

## Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

### Minutes June 28, 2007

1. Marisol Sanchez, President, called board meeting to order at 6:40 PM, gave welcome and asked each Board member to introduce themselves.
2. Marisol Sanchez, President, took roll call of Board members and noted on attendance roster.
3. Marisol Sanchez introduced motion to open nominations for Area 1 Officer, second by Sol
4. Marquez. Nominations for Area 1 officer. Hector Huezco was nominated and accepted Area 1 office vacancy. Vote all in favor, no abstentions. Area 3 officer open position open for nominations. Drew Marie Brauer self nominated. Jason Gallegos opened discussion on PLUC vs. Area roles on the Board. Open discussion on different roles. Vote on Area 3 has been unrepresented. Alessandro Negrete asked a question on to Drew on representation. Drew responded that she will get to know barrio. Sol asked where you from and background. From Idaho, school name. Gave ideas on outreach. Motion by Marisol to proceed with vote, second Beatrice, abs 0, against 0, in favor unanimous. Community seat nominations open. Saul Vazquez spoke as a self nomination. Marisol Sanchez motion to vote for Drew, second by Lizzette Perez. Question on what type of business by? Institute of Contemporary Art, from Echo Park. Lizzette Perez asked what main motive is. Can you be available? Response-made time available with Boyle Heights Beat and internship. Question by Sol Marquez on what type of art work and issues? Response by S. Vasquez: it is important, first generation Mexican originally resident from Oakland, long response. Motion to vote by Marisol Marquez, second by Hector Huezco. Vote: abstention- Jason, No, 0, Yes 10.
5. General Public comment:
  - a. Patty Alvarado with Ben Franklin Public Library: summer reading program, urban bee keeping, crochet class, book signing Dr. Richard Santillan on Chicano baseball,
  - b. Gorge Cabrera, with Community Beacon covering various articles on paper, front page anniversary of Cesar Chavez with original photos, covering other issues and photos on paper, also various issues. Back page full page add by Elysian Neighborhood Council. Fireworks two events.
  - c. Steven Almazan-talk about the new local Coffee house that opened up, recommend the PLUC and BHNC take a look at new businesses that open up that are both culturally sensitive and good business.. Want middle ground to due to very toxic situation, just his thoughts.
6. Government Reports: not a lot of going on. July 1 fireworks show at Hollenbeck Park all invited. BHNC will have a booth. Three parks are doing the Summer Light program for a safe space from 7 to 10 pm. SL is summer lights where the parks are open during summer for positive activities that are free, Miriam and Rocio got a letter of support for a community member that got detained by ICE and was released. LA City Jose Huizar does not have jurisdiction but office can connect with LAPD or ICE. Lizzette has any plans for know your rights, Forum was held in community.

7. Board NC liaison. Motion President moved second by Beatrice to table to bottom of agenda, vote abstained-0, No-0, yes-unanimous, moved to 8 on agenda.
8. TEC, Transportation Environment Committee; Alessandro self nominated. Currently work with CBE working on Exide. Moved to elect by Marisol, second by Daisy. Comments-Jason what kind of outreach for the TEC since weak outreach committee. Other issues of transportations on immigrant rights, traffic, freeways and the police check points; Alesandro will be proactive and taking a position and taking action Lizzette-wants to give some suggestions like parking diagonal, due to our tight streets, also use their drive ways, I live in an old drive way where we have No driveways, work on parking diagonal; my join the TEC and need guidance from DONE and using MTA services. Vote: absta-0, No-0 yes- unanimous.
9. Nominations for second signer. Duties sign all forms made by Treasurer. Marisol makes nomination, Second by Sol. Need Ethics and funding training. Only current Board can vote. Note on Lizzette: abstain-0, No-0, Yes, see vote tally taken by Treasurer Beatrice Zaragoza. Vote total: No-0, Yes-10, Abs-0.
10. Nominations for bank card holder. Lizzette nominates Alex, second by Daisy; Vote tally taken by Treasurer: abstain-0, No-0, Yes-10.
11. Nominate and designate inventory of BHNC property items. Questions where are they storage. Marisol store at Jose Huizar office. Several questions on other items missing, like digital camera (Alessandro said Steven Almazan gave back to him recently). Questions do we have a desk, invest in a locker, or metal cabinet. PC to Carlos Montes, Miriam will ask if we can store big items. Daisy will work with Miriam to find a storage area for our items. Motion to have Daisy in charge of inventory, second by Jason, abstain-0, No-0, Yes –unanimous.
12. Community Impact Statements. Public comment from audience hat Jason and Alesandro. Jason self nominates, Carlos Montes self nominates, Daisy Chavez nominated Marisol Sanchez. Motion to elect nominees, Sol seconds. Vote absta-0, No-0, yes unanimous.
13. PLUC discussion and action to elect the six PLUC vacancies. Jason Gallegos introduced the candidates, submitted by email, and recently. Jason recommends process. Jason moves to elect PLUC by those who have submitted applications:
  - a. Drew Marie Bauer gave statement-works in the field, , Ernesto Hidalgo-chair NC sustainability life, Metro Service Control, MTA now with the LAPD, Dan Morales-have interest, have a real estate know land use, grew up in neighborhood that is no longer there, what if we had a voice, at Belmont HS. Tremendous things that are happening double edge sword. Tiffany Lam. Lizzette low income housing that is claimed that is affordable housing, where Boyle Height sis really low income; if affordable housing proposal come up will we give priority or our residents? Like reinvest in our community. I don't want to see more our people pushed out; please be conscious of the people we are serving. Alessandro two of you are home and business owners, how are you going to not let your personal interest get in the way. On the question of equity, and displacement. Drew Marie- I live in my home and rent out one room to pay mortgage, if there is a conflict I will abstain and not for my own. Ernesto-the projects that come to BHNC are from HUD with government guidelines. Prop H and the linkage fee will bring in more money for housing. Jose Huizar chairs the PLU of the LA City Council. Support

those measures. Dan Morales-my view is to represent my community, my heart is with the people, manages property in BH, rent homes and rooms. Sol-what do you do for a living- own Eastside Properties, own various business, Drew- work to help people get homes. Ernest-urban planning, school Tree People. Jason can you make the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month for meeting all yes. Jason all info those not get to public what will you do on land issues? Dan very connected with sectors, with owners, renter and neighbors. Ernesto-live here, Drew have least connections talk to people on my block, will walk and meet people. Jason introduced Tiffany Lam. Vote for 6 total, we can have up to 7. Vote first James Carter, abstain 2, No-7, Yes-0. Drew Marie absation-1, No-0, yes-13. Ernesto abstasin-1, No-0, yes-13, Tiffany-abstain2, No-0, yes 11. Dan-absatin-1, No-1, Yes-11. Other PLUC openings. Jason gave an overview of the PLUC duties and functions for the public.

#### 14. Know our city reps

- a. LA City District 14<sup>th</sup>: introductions by Rocio Hernandez area director by Boyle Heights work king for 8 years, very passionate, work with local parents and churches, As Director oversee a staff dealing with local issues by doing a case file dealing with quality of life issues. Miriam born and live in BH great to work in my community, very passionate , do case work, and like to be out to churches , high schools, businesses, local police and neighborhood watch program, reach out to me. Young man new person do case load, still learning work with middle schools, and churches, support and contacts, with support. Glad to be here is BH.
- b. Office of LA Mayor local rep is vacant now.
- c. DONE rep id Project Coordinator-Thomas Soong. Work with DONE. We oversee and support the neighborhood councils, with training, support and outreach.
- d. Office of Clerk-Martha Cabral.
- e. ELA Area Planning Commission-commissioners.

#### 15. Neighborhood Councils 101

- a. Purpose of NCs, role in the community and City hall. Gave a quick summary of why and how NCs started. Due to lot of community pressure and outreach demanding more accountability and response from elected officials.
- b. One general role and goal is to promote public participation in City governance and decision making processes so that ornament is more responsive to local needs and requests and so that more opportunities are created to build partnerships with government to address local needs and requests. For more details see the hand out from Thomas Soong.
- c. Thomas Soong gave a very good overview of the functioning of NCs, with hand outs.
- d. Questions from the Board: On spending of budget.

#### 16. Discussion and review of the BHNC Strategic Plan and Budget.

- a. Marisol Sanchez reviews the highlight of our Strategic Plan.

- b. Board comments on: Carlos looks at critical issues so we can stay on top of critical issues of the LA city council. Alex we should move the \$5,000 to NPGs. New Board member had question on the budget. Alessandro spends money on beautification. Discussion on community improvements projects. Sol when did we see this strategic Plan, looking forward to. Goals how can we send. Also our resolutions can have more impact like supporting Claudia Ruedas, request for more action like a CIS on critical issues and call to action. Moved to approve strategic plan by Daisy second by Beatrice. Vote abstain-Samuel and Alessandro, No-0, Yes-10, put names.
17. Budget: Public Comment: rep from Projecto Pastoral gave report on the Annual Woman's Conference, with child care and a great program with workshops on woman and family issues like empowerment. Beatrice makes motion to table NPG by Projecto Pastoral. Beatrice on Projecto Pastoral said we gave them funds from another fund. Bea motion to table, second by Alex Bowman. Board discussion: Carlos support tabling due to large sum and look at other groups, Daisy asked questions on when NPG was submitted and Beatrice replied that NPG was not timely and to reapply. Discussion by Daisy and Beatrice and outcome to NPG for Projector pastoral. Vote abstain Daisy Chavez, Sol, 3 ineligible Sam Drew and Dan, No-0, yes-8 passed.
18. Outreach, Alex, asked for volunteers for the BHNC booth for the July Fireworks Celebration at Hollenbeck Park on July 2. Alex will buy Outreach items, like the great bottle bottles we go tonight. Daisy asked to have known your rights literature at our table, Alesandro asked the new members to engage our community.
19. Board designations of NC liaisons to City department. Carlos motion to table, second by Sol, abstations-0, No-0, yes-unanimous
20. Announcements July 12 meeting of PLUC
21. Daisy Chavez motion to adjourn, Sol second vote unanimous to adjourn.