

BHNC JOINT PLUC/TEC Meeting – 2018.June/14 [Minutes]

Location: Benjamin Franklin Library [Community Room]

Circa: May 10th, 2018

Begin: 6.30pm

End: 7.56pm

Full Title: BHNC Joint Planning & Land Use Committee/Transportation & Environment Committee Meeting

Attendance

Present [PLUC]: (4) – Jason Gallegos [PLUC Chair], Vivian Escalante, Drew Marie Brauer, Peter Kallstrom

Present [TEC]: (2) – Veronica Polanco [TEC Chair] (6.40), Jose Orozco

Absent [PLUC]: (3) – Ernesto Hidalgo, Tiffany K. Lam, Felipe Agredano

Absent [TEC]: (1) – Alessandro Negrete, Jeff Perry

Community [peak]: ~5

Format of Votes: [(abstain) – (nay) – (yes) – (ineligible)]

Item 1 – Welcome & Roll Call @ 6:30pm

- Chair welcomed audience
- PLUC Chair explains the Rules and Guidelines for this Joint meeting. Including Voting regulations.
- **Roll Call:** Jason Gallegos [PLUC Chair], Vivian Escalante, Drew Marie Brauer, Peter Kallstrom, Jose Orozco
- *Quorum established*

Item 2 – Government Reports

- Yurida Ramos (CD14) provides a update regarding the upcoming Exide meeting and the upcoming City Council Recess

Item 3 – GPC

Item 4(a) – Updates on Any BHNC/PLUC or Community Related Items.

- Chair Provides an update on the following:
 - 3551 E 4th St, is undergoing a redevelopment with Jovenes Inc, to provide an 8unit homeless housing complex with 4 units reserves for students
 - 1612 Pleasant Ave's Application has be received for a 4 story apartment complex.
 - DTSC Meeting is Tuesday @ 2:30pm in room 340 as mentioned by Yurida Ramos (CD14)
 - Roosevelt will be beginning some construction activity starting July 12th – August 13th
 - Purgatory Pizza's ZA application for a Beer and Wine license (Conditional Use Permit) has been received
 - and that the Chair's BHNC comment at City Council on the Tree In-Leui Fee was quoted in Curbed LA's article “Who Will Save LA Trees,” and wishes the members to be aware that because they are public figures that they may be quoted when speaking publicly.

Item 4(b) – Notice of Vacancies.

- **Chair informs the public of the available Board CIS Position**

Item 4(c) – Discussion & Possible Action to Approve the Minutes for April 12th, 2018

- **Motion to Approve** the Minutes for April 12th, 2018 [Jason/Drew]
- **GPC: none.**
- **Committee Comment:**
 - Jason G. (Chair) notes the year needs to be corrected.
- **Vote:** 1 [Peter] – 0 – 3 – 0, *passed.*

Item 4(d) – Discussion & Possible Action to Approve the Minutes for May 10th, 2018

- Chair explains that the May minutes are incomplete.
- **Motion to table** the minutes for May 10th, 2018 [Jason/Drew]
- **Vote:** 0 – 0 – 4 – 0, *passed.*



Item 4(e) – Discussion and Possible Action on the Creation of a Standing Rule on City Council Representation

- **Chair presents** on the reason for recommendation of the standing rule
 - the recommendation of the DONE rep to assign Board Members to be able to speak before City Council;
 - and that Chairs of Committees would by default be most familiar with the subject matter.
- **Chair reads the initial standing rule and opens the floor to public discussion.**
 - **Proposed Standing Rule:** *“In addition to the President & Land Use Chair, we hereby authorize the Committee Chairs to speak on behalf of the BHNC at City Council and City Committee Meetings, on items that originate from their Standing Committee, Ad Hoc Committees or as authorized by the BHNC Board.”*
- **Proposed Standing Rule is edited as follows:**
 - *“In addition to the President, and Land Use Chair, we hereby authorize the Committee Chairs on items that originate from their Standing Committee, or Ad Hoc Committee, to speak on behalf of the BHNC at City Council and City Committee Meetings, or as authorized by the BHNC Board.”*
- **Motion that** the BHNC adopt the Standing Rule [Jason/Peter]
- **Vote:** 0 – 0 – 4 – 0, *passed.*

Item 4(f) – Discussion and Possible Action on the CEQA Ordinance Amendment

- **Case number CPC-2018-2657-CA**
- Chair summarizes and updates the Committee & Community on the CEQA Public Hearing held on June 6th:
 - that as described by the City, appeals fees are not going to be raised and will remain at approximately 125 dollars
 - that the State its self sets a maximum of 500 dollars
 - that the City is only looking to integrate State regulations in to City regulations.
- Chair also relays that the public present at that meeting were concerned that:
 - this leads to potential increase that disadvantaged communities could not afford.
 - That the 15 day period is to short a time to properly file an appeal
 - that a fee waiver system be instituted.
- **Motion to Support with the Recommendation** that the City institute fee waivers, and extend the appeal period from 15 days to 30 days. [Vivian/Peter]
- **Vote:** 0 – 0 – 4 – 0, *passed.*

Item 4(g) – Discussion and Possible Action on the Process and Procedures Ordinance (Re:Code LA)

- Case Number CPC-2016-3182-CA
- Chair attempts to review/summarize
- **Motion to Table** [Drew/Peter]
- **Vote:** 0 – 0 – 4 – 0, *passed.*

Item 4(h) – Discussion and Possible Action on BHNC Boundary Adjustments

- Chair reviews the history of the BHNC attempts of integrating the “Ramona Gardens Orphaned Area” in to the BHNC.
- Chair reviews the process necessary for Boundary Adjustment.
- **Motion/Recommendation [Jason/Drew]:** **“ The BHNC PLUC Motions and Recommends** that the BHNC Board move the inclusion of the “Ramona Gardens Orphaned Area” to the Rules & Elections Committee, to work in conjunction with the Outreach [& Special Events Committee] and with the Neighborhood Committee, with recommendations to take the following actions:
 - That the Rules and Elections Committee, in conjunction with the Neighborhood Committee & Outreach Committee, determine and provide verifiable evidence that the “Ramona Gardens Orphaned Area” wishes to become part of the BHNC or LHNC;
 - That the Rules and Elections Committee, in conjunction with the Neighborhood Committee & Outreach Committee, proceed to gather the signatures necessary for inclusion into the BHNC;
 - That the Rules and Elections Committee, gathers and provides “historical identification” as to the historic and ongoing relationship and association with Boyle Heights and not Lincoln Heights;
 - That the Rules and Elections Committee determine if the “Ramona Gardens Orphaned Area” be integrated in to Area 2 or remain it's own area within the BHNC with its own Area representative (Area 5);
 - That the Rules and Elections Committee determine and estimate of Stakeholder populace and if there will be a need to increase the number of Board Seats to accommodate the influx of Stakeholders;
 - That the Rules and Elections Committee determine and provide a description of the physical boundary

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adjustments necessary for the inclusion of the “Ramona Gardens Orphaned Area;

- That the Rules and Elections Committee, in conjunction with the Neighborhood Committee & Outreach Committee, gather and hold this information in preparation for the next window to submit the Boundary Adjustment Application and discussion with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. (Estimated at One to Two years’ time from this Board Action).”
- **Vote:** 0 – 0 – 4 – 0, *passed*.

Item 5 – Joint BHNC PLUC & BHNC TEC Business

- **TEC Chair Veronica Polanco leads discussion.**
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Item 6 – Announcements

- **No verbal announcements made**

Item 7 – Adjournment @7.56pm