

BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Meeting of the General Board
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 6:15 PM
Boyle Heights Senior Center, 2839 E. Third Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033
Minutes

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:22 PM by Board President, Diana del Pozo Mora
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Del Pozo led pledge of allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - a. Present:
 - Aurelia Salgado
 - Azul Amaral
 - Joe Diaz
 - Carlos Montes
 - Rafael Chagoya
 - Diana Del Pozo-Mora
 - Edward Padilla
 - Martha Pelayo
 - Kenneth Wyrick
 - Erika Trevis
 - b. Absent:
 - Vera Del Pozo
 - Joel Ulloa
 - Margarita Amador
 - Veta Gashgai
 - Olivia Rubio
 - Jose “Carmelo” Alvarez
4. Agenda Reviewed – no changes were made
5. President reported that all NC board seats will be up for free re-election; candidacy is open and easily accessible; elections will be held on April 26, 2014.
6. Code Civility & Guidelines for Behavior were reviewed by President
7. General Public Comments for Items not in the agenda:
 - a. *Sherry Marks, Executive Director of the Breed Street Shul Project, Inc (BSSP).* The Breed Street Shul committee thanked the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council for their support in building the safety canopy. Their mission is to turn the Shul’s two buildings into a community art, music, and seniors center. The BSSP will be hosting an art show featuring three major artists: Mike Sayo, Lori Shocket, and Fabian Deborah. It will be a free event on May 30, 2014 until June 8, 2014.
 - b. *Vic Charbary, community organizer for the Olympic Community.* Stated he is highly upset that the Los Angeles Police department is setting up surveillance cameras in his city and would like to express that his community does not feel the need to be watched on a 24/7hr basis. His neighbors feel there is no need to keep the cameras and would like to dispute the issue.

- c. *Juan Gonzalez, Southern California Gas Community representative.* Announced that the Southern California Gas Company will be changing the face plate of the gas meters at commercial buildings, single family houses, and apartment buildings. The advanced gas meters will now be monitored electronically, which will allow bill payers to access to their energy usage online and by using a new smartphone application.
 - d. *Erin B., Families in Crisis in Boyle Heights.* Stated residents demand a hearing for project Order 1 and Eye Watch that will take place in March.
 - e. *Ann Porter, community member.* Announced a festival on March 29, 2014 in Echo Park. Her group is an organization that fights against both gang and domestic violence. The event will start at the church and will progress into the festival from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. There will be food and entertainment.
 - f. *Hamid Khan, Stop LAPD Spying Coalition.* Stated he is highly upset that the Los Angeles Police Department wants to set up cameras in the community. He feels that his family's privacy has been violated and is encouraging the community to become more informed and support his coalition's goal in making the LAPD cease implementation of Special Order 1 and terminate the iWatch program.
 - g. *Autumn Rooney, Arroyo SECCO Network of Time Banks.* Invited the community to join their program, in which a member provides a service for another member and earns a time credit for each hour spent providing that service. Each time credit can then be exchanged for an hour of service from another member. Services are based on what is needed and can be provided such as cleaning, gardening, giving someone a ride, etc.
 - h. *Estela Garcia, community liaison for Center Theater Group.* Invited the community to Center Theater Group's Boyle Heights' space, The Shop, where they will be hosting plays as well as an exhibition of costumes from time periods prior to the local area becoming a predominantly Latino community. There will also be a free costume workshop as well as free music and food.
 - i. *Aldo Macias, Wall de Las Memorias Project.* Invited the community to a free workshop providing information on Obama Care (Affordable Care Act) and our families on February 27, 2014 at Corazon del Pueblo.
 - j. *Carolina.* Announced a new project in which residential members would like to legally convert a two story residence into a duplex. Carolina is requesting permission to legalize an existing third unit since each member of each duplex will still have a two-car space parking area. She would like permission to legalize the kitchen. It would not affect the community since they have bought out the space. Neighbors are all in agreement with the proposition and have signed letters of approval.
 - k. *Patrick K.* Announced another clean up in the community.
8. Discussion of possible motion to approve minutes of January 22, 2014 BHNC General Meeting
9. Rafael Chagoya motioned to postpone until the March meeting.
- a. Vote count

In Favor:	11
Opposed:	1
Abstain:	0

10. Motion to elect someone for vacant positions

- a. AREA 2 OFFICER
 - i. No action taken.
- b. SECRETARY
 - i. Edward Padilla nominated Erika Trevis for position.
 - ii. Erika accepted nomination.
 - 1. Vote count
 - In Favor: 12
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- c. COMMUNITY SEAT, EXECUTIVE BOARD
 - i. No action taken

11. Presentation: CSULA Ethnic Studies GE

12. Students would like support in incorporating ethnic studies classes into the required GE curriculum. Students feel that it is a very vital part of education and should be taken into consideration to make sure every student understands their ethnic background. CSULA is transitioning from a quarter system to a semester system. Therefore, it will give them a chance to re-certify the curriculum and include ethnic studies classes for the students. Students are asking for support from the BHNC.

13. Motion to approve the Community Impact statement supporting the CSULA Ethnic Studies GE Requirement: APPROVED.

- a. Vote
 - In Favor 12
 - Opposed 0
 - Abstain 0

14. Presentation: Re-purpose the Figueroa-Riverside Bridge, HCM No. 908

- a. Tomas from Enrich LA presented a proposal to convert the bridge into a park instead of demolition. He proposes to at least see how much it would cost. If it is cheaper and more effective to the community to keep it then he would like to go ahead and help build the park. Members of the community can utilize this park for family days as well as a source of outdoor exercise.
- b. Rafael Chagoya motioned to approve a letter of support; motion was seconded by Edward Padilla.
 - i. Vote:
 - In Favor 12
 - Opposed 0
 - Abstain 0

15. Strategic Plan

- a. Strategic Plan postponed for next general board meeting.
 - i. Vote:
 - In Favor 12
 - Opposed 0
 - Abstain 0

16. Review of the election Stakeholder Survey.

- a. Board will approve the mini survey to have an ongoing tally of issues if approved
- b. Suggestions: have the survey in numerical grading by priority, beneficial for the community concerns from top to lowest, have the Spanish version ready when the final draft has been

- created.
- c. No date was specified as to when it will be ready, but it is being processed.

17. Motion to acknowledge the findings of Grievance Committee "Final Report."

- a. Rafael Chagoya motioned to postpone.
 - i. Edward Padilla commented that the letter should be reviewed since it has been an issue that keeps getting delayed.
 - 1. Vote:

In Favor	6
Opposed	6
Abstain	0
 - ii. Tied vote determined that the board discusses the report.
- b. Kenneth Wyrick motioned to approve the letter as written for the next ten days pending response from the City Attorney; motion seconded by Edward Padilla.
 - i. Rafael Chagoya expressed dismay at delaying the issue.
 - ii. Kenneth Wyrick withdrew his motion.
- c. Edward Padilla motioned to approve letter "as is," with the amendment to remove the following sentences: "The only commonality is that they can be relied on the same volunteer Parliamentarian. ...and there is no record of the volunteer Parliamentarian ever citing any in his advice." (*Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council Grievance Committee Final Report 2/13/2014*)
 - i. Vote:

In Favor	11
Opposed	0
Abstain	1
- d. Mike McClure, Grievance Committee Chair, expressed that he was not in support of final motion.

18. Election Outreach

- a. Rafael motioned to approve the Election Package.
- b. An amendment request to move items around based on PLUC was made.
 - i. Since the deadline is so close by the amendment was rejected.
- c. Edward motioned to approve the Election Package as submitted with budget revision and recommended as reference only.
 - i. Vote:

In Favor	11
Opposed	0
Abstain	1

19. Motion to approve date/time and location for the BHNC Town hall.

- a. Edward Padilla stated he feels committee should expand more in the area so that more community members can come out and participate.
- b. Meeting will be held March 8, 2014 in the Town Hall in Boyle Heights City Hall from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
- c. Rafael Chagoya motioned to approve; motion seconded by Kenneth Wyrick.
 - i. Vote:

In Favor	12
Opposed	0
Abstain	0

20. Board Announcements:

- a. Kenneth Wyrick announced a computer workshop that will be hosted at Roosevelt High School in the Parent Center on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 PM.

- b. Edward Padilla invited the community to attend the Casa 101 presentation of *Cholas, Chicanas y Chismes*.
- c. Rafael Chagoya invited the community to watch the *Passion of the Christ Reenactment* on April 18, 2014. He also announced he will be running again for his position.
- d. Rafael, Kenneth, Erika, and Luz volunteered to support the Outreach Committee efforts.

21. XIX. Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 PM

NEXT GENERAL BOARD MEETING:
MARCH 26, 2014 AT THE BOYLE HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER
2839 E. THIRD STREET
LOS ANGELES CA 90033

Community Impact Statement: Support for Ethnic Studies at CSULA
LA City Council Resolution Number: 14-0002 S15

WHEREAS, for the past several weeks, California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA) has been engaged in a debate about the role of Ethnic Studies in the general education (G.E.) curriculum as the university considers an overhaul of G.E.; and

WHEREAS, the university is seeking a balance between expedience and quality comprehensive education; and this moment presents an opportunity to reflect on what kind of education students should have to emerge as leaders in advancing cultural intelligence as foundational; and

WHEREAS, Ethnic Studies emerged from the Black and Chicano Power movements, Third World Alliances, student organizing, and the progressive awakening of the late 1960's; Ethnic Studies can be defined by the following three primary attributes:

- Subject - Black Studies, Chicano Studies, Latin American Studies, Asian/ Asian-American Studies and other Ethnic Studies units were established to provide intellectual space to examine the histories, cultures, experiences, struggles, and triumphs of people of color and to counter a Eurocentric curriculum.
- Pedagogy - Ethnic studies is rooted in a pedagogy of liberation where students become active participants in their own education rather than repositories of information, valuing, validating, Incorporating and analyzing lived experiences and applied knowledge.
- Epistemology - Ethnic Studies was conceived by the community and born out of community struggle; it remains a community-engaged discipline which is one of the greatest tools for student success; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of Ethnic Studies in the General Education (G.E.) curriculum advances the University mission, and by making Ethnic Studies a requirement we ensure that all students are exposed to both a knowledge base and disciplinary approach to education that prepares CSULA students for success in a rapidly changing world; and

WHEREAS, it has been firmly established that students of color perform better when their learning experiences speak to their lived experiences; a culturally relevant approach raises the level of student performance not only in the immediate classroom experience, but across their educational endeavors, raising graduation rates significantly; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the Academic Senate is a Motion for Ethnic Studies Requirement which would require students to take at least one of their two diversity classes in Ethnic/Area Studies, including classes that are cross-listed with Ethnic Studies units while maintaining and refining an existing requirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council hereby SUPPORTS a Motion/proposal, currently pending in the Academic Senate of California State University, Los Angeles, which would require students to take at least one of their two diversity classes in Ethnic/Area Studies, including classes that are cross-listed with Ethnic Studies units while maintaining and refining an existing requirement.