

Approved by BHNC General
Board on April 24, 2013

BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 27, 2013

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 6:22pm 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
Present: Patrick Kelly, At Large Member
Present: Joel Ulloa, At Large Member (arrived at 6:28pm)
Present: Carlos Montes, Transportation & Environment Chair (arrived at 6:45pm)
Absent: Jose Carmelo Alvarez, At Large Member
Present: Teresa Marquez, Planning & Land Use Chair
Present: Joe Diaz, At Large Member
Present: Francisco Aragon, At Large Member
Present: Maryann Aguirre, At Large Member
Present: Martha Pelayo, Vice-President
Present: Aurelia Salgado, Outreach & Special Events Chair
Absent: Sierra Jenkins, Area 2 Representative
Present: Ernesto Espinoza, Area 4 Representative
Present: Luz Montoya-Ruiz, Area 3 Representative
Absent: Olivia Rubio, At Large Member
Present: Erika Trevis, At Large Member (arrived at 6:30pm)

Item # 2 of the Agenda: A performance by the Boyle Heights Youth Orchestra

Item # 3 of the Agenda: Pledge of Allegiance

Item #4 of the Agenda: Roll Call by Secretary Margarita Amador

Martha Pelayo motioned to consolidate Items # 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, and 23. Second by Aurelia Salgado.

Yes: 11

No: 1 (Teresa Marquez)

Abstaining: 1 (Joel Ulloa)

Martha Pelayo motioned to move Item # 11 of the Agenda to Transportation & Environment Committee. Second by Diana del Pozo-Mora.

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstaining: 3 (Patrick Kelly,, Erika Trevis, Aurelia Salgado)

Item #5 of the Agenda: President reported that all Ethics training by BHNC board members have been completed. Waiting for Luz Montoya-

Item #6 of the Agenda: Vera del Pozo motioned to adopt the Code of Civility and Code of Conduct for every BHNC meeting and adding a signature line with date for every BHNC member to sign and acknowledge. Second by Aurelia Salgado.

Teresa Marquez pointed out that the Code of Civility is already part of our BHNC Bylaws.

Yes: 12

No: 0

Abstaining: 2 (Maryann Aguirre & Francisco Arago)

Item #7 of the Agenda: *General Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda*

- Xochilt Palomera, would like BHNC to vote No on the proposed Wyvernwood project.
- Jose Fernandez from ELACC would like BHNC to not support the proposed Wyvernwood project.
- Nico Avila a business owner at Espacio 1839 would like BHNC to not support the proposed Wyvernwood project.
- Leonardo Lopez from El Comite de la Esperanza would like BHNC to not support the proposed Wyvernwood project.
- Marco Amador Business Owner at 1214 E. 1st St. would like BHNC to not support the proposed Wyvernwood project.
- Evelyn Martinez a resident of Wyvernwood would like BHNC to not support the proposed Wyvernwood project.
- Rigo Amanizes member of the Comite de la Esperanza would like BHNC not to support the proposed Wyvernwood project.
- Bernice Vasquez a parent of a student at Dena Elementary would like BHNC not support the Wyvernwood project; she believes this project will create issues with construction at the school.
- Barbara Martinez would like to ask the community not to elect Monica Garcia for the upcoming primary elections
- William Morrison notified the stakeholders of his candidacy in CD1.
- Yolanda Gonzalez is a member of the Apartment Owners Coalition and would like BHNC to know how the City of LA's REAP program affects homeowners.
- Barbara Martinez is requesting the BHNC form an Education Committee.
- Ann Porter thank the BHNC for passing a motion to support Proposition C

Item #8 of the Agenda: *Government Reports:*

- Office of Councilmen Huizar - David Miranda
 - ✓ City Council to set up focus group regarding the Partnership next month related to Mendez and Roosevelt High school.
 - ✓ Bureau of Engineering will provide a presentation on the Traffic Improvement, Roundabout at Cinco Puntos.
 - ✓ Luz Montoya-Ruiz requested that the Alliance be invited (John Daisy)
 - ✓ Carlos Montes requested that Council office provide an update on the status of the City ID.
- Stevenson Library - Lupe Leyva
 - ✓ Provided information on Citizen Workshops, Movie Night, and Roadmap to High school, and Fun for Kids programs available free of charge.

Presentation:

Traffic Improvement, Roundabout at Cinco Puntos by Vahik Vartanians from the Bureau of Engineer provided a presentation on the upcoming Roundabout project around Cinco Puntos.

- ✓ Maryann Aguirre asked if positions on this project would be union and provide local hiring. Concern about streetlights and pedestrian safety.
- ✓ Eddie Marin would prefer shrubs and tress, concerned about plant life, would like to have security cameras, would like to have the project named after Raul Marin.
- ✓ Tony Zapata supports this project and would like security cameras to be added and to not rename it and continue to be known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- ✓ Arturo Herrera supports the project and would like for this project to have continuance maintenance with little vegetation, and provide security cameras.

Kenneth Wyrick supports this project, believes it's a great traffic improvement and will make it a better point of interest at the border of Boyle Heights and East LA.

DONE: Melvin Canas introduced himself as the new Coordinator for BHNC and provided his contact information.

Budget Advocate: Vera del Pozo encouraged everyone to take the Mayor's Budget survey online in order to provide feedback.

Update: MTA Alexander Calamaros
✓ Invited stakeholders to their Community Open House on February 26, 2013 to provide a community update regarding 6 pending projects. The meeting will be held at the Boyle Heights Technology Center from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.
✓ Teresa Marquez asked what kind of comments are they seeking and what will be done with them?

Public Comment: Rita Govea does not want apartments build on the lot located on 1st & Lorena, she has been requesting a pocket park instead.

Item # 9 of the Agenda: Diana del Pozo-Mora motioned to approve the meeting minutes for November 28, 2012. Second by Erika Trevis.

Yes: 13

No: 0

Abstaining: 2 (Carlos Montes & Vera del Pozo)

Item # 10 of the Agenda: Carlos Montes motioned that the BHNC request the Department of Transportation to extend Parking meter times from 1 hour period to 2 hours and extend the time for a 25 cent meter fee from 15 minutes to 30 minutes. Second by Vera del Pozo and adding

Yes: 13

No: 0

Abstaining: 2 (Joel Ulloa & Margarita Amador)

Item # 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 of the Agenda:

✓ Vera del Pozo motioned to approve items 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22. Second by Francisco Arago. Motion was amended by Vera del Pozo to add item 24 to the motion and remove #12 and #23 and for #18 to be considered separately.

(#12 approve Quarterly Financial Reports)

(#14 allocation of \$500 from 2012/2013 fiscal budget in support of the 2013 Congress of Neighborhoods taking place in September 2013)

(#15 to approve funds for board training cost to be determined, but not to exceed \$500, including venue use)

(#16 allocate \$520 to help facilitate the Regional meeting to be held on March 16, 2013 at Glassel Park)

(#17 motion approve \$500 help facilitate a post primary mayoral candidates forum through NELA (Northeast Los Angeles Region 8)

(#18 approve \$360 for 6 recorders so that committee chairs can record their meetings in support of minute taking process)

(#19 approval to purchase a computer for the use of all committee chairs that will house and use as needed for meeting agendas, minutes, and any extra correspondence needed)

(#20 allocate \$700 to translation to accommodate rise in need for translation services in General Board meetings)

(#22 to reallocation \$1,000 from Outreach to Community Events)

(#23 approve updated budget)

✓ Vera reported that only 1 NPG has been received and the deadline for submission is April 1st.

✓ Terry Marques reported that a recorder with translation for minutes would cost approximately \$180 per recorder.

Item # 12 of the Agenda: Vera del Pozo motioned to approve Quarterly Report as presented. Second Margarita Amador.

Yes: 13

No: 0

Abstaining: 2 (Carlos Montes & Francisco Arago)

Item # 13 of the Agenda: Vera del Pozo, Treasurer provided a report on the expenditures related to the BHNC elections.

Item # 18 of the Agenda: Teresa Marquez motioned to move the approval of \$360 for the purchase of 6 recorders to a future meeting. Second by Aurelia Salgado.

Yes: 13

No: 0

Abstaining: 1 (Maryann Aguirre)

Item # 21 of the Agenda: Aurelia Salgado motioned to approve the use of temporary staff for administrative task in support BHNC work when a BHNC work space has been secured. Second by Carlos Montes.

- ✓ Aurelia recommends not more than 16 hours per week
- ✓ Teresa Marques recommends 15 hours per week
- ✓ Vera del Pozo recommends 12 hours and that a schedule be set

Item # 23 of the Agenda: Motion by Vera del Pozo to approve updated budget was pulled out of the agenda to for a future meeting. Second by Teresa Marquez.

Vote was unanimous

Item #24 of the Agenda: Vera del Pozo motions to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant For Malabar Elementary school in the amount of \$1,500 for beautification and clean up of the school and surrounding neighborhood. Second by Teresa Marquez

- ✓ Teresa Marquez supports this BHNC contribution & beautification efforts. Would like to support other schools in Boyle Heights.
- ✓ Aurelia Salgado will this event be in conjunction with the upcoming 100th Anniversary event?
- ✓ Francisco Aragon questioned where will funding be spent?

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstaining: 3 (Carlos Montes, Francisco Arago, Patrick Kelly)

Public Comment: Karina Lopez a parent at Malabar Elementary school expressed concern about BHNC funding projects when the school should be utilizing funding provided by the QEA (Quality Education Act)

Item # 26 of the Agenda: Teresa Marquez motioned to support the appeal to the Zoning Administrator's site-specific interpretation that in association with the permitted Operation of a 68 room Adult Residential Facility at 3455 Percy Street. Second by Vera del Pozo.

- ✓ Sylvia Duarte from the Resurrection Neighborhood Watch shared the concerns that they have observed and deal with on a daily patients. The issues have been addressed with Percy Village Administration but have done little to address them.
- ✓ Francisco Arago expressed concerns regarding BHNC taking a position on an issue that they have very little information or knowledge.
- ✓ Margarita Amador expressed her concern regarding the expansion of more beds when issues have been brought forth by the surrounding community and have not been addressed. She also told the BHNC that it is the responsibility of each BHNC member to do the research prior to the General Board meeting in order to have the information necessary and not rely solely on the presentations given at the General Board meeting.

Yes: 5

No: 4

Abstaining: 6

Item #27 of the Agenda: Margarita Amador motioned to move Items # 27 through 33 of the agenda for a future meeting. Second by Vera del Pozo.

Vote was unanimous

Item # 35 of the Agenda: Francisco Arago motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm. Second by Martha Pelayo.

Vote was unanimous