

**Los Angeles City Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council Board Meeting
Boyle Heights City Hall South Community Room
2130 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033
Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 6:30 PM REVISED Agenda**

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

- Meeting called to order at 6:37pm.

II. Welcome and roll call.

Present

Marisol Sanchez
Rita Rodriguez
Steven Almazan
Rafael Chagoya
Elvira Del Pozo
Phillip Del Pozo Jr.
Joe Diaz
Nicole Martin
Fanny Ortiz

Absent

Luz Montoya-Ruiz
Azul Amaral
Carlos Montes
Diana Del Pozo–Mora
Erika Trevis

Arrived Late

Margarita Amador at 7:30pm
Mynor Godoy at 7:00pm

Left early

Margarita Amador at 8:30pm

III. Government Presentations:

Councilmember, Jessica Elvarenga (Field Deputy – February 7th Boyle Heights Clothes Drive. Feel free to bring clothes that are used. The city is working on creating meetings for street vendors. This Saturday at noon at Hazard Park. USC will be giving Hazard Park \$1 million. That money will be going to improvements to the park.

Field Rep for Miguel Santiago: We have a save the date Open House on

February 26th. We are going to pushing for community hours for the month of March. We are looking at the Boyle Heights Farmers Market. We have taken any constituents. We are monitoring the current metro proposed time. I am going to pass out two clipboards.

Public Comment

Sofia: I would like the Assemblymen to provide an audit.

IV. General Public Comment - (Limited to 1-2 minutes per speaker.) [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 agendaize for discussion at a future public meeting.]

Teresa Marquez – I am dedicated to the quality of life in BH. We would like to ban alcohol advertisement in public property. I want to thank the BHNC. This passed last Tuesday. These are the things that the BHNC should be doing.

Connie Trepete – I am really familiar with this neighborhood. We are going to have a nutrition program tomorrow. We also have a free SAT program. We have a Covered California program. The enrollment period is over on the 15th.

Nina Zorkin – I am here tonight to let the community know about Relay for Life. I happen to be a cancer survivor. Every year, communities get together. The Relay for Life will be taking place at Contreras Learning Center.

Pete Shorda – I just want to say thank you for the BHNC. We were able to give toys to kids who usually do not have money to buy their own toys. We had an event schedule.

Henani Urolla – We would like to request time to present the PLUC meeting for a proposal regarding the Boyle Heights Youth & Arts Stakeholders Committee.

Sofia Quinones – I would like to request a federal investigation.

V. Presidents Report.

Carlos Montes was not present.

VI. Monthly Spot Light guest speaker:

a. East Los Angeles Women's Center.

- We are here in Boyle Heights promoting the wellness of the community.

We provide training on sexual harassment, we also have a clinic at Mariachi plaza on the second Monday of every month. I have only been here for a year, but I would like to fight.

- Eastside Mujeres network; In March 2014, Lorenza tragically passed away and we requested a vigil to remember here. We would like to honor women in Hollenbeck. And we hope that the neighborhood council will support us.

b. Promesa Boyle Heights

VII. Motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, BHNC Board meeting.

Motion

Motion: Rafael Chagoya motions to approve the minutes of the November 25, BHNC Board Meeting.

Seconded by: Steven Almazan

Vote

Favor: Marisol, Steven, Rafael, Elvira, Phillip, Joe, Nicole, Fanny

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: Rita, Mynor

VIII. Motion to approve a letter of support for (Social Model Recovery Systems, Inc. Letter to be written to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors requesting the establishment of a Center that would divert individuals from the LAC+USC Emergency Department and provide a safe, temporary stay to obtain mental respite, regain a sober state, foster linkages to needed social services, and, in essence, pave a pathway to recovery. Boyle Heights

- Elizabeth Wesca: We are working with LAC+USC Medical Center. We are providing linkages. We are looking at the community and the health of safety.
- Charles Porter: We have assessed what are the positive things that are happening in the neighborhood AND what are areas that need to improve. We depend on the warm welcome of the emergency room. In our town hall, there was a concept to create a community engagement center, in order to connect with services and utilize existing resources. We would like the BHNC to approve our request regarding ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER AT OR NEAR LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER.

- Our first assessment was at LAC+USC. There is also a network of resources that are helping individuals from Boyle Heights to Skid Row.
- Public Comment
 - **Teresa Marquez:** We need urgent care in BH. But there is another part that there is money being funded for the homeless. I can call LAPD to work with you. I don't understand your purpose.
- The emphasis is relieving the stress of the community. It will be a place for people to access resources. This will hopefully become a community space.
 - **Public Comment:** Where are you getting your funding?
- Our program is funded through the county. Part of our role is to increase collaboration. We would like to provide more mental health. They have a liaison that has questions.
 - **Public Comment:** Do you have the location already identified?
- We would like support from the BHNC.
 - **Public Comment:** You need numbers to fulfill the need.

Motion

Motion: Elvira Del Pozo makes the motion to move this item to the agenda.

Seconded by: Nicole Martin

IX. Discussion and possible action on Community Impact Statement regarding supporting raising the LA minimum wages to \$15.00 per hour

Roy Saman – We are here today for the BHNC support of the current initiative to increase the minimum wage. While we celebrate the Mayors proposal, we would like to make some common sense changes. We would like 1) A clear pathway for \$15.00/hour, 2) Language in this policy to include enforcement. 3) We would like individuals to have sick days.

Board Discussion

Elvira Del Pozo: Do you have an impact study?

- Yes, currently the city has put a bid for a study. The minimum wage is the most studied area in economics. We have done a study how increased spending would come through. The economic roundtable has a minimum wage. I will provide a link.

Nicole Martin: When is this going to City Council?

- The council expects to receive this by March 6th. During the month of March there will be committee hearings. Possibly 6-8 weeks after the

submission.

Public Comment

- Teresa Marquez: For \$15.00, you have to include \$2.50 minimum. This is very complicated because this has gone on in NY. In NY, waiters are not eligible for this. So we really need to look at what's happening. Companies that have a lot of employees could potentially move them to a different location. Garcetti has talked to companies that have 50+ employees. Several of the companies say that they do not pay benefits. We should wait until the studies are completed
- Yolanda Gonzales: I attended yesterday the forum for Mayorship of City of Pasadena. They are not going to pass the \$15.00 minimum wage. We are going to lose people to Pasadena, East LA, etc. I paid my own healthcare. We are going to
- Nancy Neza: In terms of being a BH resident, we live around the medium income. A lot of people in BH live in these conditions. The minimum wage is not sufficient. This will raise living standards. They will
- Mike T: We will be hearing a presentation regarding affordable housing. There is a study that will support a medium income of
- Sofia: Workers compensation insurance. The state screwed us over. The city has to do something to help. If you want to deal with that, you have to work with workers compensation.

Board Motion

Motion: [Insert Name] would like to make a motion to support the community impact statement.

Seconded by: Rafael Chagoya

Vote

Favor: Marisol, Steven, Rafael, Elvira, Phillip, Joe, Nicole, Fanny, Mynor

Opposed: Rita

Abstentions: None

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

- a. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report BHNC Budget for November and December if any.**
- b. Discussion and Possible Action to approve other past and due**

- expenses:**
- i. Apple One.**
 - ii. Axiom**
 - iii. Public Storage**
- c. Discussion and possible action to approve newspaper ads for outreach with the Community Beacon see attached proposal.**

Board Motion

Motion: Rafael Chagoya would like to make the motion to table this item to a future Special Meeting.

Seconded by: Steven Almazan

Board Motion

Motion: I would like to make a motion to move our agenda item regarding expenses.

Seconded by: Rafaela Chagoya

Vote

Favor: Marisol, Steven, Rafael, Elvira, Phillip, Joe, Nicole, Fanny, Margarita

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

XI. Reports from Standing Committees if any:

a. By Laws and Elections Committee:

- i. Discussion and possible action to approve a Candidates Forum for the CD 14 election in April 2014; propose expenses for refreshments and flyer.**

b. Neighborhood Committee.

XII. Discussion and possible action to remove Chair of Outreach Committee per Article 7 section 3 D of the BHNC bylaws.

Not discussed.

XIII. Planning and Land Use Committee report:

- a. Short Presentation by METRO.
- b. Mariachi Plaza: Discussion and possible action to oppose the

authorization of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Primestor Development Inc. (Primestor) on Metro- owned property situated at and across the street from the Metro Gold Line Mariachi Plaza station.

- c. First and Soto Street: Discussion and possible action to conditionally support the authorization of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Bridge Housing Corporation/East LA Community Corporation (“Bridge/ELACC”) on Metro-owned property situated at and across the street from the Metro Gold Line First Street and Soto station, South West and South East sites.
- d. Chavez and Soto Street: Discussion and possible action to support the authorization of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Abode Communities (Abode) on Metro- owned property at Chavez and Soto.
- e. Sidewalks: Discussion and possible action to support a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File (CF) 14-0163-S3 (sidewalk repair): “The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council supports a “fix and release” plan for the repair of our tree-damaged sidewalks. The City will issue bonds to finance the repair. There will be no new taxes unless accompanied by meaningful budget reform. The City may develop alternative plans (50/50 program, loan fund, Assessment Districts) that rely on the voluntary participation by Homeowners. Homeowners and the City may retain independent contractors and managers. The City will assess the status of our sidewalks and prioritize the necessary repairs. The City will establish a well-funded, independent Oversight Committee to ensure transparency throughout the process.”
- f. Wireless Tower: Discussion and possible action to approve a Conditional Use Permit Case no. ZA-2014-4034-CUW for a Verizon Wireless palm tree facility at 2900 Calle Pedro Infante.

Jenna Hornstock: We are going through the Joint Development process. When people are angry. There was a moment when everything went wrong. You are mad and you do not like our process. We have worked on our process.

- Overview:
 - The first process is that we do some community meetings. This happened about 2 years ago. We create development guidelines. The other thing that was not done well was that they were too broad. They did not give a good sense of what was going on. We will be bringing in outside architects to have people discuss what

they would like. This is a change we will do in our development process. This happened over a year ago in December 2013. Once the board adopts the development guidelines. When that happens there is a blackout process. We evaluate proposals. We should find time to provide feedback to the community. Once we get our proposals we make a recommendation to the board. I am going to call this an NEA. We want to explain what it means to be in an NEA. The proposal is what we got and we want to negotiate with the developer. We have ended the process of the competitive part. Some of the recommenders are here tonight. We are not in a negotiation with them yet. An NEA does not mean that this proposal is finalized. We are essentially dating/going study. What you have in your packet is just a design. These are not finalized proposals. There are going to be meetings. There needs to be support from the community. When all of this gets done, the project will be presented to the Board. Then we get to the Board with the JDA. That's what the project is going to be. The next step is the developer keeps going. This is the process. Where we are at right now, we were recommending the Board. There is not a negotiation with one specific developer. We are going to get a vote from the BHNC. There was no vote at the PLUC meeting. Is there something in between starting over or going through the NEA. We are planning to do an interim NEA, the developers would essentially be doing community outreach to work on their project concept. Then we would go back to our board again to do the NEA. This happened with the BHNC. We are here to see if that is something that has support. We also have some handouts. There is a community committee (comprised of restaurant owners, etc.) Their report will be on February 18th regarding an oral report. Committee is March 18th. The whole Board meeting is where we are today.

- Chavez and Soto Street
 - They are a non-profit. One of the reasons why we chose the BOAD. They have 77 units. 8,000 square feet. There are 95 spaces for the residential units. They have included places for bikes spaces.
 - Across the street that is also metro property. We wanted to show that the white area is not up for discussion at the moment.

Public Comment

Cocoliso: This is a community gathering, I want to know what legislative branch you represent.

- Nicole: We are here to hear your opinions

Mike: Your team has put this together based on meetings. Those meetings have not been there for 2 years. I'm the previous PLUC advisor. There was no one

who discussed affordable housing. I didn't hear anyone talk about affordable housing at that location. I attended every Metro meeting regarding this site. I can talk about when it was Brooklyn and Soto. We were always promised to take the markets.

Jose Aguilar: There was no talk about affordable housing. I am weary of affordable housing because of tax reasons. They pay no taxes. There is a scarcity of water. The more density you bring, the higher costs there are. There should be housing, such as town homes. There should be money that pays for local schools, libraries, public spaces, etc.

Public Comment: I would like to see that there is more affordable housing. I know people who benefit from affordable housing. It's a great benefit to the youth. There are parents who let their kids live on the street or send them to Mexico. I have kids who have lived alone previously. Sometimes people cannot find a place to live. I have never asked for money or benefits (such as unemployment) because I have always had work. I realized that it didn't have the money. I have to pay \$13,000 for two bedroom and one restroom.

Michael Solorzano: You guys have a great opportunity to make an impact at the community. You have three great pieces of land. I hope there will be land that is useful for community members/stakeholders. Rather than have more people, I would hope to have multi-purpose for the lands.

Teresa Marquez: This weekend I did a lot research on this property. And they go back a long time. I have records from 2005 where they submitted plans for this area. I would like to know why they continue to bring this back to meeting after meeting. One of the things that is personal and raised my daughter on my own, but we need mixed income housing.

Sofia: You start off by saying there was a problem with the process. There is something very important. It's our constitutional right. So the person that should benefit first are the people who's land was stolen. You have the first right of refusal. They have a right to defend their constitutional right. They promised all of the businesses. They want to close our businesses. I recommend that you reject the entire plan.

Adriana: I don't like the process or the project. Also, I feel that you are selling our community. The retail shops should go back to the individuals who already live. If you are going to use this space, I would like to see two of or most beloved agencies which have been self-help graphics. My recommendation is to get rid of the whole project.

Isaac Gomez: Ask Metro to delay development, including the three projects. We vote to not approve of the project. For the first site, we ask to support a proposal

to delay the development. We feel that the NEA does not have community engagement.

Coco: Developers from the university of boyle heights. You will not steal or sell. All I do know, is that you all are guilty for being hurtful of me.

Celia Larios (EMPOWERMENT/DONE): In a conflict of interest, not necessarily because you work on a planning decision, you have to have a conversation with the city attorney. It depends on the participation with MTA. Are you directly benefitting from it. Those are the types of things. You might want to seek the city attorney's opinion. There is a case-by-case basis depending on the participation of the conflict of interest.

Mago Amador: If we are a volunteer, we have to recuse ourselves. Conflict of interest is based on perception. You can recuse yourself from the decision.

Mynor: The ENA process is that Metro goes into a contract. When you are discussing a developer. That process is still wide open. Right now you are not fighting with anyone. You are fighting against a shadow. All of the comments that folks are bringing up we want to let them know the things we want to see there. We don't want what was presented. The city still has to weigh in on this. All of that is still in place. This does not end at all. Metro has been having meetings. There should be other meetings where the community could provide input. The vote is being take for a recommendation. This is an advisory board. We are elected to be an advisory. We are recommending to metro ideas that have come forth.

Joe Diaz: I want everyone to be heard. You are talking to a group that nothing is going to happen. We are going to take this to a vote.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Board Discussion

Mynor Godoy: They have presented twice. Our PLUC make a recommendation to the board. These happen every second Thursday. The recommendation if you were fortunate enough to get an agenda. Our recommendation is from the PLUC. In order to make sure that folks know what you're presenting on. You should go item-by-item.

- First and Soto recommendation: Do a conditional NEA. They wanted to get more committee input.
- Chavez and Soto Street: Our recommendation is to enter into NEA. This is based off of reviews. These are the recommendations that are up from the Board.

Mynor Godoy: It's everyone's responsibility to be present at the meeting. We have done plenty of trainings regarding conflict of interest. You should follow it with fidelity. I have decided that we should do this piece-by-piece. The recommendations that was brought to the Board was researched. We started with one of these. That is why we are going piece-by-piece. I know when Special Meetings happen... people do not show up. That is a concern for me. I just want to point out. We do not have our outreach chair. To see us go into action. The Board is going to table the discussions. People have been asking about this since November. The board is coming together since last October. I hope the board understands the frustration that you are making sure that there is enough agendas, enough time to speak. That is the type of leadership the community deserves. I hope we can set the date right now. Because if this happens again, there will be no community input.

Elvira Del Pozo: What is your recommendation, Mynor?

Mynor Godoy: If there is a conflict of interest, then that person needs to recuse themselves. Then that is an individual deciding to not make that decision.

Motion

Rafael Chagoya: I would like to make a motion to table this metro project to a Special meeting at a specified date for a possible discussion (Date/Location TBD)

Seconded by: Mago Amador

Withdrawal of the Motion: Rafael Chagoya

Amendment to the Motion

Elvira Del Pozo: I would like to make a motion to table this metro project to the next General Board meeting.

Seconded by: Rafael Chagoya

Vote

Favor: Elvira, Rafa, Philip

Opposition: Nicole, Rita, Fanny, Joe, Mynor, Steven, Marisol

Abstain: None

Decision

Not approved/voted

Joe Diaz (Comment from DONE): We are not going to make any votes regarding Metro as advised by DONE. On behalf of DONE,

Motion

Motion: Nicole would like to make the motion to discuss the Chavez/Soto Street Project and 1st Street/Soto Street Project before the Mariachi Plaza project.

Seconded by: Rafael Chagoya

Board Discussion

Fanny Ortiz: The residents do want a market

Amendment to Motion

Mynor Godoy: I would like to make an amendment to support a phased (a period of 30 days) in ENA.

Seconded by: Rafael Chagoya

Board Discussion/Questions

Elvira Del Pozo: If we support the recommendation, what does that mean?

Jenna Hornstock: The only thing Metro would agree to do is outreach. What happens in the ENA. All that would be happening is community outreach. It would just be to do outreach. We would go back to the board again.

Public Comment

The proposals that we are putting forth, Ivan would like to speak first. He is going to share what he gathered. Some young people are going to comment on this specific motion.

I think everyone in this process realize that this is not very effective. I propose that we extend the ENA to 6 months so that we can have community voice. Surveys. We want an accurate representation of the community.

Ivan: We are going to ask metro and the associated developers to delay any

further developments in BH. We ask that you take immediate actions on the following items: 1) Not include the item on mariachi plaza 2) delay the vote on Cesar Chavez/Soto and 1st/Soto 3) Please delay the project with the fence. They should be held on the same standards.

Stephanie Gomez: I support the total rejection of the Mariachi Plaza. I want to make sure that the community supports our demands. I demand that Mariachi plaza stays. I want my daughter to know that my grandparents.

Jose: We want to face Chavez/Soto. Why? Affordable housing. It's not on people's budgets. Also these projects could raise the rent of the people around this project. There will be high-end retail stores. What we want is to demand a blackout.

Irvin: The youth need to be included in the dialogue. We are affected the most by these votes. I believe that we will be affected.

When I spoke and presented at public comment, I was told that everyone was tied. We need to figure out where we can get subsidized funding. Where can we get these funds? State? Federal? Local?

I just wanted to summarize that our young people want the ENA to last 6 months. There should be representation from all sectors of BH. They should include all aspects of our community. This should last for 6 months.

Joel Garcia: The students are bringing solutions. I did not hear anyone provide solutions. Please listen to our youth.

Jose Aguilar: If you want to turn BH into Pico Union, you're supposed to have 1 acre of park space. You are violating that. We have a drought. You are violating that. We should have more people in the tax space. I think we should put that into consideration. We have tons of absentee landlords.

Nayeli: I would like to support the youth. It's important to listen to them. We are the older generation. Whatever is going to be built here... The youth are going to live with it. We already lived what we lived. God bless everyone.

Yolanda Gonzales: It saddens me terribly that shows that ethnic studies is recommended more than civic studies. These kids are not going to learn how we pay our bills. I own low-income housing. I am looking for a representative from BH. We need a certified plan. We can go ahead and make decisions for the community. We are never going to pick up this community.

Sofia: There was a conflict of interest because of the RFP. Affordable housing is 1,300 or up. 1,300 or less is low-income housing. There is misappropriation of

money. All I ask for is for you to hold on. There is a misappropriation of money.

Board Comment

Mynor Godoy: We are thinking about creating a youth committee. There is an idea of creating a small committee. We have very over populated schools. There should definitely be a youth tract. Community engagement is hard and it requires work. Someone has to be out and looking out. I agree with the 6 months. It's not about what Metro wants to do; it's about

Amendment to the Motion

Mynor Godoy: I would like to support the process of a 6-month EDA process for the Metro project at Soto and Chavez.

Seconded by: Steven Almazan

Vote

Favor: Marisol Sanchez, Steven Almazan, Rafael Chagoya, Elvira Del Pozo, Phillip Del Pozo Jr., Joe Diaz, Nicole Martin, Fanny Ortiz

Opposed: None

Absent: Margarita Amador

b. Discussion and possible action to approve the Metro project at Soto and First St.

- There would be affordable housing for seniors. There is no retail space at the moment.

Public Comment

: It's fine if there are stores. Everything that the community needs, I approve. I would like to see affordable housing on 1st/soto. I would like to see the support of this housing.

Joel Garcia: You should change the timeline process for the second project.

Motion

Rafael Chagoya: I would like to support the process of a 6-month EDA process for the Metro project at Soto and 1st Street.

Seconded by Elvira Del Pozo

Vote

Favor: Marisol, Steven, Rafael, Elvira, Phillip, Joe, Nicole, Fanny

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: None

Mariachi Plaza

Public Comment

Teresa: I have the signs from Mariachi Plaza. Some of these are beautiful designs. One of the designs that was made by the community is a design. Mariachi plaza is an icon. Forget about the 6th street bridge. This has been the plan. It goes with the design of the mariachi plaza.

Jose Aguilar: If there are non-profits that come in, they do not pay for anything. If you think that is the correct model, you are wrong. People need to pay into BH. People need to pay for police, schools, libraries, etc. You are falling into the trend of allowing people to live freely without paying.

BF: We are already one of the densest places in LA. There is nothing we can do to make it BH taking up the residencies. It's going to make the density worse. Give the youth the opportunity to purchase homes.

Elen Carlo: We think that if they build the project, we will go somewhere else.

Board Question

Elvira Del Pozo: Who is on the advisory board? What's your role? Do you have a responsibility?

Teresa Marquez: We had one meeting to get to know each other. We had a meet and greet. I know that there are three homeowners. Rita, myself, and Helen. We are supposed to listen to the community.

Jenna Hornstock: We are having another meeting on February 4th for the PLUC committee. We have to figure out what to do in the meetings. We are going to talk about everything we heard. We are going to be seeking advice.

Motion

Mynor Godoy: Make a motion to deny the ENA of the Mariachi Plaza.

Seconded by: Rafaela Chagoya

Board Discussion

Having such a large parking structure next to the metro stop. We had a discussion with what it what look like. The small businesses were not consulted. If there have not been some type of engagement, then we cannot take any positions on this. If they did approve an ENA, they would start... We also heard that the Mariachis have been there for a long time. There was a lot of concern that was not meeting the needs of the community. Regardless of the PLUC committee, having been at the Puente proposal and seeing a lot of feedback from other avenues, the community does not want to see what is proposed at that site.

Vote

Favor: Marisol, Steven, Rafael, Elvira, Phillip, Joe, Nicole, Fanny

Oppositions: none

Abstentions: none

d. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement on sidewalks.

Jose Aguilar: September of last year, I presented an issue regarding 2015 winter street. It was voted on and it was supposed to be agendized. The reason why it is an issue, there has been an issue for 5 years. The sidewalk is still a danger to seniors who are walking on these sidewalks.

We have lost quorum at 9:20pm

We have regained quorum at 9:21pm

Board Comment

Elvira Del Pozo: Doesn't Huizar have discretionary funds for this? There are other funds other than Huizar's budget. There are ways to get around these repairs. I don't want that "50/50" wording in there.

Rita: I'm with Elvira. I'm against the project.

Rafael Chagoya: I also understand the point of view of the homeowners. The American Disability Act has to be enforced correctly. It is also the responsibility of the local government. The way this is proposed. If we keep postponing this, then this will continue to be a lingering problem. As a disabled veteran, this is unacceptable.

Clarification

Jessica Elvarenga (Huizar's office): Although we are fixing sidewalks, we can't do all of them at once. It is a costly and lengthy process. It's not going to get done tomorrow. We have a list with the intake. Our goal is to fix the most needy ones, which are the most dangerous. They do the inspection and all of the services.

Motion

Mynor Godoy: I make the motion to approve the community impact statement.

Seconded by: Rafael Chagoya

Amendment to the Motion

Elvira Del Pozo: Take off the 50/50 statement in the community impact statement.

Seconded by: Rita Rodriguez

e. Discussion and possible action to approve a Conditional Use Permit Case no. ZA-2014- 4034-CUW for a Verizon Wireless palm tree facility at 2900 Calle Pedro Infante.

The goal is to get good Verizon service. It's going up next to the cultural center. It would be service for data. We are requesting a letter of support/community impact statement

Motion

Mynor makes the motion to approve the Verizon implementation (change language)

Seconded by: Rita

Vote

Favor: Marisol, Steven, Rafael, Elvira, Phillip, Joe, Nicole, Fanny

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Margarita Amador, etc.

XIV. Presentation on proposed change to LA City Charter on municipal elections date change, (on ballot March 3) by East Area Progressive Democrats.

Imagine having to sift through all that noise. That is one of the problems with changing the city elections. These charter amendments extend the terms of certain politicians. They make it much more costly to communicate. Interest groups will see their hands dramatically strengthened. Not the voters or well-informed voters. The proposed turnout increase does not come to pass. 80% of our elections for city council and school boards are due to primaries. Odd year turnouts are lower than the even year turnouts. Santa Monica, a well-educated electorate, had a 50% dropoff. I would like to announce that Gloria Molina is supporting our measures. We should have a fuller effort to review our candidates. I urge to support this opposition.

Public Comment

Jose Aguilar: There is also an insidious thing about this. It creates slate mailers. I think it divides both. The state of California races should be separated. These councilmen want a free ride.

We have lost quorum – Rita and Mago left

XV. Next BHNC Board meeting, February 25, 2015

XVI. Announcements.

XVII. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned by 9:41pm