



Los Angeles Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday, July 23, 2014

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- I. Meeting called to order at 6:22pm and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Carlos Montes.
- II. Welcome and Roll Call.

Steven Almazan
Azul Amaral
Vera del Pozo
Joe Diaz – Not Present
Nicole Martin
Carlos Montes
Diana del Pozo-Mora – Not Present
Rita Govea Rodriguez – 6:42pm
Erika Trevis – 6:32pm

Margarita Amador
Rafael Chagoya – 8:28pm
Phillip del Pozo
Mynor Godoy – 6:32pm
Amanda Mejia
Luz María Montoya-Ruiz
Fanny Ortiz
Marisol Sanchez
David Cid

Translator for Spanish into English
Parliamentarian – Ivan Spiegel
Lisette Covarrubias (D.O.N.E. representative)
Stakeholders present at the beginning of meeting – approximately 25

Rita Govea Rodriguez departed the meeting at 8:10pm
Luz Maria Montoya-Ruiz departed the meeting at 9:02pm

- III. General Public Comment -- The public may provide comments to the board on non-agenda items within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, the board is prevented from acting on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is agendize for discussion at a future public meeting. (Limited to 2 minutes per speaker.)

Omar Encinas (Youth Build Boyle Heights) – Resolution on civilian oversight of the Sheriff department. Remarks on excessive force. Requested support from the council on this issue.

Ann Porter – New video to educate community about corporate tutorial rights issue “A Question of Personhood (on You Tube)”

Terry Marquez – Speaking on the representation on the Excide issue. Commended Mynor Godoy on his statement to AQMD.

Brett Engstrom – Representing Vallarta Supermarket August 12th hearing for alcohol license.

Brent Doos– Make sure that the banks do not push you out. Cause foreclosure, Fraud. (Trying to build a base to help homeowners.

- IV. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of minutes for the June 30, 2014 Special Board meeting.

Minor change by Azul Amaral. (Typographic error on his last name on listing)

Rosalie Gurrola -- Motion to postpone the approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

Azul Amaral feels that solving problems to get complete transcription should be looked into for the complete translation of minutes of meetings.

Amanda Mejia feels that they should know what is happening in the meeting precisely. All viewpoints, etc. Very important that the members that state there are things are to be found in transcription to help and that we are at fault even though if individually should be trying to take notes.

Erika Trevis feels that an update or correction should be implemented.

The Parliamentarian stated that only the motion and the vote are required in the minutes. Buy a transcriber.

Vera Del Pozo – Things that are tabled. Needs are to conflict of interest. Requesting to Ivan or Lisette to respond. Conflict of interest.

David Cid – Stated, do more changes.

Phil Del Pozo – Requested to be acknowledged by the president, Carlos Montes. He stated to the board, that he is resigning from the position of Secretary from the board, but would remain on the board.

Azul Amaral made the motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Vera Del Pozo 7:08pm

The vote was 11 yes and 4 no

Rosalie Gurrola feels that everything should be objectively shown.

Teresa Marquez – Conflict of interest, do not have to post the minutes. Should have motions and elected on. Recordings will have to be done in the future. Feels that Phil Del Pozo should stay on as the secretary...

V. Budget Finance Action Items:

Vera Del Pozo stated that she is amending the motion to state that the Veteran and Memorial Day events be \$200 each event. Also, the website fee has been increased from \$200 to \$250 per month. Also stated that the translation is \$325 per evening. A quick summary was given of the amount that has been paid as of July 1, 2014 by DONE. (the amount paid -- \$2,000 for translation; \$496 for Public Storage; \$400 for the month of April and May for the webmaster.

Teresa Marquez wants an inventory of the items in Public Storage.

- 1) Motion by Vera Del Pozo to approve and vote on the BHNC Budget for 2014-2015.
Seconded by Margarita Amador.

Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0; Ineligible -- 2

- 2) Motion to approve and vote for budget/purchase BHNC office supplies for \$400 for paper, office supplies, business cards and name cards/badges.

Motioned by Azul Amaral and seconded by Fanny Ortiz

Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0; Ineligible -- 2

- 3) Motion to approve and vote for services from Access Print and Copy for \$1,800.

Motioned by Vera Del Pozo and seconded by Phillip Del Pozo

Yes – 11; No – 1; Abstain – 1; Ineligible -- 2

- 4) The motion to approve and vote for \$285 for storage services to Public Storage was dismissed because this item was paid by D.O.N.E
 - 5) The motion to approve and vote for web/domain service \$15.00 per year for bhnc.net was dismissed by the webmaster, Aaron DeVandry. He included this fee in his cost.
 - 6) Motion to vote and approve for vendor services payment for \$450 to Aaron DeVandry, (the webmaster)
- Motioned by Vera Del Pozo and seconded by Marisol Sanchez
- Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0; Ineligible -- 2
- 7) Motion to approve and vote on the BHNC Strategy Plan.
and
 - 8) Motion to vote and approve on the Outreach Survey Plan.

Carlos Montes asked Lizette Covarrubias to explain what the Strategy Plan is. She stated that it is a guide for the NCs to plan their goals for the year. Comments were given by Mister Garcia and Terri Marquez on the Boyle Heights Plan. Rosalie Gurrola stated that the Strategy Plan had disappeared (Sizzled).

Motioned by Vera Del Pozo and seconded by Nicole Martin

Yes – 9; No – 0; Abstain – 4; Ineligible -- 2

- 9) Motion to vote on Letter of Acknowledgement for Neighborhood Council Funding Program.

Paperwork had been signed and acknowledged at the D.O.N.E. office at City Hall on Thursday, July 17 at 10:00am by Vera Del Pozo, treasurer and Joe Diaz, vice president, second signer.

VI. Discussion and review of Committee Chairs Duties and Responsibilities.

Margarita Amador – Chair is responsible to post agenda. E block – the secretary would be responsible but should be done on the database for stakeholders. Contact Aaron DeVandry

VII. Committee Chair Vacancies:

- a. Motion to select/vote for Chair of Rules and Elections Committee; Erika Trevis nominated Nicole Martin

The vote was unanimous, no objections

- b. Motion to select/vote for Chair of Transportation Environment Committee. _____ nominated Erika Trevis.

The vote was unanimous, no objections.

Motion to select/vote on up to 2 board members to become familiar with the process to submit Community Impact Statements (CIS) and designate those individual as the Board's contacts. Nicole Martin nominated by Vera Del Pozo. Mynor Godoy nominated Azul Amaral, but Azul would not accept. Erika Trevis Motion – Yolanda Gonzalez recommended that the one on PLUC should take on the responsibility; Rosalie Gurrola gave her view, positive. Nomination, Carlos Montes; Vera del Pozo nominated Mynor Godoy, Nicole; Margarita Amador nominated by Luz Montoya-Ruiz. Everyone is on the board.

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Rosalie Gurrola gave her view, positive.

Nomination, Carlos Montes; Vera Del Pozo nominated Mynor Godoy; Nicole was nominated; Margarita Amador nominated by Luz Montoya-Ruiz.

All four nominees are seated.

VIII. Government and Community Presentations.

Margarita Amador says that we are trying to capture the audience. Invited guests should be considered on the agenda in priority. 8:02pm. The LAPD should have been considered because of their presence. We have to allow their comments. The public was not able to step in on the listing.

- IX. Motion to approve and vote on a Community Impact Statement in support of Raise LA campaign that will raise the minimum wage for hotel (120+ staff) workers to \$15.37/hour. Fanny Ortiz feels that the number should be 125. Fanny Ortiz motioned and Steven Almazan seconded.

Presentation by Ray Semar and Julia Gould. Policy was raised. Guarantee of 5 days of sick time. The industry has been doing very well. Poverty on the tax and helping to subsidize them with help. Generate \$3 million dollars to help assistance. More money in the pocket, the more they will spend. Asking for your support.

Vera Del Pozo asked, Why just hotel workers, not waiters?

David Cid wants to know proposal of money distribution.

Amanda Mejia wants to know when the support would be in effect. Answer.

Mynor Godoy wants to know if it would give a raise.

The response is yes.

Azul Amaral wants to know how it works.

Answer, a service charge. Not just on tips.

Margarita Amador says, Is this union or non-union workers?

Applies to unionized property.

Margarita Amador says that the PIS should be reworded. Feels that the presentation needs to get more explicit on the paperwork that was given out. Be specific.

Marisol Sanchez asks if it will affect us in Boyle Heights.

Response -- It would be mostly at the airport.

Fanny Ortiz says this motion is already supported by City Hall.

Public comment – Terri suggested to move this to another meeting because need to research on this matter. Mostly centered for the airport workers.

Rosalie suggested what does it do with union or non-union members. When comes down to money, especially since it does not have anything to be done with us.

Yolanda Gonzalez stated that this was a very poor presentation, because everyone has to strive on their own. How the provider secures job.

Hector says have to communicate to the community. Feels that this is a good item. People will know that we should be open to this legislative movement.

Motion by Azul Amaral to approve and seconded by Nicole Martin.

Board discussion.

XII. Motion to select/vote for two Budget Representatives. Time was 9 pm and facility staff was trying to close facility. President asked to adjourn meeting as time was now 9:05 PM. Parliamentarian Ivan Spiegel stood up and insisted a vote take place for the Budget Representatives. Board members were standing up preparing to leave. Nicole Martin nominated Vera Del Pozo and Ericka Trevis nominated Margarita Amador.

A quick vote was taken a Unanimous yes vote, no objections.

XIII. Announcements

None

XIV. Next Board meeting: August 27, 2014.

XV. Adjournment.

9:12pm