

BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 29, 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 6:08pm by Eddie Padilla-President.

Commencement

a. Roll Call

Present: Margarita Amador, Secretary
Present: Vera del Pozo, Treasurer
Present: Diana del Pozo-Mora, At Large Member
Present: Eddie Padilla, President
Absent: Sergio Guerrero, At Large Member
Present: Joel Ulloa, At Large Member
Absent: Carlos Montes, At Large Member
Present: Christopher de Leon, At Large Member
Present: Michael McClure, Land Use Officer
Present: William Morrison, At Large Member (arrived at 6:25pm)
Present: Geza Gezadon, At Large Member
Present: Danny Bozarth, At Large Member
Present: Edward Torrez, At Large Member
Present: Kenneth Wyrick, At Large Member
Absent: Jesus Hermosillo, At Large Member
Absent: Joe Sandoval, At Large Member

Item # II of the Agenda: *Pledge of Allegiance*

Item # III of the Agenda: *Public Comment*

Item # IV of the Agenda: *Discussion and Possible Action: Minutes Approval. Motion to approve the August 29, 2012 General Board meeting minutes and the August 8, 2012 Special General Board meeting minutes.*

- Vera del Pozo motioned to approve the meeting minutes for August 29, 2012. Second by Ed Torrez.
Yes: 8
No: 1
Abstaining: 4 (Eddie Padilla, William Morrison, Geza Gezadon, Christopher de Leon)

Item # V of the Agenda: *BHNC President's report*

- a. Randy Salinas & Tam Nguyen submitted resignations stating personal reasons.
- b. At our August 8, 2012 Special General Board meeting Christopher de Leon, Carlos Montes, Joe Sandoval, Gaza Gezadon and Sal Martinez. However Sal Martinez also submitted his resignation stating personal reasons.

Item # VI of the Agenda: *Government Reports*

- A) LAPD Hollenbeck – Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon
 - ✓ 106 arrest made in the last week
 - ✓ A street vending sweep was conducted about 2 weeks ago in partnership with the L.A. County Health Department
 - ✓ Grand Theft Auto's continue to be on the rise as well as Property Crime
 - ✓ Burglary to Motor Vehicles also on the rise, people continue not to secure their valuables.

- B) Terrance Gomez - Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Elections
 - ✓ As of today on 3 candidates have filed. BHNC needs to have at least 36 candidates file to hold an election. Filing deadline for candidate and mail voter registration is September 13, 2012.
 - ✓ Poll worker training scheduled for October 9, 2012 at 7pm at Ramona Hall in Highland Park.
- D) Rocio Hernandez – Office of Councilmen Huizar
 - ✓ The Boyle Heights Community Plan has been revived.
 - ✓ Boyle Hotel/Cummings Block Grand Opening will be held on September 6, 2012 at 11am. Everyone welcome to attend.
 - ✓ Community meeting regarding the 6th Street Bridge Viaduct will be held at 6:30pm on September 12, 2012 at Puente Learning Center, September 18, 2012 at The Technology Center. Everyone invited to see the designs by the 3 finalist.
 - ✓ Sidewalk studies are being revisited, in previous years the City has Federal funds to make repairs but is no longer available. Currently the city is only conducting asphalt patching and as part of the sidewalk studies, the city is proposing to impose the fees for sidewalk repairs to the property owners. More discussion will be made on this issue.
 - ✓ Councilmen Huizar presented a motion on August 8, 2012 to approve the rollover to our elections line item that was passed.

Public Comment:

- Mike McClure is requesting transportation for residents to attend the 6th Street Bridge Viaduct presentations on September 13th & 17th.
- Terry Marquez questioned Rocio Hernandez from CD 14 as to why is the Clarts Fund is not being utilized to make sidewalk repairs? when it's designed for those types of projects.

Item # VII of the Agenda: Outreach Committee Items:

- a. Announcements concerning Chair of the Outreach Committee
 - Due to the resignation of Randy Salinas, Eddie Padilla will be Chairing the committee until a replacement is appointed.

Item # VIII of the Agenda: Budget and Finance Committee Items

- a. Report on rollover of funds from fiscal year 2011/2012
 - On August 7, 2012 Councilmen Huizar presented a motion that was approved to rollover the remaining balance into the 2012/2013 budget.
 - A report on the budget will be provided at the September General Board meeting.

Item # IX of the Agenda: Planning and Land Use Committee items

- *PLUC cancelled August meeting*
- *Requesting status on cracked sidewalks*
- *Requesting trash pick-up along Cesar Chavez*
- *PLUC meetings will be moved to the Library*

Item # X of the Agenda: Six Street Viaduct (Bridge) Replacement Project Presentation

- 5 minutes were allotted for a power point presentation.
- Invitations were made to the upcoming community meeting to view the designs provided by the 3 firms selected as finalist.

Item # XI of the Agenda: Rules and Elections Committee Items

- a. Elections October 13 – candidate filing deadline September 13 – vote by mail deadline September 13
 - The video created by Ken Wyrick & Eddie Padilla to promote upcoming BHNC elections was presented. Video is available in English & Spanish.
- b. Call for volunteers for elections at polling places

- Polling Volunteers are needed anyone interested should contact DONE's Elections section.
- c. Announcement concerning polling place for elections as determined by DONE – one polling place only – Benjamin Franklin Library due to transportation access, parking and visibility.
 - Benjamin Franklin Library was selected as the polling place for the October 13, 2012 BHNC elections due to its transportation accessibility and parking.

Item # XII: Neighborhood Committee Items

- No items at this time

Item # XIII of the Agenda: Action/hearing/determination of pending grievances

- a. Motion to move Manny Aldana's grievances to the Rules and Elections committee as per bylaws and directive from the City Attorney's office.
 - Ken Wyrick motioned to move Manny Aldana's grievances to the Rules & Elections committee in September and present the motion from that meeting of the grievance finding at the September 26, 2012 General Board meeting. Second by Ed Torrez.
Yes: 8
No: 1 (William Morrison)
Abstaining: 2 (Joel Ulloa, Michael McClure)

Public Comment:

- Manny Aldana concerned as to why BHNC would not form a panel to hear grievances using board members and only rely on the public volunteers. This has been the reason the grievance has not been heard and addressed. Concerned on the time it has taken BHNC to address his grievances.
- William Morrison also expressed concern that it is taken so long to address these grievances.
- Rosalie Gurrola wanted clarification as to why BHNC does not have a Grievance Committee.

Item # XIV of the Agenda: Motion in support of 4th Street bridge closure on October 13, 2012 for a community health fair from 11am to 3pm (plus set up and breakdown time)

- Margarita Amador motioned to support the closure of the 4th Street Bridge on October 13, 2012 for the Community Health Fair from 11am to 3pm. Second by Vera del Pozo.
Yes: 9
No: 2 (William Morrison, Christopher de Leon)
Abstaining: 0

Item # XV of the Agenda: Motion to Sign On to the campaign focused on stopping a \$30-50 billion California corporate water grab that will particularly affect Los Angeles resident.

- Michael McClure motioned to table this item and send to PLUC. Second by William Morrison.
Vote was unanimous

Public Comment:

- Rosalie Gurrola concerned that BHNC is taking a position on an item they don't have sufficient knowledge.
- Terry Marquez states that the Southern California Basin is being polluted
- Geza Gezadon has been very involved on the LA River project and can relate the concern on this issue.
- Joel Ulloa states we should get this done and have a reliable source of water
- Vera del Pozo is suggesting that this item be moved to PLUC for further discussion and a recommendation be made to the board.

Item # XVI of the Agenda: Motion to add BHNC name to list on campaign to ban hydraulic fracturing, better known as fracking, in California.

- Item was removed because it is out of BHNC jurisdiction.

Item # XVII of the Agenda: Motion to support the resolution on fracking authored by L.A. City Councilmember Paul Koretz

- Geza Gezadon motioned to support the resolution on fracking authored by L.A. City Councilmember Paul Koretz. Second by Vera del Pozo

Yes: 8

No: 3

Abstaining: 0

Item # XVIII of the Agenda: Motion to support a street closure on Mission between Cesar Chavez and Gallardo on October 6th for a Cardboard Challenge Event inspired by the success of Caine's arcade and the short film which garnered much attention.

- Michael McClure motioned to support the street closure for the October 6th Cardboard Challenge Event. Second by Vera del Pozo.

Vote was unanimous

Item # XIX of the Agenda: RECONSIDERATION MOTION: Motion to approve a resolution in support of amending the U.S. Constitution to firmly establish that corporations must not be considered full persons entitled to the Constitutional rights in the eyes of the law and that money is not equivalent to speech.

- Item was not motioned or discussed and removed because the time for reconsideration has passed.

Item # XX of the Agenda: General Public Comment on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

- Vic Charbey spoke on the redevelopment on Boyle Heights

Item # XXI of the Agenda: Announcements

- a. Community Needs Assessment Survey – City of LA
- b. Board – Congress of Neighborhoods – September 22nd
- c. Public – None

Item # XXII of the Agenda: Adjournment

- Margarita Amador motioned to Adjourn at 8:57pm. Second by Diana del Pozo-Mora

Vote was unanimous

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 2012
Boyle Heights Senior Citizen Center
2839 E. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 9033
6:15pm to 9:00pm