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## BHNC General Board Meeting Minutes

Boyle Heights City Hall Community Room  
2130 East First Street, Los Angeles CA 90033  
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 @ 6:00 pm

### Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

#### Welcome and roll call

- Present = Mynor, Beatriz, Alessandro, Daisy, Jason, Arwen, Carlos, Claudia, Marisol M., Jared, Hector
- Absent = Marisol S., Lizzette, Leticia, Joe
- 11 board members present = Quorum met

#### Pledge of Allegiance

- Led by Arwen

#### Government Reports

- Miriam, Council Member Jose Huizar's office
  - Spoke about recent and upcoming events
- Ana Huizar, Department of Public works
  - Encouraged use of the 311 app to report potholes and graffiti. They try to respond to requests within 72 hours.
  - Also mentioned that the department has equipment available for any "Day of Service" events
- Fire battalion Chief Steve Skelly
  - New to the battalion, 8 fire stations, his career started in the BH neighborhood several years ago. Explained some of LAFD's challenges, including a very young department (500 new recruits). Have seen an increase in calls that they have to respond to.
- Thomas Soong- invited board members to the neighborhood council awards on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at City Hall in the evening and reminded board of May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for bylaws changes

#### Approval of minutes from the February 22, 2017 general board and March 8, 2017 special meetings

- Minutes were not available for board action

#### General Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes per speaker)

- Kevin Van Houten-Wife (Tracy Van Houten) is running for 34<sup>th</sup> congressional district and is the only candidate running for congress who is a scientist. Announced event at Cal State LA Thursday evening for a candidate forum
- George Cabrera- Community Beacon, shared a draft of the March/April edition of the community paper as well as upcoming events. April 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit articles/announcements for the next issue.
- Beatriz – owns all-state insurance and will be hosting a fundraiser, April 7<sup>th</sup> for Union de Vecinos, guests include the creators of the movie, A Day Without a Mexican

- Samaria Ruiz and Jessica Maldonado spoke in support of Wendy Carrillo for Congress and shared their stories and why they're supporting

**Automatic Resignation of Maria O'Campo due to excessive absences.**

- Announced by BHNC president – no action taken

**Announcement of appointment of Claudia Hernandez as Purposeful Aging Liaison**

- Announced by president – no action taken

**Announcement and Election of Community Stakeholders to fill open board positions:**

- 1) Two (2) open Community Seats
  - a) Candidates:
    - (1) Alex Gorman- a pastor at a church near First St. and Fickett expressed interest in filling a community seat
    - (2) Dan Morales- real estate agent opening a business at 2633 Cesar Chavez ave. expressed interest in filling a community seat
  - b) Public Comment:
    - (1) Thomas Soong gave public comment on board member responsibilities
  - c) Vote to elect Alex Gorman
    - (1) Against = 0
    - (2) Abstain = 1 (Jared)
    - (3) Approve = 10
    - (4) Alex elected to the board
  - d) Vote to elect Dan Morales
    - (1) Against = 0
    - (2) Abstain = 3 (Jared, Sol, Alessandro)
    - (3) Approve = 9 (including newly elected board member, Alex)
    - (4) Dan elected to the board
  - e) **Board now has 13 board members present**
  - f) Area 1 Officer Seat
    - (1) Candidates: None
  - g) Area 3 Officer Seat
    - (1) Candidates: None

**Budget Committee Agenda Items**

- 1) Discussion and possible approval of February MER
  - a) Beatriz introduced the MER
  - b) Motion to approve Claudia, Seconded by Daisy
  - c) Public Comment: None
  - d) Board Discussion
    - i) Clarification about NPG payment for Color Coded
  - e) Vote
    - i) Against = 1 (Carlos)
    - ii) Abstain = 0
    - iii) Approve = 10 (new board members who have not taken their ethics or budget training are ineligible)
    - iv) **Motion passes**

**Outreach and Special Events Agenda Items**

- 1) Update on planning details for BHNC sponsored Senior Citizen event in May
  - a) Update from Outreach Chair, Alessandro = Date is set for May 18
  - b) Carlos suggests to partner with Abuelitos de Boyle Heights to co-sponsor the event
- 2) Discussion and possible action to approve sponsorship of an Easter outreach event April 15

- a) Update from Outreach Chair, Alessandro = April 15<sup>th</sup> Easter Event was cancelled, but a different event will take place in Hazard Park on March 26<sup>th</sup>
- 3) Discussion and possible action to reallocate remaining BHNC funds to cover any outstanding outreach costs
  - a) **Motion to move \$2000 to outreach by Mynor, seconded by Carlos**
  - b) Public comment – None
  - c) Board Discussion
    - i) Carlos suggested also supporting a May day event,
    - ii) Alex asked to clarify the amount
      - (1) Beatriz confirms \$4,482.95 is the current balance available in the outreach budget
    - iii) Beatriz asked about a \$5000 dollar deposit from City clerk
      - (1) Thomas Soong, DONE representative, confirmed that \$5K should be reflected in 2016-2017 budget soon
    - iv) Daisy raised concerns about the delay from the City making funds available for community events and wants to support Alessandro’s request
    - v) Sol – believes we need outreach materials and wants to see items that will promote the BHNC in the community
    - vi) Mynor- brought attention to money still available that can be allocated to the outreach budget, currently \$1,800
    - vii) Alessandro- shared concerns about being unable to move outreach items without an allocated budget
    - viii) **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO CHANGE AMOUNT TO \$1,800 directed to the outreach committee**
  - d) **Moved by Alessandro, second by Arwin**
  - e) Public comment
    - i) Person from audience suggested board be more active on social media
  - f) Board Discussion = None
  - g) Vote
    - i) Against = 0
    - ii) Abstain = 0
    - iii) Support = 11 (new board members who have not taken their ethics or budget training are ineligible)
    - iv) **Motion passes**

Carlos motion to move item 12(b) of Neighborhood Committee up, second by Jared

- Vote
  - Against=0
  - Abstain=0
  - Approve= 13 (Unanimous)
  - **Motion passes**

### Neighborhood Committee Agenda Items

#### 1) **Motion to support SB54 by Claudia, seconded by Alessandro**

- a) Public comment – None
- b) Board Discussion
  - i) Sol- hopes board supports making California a sanctuary state for undocumented residents of the state, urges board to show solidarity by voting in favor
  - ii) Carlos- dispelled rumors about violent offenders being protected by SB54
  - iii) Alessandro – senate vote has been moved to April 3<sup>rd</sup> and urged audience to call legislatures to urge support
- c) Vote
  - i) Against = 0
  - ii) Abstain = 0
  - iii) Approve = 13 (Unanimous)
  - iv) **Motion passes**

Mynor gave update on Community Parking Meeting – no action taken

Discussion and possible action to support a free workshop program designed to build capacity among restaurant operators in Boyle Heights to serve more plant-based foods

- 1) Stephanie Cook presented her program through LA County Department of Public Health. Hoping to inspire restaurants in Boyle Heights to serve more plant based foods
  - a) **Motion to support the initiative by Mynor, seconded by Claudia**
  - b) Public comment-
    - i) BHNC should get more microphones, asked if the program will connect with community gardens in the area
  - c) Board Comment
    - i) Where will training take place? Training will be at the wellness center
  - d) Vote
    - i) Against = 0
    - ii) Abstain = 0
    - iii) Approve = 13 (Unanimous)
    - iv) **Motion passes** - Claudia and Daisy committed to assist with the outreach

### Rules and Election Committee Agenda Items

- 1) Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend a Standing Rule on Re-elected Board Members & Executive Officer Terms
  - a) Description: There is no rule governing re-elected Board Members preexisting statuses (i.e. absences, term limits, etc.). To close a potential loop-hole in the bylaws the following standing rule shall be considered:
  - b) New standing rule = "Board Members and/or Executive Officers removed and/or reinstated to their previous positions shall have all statuses continue as if uninterrupted, including attendance totals and term limits."
    - i) Jason explained the suggested standing rule
  - c) **Motion to approve by Jason and seconded by Arwen**
  - d) Public comment
    - i) Thomas made some suggestions about how bylaws can be amended to make standing room permanent
  - e) Board discussion = None
  - f) Vote
    - i) Against = 0
    - ii) Abstain = 0
    - iii) Approve = 12 (Unanimous)
    - iv) **Motion passes**
- 2) Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend a Standing Rule on Re-elected Board Members removed for Attendance
  - a) Description: There is no rule governing Board Members absence limitations if removed for attendance and re-elected. To add clarity the following standing rule shall be considered:
  - b) New standing rule = "Board Members removed due to the Absentee Clause (Article 5, Section 7), and re-elected to the Board shall have a max limit of one (1) more absence within the twelve (12) month time frame established from the date of the first absence before being barred from a Council Board position until next BHNC general elections."
    - i) Jason explained the standing rule
  - c) **Motion to approve by Jason, seconded by Alessandro**
  - d) Public Comment
    - i) Thomas shared some concerns about the standing rule
  - e) Board Comment
    - i) Alessandro raises concerns about how much notice is enough for an excused absence
      - (1) Thomas responds that bylaws do not provide any language for excused absences and recommends that specifics be included in any bylaw amendments
      - (2) Jason share that Rules and Elections Committee is looking into defining what constitutes an excused absence
    - ii) Beatriz- invites board members to join the committee and offer solutions for language about excused absences
  - f) Vote
    - i) Against = 0

- ii) Abstain = 0
- iii) Approve = 12 (Unanimous)
- iv) **Motion passes**

Motion To Table Action on Bylaw Amendments (Agenda Items 13(c), 13 (d) and 13(e)) by Mynor, Seconded by Arwin

- Lost 2/3rds of the board (13 members), which is the number necessary to approve any bylaw amendments
- Tabled to a special meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Meeting will be ONLY to approve Bylaw Amendments

Public Comment = None

Board Discussion = None

Vote

- Against = 0
- Abstain = 0
- Approve = 10 (Unanimous)
- **Motion Passes.**

The following will be agendized for a general board meeting solely dedicated to action on Bylaw Amendments (April 5<sup>th</sup>)

- 1) Discussion and Possible Action to Amend the BHNC Bylaws regarding Articles I, II & IV
- 2) Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Amendments to the BHNC Bylaws Article VII, Sec 1 & 1(a)
- 3) Discussion and Possible Action to the BHNC Bylaws Article VII, Sec 1(b-g), Sec. 2 & Sec.3

#### **Announcements**

- Public Comment
  - Connie Gomez - from abuelitos de boyle heights and shared a comment about their services
- From the board
  - USC Civic Engagement festival April 8<sup>th</sup> at Hazard Park form 10am-2pm
  - April 4<sup>th</sup> 34<sup>th</sup> Congressional District election – remember to vote
  - Stevenson library will be starting their free citizenship classes soon; many more free services offered as well

#### **Adjournment**