a letter of support for SB 923, Senator Kevin de Leon Bill for Injured Workers.*

- Jesus Hermosillo motioned to postpone for a future date. Second by Ed Torrez
Yes: 9
No: 2 (Danny Bozarth & Michael McClure)
Abstaining: 1 (Joel Ulloa)

Public Comment:

Terry Marquez – researched this bill and it is primarily for State Employees)

Item # VIII of the Agenda: Budget & Finance Committee

- a. Motion to approve BHNC budget for 2012-2013 fiscal year dated 6/27/12
- Michael McClure motioned to approve the 2012-2013 budget for \$42,000 which includes the \$37,000 annual allocation and the \$5,000 rollover Election allocation. Second by Randy Salinas

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstaining: 1 (Joel Ulloa)

BHNC Member Comment:

Vera del Pozo – Asked Lisette if the \$5,549 funding from the 2011-2012 that was not allocated from NPG's approved because the applicants did not provide the necessary documentation in time to meet the deadline could be rolled over into the Elections line item? Lisette responded that she could not answer this question and would need to ask Rita Moreno. Meanwhile the 2012-2013 budget should not include the \$5,549 and BHNC should only approve the budget with the \$37,000 allocation and the \$5,000 approved Election funding rollover.

Randy Salinas – removed the ei's on line items

Public Comment:

Ivan Spiegel – BHNC should look at the direction they are heading as a Council and look at the budget to address the issue of how to increase stakeholder participation at BHNC meetings.

Rosalie Gurola – agrees on increasing stakeholders participation

Terry Marquez – Outreach Chair should have a say on Special Events

- b. Next Budget & Finance Committee meeting July 10, 2012, 6pm to 7pm, at Mother's of East Los Angeles 3354 East Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90023.
- Neighborhood Purposes Grant training will be held at this meeting.

Item #IX of the Agenda: Outreach Committee

- a. Motion for BHNC Board and Community Stakeholders to participate in the RFP Template by providing information need for additional website development.

- Motioned by Randy Salinas. Second by Ken Wyrick

Yes: 9

No: 2 (Vera del Pozo & Margarita Amador)

Abstaining: 0

BHNC Member Comments:

Margarita Amador: Should not be called an RFI rather and RFI since this document is solely to get information.

Vera del Pozo: this document is so general and very deceiving when there is no funding available for those applying and too generic.

- b. Motion that the Board opt in to support the mail-in process of the stipulation from for elections

- Ken Wyrick motioned. Second by Ed Torrez

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstaining: 1 (Sergio Guerrero)

BHNC Member Comments:

Ken Wyrick: Keep in mind that DONE will give us an initial set up for main in process of \$500. BHNC will cover anything above that from their budget.

Public Comment:

Carlos Montes: Would like to see election materials in other languages such as Spanish and Asian.

- c. Motion to do Neighborhood Purposes Grant process semi-annually starting September 2012
- **Randy Salinas motioned. Second by Vera del Pozo**
Yes: 6
No: 2 (Margarita Amador & Vera del Pozo)
Abstaining: 3
 BHNC Member Comments:
Margarita Amador: concerned that funding will not be available for consideration for projects that come up unexpectedly. NPG training should be done by the Treasurer and not the Outreach Officer.
Vera del Pozo: to change “process to “training process”
 Public Comment:
Rosalie Gurolla – BHNC is using funding as bait
- d. Next Outreach Committee Meeting Thursday, July 12, 2012 Time & Location to be determined at a later date.

Item #X of the Agenda: Planning & Land Use Committee Meeting

- a. Next Committee meeting: July 11, 2012 6pm to 7:30pm, 1600 E. 4th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033
- Vera del Pozo requested that PLUC notify all BHNC members of events so everyone is able to attend. She was referring to the event he attended regarding Casa Grande. Michael McClure assured Vera del Pozo that he has not attended any events pertaining to Casa Grande and would never meet privately to discuss BHNC business without being in compliance with Brown Act.

Item # XI of the Agenda: Motion to approve Elections Stipulations Worksheet for the 2012 BHNC Elections.

- Ken Wyrick motioned with correction to reflect 9/13/2012 on Election Timeline and Outreach Plan to recruit 2 candidates per seat. Second by Randy Salinas
Vote was unanimous: 11
 BHNC Member Comments:
Margarita Amador – expressed concerned with Malabar Library because they lack public parking and might discourage potential voters to vote if they are unable to find parking.
Randy Salinas – DONE will provide \$200 for facility fee's any fee's above \$200 will be paid by the BHNC.
- Margarita Amador motioned to remove Malabar Library as a voting location and add the Boyle Heights Senior Center. Second by Vera del Pozo
Yes: 6
No: 3
Abstaining: 2

Item # XII: Neighborhood Committee Announcements

- a. Next meeting July 17, 2012, 6pm, Benjamin Franklin Library, 2200 E. 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033

Item # XII of the Agenda: Motion to fill vacant community seat on the General Board of the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council.

- Joel Motioned not to fill vacancies due to lack of applicants. Second by Jesus Hermosillo
Vote was unanimous – 11

Item # XIV of the Agenda: Announcement to fill vacant seats

- *Item was not discussed or motioned due to exceeding meeting time.*

Item # XV of the Agenda: Motion to establish Environmental and Transportation Committee

- *Item was not discussed or motioned due to exceeding meeting time.*

Item # XVI of the Agenda: General Public Comments on items not listed on the today's Agenda

Armando Herman – CRA denied the residents the improvements along Cesar Chavez and Soto Street walkway is closed as the solution from Councilmen Huizar's office instead of making the necessary repairs.

Rosalie Gurolla – Recommends that MTA make a presentation before BHNC. Strongly supports the proposed CVS on Soto. Does not support low income housing.

Terry Marquez: Marijuana Dispensaries was approved under Legislation as a Legal Substance. Councilmen Huizar is working on a motion banding dispensaries, BHNC should put this item on the agenda to support Councilmen Huizar's motion.

Connie Topete – Librarian at Malabar Library announced their summer reading program is in full bloom. Crochet/Card making classes are available for adults. Trees have been trimmed. Malabar will be celebrating its 100th Year Anniversary. Wanted to announce that the Library had no signage stating the building was a library. With the help of Office Councilmen Huizar approval was made to install signage in a very timely manner.

Kokayi Kwa Jitahidj - spoke on the Energy Efficient Program Campaigned by DWP.

Requested that BHNC provide time allocation for the July 25, 2012 to provide a more

Carlos Montes: is interested in being in a committee. Requesting that BHNC to support a proposal regarding the law on driver's licenses and Identification's.

Item # XVIII of the Agenda: Announcements

a. Public

- ✓ LAC & USC Campus Master Plan community meeting on August 4, 2012 @ Boyle Heights Senior Citizen Center
- ✓ Christina Sanchez Camino – Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market. Proposed location located on Cesar Chavez & Grand. Construction began June 26, 2012. They will only sell food and deserts. 33,000 square feet store. Requested time allotment on the next General Board meeting agenda to provide more detail information on this location.

Item # XVIII of the Agenda: Adjournment

- Margarita Amador motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Second by Michael McClure
Vote was unanimous - 11

Item # XIX of the Agenda: Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 25, 2012
Boyle Heights Senior Citizen Center
2839 E. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 9033
6:15pm to 9:00pm