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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 30th at City Hall in the evening and reminded board of May 1st 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 34th 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 20th is the deadline to submit articles/announcements for the next issue.
- Beatriz – owns all-state insurance and will be hosting a fundraiser, April 7th 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 15th Easter Event was cancelled, but a different event will take place in Hazard Park on March 26th
- 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 3rd 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 5th. 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 5th)

- 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 8th at Hazard Park form 10am-2pm
 - April 4th 34th Congressional District election – remember to vote
 - Stevenson library will be starting their free citizenship classes soon; many more free services offered as well

Adjournment