

Approved by BHNC General  
Board on April 24, 2013

## BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (BHNC) convened a General Board Meeting at the Boyle Heights Senior Center, 2839 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033 at the above mentioned date. Meeting was called to order at 6:23pm 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)  
Present: 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  
Absent: Martha Pelayo, Vice-President  
Present: Aurelia Salgado, Outreach & Special Events Chair  
Absent: Sierra Jenkins, Area 2 Representative  
Absent: Ernesto Espinoza, Area 4 Representative  
Present: Luz Montoya-Ruiz, Area 3 Representative  
Present: Olivia Rubio, At Large Member  
Present: Erika Trevis, At Large Member (arrived at 6:30pm)

**Item # 3 of the Agenda:** A performance by the Neighborhood Music School

**Item # 4 of the Agenda:** Pledge of Allegiance

**Item # 6 & 7 of the Agenda:** The President provided each member with a copy of the Code of Civility and read it out loud to the BHNC membership and stakeholders and asked that everyone adhere to it. BHNC members were asked to sign a copy.

**Item #8 of the Agenda:** General Public comments not on the Agenda:

- ✓ Rosalie Gurrola is requesting that BHNC funding be used to fund a Welcome to Boyle Heights monument, not only to fund Non-Profit organizations.
- ✓ Juakin Castellaños is asking BHNC not to take a position on Wyvenrwood because they are being pressured by outside people.
- ✓ Rita Govea concern that a proposed half way housing project is being considered at 1<sup>st</sup> & Lorena. There is a MTA hearing on March 28, 2013 regarding this site.

**Item #6 of the Agenda:** Government Reports

- ✓ LAPD - Senior Lead Officer Joel Perez provided the following updates:
  - Hollenbeck had 4 homicide in March 2013
  - Violent Crimes are up
  - GTA's continue to be on the rise and they continue to push the Lock It Hide it Keep It campaign to educate the residents on ways to prevent from becoming victims.
  - Luz Montoya Ruiz asked about the increase on graffiti and what is LAPD doing about it?
  - Aurelia Salgado asked about possibly starting Neighborhood Watch groups.
  - Barbara Martinez expressed concern regarding Marijuana Dispensaries.
- ✓ CD 14 - David Miranda, Field Deputy provided the following updates:
  - MTA meeting scheduled for March 28, 2013 off consent calendar
  - Gave a brief report on the Exide and their grandfather permits. RNW/Toxins and suspense control. AQMD released report of the large amounts of Arsenic being released in the

Southern part of Boyle Height, Foothill and Commerce area. Highest levels found to be near Olympic Blvd. and Indiana. They have a 3year reduction plan that they will implement and monitor. There will be community meetings to provide more information to resident in the coming months.

- Carlos Montes asked that the Councilmen stay on this issue and be aggressive about it.
  - Luz Montoya-Ruiz is very concern to lean about this and what will be done to educate the community?
  - Vera del Pozo asked if this could be a link to Mesothelioma.
  - Teresa Marquez made everyone aware that there will be various outreach methods being conducted.
  - Victoria Torres asked everyone to report any fumes to AQMD.
  - Juaquin Castellanos is requesting that the Councilmen host a Town Hall meeting and be more visible in Boyle Heights.
  - Rebecca also would like Councilmen Jose Huizar to host a Town Hall meeting.
  - Rosalie Gurrola also supports the request for a Town Hall meeting by the Councilmen.
  - Teresa Marquez is requesting that BHNC hold further discussion and take possible actions regarding Exide.
- ✓ Library - Lupe Leyva, Sr. Librarian at Stevenson Library reported the following:
- The EIR for Wyvernwood is available for public review at the library.
  - Free Student Smart online/Homework Club and Student Zone available
- ✓ Congressman Xavier Becerra's office - Brenda Vargas Field Deputy reported the following:
- Xavier Becerra will be hosting a "Coffee with Xavier Becerra at Puente Learning Center on April 6, 2013.
- ✓ DONE - Melvin Canas, Project Coordinator reported the following:
- Funding Training available to everyone on March 28, 2013 at 6pm in City Hall, 20<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Item # 10 of the Agenda:** Motion to approve the meeting minutes for February 27, 2012 was tabled.

**Item # 11 of the Agenda:** Diana del Pozo-Mora motioned to approve the Quarterly Financial Reports as presented. Second by Joel Ulloa

**Yes: 15**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 2 (Aurelia Salgado & Carmelo Alvarez)**

Public Comment for Item # 23 of the Agenda:

- ✓ Barbara Martinez believes funding should not just be allocated to Non-Profit groups.
- ✓ Rosalie Gurrola concerned that BHNC funds the same organizations

**Item # 23A of the Agenda:** Olivia Rubio recused herself from this item due to a possible conflict of interest.

Vera del Pozo motioned to support the NPG for the Lummis Day Community Foundation in the amount of \$250 in support of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lummis Day Festival.

**Yes: 11**

**No: 3**

**Abstaining: 2**

- ✓ Teresa Marquez prefers BHNC funding not to be used outside of Boyle Heights.
- ✓ Public Comment: Maggie Barto & Xavier Estrada Producer of the Show shared with the BHNC board that some bands that perform at the event are from Boyle Heights.
- ✓ Carlos Montes motioned to amend the motion to increase the funding to \$500. Second by Aurelia Salgado

**Yes: 2**

**No: 6**

**Abstaining: 7**

**Item # 23b of the Agenda:** Diana del Pozo-Mora motioned to support the NPG funding for the Boyle Heights Youth Football in the amount of \$2,000 for equipment and family cost. Second by Carlos Montes.

- ✓ Joel Ulloa asked if this was a non discriminatory organization.
- ✓ Luz Montoya-Ruiz would like for the Cheerleaders to give a demonstration.
- ✓ Francisco Arago supports this funding request.
  - Aba Ramirez gave BHNC a brief summary of the organization and the # of youth is serves. She also made it know that they have academic requirements for the youth to participate. This keeps them on top of school.

**Yes: 17 unanimous**

**Item # 23c of the Agenda:** Sierra Jenkins recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest. Margarita Amador motioned to support the NPG funding for the Boyle Heights Historical Society in the amount of \$3,000 in support of Boyle Heights History Day and event at Lou Costello Rec. Center and Estrada Courts. Second by Diana del Pozo-Mora.

Public Comment:

- ✓ Diana Ybarra would like BHNC to support this funding request.
- ✓ Art Torres would like BHNC to support this funding request.

**Yes: 13**

**No: 1 (Aurelia Salgado)**

**Abstaining: 2 (Maryann Aguirre & 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 # 23d of the Agenda:** Margarita Amador recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest. Vera del Pozo motioned to support the NPG funding for the Police Business Association of Hollenbeck in the amount of \$3,000 for purchase of steering wheel Locks and license plate security nuts for the Boyle Heights community. Second by Diana del Pozo-Mora.

- ✓ Sgt. Ming Nguyen gave a brief explanation as to the crimes occurring in Boyle Heights with outlets.
- ✓ Maryann Aguirre asked how many would be purchase and who would receive them?
- ✓ Teresa Marquez asked by is only BHNC being asked for funding.
- ✓ Carlos Montes opposes this request, would like funding to go to other programs/groups.
- ✓ Joel Ulloa asked if they have reached out to other departments.
- ✓ Diana del Pozo-Mora said this would be a great outreach opportunity for BHNC.

**Yes: 7**

**No: 6 (Carmelo Alvarez, Olivia Rubio, Francisco Arago, Maryann Aguirre, Sierra Jenkins, Teresa Marquez)**

**Abstaining: 3 (Aurelia Salgado, Joel Ulloa, Luz Montoya-Ruiz)**

**Item # 23e of the Agenda:** Joel Ulloa recused himself due to a possible conflict of interest.

Carlos Montes motioned to the NPG funding for Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission in the amount of \$2,000 in support of the Women's Conference.

Marlene Stang, Development Director provided BHNC with a summary of the event and the types of workshops that are offered. Also shared that the event is free of charge and serves over 400 women and girls from the Boyle Heights community. Free child care is provided.

- ✓ Teresa Marquez would like to know what workshop will be provided.
- ✓ Maryann Aguirre questioned how outreach is being conducted.
- ✓ Luz Montoya-Ruiz also questioned how outreach is being done.
- ✓ Margarita Amador strongly supports this event, has attended since its inception and knows first hand how successful the event has made.
- ✓ Joe Diaz also strongly supports this funding request.

**Yes: 15**

**No: 1**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Item # 12 of the Agenda:** Diana del Pozo-Mora motioned to approve the updated budget as presented. Second by Joe Diaz.

Public Comment:

- ✓ Rosalie Gurrola would like to see funding to be used for a sign in Boyle Heights.
- ✓ Aba Ramirez would like BHNC to participate in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Block Party at Hollenbeck Middle school.

**Yes: 13**

**No: 1 (Carlos Montes)**

**Abstaining: 1 ( Erika Trevis)**

**Item # 13 of the Agenda:** Carlos Montes motioned to support the Resolution considered by the City of Los Angeles to Adopt the Federal Comprehensive Immigration Reform and that BHNC submit a community impact statement. Second by Joel Ulloa.

**Yes: 11**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 2 (Margarita Amador & Vera del Pozo)**

**Item #14 of the Agenda:** Carlos Montes motioned that the BHNC support a call to action on immigration legalization reform from Legalization for All. Second by Francisco Arago.

**Yes: 10**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 5 (Sierra Jenkins, Patrick Kelly, Margarita Amador, & Diana del Pozo Mora.**

## **BHNC Minutes – continued notes 8:35 pm, started by Carlos Montes and continued by Maryann Aguirre.**

**Secretary needed to leave unexpectedly and Carlos Montes volunteered to take minutes.**

**Item: 15 and 16**

- Moved to future meeting POSTPONED

**Item: 17 LOGO Report gave by Aurelia Salgado about the need to do a new logo.**

- Look at attachment of logos, passed out of other councils.
- What's important about logos?
- Is outreach going to do this? – ANSWERS YES
- Local youth to make a new logo possibly
- Padilla – can't do that. Only thing we can do is vote if we can vote on it
- Padilla calls for the vote
- **In favor: 11**
- **Oppose: 1 – Maryann Aguirre**

**Item: 18 Parking and Meter Fees**

- Montes made motion
- Diaz second it
- Board discussion
- SKIP BOARD DISCUSSION
- **In favor: 12 votes unanimous**
- **No oppose - no abstained**

**Item: 19 - Motion on Car impound saturation patrols by LAPD Traffic Central Division**

- Paco - entertained
- Erika Trevis second the motion
- **In favor: 10**
- **Oppose: 0**
- **Abstain: Rubio and Padilla**

**Motion to move reminding items 20 21, and 22 to future meeting - yes 11, 0 0.**

- Public comment Angel Martinez announcement the Wall Las Memorias Project doing various workshops for free

**Motion to adjourn, Moved by Ulloa, second Trevis, vote, yes unanimous at 8:55 pm.**