

**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, May 27, 2015 at 6:30 PM**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

II. Welcome and roll call.

Present	Absent	Arrived Late/Left Early
Steven Almazan Nicole Martin Fanny Ortiz Carlos Montes Rafael Chagoya Marisol Sanchez Maria Ocampo Carlos Ortez Elvira Del Pozo Phillip Del Pozo Jr.	Margarita Amador Rita Rodriguez Mynor Godoy	

III. Government Presentations:

LA County Sheriff's Department

- If the community has issues regarding public transit, please contact the Gold Line Team Representatives.
- Available for questions regarding Metro or how to better serve the community
- Public Speaker #1: What are the safety parameters regarding patrolling around Mariachi Plaza
 - There is a recurring issue with skateboarding. Skateboards are not allowed in this area.
- Public Speaker #2: There are some sheriff deputies who are not being respectful to the youth. What are the responsibilities of the Metro workers?
 - Sheriff Department is hired to protect the Metro area.

Jose Huizar, Council District 14th Representative

- Last year, LAPD started with footing patrols; There are four areas that they're patrolling; our office is thanking the LAPD because we want our community to feel better and safer; The program has added four new areas.
- There will be an Exide Meeting occurring on May 28th, 2015 at Resurrection Church.

Miguel Santiago Representative

- There will be an Exide Meeting occurring on May 28th, 2015 at Resurrection Church.
- We would like to thank the community for attending the Memorial Day event.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action to fill BHNC Board vacancies

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

Marisol Sanchez is nominated by Fanny Ortiz.

- Emphasized the importance of working with committees.

Rafael Chagoya is nominated by Maria Ocampo.

- Emphasized his role with the PLUC committee.

Almazan, Sanchez, Ortiz, Martin,
Chagoya, Montes, Del Pozo, Del Pozo, Maria, Carlos

Motion

Elvria Del Pozo would like to make the motion to table the election of the Outreach Director to the BHNC General Board June Meeting.

Seconded by: Fanny Ortiz

Board Discussion

- No Board Discussion

Public Comment

- No Public Comment

Vote

Favor: Everyone (Present)

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

b. Selection/election of Board Community Seats 3, 7, 10, and 12 as reported by Secretary based on Board meeting attendance.

Diana Del Pozo Mora – Community Seat

- Elected to a seat for the community this past year.
- Removed from the board because of the absences.
- Please consider my placement on the board.

Vote

Favor: Steven, Nicole, Rafael, Maria, Elvira, Phillip, Carlos M., Marisol, Fanny (9)

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

Joe Diaz – Community Seat

- Elected to a seat for the community this past year.
- Removed from the board because of the absences.
- “I would like to show what Boyle Heights is really about.”

Vote

Favor: Steven, Nicole, Rafael, Maria, Elvira, Phillip (6)

Opposed: Carlos M., Marisol, Fanny (3)

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

Beatrice Ochoa – Community Seat

- Works for East LA Service Area
- Grew up in Boyle Heights
- Purchased a home in BH in 2001.
- “Concerned about the issues in my neighborhood”

Vote

Favor: Steven, Nicole, Rafael, Maria, Elvira, Phillip, Carlos M., Marisol, Fanny (9)

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

Cocoliso – Community Seat

- You’ve seen me in the community.
- Euclid Elementary School.
- “I have an obligation to address situations and concerns”
- “I bring strength to this community”
- “My organization is good guidance”

Vote

Favor: Carlos M. (1)

Opposed: Steven, Nicole, Rafael, Maria, Elvira, Phillip, Marisol, Fanny (8)

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

Anthony Soto

- “I am a disappointed in this community”
- The streets have holes.
- There are other issues we need to address.

Vote

Favor: Steven, Nicole, Rafael, Maria, Elvira, Phillip, Marisol, Fanny (8)

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Carlos M., Carlos O. (2)

c. Selection/election of Budget representatives (2) for BHNC

- There are 96 Neighborhood Councils, and there are 2 budget representatives from each NC.
- Fanny Ortiz nominates Fanny Ortiz
- Nicole Martin nominates Carlos Ortez

Fanny Ortiz

Vote

Favor: Steven, Nicole, Rafael, Maria, Elvira, Phillip, Carlos M., Marisol, Fanny (9)

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

Carlos Ortez

Vote

Favor: Steven, Nicole, Rafael, Maria, Elvira, Phillip, Carlos M., Marisol, Fanny (9)

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

d. Selection/election of Area 3 Officer, Area 4 Officer

Antonio Garcia – Area 3 Officer Applicant

- “Many people want to be part of the Board. We are not focused on the important things in the community.”
- “This is our community. I have been a resident for 41 years. My kids were born here.
- I would like to submit my application for Area 4.

Vote

Favor: Steven, Nicole, Rafael, Maria, Elvira, Phillip, Marisol, Fanny (8)

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Carlos M., Carlos O. (2)

Joel Ojeda – Area 4 Officer Applicant

- Currently fighting for a dog park.

Vote

Favor: Steven, Nicole, Rafael, Maria, Elvira, Phillip, Marisol, Fanny (8)

Opposed: Carlos M. (1)

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

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

a. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the BHNC Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2015 and April 2015

Motion

Steven Almazan would like to make the motion to approve the BHNC Monthly Expenditure Report.

Seconded by: Rafael Chagoya

Details

- There are five (5) different vendors who are paid off in April.

Board Discussion

- **Carlos M.:** Have the prior NPGs been deducted? There are pending NPG’s that need to be addressed?
- **Fanny:** The current balance is \$18,206.
- **Elvira:** The city provides \$37,000 to each NC.

Public Comment

- **Cocoliso:** We don’t know if this is federal or state funding.

Vote – March 2015

Favor: Marisol, Steven, Elvira, Nicole, Fanny, Philip, Maria, Carlos M., Rafael (9)

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

Vote – April 2015

Favor: Marisol, Steven, Elvira, Nicole, Fanny, Philip, Maria, Carlos M., Rafael (9)

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

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

c. Discussion and Possible Action to approve:

i. Neighborhood Congress \$250 and Budget Advocates \$250

Motion

Fanny Ortiz would like to make the motion to approve the Neighborhood Congress for \$250 and Budget Advocates for \$250.

Seconded by: Steven Almazan

Board Discussion

- **Diana:** What line item is this coming out of from this budget?
- **Fanny:** Outreach, this will come out of the line item from Meeting Expenses

Public Comment

- No Public Comment

Vote

Favor: Marisol, Steven, Elvira, Nicole, Fanny, Philip, Maria, Carlos M., Rafael (9)

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

d. Discussion and possible action to approve temporary DONE financial services from Angela Pipkin to work with Treasurer.

Motion

Elvira Del Pozo would like to make the motion to approve temporary DONE financial services from Angela Pipkin to work with Treasurer.

Seconded by: Rafael Chagoya

Board Discussion

- **Carlos:** The purpose of this service would be to help the Treasurer with the duties of this position.
- **Elvira:** Should the services be limited to 20 hours per week?

Amendment to the Motion

Nicole Martin would like to make the motion to limit the services to 15 hours for the DONE financial

services from Angela Pipkim to work with Treasurer.

Seconded by: Marisol Sanchez

Board Discussion

- No Board Comment

Public Comment

- No Public Comment

Vote

Favor: Marisol, Steven, Elvira, Nicole, Fanny, Philip, Maria, Carlos M., Rafael (9)

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

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

- a. Projecto Pastoral for Annual Women's Conference - \$5,000.**
- b. Projecto Pastoral Impacto program - \$3,000**
- c. Boyle Heights Youth Football - \$4,000**
- d. Self Help Graphics and Art - \$5,000**
- e. Community Partners: Las Fotos Project - \$5,000**

Motion

Fanny Ortiz would like to make the motion to approve the NPG for Project Pastoral for Annual Women's Conference as \$1,000.

Seconded by: Marisol Sanchez

Board Discussion

- **Elvira:** We need to move the funds in the budget to accommodate each NPG.
- **Fanny:** Recommendation for Project Pastoral for Annual Women's Conference is \$1,000.
- **Elvira:** I propose that we move the \$15,000 to the NPGs section by June 15th.

Public Comment

- **Rosali:** The availability of the budget should be clear to the budget on the agenda.
- **Helen:** How can you vote on something that is not there?

Amendment to the Motion

Elvira Del Pozo would like to make the motion to approve the NPG for Project Pastoral for Annual Women's Conference as \$3,000.

Seconded by: Fanny Ortiz.

Board Discussion

- No Board Discussion

Public Comment

- **Rosali:** The money situation should not be taken lightly.

Vote

Favor: Marisol, Steven, Elvira, Nicole, Fanny, Philip, Maria., Rafael (8)

Oppositions: Carlos M. (1)

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

Motion

Fanny Ortiz would like to make the motion to table the four (4) remaining NPGs on the agenda.

Seconded by: Marisol Sanchez

Vote

Favor: Marisol, Steven, Elvira, Nicole, Fanny, Philip, Maria., Rafael, Carlos M. (8)

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

VI. Neighborhood Committee:

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

Steven Almazan (Secretary) recused himself from the discussion and vote

Motion

Marisol Sanchez would like to make the motion to approve the support letter to LAUSD Board calling for no co-location of Collegiate Charter school on the campus of Roosevelt High School.

Seconded by: Nicole Martin

Board Discussion

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Public Comment

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Vote

Favor: Majority of Board

Oppositions:

Abstentions:

b. 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.

Motion

Marisol Sanchez would like to make the motion 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.

Seconded by: Nicole Martin

Presentation

- Teachers at Alliance are organizing a union to create more rights for teachers.
- This is something that is important for the entire community.

- There are other NCs that support this resolution.

Board Discussion

- **Anthony:** What does this resolution do?
- **Rafael:** I am in favor of this.

Public Comment

- **Ofelia:** Graduate of Stern Mass; Class of 2010; I am here in support of the resolution. Teachers' perspectives are valuable; Teachers should be given a choice.
- In the past four years, I've worked at three different schools. I have never seen a lazy teacher my entire life. I wish I had that opportunity.
- **Blanca:** We want teachers to have higher standards for students.

Vote

Favor: Nicole, Rafael, Elvira, Philip, Diana, Joe, Steven, Fanny, Marisol, Maria, Carlos M. (11)

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

- Discussion and possible action to support increase funding for Crossing Guards.**
- Discussion and possible action to co-sponsor an Earthquake Preparedness program with local LA Fire Department**
- Discussion and possible action to purchase pet waste bag containers and signs to inform public on pet waste disposal.**
- Discussion and possible action to support motion calling on Jose Huizar and LA Parks & Recreation Department to establish a Dog Park.**

Motion

Marisol Sanchez would like to table the following three items of the Neighborhood Committee to the General Board Meeting in June.

Seconded by: Rafael Chagoya

Board Discussion

- None

Public Comment

- None

Vote

Favor: Nicole, Rafael, Elvira, Philip, Diana, Joe, Steven, Fanny, Marisol, Maria, Carlos M. (11)

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

VII. Outreach and Special Events Committee

- Lumis Day Festival in Boyle Heights June 5, and June 6-7. We will have a booth and have banners to place in community.**
- Discussion and possible action to approve \$3,000 for purchase of t-shirts, tote bags and have banners to place in community.**

Motion

Marisol Sanchez would like to make the motion to approve \$3,000 for purchase of t-shirts, tote bags and have banners to place in community.

Seconded by: Steven Almazan

Board Discussion

- **Marisol:** We want to spread awareness of the BHNC
- **Elvira:** I would like to recommend that the expense come from the Community Health and Family Event Line in the budget.
- **Nicole:** Most NCs utilize their Outreach funds to promote the respective NC.
- **Marisol:** This is a small portion of the budget that we will use next year.
- **Joe:** We should use whatever we have in order to promote ourselves.
- **Anthony:** We need more presence.

Public Comment

- You can purchase banners that have interchangeable messages.

Vote

Favor: Nicole, Rafael, Elvira, Philip, Diana, Joe, Steven, Fanny, Marisol, Maria, Carlos M. (11)

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

VIII. Planning and Land Use Committee

- a. **Discussion and possible action to support the Conditional Use (CU) application #ZA-2015-323-CU-SPR and Environmental Assessment application #ENV-2015-324-EAF**

Motion

Rafael Chagoya would like to make the motion to support the Conditional Use (CU) application #ZA-2015-323-CU-SPR and Environmental Assessment application #ENV-2015-324-EAF.

Seconded by: Elvira Del Pozo

Presentation

- Employment, jobs, construction, buffer of sounds, Hilton Grand Continental High Quality, City income

Board Discussion

- **Elvira:** When will this project begin?
 - This will begin in November 2015. Completion will be for 12 months.
- **Nicole:** Will the construction company hire from the neighborhood?
 - That will be the focal point. There will be 50 – 60 openings.
- **Rafael:** What are you doing in terms of outreach?
 - We are working on developing a website to provide project updates.
- **Nicole:** Will the workers qualify for \$15.00?
 - Yes
- **Fanny:** Has there been community outreach?
 - Yes
- **Nicole:** This sounds like a great opportunity.
- **Rafael:** They have considered having green spaces.

- **Elvira:** It will nice to replace the empty lot.

Public Comment

- **Rachel Torres:** The developer has done 20 hotels. None of the hotels have provided \$15.00 an hour. Nothing is in writing. The number of jobs is 20 – 30. These are sweatshop conditions. The local hiring will be discussed post-construction. This site used to be housing. This is your community. You have the right to push for more.
- **Stacey:** The community looks like a dumping ground. Whether paying the minimum will destroy businesses. We should not push away developers.
- **Rosali:** Extreme density in BH. We are the densest in the city and county. We cannot handle more development.
- **Carla:** The majority of the neighbors surrounding the project are not happy with the construction. I do not know why they are saying we are in favor.
- **Public Speaker #1:** We should have everything in writing before we make any promises.

Amendment to the Motion

Nicole Martin would like to see the stipulation of the \$15.00/hour, percentage of local hires, and the confirmation of outreach before we motion to support the Conditional Use (CU) application #ZA-2015-323-CU-SPR and Environmental Assessment application #ENV-2015-324-EAF.

Seconded by: Elvira Del Pozo

Board Discussion

- **None**

Vote

Favor: Nicole, Rafael, Elvira, Philip, Diana, Joe, Steven, Fanny, Marisol, Maria, Carlos M. (11)

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

b. Discussion and possible action to support the USC Hyatt House hotel project

Motion

Rafael Chagoya would like to make the motion to support the USC Hyatt House hotel project.

Seconded by: Elvira Del Pozo

Presentation

- Develop a 200-room hotel on the USC Health Science Campus.
- 14,000 feet for restaurant space
- 2,700 feet for retail space
- Constructing three buildings:
 - Proposed parking garage, student housing, hotel
- Facilities for academic conferences
- This is geared toward the families who have relatives who are receiving services from the USC + LA Medical Center.
- We believe this will reduce traffic for patients and patients' families.

Board Discussion

- **Rafael:** Have you set up a web page for updates?
 - USC will have a website available for the public.

- Will poor working class members be welcomed at the restaurants and retail stores.

Public Comment

- **Rachel Torres:** We look forward to working with this developer.
- **Public Speaker #1:** I don't think we are completely aware of this project. I think the developers need to communicate with the small businesses and community.
- **Felicita:** This is a great project. I do not see that this will be open to the public.
- **Cecia:** Who are we building partnerships with? This project is focused toward other people outside of Boyle Heights.

Vote

Favor: Nicole, Rafael, Elvira, Philip, Diana, Joe, Steven (7)

Oppositions: Fanny, Marisol, Maria, Carlos M. (4)

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

c. SEARS Project

Motion

Rafeal Chagoya would like to make the motion to postpone this item.

Seconded by: Elvira Del Pozo

Board Discussion

- None

Public Comment

- None

Vote

Favor: Nicole, Rafael, Elvira, Philip, Diana, Joe, Steven, Fanny, Marisol, Maria, Carlos M. (11)

Oppositions: None

Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

d. Discussion and possible action to support the Conditional Use (CU) application #ZA-2015-1583-CUW-SPR and Environmental Assessment application #ENV-2015-1584-EAF Density Bonus and Site Plan Review (DB)

Motion

Rafeal Chagoya would like to make the motion to postpone this item.

Seconded by: Maria Ocampo

Board Discussion

- None

Public Comment

- None

Vote

Favor: Nicole, Rafael, Elvira, Philip, Diana, Joe, Steven, Fanny, Marisol, Maria, Carlos M. (11)

Oppositions: None
Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

e. Demolition of Carl's Jr.

Motion

Rafeal Chagoya would like to make the motion to postpone this item.
Seconded by: Maria Ocampo

Board Discussion

- None

Public Comment

- None

Vote

Favor: Nicole, Rafael, Elvira, Philip, Diana, Joe, Steven, Fanny, Marisol, Maria, Carlos M. (11)
Oppositions: None
Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

IX. Bylaws and Elections Committee: Report

- **Nicole:** The recommended changes are submitted to DONE. This may take awhile.

X. Motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2015 BHNC Board Meeting

Motion

Nicole Martin would like to make the motion to postpone this item.
Seconded by: Maria Ocampo

Board Discussion

- None

Public Comment

- None

Vote

Favor: Nicole, Rafael, Elvira, Philip, Diana, Joe, Steven, Fanny, Marisol, Maria, Carlos M. (11)
Oppositions: None
Abstentions: Carlos O. (1)

XI. Next BHNC Board Meeting June 24, 2015,

- Next Executive Meeting June 10th, 2015

XII. 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.]

XIII. Announcements

Public Announcements

- Hilary Norton (6th Street Viaduct Replacement Project) – We are going to be on the meeting next month in June regarding the project for the 6th Street Viaduct project.
- Rafael Chagoya – Welcome to new Board Members

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 10:03pm by Nicole Martin

Seconded by Steven Almazan