

Los Angeles City Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council Special Board Meeting  
Boyle Heights City Hall Community Room 2130 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033  
Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7 PM

I. Meeting to be called to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Called to order at 7:04pm on 11/25/14

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rafael Chagoya

II. Welcome and Roll Call

Members present: Carlos Montes, Marisol Sanchez, Steven Almazan, Rafael Chagoya, Elvira Del Pozo, Phillip Del Pozo, Joe Diaz, Nicole Martin, Diana Del Pozo, Fanny Ortiz

Absent: Rita Rodriguez, Luz Montoya-Ruiz, Margarita Amador, Azul Amaral, Mynor Godoy, Erika Trevis\*

- Erika entered and joined the meeting at 7:50pm.

III. General Public Comment

Terry Marquez: The BHNC must try to get the community here. How can we provide information to the community if they are not present at the meetings. The decision on liquor licenses is held responsible for all Board Members. I am going to ask everyone to stop pushing the efforts for Carlos Montes' campaign. I am tired of receiving his emails about his campaign. Begin to question his actions.

IV. Motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, BHNC Board Meeting

Carlos Montes: These minutes are meant to represent the meeting held in October. Rafael Chagoya motions to table the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Carlos Montes.

Vote is unanimous. No Oppositions

V. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Budget Finance Action Items:

A. Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG)

- i. Boyle Heights Sports Center (El Hoyo), \$800. For holiday toy and food program for December 13. 12 - 4pm.

Motion

Diana Del Pozo motions to approve the discussion and decision of the Boyle Heights Sports Center Grant for \$800. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Board Discussion**

Vira Del Pozo: These are the recommendations from the MPG committee.

Carlos Montes: Are there any questions?

Diane Del Pozo: Is there any way we can raise the grant?

**Friendly Amendment**

Diane Del Pozo would like to make a friendly Amendment to raise the \$800 grant to \$1,300 (a \$500 increase). Rafael Chagoya seconds the motion.

- Joe Diaz: For Pete's sake, I give him credit for his commitment to the Boyle Heights Sports Center. I support and appreciate Pete and his system. It sounds great to do this. I really think that it is time for us to give them something. We can give back to the community.
- Rafael Chagoya: That area needs all the help that they can get. Hopefully, this is just the start of increasing that area of BH.
- Carlos Montes: Pete wants to verify if anyone can be Ms. Santa Claus. It is December the 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 2-minute recess to do the transition.

**Board Decision**

All those in favor:

Carlos, Marisol, Steven, Rafael, Elvira, Phillip, Joe, Nicole, Diana, Fanny

- 10 Vote Yes for a unanimous decision

All those opposed:

No Oppositions

Absent:

Rita, Luz, Margarita, Azul, Mynor, Erika

**Discussion Continued**

- Joe Diaz: The Hollenbeck Youth Center is doing a toy drive on December the 13<sup>th</sup>.

A. Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG)

- ii. Mariachi Plaza Festival Foundation \$1,000, for festival November 23, 2014.

**Motion**

Diana Del Pozo motions to approve the Mariachi Plaza Festival for a \$1,000. Seconded by Rafael Chagoya.

Fanny Ortiz would like to make a friendly Amendment to raise the \$1,000 grant to \$1,500 (a \$500 increase). Rafael Chagoya seconds the motion.

Board Comments

Rafael Chagoya: I would like to table this matter to the next General Council Meeting. Seconded by...

Elvira Del Pozo: Can Carlos Montes call the City to find out about this matter?

Rafael Chagoya: They should know better to give us a month notice so that we can do proper outreach. It defeats the purpose to request a grant without appropriate notice time.

Diana Del Pozo: At least we were mentioned on their flyers.

Carlos Montes: We did pass out Literature.

Joe Diaz: We didn't have enough promotion at the event.

Philip Del Pozo: I'm still deterred that we do not have appropriate BH flyers and promotional materials.

Carlos Montes: Would anyone else have any other comment?

Fanny Ortiz: The money they are requesting are going back to the community. We need to keep the money going into the community

Public Comment

Terry Marquez: The documents submitted were from 2012. You have given money to an organization that have not done proper documentation for 5 years. There is another organization that has done this. There is corruption with this matter. Either they are lazy or not up-to-date. When you accept this document, you need to request an updated form. That is not legitimate documentation. The fact is that this documentation is not being required. Vira and Diana have been here for a long time because this other organization have taken \$3,000.

Board Decision

All those in favor:

Carlos, Marisol, Steven, Rafael, Elvira, Phillip, Joe, Nicole, Diana, Fanny

· 10 Vote Yes for a unanimous decision

All those opposed:

No Oppositions

Absent:

Rita, Luz, Margarita, Azul, Mynor, Erika

A. Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG)

- iii. Los Angeles Police Foundation, \$500, for C-PAB activities: outreach efforts.

Diana Del Pozo: I would like to make a motion to approve the LA Police Foundation.  
Seconded by Rafael Chagoya.

Steven Almazan motions to table the motion to approve the discussion and decision for the approval of the LA Police Foundation. Seconded by Rafael Chagoya.

A. Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG)

- 1) Discussion and Possible Action to approve the monthly BHNC Budget for November and December if any.

Fanny Ortiz: We do not have a budget. I can't do anything at the moment.

A. Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG)

- 2) Discussion and Possible Action to approve other past and due expenses:
  - a. Apple One charges for staff time for taking minutes: March, April, May, June, August, September.

Point of Clarification

Elvira Del Pozo: I would like for the minutes to show that this is a monthly expense. When that bill comes in, it should mention that this is a monthly expense.

Motion

Steven Almazan motions to approve the Apple One monthly expenses for staff time for taking minutes for the months March, April, May, June, August, September for Apple One charges. Seconded by Elvira Del Pozo.

Board Comment

Rafaela Chagoya: We need to do this as soon as possible. There are instance during the PLUC meetings that

Elvira Del Pozo: I recommend that Carlos contact DONE to talk with Armando Ruiz to provide payments to Apple One, Public Storage, Axion

\*ERIKA TREVIS has stepped into the meeting and we NOW have 11 Members present.\*

Public Comment

No Public Comment

**Board Decision**

All those in favor:

Carlos, Marisol, Steven, Rafael, Elvira, Phillip, Joe, Nicole, Diana, Fanny, Erika

· 11 Vote Yes for a unanimous decision.

All those opposed:

No Oppositions

Absent:

Rita, Luz, Margarita, Azul, Mynor

**Motion**

Diana Del Pozo motions for Item number V. a. i. to be brought back to discussion and board decision.

\*Vira Del Pozo has recused herself from the decision\*

**Friendly Amendment**

Diana Del Pozo: I would like to make a friendly amendment to increase the budget to a \$1,000.

**Board Comments**

Joe Diaz: They have a large participation from the Cadet Program. It's a great program.

Fanny Ortiz: It's an expensive program so it's great for the families of Boyle Heights.

Nicole Martin: There is no correlation between the money and the Cadet Program. This is not going directly to the Cadet Program.

Joe Diaz: They have gone to every single Neighborhood Council to request more money.

Steven Almazan: I think it seems counterproductive to increase the amount to \$1,000 if the Police organization is reaching out to other LA-based neighborhood councils. They might receive additional funding from those councils, and we are providing them money that they may not need. Since they are just using the money for outreach, \$1,000 seems pretty excessive.

**Friendly Amendment**

Joe Diaz makea a friendly amendment to reduce the amount back to \$500. Accepted by Diana Del Pozo.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Board Decision

All those in favor:

Carlos, Marisol, Steven, Rafael, Phillip, Joe, Nicole, Diana, Fanny, Erika

- 10 Vote Yes for a unanimous decision.

All those opposed:

No Oppositions

Absent:

Rita, Luz, Margarita, Azul, Mynor

Recused:

Elvira

VI. Discussion and Possible Action to fill the vacancies for Planning Land Use Committee, one stakeholder position vacant.

Board Comment

Carlos Montes: Jose Aguilar has applied for the PLUC Committee.

Elvira Del Pozo: He is actually very unprofessional. When he was previously part of the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, he actually almost influenced the whole council to be shut down.

Marisol Sanchez: I would like him to be present during this decision.

Motion to Table

Marisol Sanchez: I would like to make the position to table the PLUC decision. Seconded by Nicole Martin.

Board Decision

All those in favor:

Carlos, Marisol, Steven, Phillip, Joe, Nicole, Diana, Fanny, Erika

- 10 Vote Yes. Motion approved.

All those opposed:

Rafael

Absent:

Rita, Luz, Margarita, Azul, Mynor

#### VII. Reports from Standing Committees if any

##### PLUC

- Rafael Chagoya: There are updates from Metro. The vote for those projects have been postponed until February 2015. There was a lack of outreach from Metro so they were overwhelmed with negative comments. We need to start making outreach to the next PLUC meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Mynor has designated Rafael Chagoya as Co-Chair of the PLUC. We cannot let Metro do whatever they want.
- Joe Diaz: I am very appreciate of the PLUC committee

##### Outreach

- Diana Del Pozo: I would like to make a meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

##### Area Meetings

- Marisol Sanchez: I would like to meet as soon as possible with our area groups.

##### Transportation

- Erika Trevis: There is no update at the moment, but we will discuss the action on through the Green Spaces Initiative
- Rafael Chagoya: The PLUC and the Transportation Committee need to meet up tomorrow at Primera Taza.
- Erika Trevis: I am unable to attend
- Carlos Montes: Is there still time to submit an application for the green spaces?
- Erika Trevis: I just need updates.

##### Rules and Election

- Nicole Martin: Met in November and have begun to refine our bylaws. We are meeting until January 2015.

##### Budget/Finance

- Elvira Del Pozo: We had planned an event to Huizar's office, they are providing us a resource to give out hot chocolate. It is from 5pm - 8pm on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Boyle Heights City Hall.

##### Neighborhood Committee

## BHNC General Board Meeting MINUTES - 12.4.14

- Joe Diaz: We have not met yet. We will schedule a meeting soon. We have a meeting set for December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Marisol Sanchez: There is going to be a presentation from an organization on the increase of the \$15 hourly minimum wage.
- Joe Diaz: How do we play a part in this?
- Carlos Montes: There is a community impact statement from the BHNC to either support or oppose the decisions.

### AdHoc Committees

- No update

### Board Comments

- Vira Del Pozo: We should definitely have a BHNC banner at the Saturday event. Terry is inaccurate about her claim about meeting quorum. We must fill up the positions on the Board as soon as possible.
- Carlos Montes: We can get a new banner with our \$1,000 allocation. In terms of the business cards, we sent an email to approve the contact information of Board Members. I will give minutes to the Treasurer for the purchase of the

### VIII. Next BHNC Board meeting, January 28, 2015.

No comment

### IX. Adjournment

#### Motion

Diana Del Pozo motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. Seconded by Rafael Chagoya.