

**Los Angeles City Boyle Heights
Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting
Boyle Heights City Hall South Community Room
2130 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033
Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 6:30 PM**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm

II. Welcome and roll call.

Present	Absent	Arrived Late/Left Early
Steven Almazan Margarita Amador Nicole Martin Fanny Ortiz Carlos Montes Rafael Chagoya Rita Rodriguez Marisol Sanchez Maria Ocampo Carlos Ortez	Elvira Del Pozo Phillip Del Pozo Jr. Mynor Godoy	Nicole Martin arrived late at 6:53pm Margarita Amador left early at 8:07pm

III. Government Presentations:

LAPD Representatives

- 1st and Bailey rape incident; Woman was harassed outside of a bar and was a victim of potential rape; The woman was able to defend herself and called the police
- 4th and Soto Shooting; There was an officer involved shooting where the assailant was expired.
- Vehicle theft is a crime that is extremely prevalent in the neighborhood of Boyle Heights.
- LA Statistics: This year, there has been an increase of rape cases (13 incidents); There are three (3) cases of homicides

Ben Franklin Library Representative

- Children’s Program – April 28th
- Computer Program – Buy a program for \$140 and a 4-hour computer-training course.
- Summer Fun in the Library – Starts on June 8th

Jose Huizar, Council District 14th Representative

- Huizar would like to create an Ad Hoc Homeless Committee; the purpose of the committee is to address homelessness as a city-wide issue.
- Annual Fireworks Show – June 27th

Congressman Santiago Representative

- Helped 40 families for a Tax Preparation Event

Lydia Grant – Commissioner of Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

- Olivia Rubio is the Commissioner assigned to the BHNC
- The Department trains different neighborhood councils to increase their organizing skills
- Empower LA Awards – Full Volunteer Recognition Event on September 11th

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.]

Hamid Behdad – The SEARS project has delivered a traffic report; there are 41 Digital Files that elaborate on the project

Dora Gallo, A Community of Friends – We are the developers of the 1st and Lorena site; The upcoming meetings will provide more information regarding the project

Zul Sarani, USC – Represents Health Science Community Office; there are various projects that are completed, such as Hazard Park improvements; there is a project focused on the widening of Soto St; one northbound lane on Soto will be shortened beginning in early May.

Joe Diaz, Previous BHNC Vice President – He wanted to say thank you to the community for not being on the BHNC;

Teresa Marquez, Stakeholder – She would like to be part of the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council; there is a problem with the marijuana dispensaries

Felicitas Acosta, Resident – I would like an immediate moratorium.

Rosali Gurrola, Stakeholder – The PLUC committee is not addressing the issues of Boyle Heights; the water issue has not been issued; Boyle Heights is the number one priority.

Laura Gonzales, Las Fotos Project – Our mission is to bring positive change to teenage girls through photography and art; we have classes and field trips every week; they submitted an NPG to support the efforts of Las Fotos Project

Ofelia Carrilo, Resident – I followed the project from the Minutes and Notes of the BHNC; I make \$20,000 a year within my profession; I would not be able to afford an apartment in this project; the median income of our neighborhood is \$33,000.

Nancy Meza, Resident – I oppose the SEARS project; many of the young professionals live with their families because they are not able to afford their own apartment/house; we need more affordable housing.

Ethan Ortiz – We need more affordable housing

V.Spot Light: North East Trees

Aaron Thomas – North East Trees is a nonprofit environmental organization; there is a brand new grants program; A lot of resources should go to Boyle Heights; submitted 2 proposals for BH and they were accepted; the projects aims to plant 600 trees in the BH community;

Board Discussion

Rita – 1st and Lorena would benefit from this project

Nicole – Where will the 600 trees be planted in the community?

A: We are not targeting the large commercial streets; we are looking for the residential streets.

Rafael – There are empty lots in between 2nd and 3rd, which would benefit from this project

Public Comment

Teresa Marquez – Don't put so much work out there if you are not going to do it.

VI. Presidents Report.

Carlos Montes:

- I will upload the Presidents Report online.

VII. Motion to approve the minutes of the March 25th, BHNC Board Meeting

Changes to the Minutes

Motion

Motion: Margarita Amador would like to make the motion approve the minutes for the BHNC General Board Meeting on March 25th.

Seconded by: Rita Rodriguez

Board Discussion

- Remove Marisol from any votes in the meeting on March 25th

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Vote

Favor: Everybody

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Maria, Rita, Carlos Ortez

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

a. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the BHNC Monthly Expenditure Report.

Motion

Fanny Ortiz would like to make the motion to approve the BHNC Monthly Expenditure Report.

Seconded by Marisol Sanchez

Board Discussion

Fanny – We are paying our two

Rafael – The check for translating services has been bounced; that needs to be addressed.

Public Comment

Vote

Favor: Nicole, Margarita, Rafael, Carlos, Steven, Marisol, Fanny

Oppositions:

Abstentions: Maria, Rita, Carlos Ortez

b. Discussion and Possible Action to approve other expenses: Excel Scheduling. Public Storage.

c. Discussion and Possible Action to approve NPG's as listed:

- **Projecto Pastoral for \$1,000**

Motion

Fanny Ortiz would like to make the motion to approve the NPG for Projecto Pastoral for \$5,000.

Seconded by Margarita Amador.

Board Discussion

Margarita – We have to meet our financial obligations; the city is going to absorb the remaining money, which is about \$20,000. As Board members, we have to make these funds available to these communities.

Nicole – I would like to reiterate what Margarita said.

Carlos – Why do we not support poor organizations like Projecto Jardin? Why are we supporting more established organizations, such as Projecto Pastoral.

Margarita – It's our responsibility to review the budget on a monthly basis. The Boyle Heights Recreation Center received funds from BHNC but it was not an NPG.

Public Comment

Rosali – I'm very surprised that we are looking for organizations to support, such as the Boyle Heights Salesian Boys and Girls Club; I'm always impressed.

Marlene, Development Officer at Projecto Pastoral – We want to thank the board for supporting our organization; we want to get the word out to more women; we always want to make sure that conferences are free to community members.

Terence Gomes – On this particular item, we should vote until next month; the application has \$1,000 request, so it would not make sense to support it for \$5,000. On the budget, there is only \$3,800 left on the NPG fund.

2nd Motion

Rafael Chagoya would like to make the motion to move this item until next month (May, 2015)

Seconded by Marisol Sanchez.

Board Discussion

Rafael – We should not have any grievances.

Vote

Favor: Everybody

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: Maria, Rita, Carlos O.

IX. Outreach and Special Events Committee:

- a. Earth Day on the East Side on April 26, by Projecto Jardin, approved last month.**

Announcement

The Eastside community would benefit from the Eastside Earth Day; The resolution says that the community is impacted by pollution; we need to hold businesses accountable; this affects our health; Projecto Jardin is owned by White Memorial, and it was built by the community.

Public Comment

Teresa Marquez – Southeast BH is dealing with the land that they have; I would like to recommend that you guys expand; they are digging their land out.

- b. May 1 unity concert with Boyle Heights Farmers Market and Melo Man Ice, and May Day 2015 in Boyle Heights march and rally for immigration reform.**

Quorum is lost at 8:07pm

~~**X. Planning and Land Use Committee**~~

- ~~**a. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the SEARS project. Application #ZA 20143-3054-ZAD**~~

Removed from Agenda prior to the meeting

XI. Discussion and possible action to fill BHNC Board vacancies:

- a. Selection/election of Vice President, and Outreach and Special Events Officer.**

Quorum is lost at 8:07pm

- b. Community Seats 3, 7, 10, 12 as reported by Secretary based on Board Meeting attendance.**

Quorum is lost at 8:07pm

- c. Selection/election of budget representative for BHNC.**

Quorum is lost at 8:07pm

- d. Area 3 Officer, Area 4 Officer**

XII. Bylaws and Elections Committee: Discussion and possible action to revise the Bylaws.

Quorum is lost at 8:07pm

XII. Neighborhood Committee

a. Discussion and possible action to support letter to LAUSD Board calling for no co-location of Collegiate Charter school on the campus of Roosevelt High School.

Quorum is lost at 8:07pm

b. Discussion and possible action to support motion calling on Jose Huizar and LA Parks and Recreation Department to establish a Dog Park at intersection of Chavez and Pleasant.

Quorum is lost at 8:07pm

c. Discussion and possible action to support resolution calling on Alliance College Ready Public Schools (charter) to give teachers a safe space to decide whether or not to unionize without management interference.

Quorum is lost at 8:07pm

XIV. Next BHNC Board Meeting May 27, 2015

Quorum is lost at 8:07pm

XV. Announcements

Public Announcements

Tej Grewall, LAUSD – Our students are bused from BH; Regarding the charter schools coming into BH, public schools are paid by taxes; Our BSP school is being removed for a charter school next year.

Francisco Cendejas, UTLA – We should consider a resolution for schools that are already established; We would like for Alliance to establish a Union;

Mariana Ramriez, Roosevelt High School – Students and parents need to reach out to the community; We started this whole movement to make the environment at Roosevelt hostile; We would like to create a community resource center for our community members; We would like for the neighborhood council to write a letter of support.

Board Announcements

Steven Almazan – Crossing Guards Issue

Carlos Montes – We have several vacancies on the Board

XVI. Adjournment

Quorum is lost at 8:07pm