

ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2016

7:00 PM

1226 ALVARADO ST.

LOS ANGELES, CA 90026

1. Administrative item

Thomas Soong, a representative from the department of neighborhood empowerment (DONE), had everyone placed in their seats to proceed the meeting.

Roll call-

Attending Board Members:

Kevin Fisher

JohnMichael Hull

Cheryl Ortega

Richard Courtney

Jim Brown

Tad Yenawine

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Darcy Harris

Connie Acosta

Manuel Pool

Ida Talalla

Margarita Fernandez

Alex Meza

Michael Galano

Non-attending Board members:

Paul Bowers

Mary Jane Hunter

Mike Jolly

Andrew Knauer

Jackelyn Valladares

There were 14 members present when the meeting began. Quorum is 11 Board members.

Adoption of minutes –

Kevin Fisher made the motion to adopt minutes. Tad Yenawine seconded.

Tad Yenawine led the meeting and made corrections to previous notes from meeting that was held June 28th.

Corrections (reference previous notes for page numbers and topics)-

- Page 5 second to last paragraph. Sentence should say, “Luisa Mavropoulos said that it was a racist organization”.
- Page 14 first paragraph. Sentence should say, “Patricia Mendoza said that Christine Peters is still running the community”.
- Page 14 Votes for David Rockello- Tad Yenawine should not be included in the Vote.
- Page 17 sentence should say, “Acosta said that she also manage a property”.
- Page 17 third last paragraph additional comment should be added, “If I was second signature I would make sure the Treasurer will do his work.

Cheryl Ortega suggested to discuss at a future meeting streamlining minutes by recording motions and actions including pertinent arguments.

Vote

14-0-0

Passed

2. Community/Government reports –

Stephanie Uy invited everyone to voice their opinions. The location would take place on Sat. Sept. 17th 2pm at the community coffee.

Thomas Soong gave an update that retreat will still be happening sometime in August. The goal is to get funds before the retreat.

Alejandra Flores gave an announcement for summer camps which will take place August 20th location- 1949 Riverside Drive Los Angeles, C.A 90039. For more information you can reach her at 323-333-3787

More Community services were available for anyone to get flyers at the table by the entrance.

Chair Report

Tad Yenawine announced the Mission

- Our board be proactive (unify community) –protecting our community – provide free internet services – training thru internet access – connect to the entire world
- Housing- looking at buildings –make sure everything follows into Policy and Permit. –become more inclusive

- Culture and community – get involved with entire community thru parks etc. –Echo Park Lake event film screening
- Proactive and Progressive

3. Public Comment on Non- Agenda Items

Stakeholder mentioned-

Bad street maintenance and conditions. There is no follow up, he showed proof with pictures of bad street conditions on Alvarado St. and Sunset.

There needs to be more accessibility to information on the neighborhood council website.

No disability Access- needs to take action

Concerns and recommendations for Home Sharing Ordinance-

- Thousands of people in Echo Park and throughout the city rely on home-sharing to cover housing cost and would lose their homes.
- If the concern is over abusive landlords and nuisance neighbors, the city should enforce more strongly the regulations and ordinance already in place.
- The concern is for the preservation of low-income housing, invest in that infrastructure and use the Transient Occupancy Tax collected from short term rentals to fund efforts to support tenants and mom and pop landlords, not developers
- Too much of the language in this ordinance is vague and still undefined, and leaves decisions to the city administrators in the future.

They recommend that the City council and its Committee return this ordinance to the Planning Commission.

4. Selection of Board member to fill Vacancy of Vice Chair-

Darcy Harris accepts Vice chair nomination.

Ida Talalla 1st and Cheryl Ortega seconds.

Vote

14-0-0

Stakeholders suggested that there should be more committees such as; disability, aging and senior.

5. Selection of Committee Chairs-

- Jeffrey Kontorovsky – public safety

Vote 14-0-0

- Ida Talalla- aging, parks & health

Vote 14-0-0

- Cheryl Ortega- schools, libraries and community organizations

Vote 14-0-0

- Connie Acosta- Planning and Land use (2 stakeholders support connie as planning they gave great positive reviews)

Vote 14-0-0

(board members had a discussion of splitting the Planning and Land use).

- Manuel Pool and JohnMichael Hull- outreach committee and special events

Vote 14-0-0

- Paul Bowers- AD-HOC communication

Vote 13-0-0

(Jeffrey Kontorovsky left at 8:55pm)

- Darcy Harris – by laws and standing Rules

Vote 13-0-0

(No Board or public comments)

- Richard Courtney – Dodgers Ad-Hoc

Vote 13-0-0

(No board or public comments)

they moved #9 topic from the agenda to proceed the meeting

9. Housing (homesharing ordinance)-

Board – recommended use tax money for PLUC.

Motion- refer back to PLUC item. Darcy Harris second.

Richard Courtney introduces motion. Special meeting. (stakeholders are available to come to the meeting)

Motion- to postpone #6 on the meeting agenda except Budget representatives.

Richard Courtney and Connie Acosta - Budget representatives

Michael Galano- withdrawal

Vote 13-0-0

Tad Yenawine (announced)-

Motion- postpone #7 on meeting agenda (\$25 per regular meeting 2 months same location)

Motion postpone #8 on meeting agenda -refer to PLUC. Richard Courtney 1st and Darcy Harris second.

Vote 11-0- 2

11. approval of funding- for business cards

\$850 approved. Kevin Fisher second.

Vote 11-0-0-2 (*ineligible*)

Tad Yenawine (announced)-

Motion postpone #12,13,14 and 15 from the meeting agenda

Richard Courtney 1st and Kevin fisher second.