

ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
Minutes, Short Version
Tuesday, September 27, 2016,
7:00 P.M.
Logan Street Span School
Auditorium
1711 Montana St
Los Angeles, CA 90026

1. Administrative items

a. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:05 pm with 15 Board members present.

b. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Kevin Fisher

JohnMichael Hull

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Tad Yenawine, Chair

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Jackelyn Valladares, Second Signatory (left early)

Darcy Harris, Vice Chair

Connie Acosta

Ida Talalla

Margarita Fernandez

Michael Galano, Treasurer

Paul Bowers, Chief Information Officer

Jim Brown

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos (elected to the Board during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Manuel Pool

Alex Meza

Cheryl Ortega

Nicole Tinson

Mike Jolly

c. Adoption of minutes

Kevin Fisher made the motion. Connie Acosta seconded.

Ida Talalla offered a correction: The last name for the Council Districtr (CD13) field representative is misspelled. It should be corrected throughout as Juan Fregoso, not Juan *Villaragoso*.

Darcy Harris offered multiple corrections:

page 24 Insert the word "After"

Page 26 Insert "community impact statement"

Page 27 Replace "DWP Liaison" with "City Attorney Liaison"

Connie Acosta offered a correction on page 21, in the 4th paragraph. There are "RSO" residents. Instead of 10 residents

Michael Galano said that it was he who left the room. He also noted that his name is misspelled.

VOTE on Amended Minutes

15-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher

JohnMichael Hull

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Jackelyn Valladares

Darcy Harris

Connie Acosta

Ida Talalla

Margarita Fernandez

Michael Galano

Paul Bowers

Jim Brown

No Votes:

none

Abstentions:

none

2. Community/Government reports:

a. Government agencies and officers

Mayor's Office of Public Engagement report on progress of Mayor Garcetti's 'Back to Basics' agenda and collaborative opportunities moving forward (East Area Representative, Amanda Mejia)

Representative Amanda Mejia is not here so Chair Tad Yenawine said to table this discussion.

Ana Huizar, Board of Public Works, Community Beautification

Ana Huizar, Community Coordinator, Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification, (213) 978-0224, ana.huizar@lacity.org

Officers Paialii (formerly Savan) and Ortiz, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) ((213) 793-0760, 30347@lapd.lacity.org for Officer Paialii):

Jay Handal, representing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and Co-Chair of Citywide Budget Advocates for Neighborhood Councils and Treasurer of the West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council:

b. Community Organizations

Vector Control District presentation, Levy Sun, Public Information Officer from Vector Control:

Niels, Edendale Branch library:

c. EPNC Chair Report

d. Other Committee Chair and liaison reports

VOTE to table reports
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown

No Votes:
none

Abstentions:
none

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items, one minute per speaker

Isa Meksin:

Jessica Salans, Candidate for Los Angeles City Council, District 13 (CD13), www.jessicasalans.com, JessicaSalansCD13@gmail.com, (323) 538-2473:

Wayne from Encino:

Trevor, stakeholder:

Ari Bessendorf, representing Joe Bray-Ali, who is running for City Council in District cd1 (joe4cd1.com, hello@joe4cd1.com):

Sean Cheech Ramirez, Inner City Farmer:

4. Selection of Board member to fill vacancy of At-Large Seat

Candidates for the Open Board Seat:

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Dominic Ciccodicola
Jamie Heller
Han Lo
Andy Griggs
PDQ – Pepita (a pig hand puppet operated by a man named Wayne)
Tracy Flannigan

Manav Kumar (He is not present)

Results of First Round of Voting:

Abstentions -- 3

Margarita Fernandez
Ida Talalla
Tad Yenawine

Manav Kumar-- 1

Paul Bowers

Dominic – 3

Johnmichael Hull
Richard Courtney
Darcy Harris

Han Lo – 1

Kevin Fisher

Luiza -- 4

Jim Brown
Andrew Knauer
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares

Andy – 2

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffery Kontorovsky

Jamie Heller – 1

Connie Acosta

Results of the Second Round of Voting:

Abstentions – 3

Paul Bowers
Ida Talalla
Tad Yenawine

Dominic – 3

Johnmichael Hull
Richard Courtney
Darcy Harris

Andy – 4

Kevin Fisher
Margarita Fernandez
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Luiza – 5

Jim Brown
Andrew Knauer
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares
Connie Acosta

Luiza won. She is now sitting with the board. There are now 16 Board members present.

5. Consent Calendar:

Consent Calendar for September 27, 2016 includes:

- [PLUC (5-0-0)] Approve letter in support of ZA-2016-2923-ZV-ZAA - proposed replacement of existing trailers with a 2-story structure 9,168 sq. ft. to be used as a retail-tailor shop and office space/assembly area at 1855 N. Academy Dr. 90012 in Elysian Park. Request for zone variance to allow existing and new uses in agricultural zone as well as zoning administrative adjustment to allow height of 36 feet

- [PLUC (7-0-0)] Approve letter in support with conditions on ZA-2016-2951-CUB - conditional use permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a proposed restaurant at 1498 W. Sunset Blvd 90026 # 2 with an uncovered patio in the C2-1VL. Conditions: All alcohol sales to stop at 12 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and at 1 a.m. Friday through Sunday. No sale of alcohol on the outside patio prior to 5 p.m. or after 12 a.m. Monday through Saturday; alcohol sales on outside patio permitted from opening to 1 a.m. on Sunday.

- [Outreach 4-0-0)] Authorize Outreach Committee representatives to submit application for booth at Echo Park Farmers Market and create schedule for staffing booth weekly with representative of EPNC

- [Outreach 4-0-0)] Authorize Outreach to work with Communications Committee and Dept. of Sanitation to promote and encourage use of my311LA app and solicit suggestions for additional cleanup efforts in the neighborhood - Refer to Public Safety and PPWS Committees issue of a street light at the intersection of Elsinore and Mohawk in response to

stakeholder request - Refer to PPWS Committee issue of signage to mark entrances to Elysian Park

Kevin Fisher made the motion. Jeffrey Kontorovsky seconded.

Richard Courtney wants to pull the second item, which refers to a CUP for liquor license on Sunset Boulevard. This is now referred to as item 5b.

Richard Courtney made the motion to adapt the Consent Calendar. Paul Bowers seconded the motion.

(Note: Jackelyn Valladares left the meeting at 8:41pm. She isn't voting on this issue. There are 15 Board members remaining.)

VOTE
15-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown

No Votes:

none

Abstentions:

none

Agenda Item 5.b:

VOTE to refer the project back the PLUC

**5 - 7 - 3
FAILED**

Back to original motion.

Jeffrey Kontorovsky made the motion to approve the language as written. Jim Brown seconded.

**VOTE
10-3-2
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers

No Votes:

Richard Courtney
Jim Brown
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Abstentions:

Tad Yenawine
Ida Talalla

6. Discussion and/or possible Action re: designating P-Card holders

Treasurer Michael Galano was nominated. He accepted.

**VOTE for Michael Galano:
Unanimous
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown

No Votes:
none

Abstentions:
none

7. [PLUC (7-0-0)] Discussion and/or possible action to authorize up to \$1000 for PLUC to host or co-sponsor town halls on upcoming ballot initiatives , land use policies and major projects (e.g., Build Better LA, Neighborhood Integrity Initiative, Mohawk Collective) – 3 over next 6 months – with funding to be used for venues, flyers, publicity and outreach

Paul Bowers made the motion. Connie Acosta seconded.

Fisher's amendment calls for spending up to \$1,000 (without mentioning the number of events). Darcy Harris seconded.

VOTE for amendment
13-0-0-2
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers

Jim Brown

No Votes:

none

Abstentions:

none

Ineligible:

Ida Talalla

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Note that Ida Talalla and Luiza are ineligible to vote for financial issues as they have not completed their training.

VOTE for amended motion

13-0-0-2

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher

JohnMichael Hull

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Darcy Harris

Connie Acosta

Margarita Fernandez

Michael Galano

Paul Bowers

Jim Brown

No Votes:

none

Abstentions:

none

Ineligible:

Ida Talalla

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

8. [Outreach 4-0-0)] Discussion and/or possible action re: EPNC co-sponsoring series of Tenants' Rights Workshops in conjunction with L.A. Tenants Union,

Elysian Heights Elementary parents, and office of Kevin de Leon at local Echo Park schools including outreach to seniors and authorizing up to \$500 for flyers, written literature, publicity and other outreach

Amended Motion: that the EPNC co-sponsor a Tenants' Rights Clinic together with Elysian Heights Elementary Parents and the LA Tenants Union to be held at Elysian Heights Elementary and open to the community, including executing a lease with the school for \$0, and further co-sponsor a series of such workshops together with LA Tenants Union and potentially Kevin de Leon's office to be held at local schools or other locations around Echo Park, and authorize up to \$500 for flyers, literature, venues, publicity and other outreach

Paul Bowers seconded Harris's amended motion.

VOTE for amendment

13-0-0-2

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown

No Votes:

none

Abstentions:

none

Ineligible:

Ida Talalla
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

VOTE for amended motion

13-0-0-2

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown

No Votes:

none

Abstentions:

none

Ineligible:

Ida Talalla
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

9. [Outreach 4-0-0] Discussion and/or possible Action re approving up to \$500 for reusable bags with EPNC logos to use in outreach efforts

Yenawine made a request for the motion to go back to committee to consider other vendors. Margarita Fernandez seconded.

Kevin Fisher made a motion to approve up to \$1,000 with the vendors to be determined.

VOTE to refer the motion back to the Outreach Committee

13-0-0-2

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown

No Votes:
none

Abstentions:
none

Ineligible:
Ida Talalla
Luisa

10. [PPWS 4-0-0] Discussion and/or possible Action re Outreach and PPWS promoting participation in October 8-10 Clean Streets LA Challenge involving clean-up of Sunset Blvd. between Echo Park Ave. and Laveta Ter., and authorize up to \$100 for flyers and publicity.

Kevin Fisher made the motion. Paul Bowers seconded.

VOTE
13-0-0-2
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown

No Votes:
none

Abstentions:

none

Ineligible:

Ida Talalla

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

11. Discussion and/or possible action on reconsideration of MWD project 1111 W Sunset Blvd in light of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission ruling against classification as a cultural/historical monument

Yenawine made a motion that we reconsider this in light of the adverse ruling. Harris seconded.

VOTE

10-2-3

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher

JohnMichael Hull

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Darcy Harris

Connie Acosta

Margarita Fernandez

Paul Bowers

Jim Brown

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

No Votes:

Andrew Knauer

Michael Galano

Abstentions:

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Tad Yenawine

Ida Talalla

12. Discussion and/or possible action on approval of up to \$75 per meeting to purchase refreshments for stakeholders and Board members

Kevin Fisher made the motion.

VOTE
8-4-1-2
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers

No Votes:

Margarita Fernandez
Darcy Harris
Jim Brown
Richard Courtney

Abstentions:

Tad Yenawine

Ineligible:

Ida Talalla
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

13. Announcements

none

14. Future Agenda Items

15. Adjournment

Yenawine made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 9:59 pm.

