

**Los Angeles City Boyle Heights  
Neighborhood Council Special Board Meeting  
Boyle Heights City Hall South Community Room  
2130 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033  
Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 6:30 PM**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm.

**II. Welcome and roll call.**

Present

Marisol Sanchez  
Luz Montoya-Ruiz  
Steven Almazan  
Margarita Amador  
Elvira Del Pozo  
Phillip Del Pozo Jr.  
Nicole Martin  
Fanny Ortiz  
Mynor Godoy  
Carlos Montes  
Rafael Chagoya

Absent

Rita Rodriguez  
Azul Amaral  
Diana Del Pozo-Mora  
Erika Trevis  
Joe Diaz

Arrived Late

Mynor Godoy at 6:48pm  
Rafael Chagoya at 6:55pm

Left early

Margarita Amador at 8:30pm

**III. Government Presentations:**

LAPD Policeman: CPAB meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. License plates are a huge concern because people steal the registered stickers. If you see graffiti, you should call 311.

Connie Topete (Benjamin Franklin Library): We have a lot of resources for the youth of Boyle Heights.

**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 agendaized for discussion at a future public meeting.]

Gillian Russom and Marci Chagoya – Rally For Schools Students Deserve; UTLA is going to have a rally on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

Carmela Gomes – Lummis Day Community Foundation; I have come to ask for funds from the BHNC for the Lummis Day celebration.

Annabella Mazariegos – It is unfair for the BHNC Board members to support Councilmember candidates for CD14.

Rosali Gurrola – The agenda said one time and the website said a different time. On the website, there are years of dates agendas and no minutes. There are also dates with minutes and no agendas.

Yan Wen – Please come to the Malabar Branch Library

Zul Surani – USC Health Science Center; We have an exercise class for cancer survivors and there is an event on March 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the Affordable Care Act

#### **V. Presidents Report.**

Carlos Montes:

- Board Members can support candidates for Council District Seat, but they cannot represent the whole Board.
- There are a few vacancies on the Board

#### **VI. Monthly Spot Light guest speaker:**

a. Boyle Heights Youth & Arts Stakeholders Committee

- We have not been given time as a community to discuss the projects being developed by Metro. We would like the Board to make this part of the agenda for the March General Council Meeting.

#### **VII. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 4th, BHNC Board meeting.**

### Motion

Nicole Martin would like to make the motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Marisol Sanchez.

### Board Discussion

- Minor corrections from Phillip Del Pozo.

### Vote

Favor: Marisol Sanchez, Luz Montoya-Ruiz, Steven Almazan, Margarita Amador, Elvira Del Pozo, Phillip Del Pozo Jr., Nicole Martin, Fanny Ortiz, Carlos Montes (9)

Oppositions: None (0)

Abstentions: Mynor Godoy and Rafael Chagoya (2)

## **VIII. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 28th, BHNC Board meeting.**

### Motion

Nicole would like to make the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Marisol Sanchez.

### Board Discussion

Mynor: ENA should replace NEA.

Rafael: The 50/50 part was taken out. The vote was an amended vote to correct that statement. The sidewalk resolution did pass.

### Vote

Favor: Marisol Sanchez, Luz Montoya-Ruiz, Steven Almazan, Margarita Amador, Elvira Del Pozo, Phillip Del Pozo Jr., Nicole Martin, Fanny Ortiz, Mynor Godoy, Rafael Chagoya (10)

Oppositions: None (0)

Abstentions: Carlos Montes (1)

## **IX. Motion to approve a letter of support for (Social Model Recovery Systems, Inc.**

### Motion

Motion: Mynor Godoy would like to make the motion to approve the letter of support for Social Model Recovery Systems. Seconded by Rafael Chagoya.

Board Discussion

No Board Comment

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Vote

Favor: Marisol Sanchez, Luz Montoya-Ruiz, Steven Almazan, Margarita Amador, Elvira Del Pozo, Phillip Del Pozo Jr., Nicole Martin, Fanny Ortiz, Mynor Godoy, Rafael Chagoya, Carlos Montes (11)

Oppositions: None (0)

Abstentions: None (0)

**X. Discussion and possible action to approve resolution by Eastside Mujeres Network to dedicate March 13<sup>th</sup> as a day for women in the community as an annual event.**

Board Discussion

- No Board Comment

Public Comment

- No Public Comment

Motion

Motion: Mynor Godoy will like to make the motion approve this resolution.

Seconded by: Steven Almazan

Vote

Favor: Marisol Sanchez, Luz Montoya-Ruiz, Steven Almazan, Margarita Amador, Elvira Del Pozo, Phillip Del Pozo Jr., Nicole Martin, Fanny Ortiz, Mynor Godoy, Rafael Chagoya, Carlos Montes (11)

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

**XI. Discussion and possible action to endorse the call for a consumer boycott of El Super Markets**

Motion

Marisol Sanchez makes the motion to...

**XII. Discussion and possible action to approve Budget Finance Action Items**

**XII. Item A**

Motion

Motion: Fanny motions to approve the Budget Finance Action Items. Seconded by Nicole Martin.

Board Discussion

Elvira: The director of the Boyle Heights Recreation Center has not received the money from the NPG.

Nicole: What do we have in public storage?

Elvira: For example, there is a small table, previous minutes from old meetings, and a few boxes.

Margarita: As a Board, we should have a space available for our belongings because there a lot of valuable items.

Public Comment

America Aceves – If there is any old equipment

Vote for November 2014 Budget

Favor:

Marisol Sanchez – Yes

Rita - Absent

Luz Montoya-Ruiz - Abstain

Steven Almazan - Abstain

Margarita Amador – Yes

Azul Amaral - Absent

Rafael Chagoya – No

Elvira Del Pozo - Yes

Phillip Del Pozo Jr. - Yes

Nicole Martin - Yes

Fanny Ortiz - Yes

Mynor Godoy - Abstain

Carlos Montes - Yes

Diana Del Pozo – Absent

Erika Trevis – Absent  
Joe Diaz – Absent

Result

Motion Passes with 7 votes

Vote for December 2014 Budget

Favor:

Marisol Sanchez – Yes  
Rita Rodriguez - Absent  
Luz Montoya-Ruiz - Yes  
Steven Almazan - Yes  
Margarita Amador – Yes  
Azul Amaral - Absent  
Rafael Chagoya – Yes  
Elvira Del Pozo - Yes  
Phillip Del Pozo Jr. - Yes  
Nicole Martin - Yes  
Fanny Ortiz - Yes  
Mynor Godoy - Yes  
Carlos Montes - Yes  
Diana Del Pozo – Absent  
Erika Trevis – Absent  
Joe Diaz – Absent

Result

Motion Passes with 11 votes

Vote for January 2015 Budget

Motion: Fanny Ortiz motions to approve January 2015 budget. Seconded by Elvira Del Pozo.

Board Discussion:

Mynor Godoy – Translation is key for PLUC meetings.

Carlos Montes – We always have translation services for BHNC General Council meetings.

Rafael Chagoya – I agree with Mynor Godoy.

Favor:

Marisol Sanchez – Yes  
Rita Rodriguez – Absent

Luz Montoya-Ruiz – Yes  
Steven Almazan – Yes  
Margarita Amador – Yes  
Azul Amaral – Absent  
Rafael Chagoya – No  
Elvira Del Pozo – Yes  
Phillip Del Pozo Jr. – Yes  
Nicole Martin – Yes  
Fanny Ortiz – Yes  
Mynor Godoy – Yes  
Carlos Montes – Yes  
Diana Del Pozo – Absent  
Erika Trevis – Absent  
Joe Diaz – Absent

Result

Motion Passes with 10 votes

**XII. Item B**

Motion

Motion: Nicole Martin motions to approve the newspaper ads for outreach with the Community Beacon. Seconded by Rafael Chagoya.

Board Discussion

Margarita: I do not approve this motion

Rafael: I do not support the Boyle Heights Beat

Carlos: The beacon is very diverse. It has a lot of potential in terms of outreach.

Luz: We need support for outreach.

Mynor: Regardless of whether the Beacon is diverse or not, we have an outreach committee for this reason.

Steven: We have over \$15,000 in the budget for outreach.

Nicole: The Beacon has come to us over four meetings so they have vetted for their newspaper ads.

Public Comment

Helen: Has other organizations presented their case for outreach?

Rosali: I support this because we read all of the local newspapers.

### Vote

Favor:

Marisol Sanchez – Yes  
Rita Rodriguez – Absent  
Luz Montoya-Ruiz – Abstain  
Steven Almazan – Abstain  
Margarita Amador – No  
Azul Amaral – Absent  
Rafael Chagoya – Yes  
Elvira Del Pozo – Abstain  
Phillip Del Pozo Jr. – No  
Nicole Martin – Yes  
Fanny Ortiz – Yes  
Mynor Godoy – No  
Carlos Montes – Yes  
Diana Del Pozo – Absent  
Erika Trevis – Absent  
Joe Diaz – Absent

### Result

Motion Passes with 5 votes

*\*Elvira Del Pozo, Phillip Del Pozo, & Margarita Amador left the meeting at 8:10pm;  
BHNC has officially lost quorum\**

## **XIII. Reports from Standing Committees**

### **a. Neighborhood Committee**

#### Announcement

Alejandro Marquez, Member of UFCW770: We do not have sick days; We do not have paid vacation time. There is no respect from the manager. We are here to hear the BHNC support on the endorsement for a consumer boycott of El Super Markets

#### Board Discussion

Luz: We are not moving forward because we lost quorum.

Mynor: There are supposed to be 19 people on this Board. Losing quorum makes no sense. This entire Council is a joke. We can't just advocate for jobs. It's about jobs that have benefits

Rafael: This is a disgrace. This is not acceptable. For the Board members to leave

early, there is a lack of respect.

Carlos: I called Board members to be here.

Public Comment (Consumer Boycott for El Super Market)

Jean Tong, UFCW 770: I want to recognize the workers who are so courageous for coming out to speak.

Mike Dennis, East LA Community Corporation: I am disappointed that there was not enough Board members on the council to meet quorum.

Public Comment (Parking Issue)

Michael Lee, Dolores Mission Pastor: I'm asking for residential permit zones for parking. I can't park anywhere. It's difficult for me to get to work on a Saturday and Sunday!

Carlos Ortez: The parking has to be more integral. I ask for street cleaning hours to be changed (11am – 2pm). It prevents clients/customers from stopping by the businesses. The cleaning hours is bad for business.

Rosali Gurrola: It's inappropriate for the Council to take a stance on the parking issue. There is extreme density in Boyle Heights. The main issue is the density.

Vote

No vote due to a loss of quorum.

b. Planning and Land Use Committee

PLUC Updates (from Mynor Godoy)

- Sears Project
  - I want to apologize for the Sears development project meeting. The developers were unable to host/attend a meeting.
- Beer Tasting Room
  - They are not moving forward with a tasting room.
- Beer Distillery
  - They do not have a liquor license
- Hotel Project along Pomeroy
  - The developers are rushing through the application process. There has been no community outreach for this project.

i. Discussion and possible action to approve Conditional Use (CU) application #ZA 2013-2745

- Norman Nazarren, Architect – Phyllis Solomon is the applicant; The existing facade will stay the same because of the historical value. There will be an

additional floor; We have issues to reach out to the tenants because we want to explain the impact that this development will have. The tenants are the first priority to come back to the residency.

#### Board Discussion

Luz: I suggest that we move this item to the top of the next General Board Meeting. We approve things that have to do with money but this is more important.

Fanny: Are the tenants rent controlled?

Rafael: We should move this up in the agenda for the next General Board Meeting.

#### Vote

No vote due to a loss of quorum.

ii. Discussion and possible action regarding the Metro JDA at 1<sup>st</sup> and Boyle; a vote of no confidence in the community engagement process.

- Mynor Godoy – There was a lot of community feedback in regards to this issue. They have already gotten the “okay” from the city since 2009 for the development projects. The city advised them that they did not need to submit their application. Once they pull the application from our hands, we are unable to provide public comment. Metro did not provide an opportunity for community feedback back in 2009. Metro is breaking ground in March. It is worthwhile for us to hold a Special Meeting.

#### Board Discussion

Fanny: When can we have a Special Meeting?

Mynor: We need to have it before March. Preferably before March 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is the day of the Council District 14 Election.

#### Public Comment

Anita Castellanos: If this plan supposed to be within the notice circle, I did not receive any notification on these plans. This says nothing about culture or music.

Rosali Gurrola: Years before, we wanted a market at Mariachi Plaza. Metro is starting development in March.

#### Vote

No vote due to a loss of quorum.

c. By Laws and Elections Committee: set date for a CD14 Candidates Forum

Updates from Nicole Martin:

- If the BHNC will make any changes to the By Laws, we must submit these proposals by May 2015 in order for these to take into effect for the following Election in 2016.
- According to DONE, there will be online voting for the BHNC Elections
- The city is proposing Charter 1 & 2 amendment for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Election

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

*\*Item is recessed due to a loss of quorum\**

**XV. Discussion and possible action to fill BHNC Board Vacancies**

**a. Area 3 Officer**

**b. Factual Basis Community Seat**

**c. Community Seats as reported by Secretary based on Board meeting attendance.**

*\*Item is recessed due to a loss of quorum\**

**XIV. Next BHNC Board meeting, March 25, 2015**

*\*Item is recessed due to a loss of quorum\**

**XV. Announcements.**

*\*Item is recessed due to a loss of quorum\**

**XVI. Adjournment.**

Meeting adjourned by 9:00pm by Carlos Montes.