

ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, August 23, 2016,

7:00 P.M.

Logan Street Span School

Auditorium

1711 Montana St

Los Angeles, CA 90026

1. Administrative items

a. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Kevin Fisher

JohnMichael Hull

Cheryl Ortega (arrived late)

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Mike Jolly

Jackelyn Valladares

Darcy Harris

Connie Acosta (arrived late)

Alex Meza (arrived late)

Ida Talalla (left early)

Margarita Fernandez

Michael Galano (arrived late, left early)

Paul Bowers

Jim Brown

Nicole Tinson (elected to the Board during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Manuel Pool

Mary Jane Hunter

The meeting began at 7:07pm with 14 Board members present. 11 are required to achieve quorum.

b. Adoption of minutes

Kevin Fisher moved to adopt the minutes.

Richard Courtney raised attendance issues. Mike Jolly was actually present at the meeting. Another Board member listed as present wasn't actually in attendance. Ida Tallala also had changes for the minutes.

(Note: Connie Acosta arrived at 7:12pm.)

Andrew Knauer and Mary Jane Hunter did not attend. David "Rockello" Rosen was no longer a Board member at the time so technically he should not have been marked present as a Board member. Also, the names for Alex Meza and Paul Bowers were misspelled.

For Item 11 on the final page, the expenditure was \$300 for business cards.

Kevin Fisher made a motion to accept the minutes with these revisions. Darcy Harris, the new co-chair, seconded.

VOTE for amended minutes

15-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

2. Community/Government reports:

a. Government agencies and officers

Stephanie Uy, field representative for State Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez, 51st District, (213) 483-5151, Stephanie.uy@asm.ca.gov.

She has two announcements which are invitations to community events:

1) There will be a community coffee happening Saturday, September 17, from 2-4pm. This will be an opportunity to meet and speak with Assembly Member Gomez. There will be free coffee and pastries.

2) There will be a roundtable in Eagle Rock. Paid family leave will be the subject. This legislation, championed by Assembly Member Gomez. If passed, it will make it easier for families to take time off from work.

Echo Park Neighborhood Council Chair Tad Yenawine asked about coordination between city, county, and state agencies. Uy discussed interaction with Caltrans. She'll check in with their government point person.

Jackelyn Valladares expressed concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety.

Paul Bowers raised a question about potholes. Uy said there is scheduled Department of Water and Power (DWP) construction to happen first before addressing this.

(Note: Alex Meza arrived at 7:14pm. Cheryl Ortega and Michael Galano arrived by 7:18pm)

Juan Fregoso, Field Representative for Council Member Mitch O'Farrell, Council District 13 (CD13):

He said that the Council Member was hosting a senior resource fair on September 8. He distributed flyers for the film series. The next film will be September 12 at the lake in Echo Park.

He mentioned a visit to the senior center to discuss issues. We are in discussion with DWP, which is speaking with Caltrans about sidewalks.

He said that he's working with Ida Talalla about senior issues. Parking is an issue. We need curb cuts for loading and unloading. However, the Department of Transportation (DOT) doesn't approve because of safety reasons. He's referring to the intersection of Sunset and Green. Council Member O'Farrell is seeking a pedestrian activator for the crosswalk. He is seeking DOT approval for that.

However, we can't add new curbs. This is not being funded right now, said Fregoso. He said that he can work with Stephanie Uy about crosswalks.

He mentioned that on October 15 the region would begin planting 300 trees.

Jackelyn Valladares said that there are lots of open containers at EchoPark. Fregoso said the Rampart Division of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has seen a gap in enforcement because Senior Lead Officer Ford has retired. Another senior officer has also retired. However, they have committed to more surveillance. The gang unit will also be more active. There is now more gang activity at Echo Park lake. Captain Albert said that the gang unit will focus more on that. He hopes to have the new Senior Lead Officer in place by September.

A Woman asked about illegal vending in the park. Fregoso said the County government enforces this. We have talked to the rangers, he said. Albert has asked them to move away from the children's area. It is illegal to vend in parks.

Mike Jolly asked because of the police leadership change, we have less policing in the area? Fregoso said we lost 2 Senior Lead Officers (SLO) so there's been less manpower. The SLO walks around. Jolly said this is a problem. We're going to lose the park. This is not satisfactory. This needs to be resolved within a week, not next month, stressed Jolly. Fregoso said that we did request more gang unit action. More rangers are active too.

Santiago said that he wants repainting of crosswalks. Cars are parking there on red strips. Fregoso said we'll walk through to identify this. At Park and Logan, the food vendors block the crosswalk, said Santiago.

Acosta mentioned issues related to water deposits and to construction issues related to projects. Yenawine said that he was interrupting this discussion because there isn't more time for this conversation. He suggests that people get in touch with Fregoso directly.

Glenn Miyagishima, Battalion Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department, (213) 485-6275, glenn.miyagishima@lacity.org:

He left flyers and pamphlets with the note-taker and informed him that he would not be able to stay and speak because he had to go fight a fire.

Niels Bartels, a representative from the Edendale branch library:

He announced several upcoming free events:

Monday, 3:30pm arts and crafts for kids.

Tuesday, 10am story time

Wednesday, 2pm book sale, yoga class

Every other Wednesday: service dogs

Every other Monday, Thursday: free movie screenings.

Saturdays: citizenship classes

This Saturday: we have a free classical concert at noon.

c. EPNC Chair Report

Chairman Yenawine said that having the neighborhood council placed under exhaustive efforts has actually been beneficial. DONE (the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment) has been very cooperative. It has not been an inhibition to our business. We will be out of exhaustive efforts soon.

Separately, he said that we had a retreat on Saturday and one board applicant joined us. We worked out a strategic plan and a budget. We discussed process. This should be helpful at the committee level. It was a relatively successful event, said Yenawine.

d. Other Committee Chair reports

The Congress of Neighborhoods will be held September 24. The all-day event begins at 8am with breakfast.

There have been some cases of West Nile and people are concerned about Zika. Mosquitoes breed like crazy here but there

has been outstanding preventative effort, said Yenawine. Call 311 when you see standing water or 800-996-2489. You can also contact 562-944-9656 for Los Angeles County Vector Control. They have done an outstanding job. You can also go online to myla311.lacity.org to create a service request.

Talalla said that vector control will be in the area on Friday. They will visit the libraries and the senior centers. Talalla also spoke about the Aging Committee. We worked to get the crossing at various points attended to while the buildings were going up. Going down Alvarado this would impact seniors. She added that around Glendale Boulevard there are over 200 homes going up.

Thanks to the Edendale library, the Committee on aging will have a space to meet on second Monday of each month at 10am. A Board member said we want to bring information to the Board: food at the senior center is very nutritious, he said.

If you want to help the homeless, here are the address and contact details to do so, said Acosta. The Echo Park Senior Center, Mayor Garcetti, City Council members, etc. are all active on this issue, she added.

Separately, Acosta said that on August 9 five stakeholders were voted into the Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC). At that meeting PLUC approved a motion to approve a restaurant project at 1509 Echo Park. The group also created an ad hoc committee regarding AirBnB type rentals. We made a list of recommendations to be sent to the Executive Committee but there wasn't a motion because we didn't have quorum.

Richard Courtney said that he attended Budget Day 2 weeks ago downtown. Acosta also attended. There is information online. The group reviewed the City's 2016-2017 budget. City Council President Herb Wesson and the City Controller were among the speakers. We elected budget advocates for each region.

They meet monthly about where the money is and what people are doing. There are four key issues: homelessness, land use and developers, greening, and construction. Acosta said that she did a long report about Budget Day, which can be found online at citywatchla.com.

Treasurer Michael Galano said that he's working with Tom at DONE (the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment). He said

that the Board also worked on the budget at the retreat on Saturday.

JohnMichael Hull, Co-Chair of the Outreach Committee, said that we are looking for 2 stakeholders and one more board member to join the Committee. He added that he hopes to have a meeting next week. The time and place haven't yet been determined.

Jeffrey Kontorovsky, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, said the issues were about the lack of SLOs. The Committee hopes to meet again next week.

Kevin Fisher said that the Public Works Committee is being formed. This is part of the Clean Streets initiative.

Cheryl Ortega spoke about the Schools Committee, which had a meeting about 1.5 weeks ago. We want to open the Committee to stakeholders, she said. We did pass a motion to endorse a ballot initiative: Prop. 58. This will be on the November ballot. It's called the Learn initiative or language acquisition and readiness now. It's multilingual education for kids in the State. This will need language learning by parent consent. It would start next September. It can be for any language as long as there are 20 kids in one school who's parents want this. The City just began to teach Arabic and Armenian language programs. During the election, my friends are California voters will address this to give our kids a chance at a world class education.

Paul Bowers, representing the group's Communications Committee, said that he wants more stakeholders to join.

Yenawine, representing the Executive Committee, said the group is researching meeting spaces.

e. Report on Mosquito-borne diseases and mosquito abatement

Vector Control will attend the next meeting.

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

David "Rockello" Rosen passed out flyers for the Green Festival Expo, happening September 16-18 at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

He said that he wants to erase homelessness by using technology. He wants a presentation by an app designer for an app that the homeless can

access. 5611 is a homelessness ordinance. The mayor wants you all to get gifts by September 11 regarding this.

The Rampart Village Neighborhood Council will have an event for this, a Welcome Home Project. It won't solve the issue but it will provide 2000 vouchers for gift baskets together with items like towels and sheets and toothbrushes that the homeless can use when they are provided lodgings. Bring the items to Saint Anne's on September 8.

A Woman suggested that perhaps the Echo Park Neighborhood Council would like to hold an event for the Welcome Home Project? Yenawine replied that the Schools Committee deals with homeless issues.

Andy Griggs said that there is no parking for this meeting location. The gates are closed at this school. That's the only accessible parking for people with tags. These are ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) issues. You must be on top of this.

Sean "Cheech" Ramirez, an organic farmer, said that he wants to put the homeless to work. He wants to raise chicken and goats. He wants to take over lots and areas where people could grow food. Any kind of help would be great. His goal is to have a farm on every block. He can be reached at Cheech Ramirez on Facebook and Instagram.

Kathleen, a 25-year resident of Echo Park, has a tree issue. It is super large. I want it cut. When she reported this, she said that the City denied her request because it's not considered an emergency. She said that it's attracting the homeless and crime as it hangs low. Public Works came yesterday. But it wasn't an emergency so she's not sure what else to do. This is on Elsinor. The branches hang down into parking the lot.

Santiago expressed concerns about a liquor license applicant. We have a problem with drinking at Mohawk Bend. He said that he had to call the cops twice recently because of drinking on the street.

A Man said he wants to hold a community forum on the future of Echo Park. This is a new echo park, compared to when he grew up here in 1980s. An organization located at Temple and Glendale wants to bring black people back to Echo Park. He said that he will pass out flyers.

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

Candidates:

Sean "Cheech" Ramirez

Andy Griggs

Jerry Clark

Sue Reimers
Nicole Tinson

Statements:

Andy Griggs:

I was born 3 miles from here. I have an MFA from the California Institute for the Arts. I've lived in Echo Park since 2006. I run a home-based business tax consulting enterprise and other businesses. He is active in home sharing. I want to help preserve the unique nature of Echo Park. He said he has experience as a social justice educator in the Los Angeles Unified School District. He is also a labor activist and community organizer. He has networking skills and contacts. He said that he is committed to finding just solutions.

Sue Reimers:

She said that she is a long time activist. She has been involved in Los Angeles politics for about 30 years. She's worked on the Karen Bass campaign among many others. She has previously served on this Board and briefly served as Treasurer. She resigned because of personality conflicts. She wants to rejoin the neighborhood council. She had been very involved on the Youth Committee. She has an educational background. She's been in Echo Park for about 10 years and she adores the area.

Nicole Tinson:

The Los Angeles native is a Yale graduate as well as a community activist and organizer. She led a campaign to get Yale to change the term "master". She said that hope is everything. She'd wanted President Obama to be the commencement speaker at Yale. When he wasn't available she prevailed to get First Lady Michelle Obama to speak instead. She's ambitious and passionate. She works with the Special Needs Network. She serves as President of an organization dealing with poverty and joblessness.

Sean "Cheech" Ramirez:

He is an organic farmer whose family arrived here over 100 years ago from Mexico. He does vegetable deliveries. He's on good terms with gangs, homeless people and the police. He hates money. He works with people and he grows vegetables. He wants to prevent Echo Park from looking like New York City.

Jerry Clark:

He is a homeowner and gentrifier. He's been in the area since 2009. He loves the community. He likes a clean and safe neighborhood. He said that he wants a balance between a fun, livable and sustainable community. Preservation of the old is important to him.

Public comment:

Rockello said I'm overwhelmed by the quality of candidates. This will be a hard choice. I gave you all a chance to join the neighborhood council because I resigned. How do you all feel about gentrification?

A Man named Mark from Angelino Heights said I've met some of the candidates. Jerry is our neighbor. He's fantastic, a true public servant.

Dennis Johnson said that he's an advocate for Nicole. She is a brilliant person. She is big on autism. She gets things done. She got the supervisor to come and discuss community issues.

Connie Acosta said she wanted to speak on behalf of Andy as a former teacher. Andy was chair of a group against the war against Iraq, she added.

Paul Bowers spoke about the misperception that only Board members can be helpful. Everyone can be helpful as a committee member or volunteer.

Ida Talalla said the candidates are extremely strong. It is unfortunate that we can only pick one.

Yenawine noted that Board member Mary Jane Hunter isn't there. This is her third absence so there will probably be another seat open next month.

Richard Courtney asked the candidates: in 20 seconds, tell us what committees are you interested in?

Jerry Clark said green and parks and public safety and ageing.

Sean Ramirez said he's interested in land use and planning, youth, public safety, homelessness, and the future of the city.

Nicole Tinson said violence, public safety, sustainability, and homelessness.

Sue Reimers said outreach and homelessness.

Andy Griggs said outreach, land use and planning, schools, and film and filming.

Jackelyn Valladares asked what keeps you up at night?

Nicole Tinson said the fear of having a child in our society. There is so much happening in our community and the country and the world. I'm always coming up with solutions.

Sue Reimers said an increase In homeless women and children.

Andy Griggs said displacement through developers and the City Council being in the pockets of developers. Some of their policies are criminalizing people in neighborhoods.

Jerry Clark said the balance between a city growing and sustaining a livable state of the art urban environment.

Sean Ramirez said jealousy and greed. He is also concerned about a food industry that poisons people by lowering the quality of food.

VOTES

Nicole Tinson (9)

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Richard Courtney
Jim Brown
Andrew Knauer
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Alex Meza
Michael Galano

Jerry Clark (5)

Paul Bowers
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Darcy Harris
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez

Andy Griggs (3)

Cheryl Ortega
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Connie Acosta

Sue Reimers (0)

None

Sean Ramirez (0)

None

Abstentions (1)

Tad Yenawine

Yenawine said that since no candidate received a majority of votes, there will be run off between the top two finishers: Nicole Tinson and Jerry Clark.

RUNOFF VOTE

Nicole Tinson – 14

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Michael Galano
Jim Brown

Jerry Clark – 4

Paul Bowers
Darcy Harris
Margarita Fernandez
Ida Talalla

(Note: Nicole Tinson now joins the Board. There are now 19 Board members.)

5. Selection of Committee Chairs: Chairs will be nominated and confirmed by majority of Board members present and voting. Committee chairs remaining to be confirmed include: Parks, Public Works, and Sustainability; Location Filming and Film LA; Meeting Location and Office Space Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Darcy Harris; Appointment of point person to conduct Town Hall meetings in

collaboration with Silver Lake Heritage Trust on the activities of the Mohawk Collective.

Kevin Fisher has been nominated as chair of the Parks, Public Works, and Sustainability Committee.

Talalla said she'd had asked him about parks questions at a previous meeting.

There is a motion to remove "parks" from the Committee's title. The new title would be Public Works and Sustainability Committee. Darcy Harris seconded.

Rockello suggested adding 'Recreation'.

Courtney said he wanted a definition of Committee goals. Parks are part of that goal, he said.

Bowers said we are lucky to have 3 great parks in the neighborhood. There is no conflict with two committees having the word "Parks" in their title.

Harris said that she wants to echo what Bowers said. She wants "Parks" to remain part of the equation.

Fernandez said that Public Works and Sustainability are huge issues. She can see the value of removing "Parks".

Acosta said that greenery is the common theme. We need to have safe parks. It works together.

Yenawine said I don't see where looking at parks from the perspective of aging is a good lens. Why can't the two Committee chairs work together?

VOTE for amendment to change the Committee title to "Public Works and Sustainability"

3-14-2

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Ida Talalla

Margarita Fernandez

Jocelyn Gaega-Rosenthal

No Votes:

JohnMichael Hull

Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Andrew Knauer
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

Abstentions:

Tad Yenawine
Kevin Fisher

VOTE for Kevin Fisher as Committee Chair

18-1-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:

Ida Talalla

Abstentions:

None

Nominations for Location Filming and Film LA Committee Chair:

Yenawine nominated himself.

Rockello commented that this shows great leadership. He said that he hopes that Yenawine will be an effective leader. He said that he wants production companies to give a little back. Santiago said they violate rules when they film around the lake.

(Note: Ida Talalla left the meeting at 8:50pm.)

Yenawine said he wants Film LA to focus on the community not the production companies. He expressed concerns about parking. This will be major focus, to get them to represent the community. That is their job.

VOTE for Tad Yenawine as Location Filming and Film LA Committee Chair
17-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

Tad Yenawine

Yenawine said that he wants Harris to continue to head the Meeting Location Committee.

**VOTE for Darcy Harris for Chair of the Meeting Location Committee
18-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Nominations for Point Person for Town Hall meetings.

Darcy Harris nominated Richard Courtney. Connie Acosta nominated herself to help Richard Courtney, who accepted the nomination.

Courtney said one of my concerns about co-sponsoring with someone who has already formed an opinion. We're supposed to take comments. Developers are supposed to approach us. We're aligning with someone who's already taken a position?

Yenawine said we're only appointing a coordinator. This creates dialogue. There will have to be a lot of community discussion about this issue.

**VOTE for Richard Courtney as Point Person for Town Hall meetings
18-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

6. Appointment of Board member liaisons to: City Departments; CIS filers; other strategic alliances and partner liaisons

Yenawine said that he wants to table this until after the Planning and Land Use Committee item.

7. Consent Calendar:

Consent Calendar for August 23, 2016 includes:

--Discussion and/or possible action re: approval of Strategic Plan --
Discussion and/or possible action re: approval Budget FY 2016/2017

--Discussion and/or possible action on sending letter in opposition to demolition of MWD Campus/Church at 1111 W. Sunset Blvd. and in support of historic landmark designation of same

--Discussion and/or possible action on Clean Streets LA Challenge and authorizing Paul Bowers to prepare and submit proposal and application to City by September 16, 2016 deadline on behalf of BOG

--[PLUC] Discussion and/or possible action on sending letter of support with conditions for ZA- 2016- 2144 CUB – Conditional Use Beverage license for on-and-off-site sale of beer and wine for Italian Restaurant at 1509 N. Echo Park Ave

--Discussion and/or possible action on referring the matter of Potholes, Traffic flow, and Pedestrian safety on Alvarado between Temple and Glendale Blvd to Public Works Liaison and Public Works, etc. Committee for further discussion and research

--[SLCO] Discussion and/or possible action on recommendation that BOG endorse Proposition 58 on the November ballot. The initiative calls for an option for multilingual education for all students in California, both native English-speakers and those learning English

Cheryl Ortega had a question about bundled voting. Yenawine responded that they will all be approved as a bundle.

Rockello asked do 6 members have to be able to pull an item? Yenawine said no.

Acosta said there is a draft letter of support with conditions regarding 1509 Echo Park.

Andy Knauer said he wants to pull the demolition permit for 1111 Sunset Boulevard

Courtney made a motion to bundle the remaining Consent Calendar agenda items. Harris seconded. Only the demolition item is pulled.

**VOTE on Consent Calendar bundle except demolition permit
18-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:
Kevin Fisher

JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

(Note: Michael Galano voted but is now leaving at 8:59pm)

8. [PLUC] Small lot ordinance CIS: Discussion and/or possible action on draft CIS from PLUC regarding proposed amendment to small lot ordinance

Harris made an amendment to authorize herself and other Board members on PLUC to attend meeting and comment for the Board. Acosta seconded.

A Man said that we need to keep the City's feet to the fire on this. We need to stay on them. They are already sliding to the wayside.

VOTE for amended motion
16-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Andrew Knauer

Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

(Note: Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal is not in the room so did not vote.)

9. [PLUC] Homesharing ordinance CIS: Discussion and/or possible action on draft CIS from PLUC regarding proposed Homesharing ordinance

Acosta said this item didn't come from the Committee.

Yenawine said we have a draft Community Impact Statement (CIS) but no recommendation from PLUC because there was no quorum at the meeting.

Andy Griggs asked what is the process for the public to give input when CIS' are not provided to the public at time that the agenda is provided to the public?

Yenawine said there is telephone and email. Griggs said he had tried. There needs to be notification that this information is on the website. Yenawine said your point of order is noted.

Acosta said that she wants to move this back to PLUC. Mike Jolly seconded.

A Woman, who said that she wasn't able to attend the last PLUC meeting, sent in comments. Did anyone read this? I didn't get any response? For 4 years, she'd run a 1-unit rental. She's been here for decades.

She offered suggestions including that all short term rentals must operate 365 days per year; all are occupied with 2 or less in units that are owner

occupied; an owner can rent bedrooms as long as the number of renters don't exceed -- Yenawine cut her off, saying that this issue may go back to PLUC.

Andy Griggs said it was great that it was going into PLUC and the Ad Hoc Committee. One of things that came up was that this neighborhood council does not take a position of support or opposition. Instead, we should ask the City and PLUC to revisit this with so many concerns. This can be hammered out in PLUC.

A Man thanked everyone who attended the Ad Hoc Committee meeting. We have to not lose sight that this is a business. We have to keep that in mind. This is an intricate and complicated situation that residents are caught up in.

Acosta said it's a business but should be a small business. When this type of business just gets rid of long-term housing for residents, that affects lots of people. There are RSO residences on my block with short term residents. It's a dilemma.

Bowers said it's a charged dilemma when money is involved. There is a homelessness crisis. At least 10 places on my block have become short term housing.

Harris is chairing the meeting now.

Yenawine said he wants to find a way, this is people's livelihood. There must be something in the CIS that offsets the loss of longer term housing or he can't support it. Housing is in incredibly poor supply.

VOTE to send the item back to PLUC
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris

Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

10. Discussion and possible action re: approving the rental of the Echo Park United Methodist Church at 1226 N. Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026 for the PLUC to use on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 up to 9 pm. The rate is \$50 for holding regular PLUC meetings and \$100 for Town Hall Meetings

This motion was unclear last time. The amounts have changed, explained Fisher.

Kevin Fisher made the motion. Harris seconded.

Andy Griggs said that it's parking issue. There is no handicapped parking. There is only street parking until 7pm. People will have to walk so it is a problem.

Mike Jolly asked can we continue to meet at the library? It closes at 8pm so we must pay additional fees thereafter.

JohnMichael Hull asked can we use the library for the handicapped?

Mike Jolly asked can the meetings begin at 6pm at the library?

Ortega said that she's against this. There is no parking at all. It's a problem. The library does have parking but it's quite a distance away.

Acosta said we can continue to meet at the library but we need to be out by 7:50pm. Ortega pointed out that we've had meetings that last until 10:30pm. What are we discussing right now?

Yenawine explained that this was already approved but with the wrong rate. This would allow PLUC to reserve the church and pay for that.

Kevin Fisher proposed an amendment to say that the PLUC chair can make arrangements to use the library.

Yenawine suggested an amendment that would provide approval of rental of church or another space at the discretion of the PLUC chair on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm to 9pm. The amount would not exceed \$50 for regular PLUC meetings or \$100 for Town Halls. Harris seconded.

Griggs said to change the start time to 6pm to create more flexibility.

VOTE for amendment

17-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

VOTE for amended motion

17-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega

Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

6. Appointment of Board member liaisons to: City Departments; CIS filers; other strategic alliances and partner liaisons -- REVISITED

This item is now being moved to after the Consent Calendar.

7.c CONSENT CALENDAR – REVISITED

--Discussion and/or possible action on sending letter in opposition to demolition of MWD Campus/Church at 1111 W. Sunset Blvd. and in support of historic landmark designation of same

Harris made the motion. Fernandez seconded.

Rockello asked what are the cross streets? White Knoll and Beaudry.

A Man said it was a meeting at the Metropolitan Water buildings. It was stunning to see what this developer has done inside the building. They've been there for over a year. They've stripped stuff out that was important for the design of the building. The building was amazing. There was a water garden. This developer tricked everyone. NPR (National Public Radio) did a good piece on this today. There's a lot of history there. This was formerly the Sisters of Mercy Hospital. There could be 500 units there.

Yenawine asked has the permit been pulled for this? The Man replied yes.

Rockello asked is this in Echo Park? Courtney said it's right over the border. Rockello suggested to contact the other neighborhood council and have both neighborhood councils take a position and work together as a team.

Bowers said I saw some of the photos. It was amazing. There's a special penalty for developers who destroy things before people have a change to determine whether they are historically significant. There should be a delay.

Courtney said that he reached out to the neighborhood council reporter. They have a similar letter.

VOTE for letter
16-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

Kevin Fisher

6. Appointment of Board member liaisons to: City Departments; CIS filers; other strategic alliances and partner liaisons – REVISITED AGAIN

Yenawine said we are pre-authorizing people to file CIS's for us. We can appoint 5.

Nominees:

Connie Acosta
Paul Bowers
Darcy Harris
Tad Yenawine
Jackelyn Valladares

**VOTE for the 5 Nominees:
17-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Rockello said that he already attends Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) and Department of Water and Power (DWP) Meetings. I'm available to be your representative for those two bodies as well as the DWP Memorandum of Understanding group.

JohnMichael Hull nominated Rockello for LANCC and both of the DWP Committees as representative. Harris suggested to Rockello, why don't we appoint you as interim representative?

Nicole Tinson said that she's interested in LANCC.

Jim Brown was nominated by Yenawine for DWP.

Connie Acosta nominated herself for PlanCheck.

Joselyn Gaega-Rosenthal nominated herself for Sustainability

Jim Brown said he wants to be the Animal Services Liaison.

Kevin Fisher nominated himself and Paul Bowers for Public Works

Jerry Clark nominated himself for Public Works.

Rockello said that he will defer to being alternate for each of the 3 committees if the chosen representatives can't attend.

Harris and Courtney were nominated as City Attorney Liaisons

Bowers was nominated for the Emergency Preparedness representative

Jim Brown nominated himself for the Alliance of River Communities representative

Andy Griggs nominated himself as an alternate for PlanCheck.

Jackelyn Valladares said that she wants to alternate as the Emergency Preparedness representative for Bowers.

VOTE for all Nominees

17-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher

JohnMichael Hull

Cheryl Ortega

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

11. Discussion and/or possible action on EPNC BOG sponsorship of series of tenants rights workshops in conjunction with Elysian Heights Elementary Parents

Yenawine said that he wants to postpone this item. Fernandez seconded.

Rockello wants to postpone until we have more information.

VOTE to postpone

17-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
JohnMichael Hull
Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jackelyn Valladares
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Alex Meza
Margarita Fernandez
Paul Bowers
Jim Brown
Nicole Tinson

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

12. Future Agenda Items

Courtney said that he wants a Dodgers organization report.

Rockello wants to discuss the homeless issue and have a presentation by Guillermo.

Harris said that she wants a presentation on energy upgrades and greening.

Yenawine said that he wants to discuss tree trimming. He also wants the Mohawk Collective to present their project.

Valladares wants an item about making a sign that you're entering Elysian Park.

Jeffrey Kontorovsky said that he wants to discuss food and drink for committee meetings. Acosta suggested up to \$75 for stakeholder refreshments for PLUC.

13. Adjournment

Hull seconded the motion to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 9:43pm.