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Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council  
Rules & Election Committee  
State St. Park (Community Room)  
716 N. State St. Los Angeles CA 90033  
Saturday, September 8, 2018  
10:00AM – 11:15AM



1. **Meeting to be called to order** –10:00AM
2. **Welcome and roll call** Present: Alessandro N., Hector H., Marisol S. Absent: Deysi S.
3. **General Public Comment** (Limited to 2 minutes per speaker)
  - a. 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 agendized for discussion at a future public meeting.
    - 1) Alex- attended general board meeting proposed to board re: mid term elections, work with progressive group "OUR REVOLUTION" Bernie's political team, requesting letter of support for a town hall meeting debate for Kenneth Mejia & Jimmy Gomez.
    - 2) Jason Gallegos.– two upcoming meetings : 1) metro will be hosting a meeting re: 1<sup>st</sup>/soto development. 2) Casa fina is requesting a full service bar and entertainment.
    - 3) Daisy Chavez- question: can REC review ALL standing rules ; creating update towards end, who can join the committee.
    - 4) Veronica Polanco- area officers will be hosting a meet your reps throughout September.
4. **Update by REC chair.** Updates re: last general board meeting where most items were returned to REC for proper agendized materials. Deysi Serrano has a class commitment on Saturdays, unable to participate in REC but will remain involved in disseminating BHNC info.
5. **Discussion and approval of August 2019 REC meeting agenda minutes.** –TABLED, MINUTES NOT PRINTED (Marisol/Hector)
6. **Discussion and possible recommendation to fund up to \$400 to host four town hall voter education events.**
  - a. **Description:** BHNC would focus on four ballot measures most relevant to the community. Engage with local organizations, business, etc. to increase awareness of November ballot issues. Funding would go towards the purchase of refreshments and snacks. Townhall info sessions would occur at all four areas and in partnership with the Neighborhood Committee's area officers and Outreach Committee.
  - b. **Public Comment:** Daisy C. – include BHNC info at townhalls. Veronica P. – have a design, you can vote at which of the elections. Jose P.- money would go towards lunch?
  - c. **Committee recommendation:** Recommendation to fund up to \$400 to host four town hall voter education events. (Marisol/Hector) –APPROVED AND MOVED TO THE BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE.
  - d. **Committee vote:** 3 yes – 0 no- 0 abstain
    - a. Dates pending location approval: Saturday, October 13 – during REC regular scheduled meeting at State St. Park 10am-12pm ....Monday, October 22 at 6pm,....Sarurday, October 20 – 2pm....November 3, 10-2pm.
7. **Discussion and possible recommendation to fund up to \$1,700 to purchase informational cards to distribute with key BHNC elections timeline.**
  - a. **Description:** To help with engaging the community, this funding would go towards purchasing double sided informational cards.

- b. **Public Comment:** Daisy C.-how many? Marisol: 2k, Jose P. – what size? Marisol: half sheet. Veronica P.- can it be in Spanish, can it include candidate filing? BHNC has also purchased ad space for East LA Classic. Hector- Yes, we will receive the original file to print more if needed, it will included elections timeline, it will be a local business to print in Boyle Heights. Committee will review design before selecting and printing.
- c. **Committee recommendation:** Recommendation to fund up to \$1,700 to purchase info card with key BHNC elections (Marisol/Alessandro) - APPROVED AND MOVED TO THE BUDGET &FINANCE COMMITTEE.
- d. **Committee Vote:** 3 yes – 0 no- 0 abstain

**8. Discussion and possible recommendation to fund up to \$5,000 towards the cost of online voting and vote by mail for BHNC’s April 2019 elections.**

- a. **Description:** Online voting and vote by mail will increase voter turnout, in 2016 turnout was less than 400.
- b. **Public Comment:** Alex- Would it fund you guys to be elected? Marisol: it would go towards funding elections open to the community. Jose-Online voting? Veronica- Online voting may be overpowered by non Boyle Heights residents. Daisy C.-how would they regulate who votes, it can sway the vote. Marisol: City has a pilot program and would select 10 NCs to participate in implementing. Jason G.- BHNC should wait for pilot program to see results before investing. Alessandro –it should be knock on door, have the board consider doing more grassroots organizing.
- c. **Committee recommendation:** Recommendation to pledge \$5,000 towards vote by mail for BHNC’s 2019 elections with the stipulation that funds would be matched by the city. (Marisol/Alessandro) – APPROVED AND MOVED TO THE BUDGET &FINANCE COMMITTEE.
- d. **Committee Vote:** 3 yes – 0 no- 0 abstain

**9. Discussion and review of BHNC’s bylaws regarding creating a committee.**

- a. **Description:** Review BHNC bylaws and recommend creating a standing rule or bylaws amendment to include how to create a committee outside of PLUC.
- b. **Public Comment:** Jason – Any stakeholder can participate, Age is not a restriction to participate and ad hocs require 3 people. Jose – BANC to standardize bylaws, guidelines for joining a committee. Jason: it should be up to each committee. Veronica – what is the commitment to the committee?
- c. **Committee Recommendation:** Alessandro-We need to engage folks, ok with guidelines being vague instead of having list of commitments making engagement difficult. MOTION TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH (Marisol/Hector)
- d. **Committee Vote:** 3 yes – 0 no- 0 abstain

**10. Topics/themes/issues for Rules & Elections Committee to consider for the next meeting.**

- 1. Vero- Garden signs w/ dates and times to engage elections
- 2. Ale – are we having tacos after you vote?
- 3. Alex – energize voters to vote.
- 4. Jose – consider reviewing all standing rules.

**11. Announcements**

- a. Congress of Neighborhoods 9/22 from 7-4pm at L.A. City Hall.

**12. Adjournments – 11:05AM (Alessandro/Marisol)**

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