



# CITY OF LOS ANGELES

## EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES



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## I. Welcome and Introductions

**A. Call to Order at 7:06 p.m. A quorum of 17 was present at this time.**

Roll Call:

NAME	VOTE	NAME	VOTE
Arasele	Present	Doug	Present
Nina	Present	Jillian	Present
Rogelio	Present	Kyle	Present
Jeff Z	Present	Lisa	Present
Gesselly	Present	Jasmin	Present
Faye	Present	Kevin	Present
Daniel	Present	Ryan	Present
Shahan	Present	Jeff M	Present

Lynn	Present		
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See above. Also present were: District 5 Candidates Chelsea Modern and Skylar Summers; Stakeholders Vivian Martinez and Olga (CHLA); and Former board member Carlos D.

Prior to being able to vote, new board members will need to complete the Code of Conduct and the trainings by the department. Arasele, Gesselly and Nina reached out to the department regarding the trainings and are waiting to hear back. Gesselly has also contacted new board members requesting certain information. Once she receives this information, she will send the roster to Lorenzo with DONE and members will receive their trainings via e-mail.

**B.** Opening Remarks/Welcome Address *Arasele Torrez, President*

**C.** Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Please limit to two minutes per speaker.)

## **II. Community Reports**

**A.** LAPD Report: Len at Rampart said Hollywood Division will be attending our next meeting, but couldn't be at this meeting.

**B.** Neighborhood Prosecutor: Not in attendance.

**C.** Budget Advocate Report: No Budget Advocates could be present, but the newly elected BAs for District 5 were: [Daniel Perez with Central Hollywood NC](#), [Julia Moser with Greater Wilshire NC](#) and [Jack Humphreville with Greater Wilshire NC](#).

**D.** CD13 Report, Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell:

George: As you all know, the housing rental Assistance Program culminated last Friday. Hundreds of thousands of applications were taken and processed, ending last Thursday, and about 11% of the applications overall were from CD13, which I think was one of the higher ones. And I think about 50,000 of the applications will be assisted, with a maximum payment of about \$2,000, in addition to 500 applications from CD13 specifically. So in addition to Councilmember O'Farrell's commitment to transfer a certain number of applications to this district specifically to receive funding from this program, additional people will be assisted. So we are happy to hear that an additional 500 applicants were going to be assisted through last week's program. A reminder that this was made possible through the CARES Act, which was a federal bill which generated millions of dollars in assistance from Washington, DC, (with some strings attached), and City Council, through the ad hoc Committee for COVID Recovery, decided to allocate \$100 million to this program. And our office is advocating to our federally elected officials for a second stimulus package. And I'd encourage you all, in your capacity as board members and as citizens, to reach out to your federally elected officials as well and let them know how you feel. It'll definitely be very, very helpful. Similarly, we have a CD13 Small Business Assistance program – it's a subsidy. To remind you all, this is another program that the councilmember initiated to move \$1 million for public works projects, specifically to CD-13 and small businesses. The economic works program is working on the criteria and the logistics for that now. But we're expecting for it to be very similar to what the HSID rental program is doing now and what it looked like in terms of formatting. And we're looking for it to be launched

next month and to have some more details about the program coming in late July. So if you know anybody who is a small business owner, who is struggling, be sure to connect them with me. But our office will be promoting the event as well, and we'll be sure to keep you looped in. In addition, we also have an extension of relaxed parking enforcement. I'm sure most of you are aware of this by now, but in case there's anybody who's not: our office did extend a motion to extend relaxed parking enforcement through the month of July. And just so everyone's aware, that includes relaxed enforcement for street sweeping, expired registration on a vehicle, overnight, or oversized vehicle parking districts, peak rush hour and parking districts, peak rush hour and gridlock zone parking districts, vehicles displaying recently expired permits – all of that stuff is going to be relaxed. But what isn't going to be relaxed is metered parking, time limited within residential parking without a valid permit, posted time limit zones within residential and commercial areas and all posted temporary no parking signs – you can't block emergency access, alley way, fire hydrant, colored curbs, or any other parking restriction for city owned lots. For now, it's going to be in place through the end of July and I believe City Council will be looking to revisit what happens after that. But I will for sure keep you posted. Lastly – or second to last – I wanted to be proactive here. I had a chance to look through your letter about the eviction moratorium matters and I wanted to clarify some things, just so you all have the most up to date information. I understand – and we've actually been hearing from some folks – because some people seem to think that if the Mayor doesn't extend the emergency declaration during COVID, that the emergency moratorium will be lifted. And that's not exactly the case. Because technically the law says that, during the local emergency period, and for 12 months after its expiration, no owner shall endeavor to evict, or evict the residential tenant for payment of rent during the emergency period, if the tenant is unable to pay rent for circumstances related to COVID-19. Hypothetically, let's say that the Mayor lifts the restriction on August 1<sup>st</sup> – you're going to be protected for 12 months after that. So this was in place basically once it was introduced. And the lifting of this is contingent on when the Mayor explicitly says that the emergency COVID declarations have been lifted. So, as long as this is continuing, as long as the Mayor has not lifted the emergency declaration, you're going to be protected. As long as you are unable to pay rent for COVID reasons, there's also an additional layer of protection from the state, because the California judicial council, which basically oversees state courts, in early April voted to bar all eviction proceedings from taking place. And basically what that does is it stops the process of evicting someone through the process of something called an unlawful detainer, which is the formal step to evict somebody in court. So those are not taking place either. So, in a way, you're dually protected. So my understanding is that there is no movement right now to lift that protection either. But if there's anything that changes, I will let you know. It's something that's being discussed on the state level right now, by the state legislature. But I don't know the specifics because I obviously don't work for the state. So I will keep you all posted. But that's just something for you all to know and to keep in mind for your discussions today about that letter you were planning on sending. Lastly, regarding your Slow Streets applications, I would request that you please keep me posted, or looped in with your communications with the Department of Transportation, just so we can make sure that they are paying attention to the request and following up accordingly. I know that they are getting a lot of requests like these and sometimes it's easy for them to have them fall through the cracks. But if you copy me in your e-mails and communications to them, I will be sure that they respond to you. And lastly, thank you all for the clean-up referrals. We've been getting quite a bit of them. And our Clean Team is quite frequently in East Hollywood these days. So if you see any sight that needs cleaning, let me know. I'm not sure that I am able to put my e-mail address on here, but if there's somebody who has it, please post it for somebody in the audience. That would be very, very helpful. That's all for me. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Kevin: I have a question regarding the trash. There was a lot of build-up, especially on my street – it's kind of a cul-de-sac, so I think sometimes it gets missed. But the buildup has been

a lot. I also reported – there's kind of that underground walkway thing next to the elementary school on Santa Monica Blvd. and Normandie and I reported that a month and a half ago and it's just been getting worse. But I'm glad that you brought it up to the attention of the – I'm glad that I can reach your e-mail now. I've been filing a lot of reports, but I haven't really seen any progress.

George: Do you mean the report is for trash underneath? Underground?

Kevin: I filed it through Maya Lay, or the 311 app – I filed it a couple of times actually. I feel like people see that there's trash there, so they keep throwing trash there, because it's in a gated little container. Also I think that I've seen people cleaning up their own trash there, seen in the mornings, maybe. I was thinking we could have like a volunteer program through Mitch O'Farrell's Office, to provide sanitary stuff and trash bags and stuff, because I know you guys are overwhelmed with the trash requests. But it's just been extremely overwhelming.

George: Yeah. And I appreciate your willingness to take initiative and take ownership of your block. Under normal circumstances, I would happily, happily, happily provide you with all the materials that you would need. But right now we are kind of focusing on adhering to social distancing guidelines. And I know our Clean Team that goes out there, they get deployed outside of the 311 app. Because it's a service that gets provided by the Councilmember, we are the ones that coordinate it. So in the future, just feel free to reach out to me. I will look into seeing how we can engage some community volunteers. Because we have been fortunate enough to see many people eager and anxious enough to take concrete steps to cleaning up their neighborhoods. So let me check in with our community organizer, Sylvan, who was at our produce giveaway this weekend. And let me see if we can work something out. I can't promise it, because, again, we don't want to put you in harm's way. But again, if it's something that we can work out in terms of social distancing or something like that, we will do what we can. And also, you should know that the tunnels on Santa Monica and Normandie are scheduled to be closed. So those are going away completely.

Doug: First I want to thank George for helping us with the abandoned vehicles we're seeing proliferating in our neighborhood. Stripped out, stolen cars, cars that are towed over into our neighborhood and just abandoned. But that leads to my point, which is that I would ask that, instead of having a continuation of this moratorium that's gone on since, I think February, that's gone on on any parking enforcement related to street sweeping – the DOT doesn't even come out anymore for abandoned vehicles – that there be an alternative way of looking at it: if someone can prove that they've been ill of the virus, or if they can prove why they haven't been able to get to their vehicle, then all fees be waived. But our streets, as was just mentioned – they're filthy. And my neighbors have been asking repeatedly to me, "When are we going to have parking enforcement again?" My neighbors are moving their cars. But, once they move them, retail workers and, particularly construction workers are then coming in and parking their cars in the streets and not moving them, because it's easy for them. And they're taking advantage of the situation. I had this conversation with Sean at our Hollywood Studio Neighborhood Board virtual meeting and he said it was due to people having COVID-19. But that's not what I read in the paper. What I read is that people in Silverlake and Echo Park complained to Mitch's office that they're still not back at work and they don't want to move their car because they don't have a place to move it to, necessarily. That leaps to the issue of we don't have enough street parking for all the development coming in. But at some point we have to clean our streets, irrespective of that, because they're filthy. So at some point, I would ask that an alternative be considered and this not be considered in perpetuity.

George: Once of the things that I had suggested – and this has been happening – one of the things that we've been doing to mitigate these concerns is we have been asking our Clean

Team to go by and conduct litter abatements in places where it would have normally been served through street sweeping. But that's just one of the things we're doing in the interim. Obviously there are a lot of reasons why the moratorium on parking enforcement is in place. But for now the Clean Team is probably going to be your best bet in terms of getting some abatement of litter and weeds on your block. So if you have a site in mind, please feel free to send it over to me. And they're really good about getting over there and cleaning up all the litter.

Nina: In terms of the rental assistance – you said that there's probably going to be a second round, correct?

George: No, I didn't say that. I said that the assistance program was funded through the CARES Act, which was a Federal Stimulus bill, money basically from Washington, DC, coming to municipalities across the country. And that there's talk of a second stimulus package coming from Washington, DC. That's what we're advocating for. Of course, once that money comes through, L.A. will have the ability to allocate that money in a similar fashion. But for right now, L.A. will have the ability to make sure that second wave comes through.

Nina: I asked because we had an e-mail this afternoon from someone wanting to apply, and, of course, the application is closed. And so I'm wondering if next time we can have it be open more than a week. Because I know in the beginning there was difficulty with people having access to the website. And then you guys – not you, but the Mayor's office – were doing training for Zoom later in the week. But I'm wondering if that could happen earlier, so people could be able to apply, if it happens again. And I'm also wondering if it could be available in other languages. I went through the application and it looked pretty easy. I think it changed mid-week, from what I saw. But we're just hoping that this can help more families and more people in East Hollywood.

George: Thank you for that. That's feedback that we will definitely share with HSID – HSID is the organization that was responsible for creating the program. And doing all the troubleshooting. When there were problems, we were reporting them to HSID. So that is feedback that I will take back to our legislative team. So when they are discussing hopefully a second program like this one, they will keep that feedback in mind. I do know that there was a feature at, I think, the top left hand side of the page. You could click it and it would translate the entire page into multiple languages of your choosing. So I will make sure that that is more prominently highlighted, if that wasn't the case.

Nina: I'm talking more like how to apply. Because I think there was a line where you could call in and it would tell you how to apply.

George: Yes.

Nina: It's just more availability for those individuals. And I was trying to help someone fill out that application and they got a confirmation e-mail with their incorrect name. And, when we called, they were like, "You just need to redo the application and we'll delete the previous one. So there wasn't really clear instruction on what to do if there was a mistake. And – do they just reject the application, or do they just resubmit a new one, or just – more clarity on that. Like clerical stuff.

George: That's helpful for me to know. My understanding was that the applications were selected by a lottery system. And then within two weeks (so two weeks from now), now that the process is closed, HSID will begin directly reaching out to people. So I believe if there was

some sort of error on an application, there would have been an opportunity to correct it. But, point taken. I will relay that back to our legislative team.

Nina: Yeah, they informed me that they have no way of doing that manually. So if the name doesn't match the name on the lease and on the ID, then that person will be disqualified. That's what I was told, by that department. And I know there might be long-term renters who may not even have their lease, because they've been lost. So other forms of documentation, I perceive would be best, because maybe they're afraid to ask that of their landlord, because they're afraid that they're going to be let go.

George: The other caveat of this is that, if the landlord accepts the money, then they are obligated to agree to not evict the tenant, as well. So part of it is also a forward prevention mention, for evictions. But yes, I will relay that information back to our legislative team so they keep that in mind, moving ahead.

Olga: I'm with Children's Hospital Los Angeles, we're happy to be here with you guys tonight. We wanted to mention that, with Children's Hospital Los Angeles, we want to collaborate with any programs or services you guys are providing to the East Hollywood residents when it comes to anything that benefits them, such as cleanup events – and you mentioned something like that, George. We would love to collaborate. Maybe the three of us to put something together to see if we could have people come out and clean up. At the hospital we're heading a group of employees that would like to volunteer and would like to give back to the community and they've been doing so through the produce giveaway program that you guys are doing. It's a fantastic event. They've all had fantastic experiences. So if you want to collaborate, we'd be more than happy to do so. I'd be more than happy to connect. Thanks.

Nina: Thank you Olga.

George: Thank you Olga. It's nice to hear from you. I just want to say this again that, as a Council office, we're trying to take it easy in terms of getting people together for neighborhood cleanups, because we don't want to encourage people to congregate too closely to one another. Again I will ask our community organizer how best to coordinate something – if we can coordinate something – and we'll be in touch. I'll let some of the folks on the community organizer board know and I'll let the Children's Hospital know. I appreciate all of your willingness to, again, take a more active role in your community. And, again, in more normal times, we would empower you with all of that gear and equipment and trash bags in a heart beat. But we also want to be careful and not endanger anyone. But again, I will be in touch with you all as we move forward.

Vivian Martinez: Thank you so much, Buenos Tardes. I brought up at the neighborhood meeting a way to get the neighborhood involved in cleaning up. Someone mentioned earlier that they have just been cleaning up their own neighborhood. Santa Monica and Normandie is very dirty. There's the subway, or the old underground walkway, which you said will be closed, but which is "closed" now and which is filling up with trash. What the person is saying is that people do feel empowered to do it on their own, but there has to be a way to do it while social distancing. Could there be like a "stuff drop-off," so then it gets distributed safely? Because they do that at a lot of other events, like community events, government events and private events and I think that there's a way we can mobilize on our own without congregating. Thank you.

Ryan: Can Olga share a contact e-mail, or maybe an organizer e-mail with CHLA, if maybe we want to follow up later?

Olga: Yes, are you able to forward my e-mail? I would be the person to contact for the volunteers.

Gesselly: I have her e-mail. I've been in contact with her, so I'll forward that to you right now, Ryan.

**E. City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, Angie Aramayo:**

Angie Aramayo: I'm the Central Area Representative for Eric Garcetti. I have a couple of updates. The first one being that, earlier this month, Mayor Garcetti introduced a new system to communicate the overall threat of infection risk for Angelenos, regarding COVID-19. Right now we're at the threat level Orange. The next step would be red, where we would all pretty much have to start from the beginning, where we were all under the Stay at Home order. To sort of get an update, or if you all want to check it out online on your own, you can go to [coronavirus.lacity.org/threatlevel](https://coronavirus.lacity.org/threatlevel). This was also brought up with George, but I want to make sure everyone is aware, in regards to the Emergency Renter's Assistance Program that the election process is taking place this week, between now and the 24<sup>th</sup>. Individuals can go back to the HSID website to do a status lookup online. And all they would need is their zip code and their confirmation number. Or, if they don't have a confirmation number, they can provide their e-mail or a phone number that they submitted within the application. If you know of someone who either doesn't have Internet access, or who doesn't want to go online and would rather speak to someone live, you can call 1-844-944-1868 to check the status over the phone. I did call earlier today and there is no wait line. So if you want to check the status over the phone, you are more than welcome to do so using that number as well. The one final thing I do want to announce is that L.A. County has established a regional fund grant program for small businesses. So what that fund will do is deploy \$3 million in grants, available at 5,000 for micro entrepreneurs and 15,000 for small businesses operating within Los Angeles County over the course of four months. This is going to be six rounds. The first round is already finished and people should be receiving – if they were granted that opportunity, they should be receiving that notification. The second round should be starting on July 20, which is today, and is going to run all the way until July 24. So you just have to go to [www.lacovidfund.org/grants](https://www.lacovidfund.org/grants) and you can easily apply there. If anyone has any specific questions on that, you're more than willing to e-mail me. It's [Angie.aramayo@lacity.org](mailto:Angie.aramayo@lacity.org). I'll be more than happy to answer any questions.

**F. Assembly District 43 Report, Office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Seamus Garrity**

Arasele said they were all invited, but are not present.

**G. LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Erin Seinfeld**

Erin: Hello everyone. For those that don't know me, I'm Erin Seinfeld. I am your Deputy County Supervisor for L.A. County Sheila Kuehl. I hear that there are some new members of the board. I would normally say, "Let's grab coffee." But we can jump on the phone, or Zoom. I'm appointed to discuss what the county does, how we can work together. A little insight into your County Supervisor. So let me just jump into some updates: Today a lot of this is going to be COVID-19 centric because of the pandemic that we're in and everything that's happening. I'm not sure if everyone saw, but there were over 3,000 cases today. We currently have 2,232 in

hospitalization. I do want to emphasize that these are the most hospitalizations that we have seen since the pandemic started. The health officer order was amended as of July 13 per the governor. Indoor-outdoor operations were closed. This includes barbershops, fitness centers and gyms, hair salons, indoor protests, malls, non-critical infrastructure sector offices – non-essential offices – and personal care services, like nail salons, massage parlors and tattoo parlors. For those that don't know, this was an addition to a prohibition to indoor dining and indoor operations to museums, food and a plethora of other things. I can send the link so you can take a look at the revised officer order. We want to remind everyone that it's so important to be diligent right now. We need to be aware that we are wearing masks, washing our hands, and the whole shebang that we've been hearing about for so long. If you need anything, you can reach out to our office. The county is really prioritizing testing for those that need to get testing. And really mentioning – or telling everyone – that if you do have a provider, a doctor, that you should be going to them, if you feel you need to get tested. There are county sites and community sites that continue to come online. You can go to the county site and see the long list, including a clinic site in East Hollywood. So just a couple other things to touch upon: for testing today, we hit over 1.5 million tests, which was really great to know that it's become available and that we're able to get more people that need testing tested. As I mentioned, I know that there's still a need for the testing, and I recommend going through those avenues. There is one or two other things that I want to mention. I'm not sure if Angie mentioned this: I want to make sure to mention the L.A. Regional COVID Fund. It's a \$3 million fund. Our partners, the city, contributed \$2 million and we contributed \$1 million. And it is offering grants of \$5 million to micro entrepreneurs and \$15,000 to small businesses and non-profits. There is more information at [lacovidfund.org](http://lacovidfund.org). There are six rounds total. The second round started today, if you were in need of assistance and interested in learning more about your eligibility for the grant, I would suggest checking it out.

Nina: I have some questions. I know some people that were affected by COVID and I'm also working on a non-profit on creating policies about this and so – do you guys have any tips about employers letting people back to the office, or to their workplace? Do they need to provide a negative test? Because I know two cases of people's employers, where they're like, "You can't come back until you provide negative tests."

Erin: Public Health does have information on that. I can't speak on the business side without doing a little more research. That may be at the discretion of a business, that might not be something we regulate at all. But I can send you some links from DPH and look into that for you. There are certain steps for anyone who tests positive. Like I said, I'd have to look more into it. But I think a lot of work forces, depending on the industry, do have their own recommendations and guidelines, as well. You have my number, call me tomorrow.

### **III. Community Voices**

#### **A. Thai CDC Update: No one was available to attend.**

Elsan Trinidad sent a message saying that Thai CDC will be offering a cash assistance program to help pay bills, rent, utilities, or other living expenses for community members who have lost their jobs, or income, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Any individual or household residing in the Los Angeles area, regardless of citizenship, or immigration status, can apply. For more information, e-mail [CARES@thaicdc.org](mailto:CARES@thaicdc.org), or visit their Facebook page, which is Thai Community Development Center. Their next event will be the East Hollywood Certified Farmers Market, open every Monday and Thursday from 3:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hollywood Western Metro station, as a safe outdoor option for buying fresh produce in our community. Social distancing and hygienic protocols are in place at every market. (Arasele will send this copy to Danny, so he can post it on the website.)

**B. East Hollywood BID (Jeff Zarrinam):**

Since we have a few new board members, I'm just going to give an idea of what a BID is. A BID is a Business Improvement District (and we have one here in East Hollywood) and it's a district formed by property owners within an area that has taxed themselves to do a series of services they want do. For East Hollywood, the district runs along Vermont Avenue, along the 101 Freeway, up to Hollywood Blvd. and goes west on Hollywood Blvd., up to Edgemont, down to Fountain and then back on Fountain to Virgil. That's pretty much the East Hollywood Business Improvement District. We primarily focus on Clean and Green. So cleaning those streets, greening those streets and putting in improvements, such as the medians that you see down Vermont Avenue, and also the trash cans. We put up the banners that you've seen on Vermont Avenue.

And the things that we're working on next are going to be parkways – which includes putting all of the trees in, watering the trees and pruning the trees on Vermont Avenue. The new things we're working on is the website, which is completed and should now be up and running on EHBID.org, if anybody wants to take a look at that. The other main focus on the East Hollywood BID is that it was originally formed in 2006. I was a founding member of that and the initial term was for 5 years. It was then renewed again in 2011 for 10 years. So we're nearing our 10-year anniversary, and we're going through the renewal process right now, which takes about a year to complete.

So we're in the midst of gathering paperwork - going through updating our district plan, updating petitions and then we'll have to go through another voting period. I'm currently also on the board of Governors, and this year I'm the Vice Chair. I've been the Chair for years and this year I'm the Vice Chair.

**C. Route 66 BID (Jeff Zarrinam):**

Route 66 is primarily Santa Monica Blvd. and a lot of the property owners along Santa Monica Blvd. saw what we were doing in East Hollywood and reached out to me to ask if we could help form a Business Improvement District along Santa Monica Blvd., which runs from Hoover Street on Santa Monica on the East, all the way through to Vine, on the Western end. So that is a BID that has been in the process of formation for the past 3-4 years. We've already passed the management district plan process, which is a lengthy process and we're right now in the petition phase. As of today, we've gathered about 10% - 11% of the petitions that are required. We have to get 50-plus-1%. So we're right now in that petition phase. So I heard a lot of people talking about Santa Monica Blvd., especially around the cleaning and especially around the underground stairs. So the BID would be helping to maintain a lot of those areas that we're talking about. So once that's formed, hopefully Santa Monica Blvd. would be a lot cleaner.

**D. Hollywood / Western BID (Jeff Zarrinam):**

This was the same process. So the same kind of process that we've been doing for the Route 66 Business District, we're doing that for the Hollywood/Western BID.

**E. Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (Jeff Zarrinam):**

I've been a member of the member of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for the past 30-plus years, here in Hollywood. I've been a past Share. As you know, we do the Walk of Fame and we do the Hollywood Sign. As you know, I'm a Trustee for the Hollywood Sign, as well – on the Hollywood Sign Trust. Plus things are pretty slow at the Hollywood Chamber, we've been doing a lot of Zoom meetings, Economic Development Meetings, things like that. We usually have a lot of functions, which I invite people to. But with COVID, a lot of our functions and luncheons and things have been put on hold.

#### **IV. Meeting of EHNC Governing Board - Public is welcome and encouraged to stay**

**A. Committee Reports** (2 min each max): Give a general overview of what you're working on and what you're going into next.

a. Executive	b. Outreach	c. Budget & Finance
d. Youth & Education	e. Planning & Land Use Management	f. Arts & Culture
g. Business	h. Public Safety & Community Health	i. Homelessness & Displacement Prevention
j. Bylaws, Ethics & Standing Rules		

a) **Executive:** Arasele: We met on July 7. It was a Special Executive/Governing Board meeting so that we could discuss the potential candidates. We appointed some of the new board members who are present here tonight. (Congrats to you all.) And at the last Executive Meeting we had, that was last Friday, we voted on the rotation of the Agendas, on who was going to do that. So we're going in the order of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Treasurer, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary. And also we discussed when we would be meeting as an Executive Board. But for now, since we're still in the pandemic, we're going to meet virtually, or through e-mail, the second Wednesday of the month, which is prior to the board meeting. And also sending out the Agenda in a timely manner.

b) **Outreach:** Nina: I'm reporting back about Outreach, along with the Joint Committee meeting we held. We met with the Homelessness Committee, I believe last Monday, about our goals and tasks for the next three months, since we started a new fiscal year. And we assigned some projects, which I will be sending it to the full board, so they're aware. In regards to the Homelessness, Jeff gave the presentation on the spot, the LAHSA Report, and we discussed a CIS that he brought forward in regards to not lifting the moratorium, which he spoke about earlier. So it was very productive and well-attended.

c) **Budget & Finance:** Rogelio: We didn't hold a meeting, but we have our meeting scheduled for every second Thursday of the month, which will allow the Budget & Finance Committee to review anything that comes out of the other advisory – or any of the other subcommittees – before our full board meeting. I think because it was the first month, we put a call out for items or materials that folks wanted us to review and we didn't receive any. So we're looking forward to materials coming up next month.

d) **Youth & Education:** Faye: We met informally and so we're going to create a formal Agenda and get our Youth Representative involved. We're also reaching out to the local high schools. We just want to focus on some goals. I know Anwar was the local chair so we just wanted to discuss what we've discussed in the past about moving forward in the pandemic. How we can support all the local schools and the community with the pandemic, with the community and classrooms and being at home. How does that affect our community? So our next Agenda would be a formal meeting with your Youth Representative. We need numbers of folks that are interested in joining our Youth & Education Committee. Nina: Also include the Student Rep, Kevin. And also, if you could, please update the Committee Google Sheets, so I can then update the Committee Zoom links for your permanent meeting.

e) **Planning & Land Use Management:** Arasele: I know you all haven't met and there was an approach for parking exemption back in June. I would suggest that, if you're able to, please hold a committee meeting in August, before the General Board Meeting, so we can try to approach that measure. I know we're late on that already. I know as a Neighborhood Council, we get notifications on applying for development projects. I saw on Friday that there was a project approved. So I don't know if you on the committee saw that. So, even if we don't get applications directly, I think it would be nice to have an overview of lists of projects going on currently in the Neighborhood Council.

f) **Arts & Culture:** Lynn: We did meet on Tuesday, July 14. The meeting started at 7:05 and we had 15 attendees, including all the committee members. Under Public Comment, Louise Reichland announced that the annual San Pedro Arts Festival, which she produces, is taking applications from people who want to participate in and present at that festival. And they're doing it virtually this year. Skylar Summers expressed an interest in joining the Arts & Culture Committee and Vivian Martinez is interested in the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council. We read the minutes of the January meeting and those were approved unanimously. Under Action Items, we were talking about the collaboration with the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council. Brian and Caz updated Los Feliz on the brainstorming they've been doing recently, which will be continuing. The next step on this is that Jillian and maybe Carlos will attend the next Los Feliz Neighborhood Council Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We also talked about the bike-in movie collaboration with Los Feliz and it's been postponed because of COVID. But, as an update, they will continue with the collaboration and Larry LeBeau would like to join that. So we'll make his e-mail address available, so we can share it with Los Feliz. We also talked about the utility box art program and Nina suggested using community improvement funds for maintaining the artwork. Some of it has been tagged and defaced.

g) **Business:** Arasele: We currently don't really have an active Business Committee Meeting. But if any of the newly elected board members are interested in revamping the Business Committee, please let us know.

h) **Public Safety & Community Health:** Shahan: We had our first meeting of our newly expanded Public Health, Safety & Sustainability Committee and, I've got to tell you, it ended up being an amazing meeting. We talked about a lot of good stuff. Olga presented a report about all the great stuff they're doing at Children's Hospital – some events that we're going to be participating in, some trainings. We went over the Tobacco Smoke data from UCLA and how best to get this data out in the community. There's a CIS in support of developing an unarmed model for crisis intervention. And a lot of discussion about Slow Streets and sustainability. Great participation. I have really high hopes and I want to thank our newest members, Jillian and Rogelio for participating and really taking the lead on some of this stuff. Daniel: The meeting went really, really well. I was really glad to include sustainability into it and kind of figure out how it pertains to what we will hear and how we can create a more sustainable East Hollywood. There are a lot of improvements that can be made and I think we can have a real hand in taking care of our community.

i) **Homelessness & Displacement Prevention:** Arasele: We already spoke about that in conjunction with the Outreach Committee

j) **Bylaws, Ethics & Standing Rules:** Arasele: There wasn't a committee, for a meeting to be held.

## **B. Discussion and possible approval of February 24, 2020 Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes.**

Item tabled by Arasele until the next meeting. Doug asked that all documents be posted, so the public can review them, in addition to board members.

**C. Discussion and possible approval** of May 18, 2020 Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes.

**D. Discussion and possible approval** of June 1, 2020 Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes.

**E. Discussion and possible approval** of June 15, 2020 Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes.

**F. Budget Update** (Rogelio Pardo, Treasurer)

**1. June 2020 MER**

Rogelio: I saw the MER earlier this morning. It shows that our remaining balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2019-2020, which closed with the last day of June closed with remaining funds of \$3,315.24. The Beginning Balance was \$36,992.17, Total Spent was \$26,6476.93. Remaining Balance was \$10,515.24, with \$7,200 Outstanding toward check payments and NPGs that were being processed last month. At the end of the month, we ended up with \$3,315.24 less. That remaining money is expected to roll over to our 2020-21 budget and will go toward paying the remaining balance for our designer that redid our wonderful logo. In terms of where we spent: most of Material was spent on office, Outreach and elections – the bulk of it for NPGs, as well as the produce box giveaways. No expenses were made over the year for community improvement projects. I think we were hoping to use those funds for the bike-in movie, but we ended up really focusing on spending down our funds, with allocation for produce distributions. I believe we did two or three different expenses for that. And in the attachment, you see all our standard expenses: Google Suite, CopyCat. We did plenty of Facebook, our ongoing materials for MailChimp, our Crush promos, or the masks that we purchased, which are now available for people that come to our events. And just ongoing maintenance materials.

Arasele motioned to approve the June 2020 MER. Lynn seconded.

Rogelio Pardo took a Roll Call Vote:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Arasele	Yes	Doug	Absent
Nina	Yes	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Yes	Lisa	Yes
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	Yes	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	Absent	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes		

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 11 yes, 2 absent and 4 ineligible.

**G. Action Items:** Arasele read through all Consent Agenda Action Items. Both board members

and public had been given time to read the Agenda in preparation.

Nina motioned to approve all Action Items. Jeff Zarrinnam seconded.

Arasele took a Roll Call Vote:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Arasele	Yes	Doug	Absent
Nina	Yes	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Yes	Lisa	Yes
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	Yes	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	Absent	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes		

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 11 yes, 2 absent and 4 ineligible.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:** (Unless someone would say no to any one item.)
  - a. **Discussion and possible action** regarding appointment of Kevin Acevedo as an EHNC Outreach Committee member.
  - b. **Discussion and possible action** regarding appointment of Faye Altobar as the EHNC Youth & Education Committee Chair.
  - c. **Discussion and possible action** regarding appointment of Kevin Acevedo as the EHNC Youth & Education Committee Co-Chair.
  - d. **Discussion and possible action** regarding appointment of Vivian Martinez as an EHNC Arts & Culture Committee member.
  - e. **Discussion and possible action** regarding appointment of Jeffrey Maloney as the EHNC Homelessness & Displacement Prevention Committee Co-Chair.
  - f. **Discussion and possible action** regarding appointment of Jillian Schultz to submit Community Impact Statements on behalf of the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council.
2. **Discussion and possible action** regarding procedure of collecting committee meeting agendas and minutes. (Ninoska Suarez)

Nina discussed the idea of having a procedure for collecting agendas and minutes for committee meetings. She asked that board members drop these into folders on the EHNC Google Drive – Agendas, when they're ready to be used, and minutes, when they're ready to be published, so they can be given to Danny. It was agreed that the Recording Secretary should be in charge of collecting this information. She also suggested the creation of a manual, so new people coming in could understand the system, as well as to make clear the importance of publishing these agendas and minutes for committee meetings. This system would also help with collecting information to be published on the website, which is being revamped. The discussion will be continued via e-mail, to include others involved.

3. **Presentation** regarding UCLA findings of secondhand smoke by Diego Cruz Tobacco Control Program.

Item tabled by Arasele until the next meeting. Jillian recommended requesting the

availability of the presenters and scheduling them accordingly, then promoting the presentation only after the EHNC received a commitment.

**4. Discussion and possible action** regarding approval of up to \$500 for purchase of latex Gloves, hand sanitizer, and wipes for volunteers at the Produce Box events.

Jeffrey Maloney offered to share a discounted source of gloves, hand sanitizer and other protection items for EHNC to use at events. He has the option to purchase a box of 100 gloves at \$9.95, as well as individual hand sanitizer packets, for protection. Rogelio asked that Jeff M and Jeff Z both share their potential sources and rates with Nina and that Nina get a count and estimate of how many items would be needed per event, plus how many events EHNC has planned to make sure the board would be purchasing the right amount. He agreed that, although it might be in excess of what is needed, \$500 as a starting point would be appropriate.

Rogelio motioned to approve up to \$500. Jeff Zarrinam seconded.

Rogelio took a Roll Call Vote:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Arasele	Yes	Doug	Absent
Nina	Yes	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Yes	Lisa	Yes
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	Yes	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	Yes	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes		

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 12 yes, 1 absent and 4 ineligible.

**5. Discussion and possible action** regarding approval of up to \$200 refreshments for volunteers.

Jillian motioned to approve up to \$200. Arasele seconded.

Rogelio took a Roll Call vote.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Arasele	Yes	Doug	Absent
Nina	Yes	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Yes	Lisa	Yes
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	Yes	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	Yes	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes		

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 11 yes, 1 absent and 4 ineligible.

**6. Discussion and possible action** regarding a CIS letter to address the July 31st, 2020 Rental Moratorium on Council File [20-0147-S19](#)

Jeff M (and Jillian): George kind of spoke on this, but essentially the eviction moratorium is set to expire at the end of this month. And there is the 12-month pay-back period after that that will prevent the eviction. But the reason why we wanted to put this forth for a vote as a CIS is that, although there's that 12-month period, we don't really know the scope of this virus and how long it's going to affect our community. And especially since, with the funding that's going to be given out to about 50,000 citizens, there's still a lot of citizens who will need assistance. And by extending it as far as we can, it hopefully will prevent an increase in our housed population. A lot of the families that will be affected by this, they're going to struggle to pay it back even in that 12 months. So by giving them even more time to recoup, because there are so many unknown factors with the economy – and because Governor Newsome did authorize local governments to extend it – we wanted to make an impact statement encouraging City Council to extend to that date that Newsome authorized, which was September 30<sup>th</sup>. I kept the letter short and sweet. I won't read it all the way through, but it highlights extending the moratorium, per Newsome's approval. I did highlight how the HSID report used the money from the CARES Act – the \$2,000 for rent – it's only going to help fewer than half of the citizens that report being at risk for possibly being evicted, due to COVID complication. So we ended it with urging our representatives to extend this moratorium until September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Nina moved to approve the letter. Arasele seconded.

Arasele took a Roll Call Vote:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Arasele	Yes	Doug	Absent
Nina	Yes	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Abstain	Lisa	Yes
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	Yes	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	Yes	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes		

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 11 yes, 1 abstention, 1 absent and 4 ineligible.

**7. Discussion and possible action** regarding submitting a CIS re: CF-20-0769 in favor of developing a model for unarmed crisis intervention.

Jillian: This Council file already went before City Council and was approved. But we thought that it was important, in our conversation in our Public Health Safety & Sustainability Meeting, that we show our support for unarmed crisis intervention models. And history and the records state that East Hollywood is in favor of this Council File in motion. It's a nicely drafted council file, comparable to what several other Neighborhood Councils have submitted. We just wanted to put our stamp of approved on it and say that East Hollywood Neighborhood Council stands for unarmed models of crisis intervention.

Nina motioned to approve the CIS. Arasele seconded.

Arasele took a Roll Call vote:

NAME	VOTE	NAME	VOTE
Arasele	Yes	Doug	Absent
Nina	Yes	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Yes	Lisa	Yes
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	Yes	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	Yes	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes		

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 12 yes, 1 absent and 4 ineligible.

**8. Discussion and possible action** regarding submitting a CIS re: CF-20-0838 in favor of making Slow Streets permanent.

Jillian: This also went before Public Health Safety & Sustainability. We've had a lot of public interest in Slow Streets and there is a group of progressive, transportation-oriented folks in various Neighborhood Councils across the city that are pushing for Slow Streets to remain in effect beyond the COVID-19 crisis. I'm not sure if our friends from Bicycle Kitchen were able to join in the call, but they sent an e-mail right before the meeting began, expressing their support of making Slow Streets permanent. And, as a neighborhood that is cornered, or surrounded, by many, many major thoroughfares, we have a lot of major issues with cut-through traffic. Even though we haven't had our LADOT application approved yet, we anticipate that hopefully it will go well and improve street accessibility for everybody. So while City Council is on break for the summer, we're all trying to push this forward and amplify this council file and support making Slow Streets permanent.

Arasele motioned to support the CIS. Rogelio seconded.

Arasele took a Roll Call vote:

NAME	VOTE	NAME	VOTE
Arasele	Yes	Doug	Absent
Nina	Absent	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Yes	Lisa	Yes
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	Yes	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	Yes	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes		

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 11 yes, 2 absent and 4 ineligible.

**9. Discussion and possible action** for EHNC to sign on to an open letter [[tinyurl.com/safeLAPL](https://tinyurl.com/safeLAPL)] asking LA's Board of Library Commissioners to redirect the more

than 5% of our public library system's budget spent on the Los Angeles Police Department to instead fund services that support library patrons and staff.

Jillian: I didn't get a chance to bring this before any committees. This just came through a few days ago. I know we've got some very active members of our community that are involved with the library and so I think this is a great opportunity to get behind this open letter and show our support for moving funding away from LAPD and toward vital services for library staff and patrons. These are all of the organizations that have signed on, and a long list of individuals (in the open letter).

Lynn motioned to approve. Arasele seconded.

Arasele took Roll Call vote:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Arasele	Yes	Doug	Absent
Nina	Yes	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Abstain	Lisa	Yes
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	Yes	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	Yes	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes		

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 11 yes, 1 abstention, 1 absent and 4 ineligible.

**10. Discussion and possible action** regarding submitting a CIS re: CF-19-1084 in favor of reinstating the Climate Emergency Commission.

Jillian: I brought this before Public Health Safety & Sustainability. This has been formulated in an ongoing collaboration and closer partnership with the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. The Climate Emergency Commission was defunded kind of suddenly and it's got a rather small price tag of \$200,000, compared to the rest of the city budget. And so, in conversation with those folks, we wrote this lovely letter on May 7 supporting refunding both the Office of the Climate Emergency Mobilization and the Climate Emergency Commission. This was approved by the Public Safety Health & Sustainability Committee and I think it's something that benefits our community for sure. We may be asked in the future by the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance to submit another CIS, if it comes to pass that there's another, more relevant, council file number to amplify it.

Rogelio: This commission was approved last July by Nury Martinez and Koretz, who surprisingly led the way for this. But the intent of this office was really to help break down the cells in the city that exist and to gather all the different agencies that intersect with sustainability as a topic and to ideally get them to work a little bit more efficiently and to get them to communicate with each other. This includes Bureau Street Services, Engineering, LADOT, HSID, etcetera.

Jeff Z: Can you shed more light why it was defunded?

Rogelio: I don't know specifics. I know they were looking to hire a director, or an individual that would assume this position in late January, early February. I believe it was one of the first casualties of COVID preparedness.

Nina motioned to approve the CIS. Rogelio seconded.

Arasele took a Roll Call Vote:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Arasele	Yes	Doug	Absent
Nina	Yes	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Yes	Lisa	Yes
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	Yes	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	Yes	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes		

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 12 yes, 1 absent and 4 ineligible.

**11. Discussion and possible action** regarding submitting a CIS re: CF-20-0147-S19 in favor of extending the eviction moratorium until Sept 30th, per Gov. Newsom's authorization.

Item tabled by Nina.

**12. Discussion and possible action** regarding appointment of EHNC District 5 Representative.

Arasele: All of our new candidates were appointed at our last Special Meeting, except for the District 5 candidates. It was agreed that we would consider only two candidates, which were Chelsea Modern and Skylar Summers. So both of them attended all the committee meetings except for Public Safety and the last Executive Committee, and one of the other committees Chelsea didn't attend. However, both of them helped out at our produce giveaway a week ago. I've decided to give each candidate three minutes to speak again.

Candidate Statements:

Chelsea Modern: As Arasele was saying, I had the opportunity to sit in on the Homelessness and Outreach Committee meeting two weeks ago and it was a really great opportunity. One of the newly appointed members spoke a lot about the LAHSA Report that was released two weeks ago and he gave a great overview. It was really informative. I was really excited about everything that everybody was talking about. It intersects a lot with the work I do. I also had the opportunity to participate in the produce box giveaway last week. I was actually out of town this weekend, so I couldn't participate this week. Again, it was really great to be involved and to actually meet people face to face – not that it's not super exciting to watch you guys week after week on Zoom – and it was exciting to watch as the boxes were given away. In about 40 minutes, it was 100 degrees. And it was a really great opportunity. I feel like I have already given everyone a lot of an overview about who I am, but just as a quick reminder: I've lived in District 5 for about a year and a half. A little over that, at this

point. And I work for a homeless service non-profit in the Valley region. So I was not interested in the Homelessness seat because I do not serve the East Hollywood area. But I'm super interested in bringing that skill set to the job. And prior to that, I did a lot of advocacy work in women's health and LGBTQ rights, so I think that all of those interest areas intersect with things that are happening in East Hollywood. And I'm happy to continue to stay involved, whether it's as the District 5 Rep, or not. Thank you.

Skylar Summers: Since I decided to compete for the District 5 seat, I've made sure to sit on every committee meeting that we've had. So that ranges from the Homelessness one, to the Youth one – the joint meeting – I was there on Thursday as well. I feel like I've already said a lot about myself. I, like Chelsea, have worked with Transgender people, I've worked with other LGBTQ people, I helped get a lot of them onto hormones and helped a lot my trans peers navigate the healthcare system to help them find doctors that they were able to be comfortable with. I'm a pre-school teacher, I've been teaching for about two years now. I serve Bright Horizons at the USC/HSC Child Development Center. I also had the honor of volunteering at the produce giveaway and I got to be on the front lines talking to people and getting to know them and jotting down the information for them and speaking to a lot of the people in our district that are Spanish-speaking. It was just a great experience and I just I'm really hopeful for everything that's going on. I did do volunteer work at the Bicycle Kitchen when I was a lot younger and eventually I'd like to return to that. I was a shadow for them.

#### Questions:

Jeff M: I know both of you have attended a lot of meetings, which I think is really fantastic and proactive, but I'm sure it would get exhausting to attend every single meeting. What, of the ones you have attended, have kind of lit something inside of you that made you want to become part of that committee and what would you want to bring to that committee for future meetings?

Chelsea: I have not attended every meeting. That is an award that only goes to Skylar, which is very impressive. But I did attend the Homelessness and Outreach and I think that those were conveniently combined and were two of the ones that I am really interested in. Obviously, professionally I work in homelessness and I think – similarly to you, Jeff – that is something that I can bring a lot of my professional experience and expertise in, to the Homelessness Committee – just exactly what you were doing the other day. I have expertise in talking about the issues, in having a deep understanding of homelessness in Los Angeles and in the different tactics that different organizations are taking to address that issue. And then similarly with Outreach. I'm chatty, I'm a people person, I like the idea of helping the Neighborhood Council get more out there, do more events, partner with other Neighborhood Councils to do things – especially right now – and I feel like a lot of people are kind of starved for interaction and looking for ways to connect with their community members, when a lot of us feel really stuck at home. So finding some maybe creative ways to do that. I've worked at a handful of organizations. I've volunteered my entire life, so I'm just kind of pulling from that different experience, to come up with some creative solutions to a problem that we've never really faced in the world before, during any of our lifetimes.

Skylar: I'm excited because there are so many committees that I want to join. Primarily, I do want to join the Youth & Education Committee. I find that, because I am a pre-school teacher and I'm 26 years old and I have siblings who are still growing (they're 9 and 16 years old) that I can bring a lot of information from their schools and

how they feel, and also kind of figure out ways that we can kind of incorporate things that are appropriate for children in our community. I know that we still don't have that many green spaces for them. But that's kind of one of the things I want to work on. Another one that I want to join is the Public Safety Committee. I grew up here when drive-bys and all that other stuff – the gang members – were a lot more out there. And I want to make sure that we never ever, ever go back to that time. And I also know that our safety in general is a bit – a lot of people of color's rights aren't being taken seriously and I think that it's important that we're able to have communication between the police departments and the people that are here in our districts. And I also want to join the Arts & Culture Committee. That's the one I expressed the most interest in recently, because there's something beautiful about the arts. I was a musician, I taught guitar to children when I was a young adult. The person that I married – my partner – they got their degree in animation, so arts has always been a very important part of my life. And their life.

Vivian Martinez: I am a Queer Latina from District 5. So I want to say thanks to both the candidates. No need to be nervous. You're both doing wonderful. I was just wondering where else in Los Angeles, in the city – or even in East Hollywood – have you guys used your non-profit volunteer goodness? And then how are you going to help bring that to the District 5 seats? And then also, I was wondering what everyone's pronouns were. I did not catch that, if it happened already. I am she/her. Gracias.

Chelsea: I think the question was where else – I'm guessing not geographically, I'm guessing other organizations. My pronouns also are she/her, and thank you for asking. I volunteer with a cat rescue every week

Vivian: I did mean geographically, since it's L.A. County. Since it's my hometown.

Chelsea: That is, I guess, pretty East Hollywood-specific. But I've done that since I moved here, for about the past three years. And then I'm involved with the Planned Parenthood Young Professionals Network, which is part of L.A. County. So that's kind of all over the place. And then I used to be involved (and am not as involved anymore) in the LGBT Center's young women's network. It's called the L.A. Women's Network – LAWN. That's kind of a little bit defunct, but that was similarly fundraising, auxiliary group. And those are kind of the main things right now. And through my life I end up and a lot of other Neighborhood Council meetings and our other interim housing sites that we're trying to build around the Valley region.

Vivian: It's exciting to hear that you're bringing all that to our table, thank you.

Skylar: I've grown up in East Hollywood all my life. I am a Trans Latina. And what I did with the community is that - when I decided to transition medically, about two and a half years ago, it was a very, very steep hill for me. I didn't know where to reach out to, I didn't know who to talk to and even some of the places that I would ask, they would run me around in circles. But eventually I found myself on track. I did a bunch of trainings with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network. I got certified in psychological first aid, I got certified in understanding traumatic stress when it comes to the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and – just basically the LGBTQ+ community. It led me to do public outreach, just with word of mouth, just hearing from other trans people. When I was going to classes, or going to school, just around my neighborhood and they were having the same troubles that I had, what I would do is they would let me talk on the phone for them on their behalf. I did this for about 20 or 25 people. And we would set them up with the right clinics so that they could start

taking their hormones as soon as they could. So for a little bit, I was involved with the both of the LGBT groups at LACC. I wasn't a member of their clubs, but I was answering questions for them whenever I was around and I would refer them to St. Johns, or to the LGBT Center. It just depended on their insurance.

Vivian: Thank you. I just want to say thank you. It sounds like you've got a lot of stuff that you're bringing to our table.

Nina: I know you guys attended our committees and both participated at our free produce event. And of course you've been to couple of our meetings. What do you think are the challenges you're going to face on this board? And how do you think you'll overcome them?

Skylar: I think that it's just being able to help the people who don't speak English in our community understand better what we do. Some people don't know that they have a Neighborhood Council that they're able to just communicate with. And to just figure out how to explain to them what we do, what we serve, how we serve them. I do speak Spanish, which kind of helps. But I want them to know that we're more than just a box giveaway company. Because that's not what we are. I also think that there are problems that we'll have – that not everyone gets along on the board. And we have to learn how to compromise, but also to hold onto our values. That's the most important thing that we should do, to be able to work as a team.

Chelsea: Not speaking Spanish at any kind of level that would allow me to communicate ideas is probably a deficit for me. And it's something I've been working on, but I'm definitely not great at it. But then, for the board as a whole, I think it's kind of carving out what your unique role in the community is. Because I think a lot of what the Outreach Committee was talking about is about what volunteer opportunities are available. And maybe shifting toward plugging into other community events and shifting toward working with other community organizations in the area to be able to plug into their events, instead of trying to create our own, when maybe that's not necessarily benefitting us – it's just more of a waste of time, than anything else. So maybe it's more of trying to figure out how we can plug into existing events that do have a really good infrastructure, and not trying to recreate the wheel when it doesn't necessarily need to be done. And then, obviously the timely matter of a pandemic and what our responsibility in that is and how to keep people engaged and how to respond appropriately when you guys are small. You don't have a ton of funding to be handing out money to every person in need, when the need is so great right now. And kind of figuring out how to best use our skills and the money that we do have available to benefit the most people in the most meaningful way right now.

Arasele: Once you're appointed, what would be one of your top priorities, knowing that right now we're going through the pandemic and we're not sure when it will end?

Chelsea: I think that being the representative for a specific part of East Hollywood comes with the responsibility of making sure that you're representing all the stakeholders within that region. And so I would make it a priority to – with a mask – with my beautiful new East Hollywood Neighborhood Council Stakeholder mask that I got last week – try and make a concerted effort to talk to some of the local business people, who are the people that I frequent. And some new ones as well. And see what it is that they need. Whether it's getting customers in the door, whether it's additional rent assistance. It's just kind of seeing what the immediate need is and seeing how we can maybe – if we can't provide direct support, then at least provide them with community resources. And just seeing directly what it is. Because I know what I need, but I'm just one individual in a pretty

unique situation where I've had fairly good job security throughout the pandemic. But you're right. We don't really know how long it's going to last. And offering six months of rent assistance that you need to pay back within 12 months is like an entirely unrealistic solution to a huge crushing problem for thousands of people in East Hollywood alone. So just trying to get a good grasp of what it is that people need to be able to feel secure in their homes and in their businesses. And compiling a list of resources that we can direct people to that will directly benefit the people that we serve.

Skylar: For the first part, I'd like to agree with Chelsea on the stuff that we need to do. I think it's important to canvas and to make sure that we're – if we're not knocking door-to-door, then at least we're riding by, making sure that we're noticing some of the problems. Going into local businesses, I know that I frequent that side of town a lot. I live across the street from District 5. I think it's important to also try to figure out a way to connect people to us. When I was in line trying to get the people's information, a lot of people didn't have social media or Internet access. So maybe figuring out a way that we could try to get our services out there. Because it's not always the case that we can reach them, but if they can reach us, then it's easier. I'd like to – if anything to keep the public safety – work on some business cards and send them over. Or a flyer that says, "Hello, I'm your District Representative and I'd like to let you know what I do here." And just put it in each of the mailboxes, or as many of the mailboxes as you can. I don't know if that's a possibility, but that's just something that I was thinking. And just also letting people know who you are, when you go out. Letting people know, "Hey, if you see me out there, you know that I'm available to try to talk for a little bit of time, so I can know what you're going through, and maybe we can work something out."

Arasele: I'd like to thank both candidates for showing up tonight, for coming to the meetings, staying engaged, and also for coming to tonight's virtual meeting. Regardless of the outcome, I would like to encourage both of you to stay involved. Keep showing up, join a committee (or committees). And we are holding another produce giveaway this coming Sunday, if either of you are available. But please stay involved. And, as I've stated before, elections are right around the corner. To those listening, we've already heard from both candidates, we've already asked questions.

Nina motioned to appoint Chelsea as the District 5 Candidate. Rogelio seconded.

Arasele took a Roll Call Vote:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Arasele	Yes	Doug	Absent
Nina	Yes	Jillian	No
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	No
Jeff Z	Yes	Lisa	Abstain
Gesselly	No	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	No	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	No	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Abstain		

MOTION FAILED. Roll Call Vote with 5 yes, 5 no, 2 abstentions and 1 absent. Discussion about whether abstentions count as a yes-vote, as they do for City Council. Arasele ruled that EHNC Bylaws are different and require a two-thirds majority vote.

Shahan motioned to appoint Skylar as the District 5 Candidate. Jillian seconded.

Arasele took a Roll Call vote:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Arasele	Yes	Doug	Absent
Nina	Yes	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Yes	Lisa	Yes
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	Yes	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	Yes	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes		

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 12 yes, 1 absent and 4 ineligible. Skylar Summers was appointed as District 5 Rep.

**13. Discussion and possible action** regarding creation of an EHNC Election Committee.

Arasele invited board members to join the Election Committee to start planning elections. Jillian suggested incubating the Election Committee within the Outreach Committee since it is unclear how elections will look, moving forward, as well as to cut down on meetings and to make use of the committee's recruitment and grassroots engagement. Rogelio reminded everyone that this year's budget would be 20K less than last year, making funds tight. Discussion about whether merging the two committees was appropriate, perhaps just as a temporary, short-term measure, before splitting them again. Rogelio offered to contact Mousa (in place of Lorenzo) to get information from the city about how elections might look.

Jillian motioned for the Election Committee to be included in the Outreach Committee, at least temporarily. This includes the possibility, as elections get closer, for the motion to be revisited, with the possibility of creating its own committee down the line. Rogelio seconded.

Arasele took a Roll Call Vote:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Arasele	Yes	Doug	Absent
Nina	No	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Yes	Lisa	Yes
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	Yes	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	Yes	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes	Skylar	Ineligible

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 11 yes, 1 no, 1 absent and 5 ineligible.

**14. Discussion and possible action** on removing Arasele Torrez from the position of

President of the EHNC, including all duties as detailed in Article VI, Section 2, Clause A of EHNC's Bylaws; and removal from all committees in which the President is required to hold chairmanship.

President Statement:

Arasele: This was first addressed on Friday at our Friday Executive Committee meeting, during Public Comment. This was brought forth in Public Comment by Daniel Strongman, who is the representative of District 1, Thai Town. And so he called for my resignation by 11:59 p.m. However I want to clarify some things that were said, that are not true. For example, the Bylaws and voting on them – I didn't vote on them, because that was for the first meeting, that's the time when there was an NPG brought forward for the Friends of Cahuegna Library. And since I am a board member of the Friends of the Cahuegna Library, I wanted to make it clear that I was going to recuse myself and I ended up hanging up and not coming back for the rest of the board meeting, just because I didn't want any issue to come up. However I was kind of shook and taken by surprise. I was contacted by a few individuals after this committee meeting checking if I was okay, because they stated the tone of voice and how things were said was rude and demeaning. And also I've had a chance to re-read the whole Bylaws. There isn't anything, per say, in accordance to removal of an officer. There's only sole resignation, but there are other procedures if you were to want to get this done. But for now, it's not following the Bylaws. I want to say that I've been involved since 2012. When I came back from UC Davis, I decided to get involved. I ran for Virgil Village North. At that time I lost against the incumbent. He's a gas station owner. However I stayed involved because this is the neighborhood I've grown up in, since I was 9. I'm currently 30 years old, and I wanted to give back to my community. Fortunately, the Student Board seat was open and they appointed me. And I was really involved with the Youth & Education Committee, the Outreach Committee, Public Safety, Budget and Finance, and I participated in cleanups. And also for Education, before we stop, I know town halls – Faye, Elsan and all of us, we helped plan those things. We also had monthly cleanups with Shahan and the rest of the Public Safety individuals in our neighborhood. That used to happen often. I would attend the Public Safety Committee meetings and help translate into Spanish. And also, my commitment to the Neighborhood Council has been really strong. I was doing a Masters program at CSUN and also a Paralegal program at LACC at the same time. However I always prioritized the Neighborhood Council and I always insured my schedule didn't conflict with my classes, so I worked around the Neighborhood Council system. I've always attended the majority of the board meetings. I have always stepped up when others haven't wanted to do the work. For example, the Election Committee. Some of you who have been on the board for a long time have known that I stepped up to do that work when I was the Board Secretary, the Recording Secretary. I would stay up late making sure I always had the minutes ready by the board meeting time. And I just want to reiterate – it's been brought forward before – we need to understand right now, we are going through a pandemic. Not everyone has been impacted, but I want to share personally: through March and April, I went through a few rough months due to COVID-19. And I never really ask anyone for help. I always do the work that's asked, or pick up slack. But Lorenzo did contact me and Nina and said that it was okay for her to assist me, which I greatly appreciate. And it is part of the VP's role to step in, when the president can't fulfill the duties. Or when things are going on. I never forced her to do the board agendas. She chose to do that. I didn't want to step in as a President and say, "Hey, no, it's my job." I didn't want to do that. So I let her take initiative. I've also had technological issues. My laptop – it's still the same laptop from college, it hasn't been updated. I've also attended a majority of the meetings. I've been volunteering for the produce giveaway since the end of May. I've also – one of the things, since I've joined the board, was to tell people about East Hollywood. Because back then, in 2012, not many people knew where

East Hollywood was and that it existed. I've always had that pride and I've always had that pride to say, "I grew up in East Hollywood." And I've got a lot of individuals to join our board, or committees. I recruit them as a member. Or to run for election. And, for example, another thing, as President – I know that the Bylaws were written before and that the President had more authority before. However one example that I gave for transparency was the EHNC Executive Committee earlier this month. It wasn't necessary for me, as a President, to appoint new board members, but I chose to give that opportunity to the board members and public to get their feedback on appointing new board members. And so, at the end of the day, understand all the work is done. But, at the end of the day, we're just volunteers, even though we're elected officials. We do operated under a department and under the L.A. City, which is a government entity, so we need to be careful of following Brown Act and public rules because, at the end of the day, we could get sued. And so that was my concern. For example, the People's Budget. I truly support it, however I just want us to be careful with some of the language. But I was in favor of that. And so, when I last ran for this board seat again, for my seat, I said this was my last term, which it is. My last term will end once the other election cycle comes in and the newly elected board members will come in. And so, I was heavily involved since I joined. But this last term I decided that I wanted to step back a little bit, so the newer members could take on more leadership roles, as well. I could possibly help them out with anything. So before I leave this Neighborhood Council, I want to make sure that it's left in the best hands possible.

Shahan: I just want to put this out there. I'm embarrassed to look at this item right now. Because I know how hard we all work. And I've been working with Arasele on the board for over eight years. This is not the right way to work out differences. If there are differences, you talk about them. You don't throw people away. You just don't do that to people. You don't do that to your friends. I consider all of you on the board my friend and I consider a lot of you like family. And I will tell you right now, I consider Arasele to be family. She's been there for me, she's been there for us and she's been there for the community. And I'm also going to tell you, if people want to vote Arasele out, I'm out too. Straight up. Because I will not be part of a board that treats its members like this. And that is all I have to say about the subject.

Presentation:

Daniel: *[shows a Power Point]* So this is very, very uncomfortable. For all of us. And it is something that isn't personal. I don't have anything personally against Arasele. I believe that this board is not heading in the right direction and I believe that it does need a change. There are some inconsistencies between what Arasele has said and – basically, she did provide some clarification in her speech before this discussion. But it definitely does need to be seen by the public. By everyone. Again, she was given the courtesy to resign her presidency at the Executive Committee on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. I have been working with Lorenzo and the City Attorney for about a month now. And because the EHNC Bylaws are silent regarding the removal of an officer, an officer can be removed with a simple majority vote. This was confirmed by both. And again, this is removing Arasele as president, not as removing her from the EHNC.

So, Presidential Duties. It is Arasele's duty to preside over meetings. And I understand that things go on. But we've had radio silence. And since this board was seated, Arasele has fully presided over eight meetings. Board members have stated that it's the common theme: absence, tardiness, lack of respect for others' time. Often she is late to meetings – starts meetings late and essentially forces a restart of meetings. Even if the Vice President is facilitating. I've listed both of the Bylaws translations for the 2018 and the 2020, because I think it would be unfair to just judge her based solely on her new Bylaws,

because all of the other things happened in the old. So it really is – do you want a President who is there 57% of the time? I mean start-to-finish, someone who would come back from recusing herself and would come back and vote for something with Bylaws. That's something that's important to me. The Presidential Duty: She is the official head of the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council. But she lacks direction. It's Nina always bringing the meeting back on course. And then – we heard it tonight and I wrote this hours ago: "What would you like to do? It's your meeting." How many times do we hear that during a meeting? And her usual reply is that she can take over. And it's her required act to head the meeting. And governing board meetings are both official and public. It shows a lack of leadership. Bylaw Violations: Stalling Board Actions/ Presidential Duties. Arasele wanted to get City Attorney recommendation on a line that says, "as authored by Black Lives Matter." Black Lives Matter is not a political group, it is not a partisan group, it is a social justice group. We made an action as a board to submit this. And it is her responsibility to sign official documents when the signature of the board or President is required by law. When we write a CIS, that is an official document of the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council. When we take a simple majority vote and we just submit what we voted on, that does not need a presidential signature. But this did. And it was time sensitive. And it just can't continue to be held up. So for this there has been, I believe, six e-mails sent to the board. Most of them identified this as an issue. And I believe board members will also bring this up. Agenda Setting by the President. You can see on either side there are two different Bylaws. The one on the right is the old – that gave the President the power to prepare the Agenda. The one on the left – we took it away. Agenda Setting was removed as a duty of the President. So an Agenda shall be set by a representative of the Executive Committee. That is what we did. Our Bylaws came back on July 9<sup>th</sup>. And this was one of the Agenda items that we fought for and got changed. I apologized to Arasele – I was wrong that you weren't there to vote on this measure. So for that, I'm sorry. But it doesn't change the fact that it was passed. In an e-mail you received on July 9<sup>th</sup> that the bylaws were passed, Nina called for an Executive Board meeting to set up a rotational basis in Agenda setting. This could have been a regular meeting tonight, but it had to be a Special Meeting, because everyone on the Executive Committee couldn't meet, or line up the time, that Nina had set out on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Arasele says in the e-mail that nowhere in our Bylaws – or newly approved Bylaws – does it state we need to meet for the purposes stated. The President still has that role. I'm guessing at the time she didn't read the new Bylaws. I replied to her e-mail stating that it was, in fact, true. And got confirmation from Lorenzo. Four days later, she continued to disregard the Bylaw and sent out the e-mail below. "If you have any Agenda items to submit so far, please do so on this thread." She had no right to do that because the President doesn't have those Agenda setting duties. So Why We Removed the Agenda Setting from the President. As you can see on the left, June 13, 2019, my Agenda items I sent to Arasele. I sent to her that I wanted to create a Bylaws Committee. That I wanted to be appointed as Chair of the Bylaws Committee. Those are 2 and 3 on the list on the left. The message below says, "Thank you, but we're not able to amend Bylaws. We're only allowed to do so when there's an opening of Bylaws period by the Department." On the right is the Agenda. If you look at that Agenda, I already pulled out 4, 5 and 6, regarding approval of EHNC Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee. Next: Arasele as Chair of the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee. She lacks accountability. We cannot have someone we just send Agenda items to and then expect them to just get put onto the Agenda. And here's me at the bottom – Co-Chair of the EHNC Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee. Something I just took, because I was a new board member and I was just following the leadership that was shown to me. And now I know exactly what that leadership is. Here's tonight's missing Agenda item – tucked in between Arasele's Removal and the next two Agenda items on the Agenda tonight: Discussion and possible action on appointing Daniel Strongman as Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Ethics and Standing Rules Committee. So, once again, I'm not on the Bylaws Committee.

Arasele was the Executive Committee member in rotation on tonight's meeting. These are Agenda items I sent and I, per our Bylaws, require explanation why, of all the Agenda items Arasele said she'd put on the Agenda, is this one missing? I require explanation per our Bylaws. Insolent Tone/Lack of Understanding Bylaws: Here's an e-mail to Gesselly: "As the board's Recording Secretary, can you please respond? Provide him with an update." The Recording Secretary doesn't communicate with the public. That's the Corresponding Secretary, Faye Altobar. And, if Gesselly decided to take on more duties, Arasele should really be a lot more respectful to people and not call out people in front of the entire board. Lack of Follow Through: Jillian Shultz sent Arasele an e-mail submitting her Agenda items and asking, "Hey, did you invite Diego Cruz, who's suppose to be at tonight's meeting?" This was at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, where Arasele emphatically said, "I am going to be the one to invite him." So we receive our Bylaws on July 9<sup>th</sup>. And then on the 16<sup>th</sup> – four days prior to this meeting, she says, "I was going to, but the person who sets the Agenda is in charge of reaching out to individuals on the Agenda. And the Agenda hasn't been discussed yet. So we've never worked like that before. I've invited people, saying, "I'm going to have them come and speak." It's never been just the President, or the Agenda-setter who reaches out to the people. In fact tonight's meeting, Arasele and Shahan both asked me, "Did I reach out to LAPD?" Because, if this e-mail was in fact true, Arasele would have already reached out to LAPD. But she asked me. So again, the insolent tone, the lack of respect through e-mail that I see is really – it's not a great tone to have in a leader. Lack of Leadership: During the pandemic – and yes, I am empathetic to people during the pandemic. But she was unresponsive. We couldn't have received an e-mail back? Nina took on everything. Nina did everything. And she continues to handle most of the things. Arasele – and this is not coming from me – Arasele is quick to take credit for the work of the EHNC, even though her contributions are minimal. She berates board members through e-mail on their job duties, when she shirks off her own responsibilities. She provides no example of leadership for growing leaders to emulate. She was Chair of the Bylaws Committee, which is a little personal to me because it's something that I wanted. And it was kind of taken from me. She became Chair, attended a few meetings, and then left all the work to me and Jillian. Was unresponsive. We could not get a hold of her. The Treasurer, Rogelio Pardo, has attempted to contact Arasele several times about the bill to our storage facility, which she oversees and she continually fails to respond. This leaves the financial status of the EHNC in limbo. This board craves an accountable, inspiring, effective communicator and a unifying leader. Arasele represents business as usual on the board. She is apprehensive of change. The logo fiasco – she doesn't want a new logo, when everyone else does. Our beautiful, beautiful new logo – she was against. She attempted to halt our CIS, which we just submitted without her signature. So we don't know if it's really a legal document or not, for our CIS on the People's Budget. That's because of Arasele. Her conduct seems counterproductive to what we're trying to achieve. We're trying to create a better East Hollywood. And every time we have an Agenda item – if you listen back at the old meetings, every single Agenda we bring, she has to have a comment for it after, like we don't know what we're doing. And most of the time she's either wrong, or it was already discussed a minute earlier and she just wasn't paying attention. The direction Arasele sees for the EHNC I believe no longer aligns with our board. And we need new leadership, a fresh consistent and steadfast perspective. And then I took the liberty of pulling quotes from stakeholders who sent some e-mails in. Some of my favorites:

"It seems the productive energy and drive of many of the newer board members is being hampered by the leadership of the organization, in favor of a status quo approach of the President."

“Please make the right decision and put in leadership who will make the right decision and stand up for East Hollywood members and support protections for your community of members.”

I believe the second quote is from a doctor in the area. We have stakeholders in all positions in East Hollywood and these are people telling us that we need change. And it's very, very apparent. It's wrong to have to change a Bylaw because you're not able to even think that the President of your Neighborhood Council can be held accountable. And it's a power play. And if you don't see that, then you're blind.

I move to remove Arasele Torrez as an Officer of the Board in the position of President of the EHNC, including all duties as detailed in Article 6, Section 2, Clause A of EHNC's Bylaws. A removal from all duties in which the President is required to hold Chairmanship.

Discussion:

Arasele: Before we hear from the other board members, some of the points brought forward - some of the times I was late was due to work. I don't drive, I was taking the bus in. That's why I think it's a great idea that we – along with other board members who got off later, I'm glad we were able to change the board meetings to 7:00 p.m. And to call in for Gesselly, the question that was submitted was in regards to the minutes. That's what that constituent was asking for. And, like I said earlier, I did support the People's Budget and I do support the whole Black Lives Matter movement. But I'm also always paying attention to the language. And even Lorenzo said that we should reach out to them to make sure it was fine. I really apologize for the Agenda item that I missed, that I failed to put on the Agenda for making you the Bylaws Chair.

Kevin Acevedo: I'm newly appointed as the Student Rep. I would say that Arasele has been really helpful. I'm very green to this whole local politics stuff and she's been a great helping hand. And so has Nina. And I just want to mention that. I don't really know anybody here, I'm starting to get to know everybody and stuff. I just wanted to let you guys know that she's been helpful to me, someone that's new. I reached out to you guys a random person in the community and now I'm engaging with you guys, which is great. I hope to get to meet everyone, but I just want to say that Arasele's been extremely helpful to me. Thank you.

Skylar: I've casually known Arasele for a couple of years. Arasele is one of the people that I saw when I wanted to run for Neighborhood Council in 2012, or 13. I just also have to agree that she has been very helpful to get me and my sister on the board, and I appreciate that.

Vivian Martinez: I just wanted to say that I'm also here because Nina replied to my e-mail, as well as Arasele, but Arasele's passion is why I'm at this meeting. While I'm aware Nina also gave me a very, very nice e-mail and I appreciate it – I appreciate both their work – Arasele's passion and ability to reply to me several times is why I'm at this meeting. While I'm not anyone's fan, I'm a big fan of hers. I did want to say that the slide presentation Mr. Strongman gave seemed a little inaccurate. You even said yourself two of the slides – one was incorrect and one you weren't sure of. And one of the quotes seemed like it might not even be about her. And so I was just a little confused by that long presentation. And also I believe saying that she has an insolent tone in an e-mail isn't something that you can sort of garner from an e-mail. And also not being able to have a car and Internet access is not necessarily something that is an inherent character flaw. And I do hope we can all be empathetic toward people who are affected by Coronavirus. I, myself, could not make meetings earlier this month because my abuelita contracted Coronavirus. I have been

quarantining and taking care of her, which is why I'm attending meetings now, virtually. So in the spirit of us all keeping a good taste in our mouths, I encourage to board all to continue to get along. Both presentations were brave. And I think that we can continue to have respect and communication for one another. Because I would like to keep being able to come to these meetings. And, as someone mentioned before, I do think that we should all be friends, because this is our neighborhood. And if we're not all working together, then we're not working together for everyone. And if I'm just someone in the public and I'm already seeing this, then I think we should make sure we're communicating as a board, so constituents who are just dropping in, like me, want to stay. Thank you so much to everyone involved.

Carlos D: This is my first time re-attending the meeting, ever since I stepped away from the board. Just to give a context to some of the people who have talked, prior to me: I was part of the board for – I want to say for maybe 5, 6 months. I stepped away for personal issues and really for the unforeseen amount of commitment that it really takes to be part of this board. So, with that said, I really want to say, I really appreciate all of what Arasele does, because I do know she has been a part of this neighborhood. That is something that is very commendable. Being part of the neighborhood, volunteering for your neighborhood, going through school. And acknowledging the amount of sacrifice and time it requires to be part of the board, in general. But on the flip side, I will say this: kind of going from what Vivian was saying is that, I really want to commend Strongman for bringing this up. Because this is something that, even in the short time that I was in the board, it was a continuous problem. And it was the lack of communication that I personally experienced. And believe me, no one coaxed me into this. I just really want to share this. And I was going to be silent about this, because I have no right, per say, to criticize anyone's behavior, when my behavior was very dismissed, was very absent and was also part of some of the things that Daniel was describing. Which was why I needed to step down. So there is a little bit of lack of leadership, lack of organization, lack of response. I could see where there is some frustration from some of the board to be able to want a new leader because of the continuous ways of how some of the things in this already-long-process can take longer because there is no response. I don't want to say what the item was – and I believe it had to do a lot with having to change the location from meeting at the Hollywood Hotel to wanting to get something going at LACC. There was just time and time again where we couldn't get certain things on the Agenda, and that was just a continuous problem. So I understand why this item is on the block now. I also sympathize, because this is your last term. I understand that it wouldn't really sit right and I'm sure, like Shahan was saying, it feels like this is family. And I get that. But, at the same time, as much as this is family, as much as we want to see working together, there's a lot of things that happen behind the scenes that only the board people that are actually in the trenches understand. And I think that's what Strongman is really wanting to have come across. And I'm sure he's tried and he's giving it a shot and nothing is coming to fruition. So I don't want to necessarily say, "do this," or, "do that." I understand both sides. But I also want to make sure that the people that are hearing this also understand that this isn't personal. Because I think everybody cares about Arasele. But I didn't really think that being the President was necessarily her strongest suit, per say. I think there could have been another position that could have been more suited for her time, more suited for her skills and capabilities. But, when it came to voting the President in, we voted her in. And so we're here now. So it might – I don't know what you're feeling Arasele. But hopefully you can really reflect on this, objectively. And think about what would be better for the Council. And not just about what would be better, necessarily, for your emotional feelings about this. Because there has to be some level of truth behind what Daniel is saying. And so I would really – putting politics and looks aside – really consider what they're saying and

maybe consider, “Is this something that I’m able to do, or is it something that somebody else is better capable of doing?”

Jillian: Arasele, I wish that I could look in your eyes and see your face, but I’m looking at an image of you. As Daniel said – and I echo – this is really, really difficult to do. I bear you no ill will. But I really, really – I’m so compassionate to the needs of the community and to everyone’s personal needs surrounding COVID. But truly, the final straw came for me at the June 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting with that Community Impact Statement and the failure to sign it. And you just said, point blank, that Lorenzo advocated for bringing it before the City Attorney’s Office. And I am currently looking at an e-mail from June 22<sup>nd</sup> from Lorenzo that says, “I’m a bit confused as to why the CIS is going to the City Attorney’s Office to be vetted. The board approved the CIS and, if I’m not mistaken, Arasele abstained and indicated she didn’t feel comfortable signing the CIS. The board did not vote to have the language vetted by the City Attorney’s Office. The vote was to submit the CIS, which should have been done. That, to me, was a turning point, wherein it became clear – the threat of legal action – dozens of other Neighborhood Councils throughout the city submitted comparable CISs. None of them faced legal action, or required the City Attorney to sign off. There was no other way for me to read that, besides point blank a stall tactic, or a desire to not have your name associated with something that you personally don’t align with. Also keeping in mind that that Agenda item, and support for the People’s Budget, was something for which we received the largest number of Public Comment and e-mails that we’ve received in my duration on the board. I don’t believe that you are any longer acting in accordance with what a majority of the board and our stakeholders are reflecting. In the face of the COVID-19 crisis and the ongoing movement for racial justice, we have more community eyes and engagement than we’ve ever had before. People are coming out of the woodwork to pitch in and to hold us accountable. And it’s time for us as a board to hold you accountable, so that we can move forward in a positive direction. I love your presence on the board. I consider you a really, really lovely human being. I think you’ve done incredible work showing up and participating. However, I don’t believe that you’re operating in an optimal capacity as the leader of the board. We really, really, really – we wish you no ill will. I just want you to step aside and let those of us who are ready to show up and be hyper responsive react to the needs of the community to do that work. And, again, as Daniel outlined, there were five or six letters that came in from the community – members of the Cultural Affairs Committee of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, who – when I attend meetings of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council – their Cultural Affairs Committee and the other various subcommittees in the close partnership that we have with them – I witnessed a type of functionality among their board that is admirable and that I want us to move toward, in terms of respecting people’s time, hyper-responsiveness and deep, deep transparency and clarity around why things are not included on Agendas when we can expect to see them on Agendas and immediate response to the public about why decisions are being made the way that they are. Because we are nothing, if not representatives of the public, and of our community. So thank you, truly, for your service. I want you on the board. I just want you to not be a bottleneck for the progress that we’re trying to make.

Doug Haines: I can understand concerns that everyone expressed about how the neighborhood has been running. As you all know, I’m one of the original founders of the Neighborhood Council, I’ve been with it since 2007. When it comes to issues that Arasele has raised, though, about procedure, I’ve found that many of her concerns have a lot of legitimacy. I’m the one who raised the issue before about the June meeting, about the President signing a letter. And so I would concede that that’s something I also had concerns about. I think, though, in a broader sense, I’ve been very frustrated by the board itself. I think that there are concerns that this community has that are not being addressed

in any meaningful way, and Arasele has tried to steer the board toward those issues. And instead, the board has gone off on tangents on other matters that may have broader implications, but that don't really address the immediacy of things that people need looked at, such as development projects, which the Neighborhood Council and Neighborhood Councils citywide are primarily concerned with. So, I've known Arasele since she joined the board. I think that the issues that she's raised regarding board action have become far more sophisticated over the years. I also think that there's – I understand Daniel's concerns. However, I do support Arasele. I think that a lot of this is time issues. There is no specific playbook by which any member of the board is required to have to commit. That's kind of an individual judgment. We're all volunteers. So if people believe that Arasele is not fulfilling those duties, that's their choice. However, I think she also provides a certain measure of legitimacy, as far as someone who has been here for many years and is able to address issues in a manner where she questions some of the actions board members have raised, that new board members are not familiar with those procedures – and so are not fully aware of, perhaps, the manner in which proper procedure should be followed. So I think there's a divide because of that. And that's my only comment.

Vivian Martinez: I just wanted to mention again, if it wasn't clear before, that I have no dog in this fight. We are all new. And obviously this is not a personal issue. I just encourage the board to communicate and not snuff out any passion, no matter where it is.

Amri Privi: I'm a resident of East Hollywood and I work here at a small business. I keep up with you guys and I think it's incredibly commendable that you're all volunteers and spend so much time doing this. And because of that, I think it's a shame that Arasele unfortunately frustrates some of the progress that you guys are trying to achieve here. And I think that, just by the sheer fact that, as Daniel pointed out, missing more than half the meetings alone – as a leadership position, that seems pretty unacceptable. And, actually, I appreciated that Carlos spoke, as a previous member of the board, saying that, when he noticed that he wasn't able to meet some of those requirements, that he saw the responsibility to step down. And I think that's incredibly commendable, as well. I thank you all for the work that you do and I just want you all to succeed.

Gesselly: I was obviously absent from the Friday meeting. So I wasn't aware that this had transpired. But I was concerned about the Agenda when I saw it today. First, thank you Daniel for putting together this presentation, because it brings to light a lot of things that many board members have experienced. You mentioned me, so that's why I am speaking right now. And I know that Arasele addressed it earlier, a little bit, with mentioning about the minutes. But, in regards to even the minutes, there have been previous e-mails where I have asked for the Agenda to be in Word documents so that I could, you know – as the meeting goes on, I type out the minutes, and then it gets sent. Part of the reason why I'm so behind now is because of COVID. I was using my computer at work to change the files from pdf to Word documents. And after I was done with them, they were just there in my folder. And now my office is closed. So I'm having difficulty getting them and I'm working on them. However, I do want to say that, when I first started on the Neighborhood Council, Arasele was really there for me. She was the one that encouraged me – she was like, "This is your year, you should run." And I did. She was there basically every step of the way, at the beginning. However, once the real work took off, I found myself having to spend more time with Nina and with Jillian, with Daniel and with other members. And eventually I've found myself just cc'ing Nina for most things, because I knew that Arasele wouldn't respond. I know that there's a lot of things in Daniel's presentation and – for the new people on this board, the visitors that we have on Facebook and for our webinar live right now – yeah, it's uncomfortable. But I cannot say that Daniel lied. And the one objection that he had, he owned up to it on camera. It was a mistake. But for the ones that

have been there actually doing the work, going the events, planning everything logistically via e-mail, it was difficult. Arasele just kind of went off the radar for a few months. And I understand, because I'm in a similar situation now, you know – a new job, it's a full time job, it's a lot of responsibilities. I also didn't drive. I didn't have a car until very recently. So I understand how that can affect you getting to where you need to be. But that is the main issue here, right? The fact that she couldn't be at those meetings, the fact that she couldn't preside over those meetings. The fact that she wasn't there. I kind of see it as – it's not like I reached out to her as much as I should have. But, in a way, when I ran and when we did the board interviews and at the meetings and we all showed up and we spoke and we met everybody, I always – and I still say this – I'm here because I have a commitment to EHNC. That was in my bio when I ran for the seat and that's something that I strongly believe. It's a tenant in my workplace. Kind of like "start where you stand," and a commitment to excellence. As time has gone on, I have seen that commitment in Arasele dwindle. I don't know. Maybe it's just because she's just used to how things run and she's like, "That's not important." But we that have not been on the board as long might not feel that way and that communication isn't there. It's really hard for me because Arasele is a friend of mine, we went to high school together. But I honestly have to say that, at least for the stuff I just spoke about, I support Daniel's presentation.

Faye: I just want to say that I've know Arasele since I've joined the Youth & Education Committee back in 2013, I believe, and she grew up in the community. I lived in Silverlake, my son was born and raised in Silverlake and he's attended the high school that a lot of our East Hollywood Community kinds go to – King and Marshall High School. So seeing somebody grow up in the community and go to school, go to high school, go to college and be a leader in the community. I admire that. She did do a lot for us. I know in the past few months she's been struggling with a lot of mental health and I think mental health is really important to address, because how can you serve other people when you can't be well yourself? And understand that there's other Neighborhood Councils that I do attend – Silverlake Neighborhood Council, I don't know about Los Feliz. But our community in East Hollywood is really different. And I know Arasele grew up and she had keys for a lot of things. I admire her dedication. I know she's been through some stuff. And I think, moving forward, we did vote her as President and I know – only Arasele knows what she can go and do and what she's struggling with. And then, moving forward, she knows what she's capable of doing. And it is kind of, you know – as board members, we should have handled this differently than presenting a Power Point, or – and I just read all the statements that people e-mailed today. I know I read and kind of looked at who they were and everything else. And I just feel like we could have just handled this a different way, because it's kind of just – if we can't help out one board member, how can we help out the community? Especially those struggling with a lot of things, especially during this time, you know what I mean? And she does try a lot. For the many years I've known her, she's grown a lot. And she does represent what the community is and East Hollywood. Generally the ones that have been there, born and raised in the community – we didn't just move into the community, we've been in East Hollywood, born and raised, you know? So I mean, Arasele knows what she's capable of, and I think it should have been a decision for her to resign or not and, like Carlos said. I agree with him. And respect – like myself, I knew I couldn't do anything for the months that I was traveling in and out of this pandemic, to be all over the place. So I knew that I had to step down. You know, and I give that responsibility for Arasele to know herself, what she can do or not, not for us to force her out.

Shahan: I want to say one more thing. I agree with Faye, you know. Everyone has their opinions, I get it. But this is not the way to do things. It's just not the right way to do things. It's unkind, it's making me feel a little gross. And it's making me wonder if I even want to

participate on this board anymore. Again, I'm disappointed in the way that this was done. It's just like a big explosion. I mean, come on. Come on, guys. This is how we treat people? I don't think so. All right. That's all I've got.

Kyle: So, like the new members talked about, and some folks from the public, Arasele is a big reason I'm on the board. She read my statement when I filed to run and she invited me to come to some community events with current board members and some board members who were running to get to know everybody. And it was very well-organized, it was a great opportunity to meet people in the community, to meet other board members. And I'm grateful that she reached out to me and got me involved. But then, I joined the board and one of our first – and a lot of you will probably remember this – one of our first votes was on the officers. And there was a pretty tight vote about who would be the President and I decided to vote for Arasele because she did organize all of these things and reach out to me and get me involved, and so I was like, "Okay, so she's kind of a leader, a natural leader, so I'm going to vote for her to be President and follow her." In the months since then, I think I would have voted differently, just because – when you're in organizing, you talked about organic leaders, right? How sometimes the person with the title is not the person who is actually doing the work of the leader? And I think kind of any objective assessment of how this council operates – I don't think people necessarily look to Arasele as a leader in the sense of making sure that everything gets done on time, making sure that everything is done properly. I think we have other board members who fulfill that role in a natural way. And so I think like, if you're doing the work of a leader, then it's good for you to be the leader. Another point I want to make to touch on what Shahan and Faye said about, "Why do we have to do this way, why does this have to be some kind of public spectacle?" I think this actually touches on a lot of the dysfunction that this board experiences because there is a weird disconnect between the nominal leadership and the actual leadership. When I first joined the board, I would submit items to be put on the Agenda and they wouldn't be put on the Agenda. And there wouldn't be any explanation for it. And so eventually I just gave up and said, "Okay, fine. I'm a volunteer, I'm not going to waste my time submitting stuff that's not going to get put on the Agenda." And then we have the way the meetings themselves operate, where they are unnecessarily long, there's a lot of confusion about what the procedures should be on very basic things like amending motions. Like the Brown Act gets invoked any time there's any kind of trepidation. It makes for very long, unsatisfying meetings for, not only the board members, but especially the public. And so I don't think that there was a mechanism in existence to address this issue in a meaningful way, like internally as a board, because there's not any leadership on how the board should function outside of a meeting setting. And so I think Arasele is a great advocate for East Hollywood, she's very passionate, I think she has demonstrated leadership capabilities in the past. But I do have to kind of agree with Carlos and some of the other folks about what our goal as a board is and what our best way to facilitate our goal as a board is. And that could be with Arasele – tonight's meeting was pretty crisply run. I feel like we avoided a lot of the unnecessary delays and procedural obfuscations that weigh us down. And so, I think, regardless of what the outcome of the vote on this motion is, I think that we'll see some more focused leadership. But that's just kind of my opinion on what I've seen on my time on the board.

Jillian: Here, here to what Kyle said. And I really do believe that doing this – it may feel to folks that we're airing our dirty laundry. But this is part of the transparency and accountability that our community deserves. When people aren't hearing back from us, when board members aren't hearing back about Agenda items... This is uncomfortable, this is gross, but this is how we hold ourselves and each other accountable and how the community holds us accountable. So while it is uncomfortable – truly, a thousand percent, there is no ill will. This is about doing what's best for East Hollywood. I also just want to

address like – since Nina has been operating essentially as the President, in many cases, when like – in a de facto fashion, when Arasele is unavailable, were we to vote that Arasele were to step aside and remain engaged on the board and remain an incredible advocate for the community – would Nina be interested in serving as President more officially? I wasn't at that initial meeting, I don't think, where there was a vote about who was President. I don't know who ran against who. But to me, that's the big question about like – Nina are you interested? Do you want the official title?

Nina: I've kind of kept silent because – this is very tough. I mean, as a board we haven't found a way to keep ourselves accountable and I think we need to start to do that. Not just with a position of the President, but all Executive Board, as well as your board members in general. I believe it's up to the discretion of the board to nominate a President if and when Arasele is removed. I don't think it means automatically I'm President. I think the board would have to assign or vote for a President. I don't feel comfortable taking anyone's position. Thank you.

Rogelio: I think the only comment I'll add is I think I'll echo everything that everybody has said. I think everybody has made some great points. I think Kyle especially, in terms of, like – there was a lot of excitement, a lot of new blood being injected into this group just over a year ago. And I think we were all very excited and looking forward to being able to kind of bring some more functionality and effectiveness to the group. And I think it got off to a rocky start. And over the springtime, I think COVID really shone the light on some of the challenges that have been present throughout the year. And I know that there's hesitation with airing out our dirty laundry, but I don't think the folks that are speaking out are necessarily doing that out of hand. I think that assumes that we haven't had conversations with Arasele, haven't made consistent requests for fulfilling duties. But that's beside the point. What I really want to highlight is – Arasele, if you listen to these comments wholeheartedly, three things that really stick out to me are: your energy, your enthusiasm for East Hollywood and your thoughtfulness for bringing people out. I guess I would just challenge you to think about how you can best leverage those skills and those assets of yours to best serve the community. And, in my opinion, it seems like you might be able to do that by totally diving into your role without the executive position on top. So that the logistics things – the day-to-day things – could get handled elsewhere and you could really focus on bringing your energy, activating people and really being a booster for the Neighborhood Council and getting people to our meetings. I think that's just something that I've reflected on. That's something that comes to mind as I've reflected through everybody's comments. There's some frustration, sure. I think a lot of that has simmered away. And I think we're just having a very honest look at what the status is, what things have been for the year and how we might be able to course correct – or continue to course correct – in our last eight to ten months, to make sure that some of the goals and issues we really want to get out might be able to materialize. And I think, Arasele, that you are very much part of making that happen. It just may be differently, in a way that best uses your skills. And I think that's something that is difficult and something that you have to say for yourself.

Daniel: To kind of follow up, I really do not have any ill will toward you. But you have a lot of trust to earn. I don't trust you, Arasele. That's hard to hear. I don't trust that my Agenda items are going to end up included, or the feeling that I'm going to have something taken from me. You took something from me. And I laid it all out for people to see. Because people need to know that. So keep that in mind. I highly, highly loved what Faye said. Because Faye didn't say – Faye said that you're a wonderful person, that you love your community. And I wholeheartedly agree with that. But she also said, "know yourself." If you are Stonewall Young Democrats, work full time, can barely make it to East Hollywood

Neighborhood Council – then resign. You had so many opportunities to resign, but you let Nina do the work. And I asked you to resign. And you didn't. And now we're here. If I wasn't able to do my commitment, I would resign EHNC. But I believe that I have done a lot for the EHNC that I really needed your help with, and it wasn't there. So I just want to put that out there as well.

Carlos: Again, I just want to say thank you, Arasele. I can't imagine how tough this is. And my heart goes out to you. I think it's important for you to know that your people appreciate you, your neighborhood appreciates you and you having grown up here and you being dedicated throughout all of the things that have gone on. All this other stuff aside, as a person – just know that as a person, you are a magnificent person. And I just want to close out with that.

Jillian: Here, here. I totally amplify and boost up everything Carlos said. And I just want to say that I think this is a really important moment for healing for everyone for the board. Yes, it's uncomfortable, but we are growing. And we are therefore hopefully more united and more equipped to serve our community in a greater capacity. So thank you everyone for elegantly holding space for a difficult conversation.

Arasele: I've put in a lot of time and effort into this Neighborhood Council, I grew up in this neighborhood. I'm a first college generation student, both of my parents are undocumented. I come from a single dad. My mom left my family. I've grown up here in the schools and I feel, because of a lot of the stuff, issues I've gone through, that's why I'm very caring and loving and I want to give back to the community, especially going to college knowing – before the majority used to be Latino in this community, it was mostly Central American, it was mostly just my family that was Mexican. And so I learned that we had the hugest health disparities, even though we had the best hospitals here. Also labor was poor and health was poor and education. So that's one of the reasons why I had to come back and give back by joining the Neighborhood Council. The first time I ran and I lost. But, unlike other candidates who lost, or don't get a position or a seat, I stayed because I cared and I saw myself continuing in the neighborhood. Even after my term is over, I'm still going to continue here in East Hollywood and being a fight for my neighbors and my community. So that we could hopefully slow down the displacement and the increase of gentrification and the City Council or others quickly supporting development. And that's one of the issues I brought up with Doug, that I was unhappy with the committee because, even though the projects don't come before us, it's important for us, as a community, to be vigilant of what's going on in our neighborhood. Or, I've been part of small businesses who have been displaced. We've tried to fight for them before. But thank you all – regardless of the hard love, tough love, whatever it is – for the feedback. I appreciate it. As I said earlier, I've never really asked anyone for help. I've kind of been that one person who – someone doesn't do something, I don't really ask them to do it, usually I just go ahead and do it. But for the first time ever, I feel – I wasn't highly capable, especially during the pandemic, when that happened, because I had just gotten a new job last November. And in March my job was in jeopardy. Because we didn't know what it was going to look like. And so I was very stressed mentally and emotionally. And, unfortunately, in April I got furloughed. So that really hit me mentally and emotionally, you know. And I was kind of sad and depressed, because I'm like, "What am I going to do?" I'm a huge planner, I always plan for the future, and we couldn't really see the future. So when Lorenzo said that it was okay for Nina to step up to help me out, I accepted the help, for once. And I apologize for not being there during those few months that I was going through a rough time. But I bounced back. I took care of myself mentally, emotionally and physically. I got past that and I came back stronger. And that's the reason why I started coming out to all the events – going to the produce giveaway, volunteering

on committees and doing my best behind the scenes. But, at the end of the day, whatever the majority of the vote decides, I'll respect your decision, I'll still continue being involved.

Jeff Z: Before we vote, I have a procedural question. Could you bring up the Agenda again? We have a removal of a President, but we do not have anything on the Agenda to replace the President. I don't think. Right? Is there an agenda item here to appoint a new President?

Arasele: There isn't, no. If the motion passes tonight, there can be a Special Meeting for that, or we can wait till the August meeting to appoint a new President and new Vice President. Or other positions, based on the rearrangement of the Executive.

Jeff Z: So what do our Bylaws say?

Daniel: Vice President shall act in absence of the President. Which doesn't necessarily mean that the Vice President becomes the President, if Nina didn't want to be President. She could just be Acting President until the board decides on a new President.

Motion from Daniel Strongman. Jillian seconded.

Arasele took a Roll Call vote:

NAME	VOTE	NAME	VOTE
Arasele	No	Doug	No
Nina	Abstain	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Abstain	Lisa	Abstain
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	No	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	No	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes	Skylar	Ineligible

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 6 yes, 4 no, 3 abstentions and 5 ineligible. At Arasele's offer, Nina ran the rest of the meeting.

Shahan: And this is my resignation. Goodnight guys. *[Shahan left at 10:40 p.m.]*

*[Arasele left at 10:40 p.m.]* Quorum was maintained.

- 15. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:** (Unless someone would say no to any one item.): Item tabled by Nina until the next meeting.
- a. Discussion and possible action on the creation of a "Best Practices for Governing Board Meetings" document.
  - b. Discussion and possible action on the creation of a best practice that Governing Board Meetings should not exceed three hours past the meeting's posted start time on the agenda.
  - c. Discussion and possible action on the creation of a best practice that places a time allotment on the differing type of action items and presentations heard within EHNC's jurisdiction. The Executive Committee will use this practice when setting the agenda in consideration of time constraints.

16. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: (Unless someone would say no to any one item.): Item tabled by Nina until the next meeting.

a. Discussion and possible action on creating a standing rule that agenda items be submitted to the Executive Board Member in Rotation no later than 6:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

b. Discussion and possible action on creating a standing rule that the Executive Board Member in rotation of creating the agenda, make a call for agenda items to be submitted to them one week prior to the cutoff date.

c. Discussion and possible action on creating a standing rule that all Governing Board meetings that fall on the third Monday of each month, have an agenda set for a Regular meeting in keeping with best practices from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

## V. New/Old Business

1. Rogelio asked to move forward in re-approving funding for the payment of Dominique Corella for the redesign of the EHNC logo. The funding was already allocated and was approved on June 1, and in April. He said there was miscommunication from DONE, regarding how quickly EHNC would be able to pay her and that they need a new BAC approved this fiscal year to process what they said they had all the documentation for. Rogelio said that, despite not being listed explicitly on the Agenda, this item would be acceptable, as listed under V.1.

Rogelio motioned for the approval of up to \$4,500 to fund the logo redesign of Dominique Corella, previously approved in Spring of 2020. Daniel seconded.

Rogelio took a Roll Call Vote:

NAME	VOTE	NAME	VOTE
Arasele	Absent	Doug	Absent
Nina	Yes	Jillian	Yes
Rogelio	Yes	Kyle	Yes
Jeff Z	Yes	Lisa	Yes
Gesselly	Yes	Jasmin	Ineligible
Faye	Yes	Kevin	Ineligible
Daniel	Yes	Ryan	Ineligible
Shahan	Absent	Jeff M	Ineligible
Lynn	Yes	Skylar	Ineligible

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 10 yes, 2 absent and 5 ineligible.

2. Jillian reminded everyone to submit bios by dropping them into the Google Sheet, in order for the website to be updated as soon as possible. Gesselly will be updating the roster with new board members, including Skylar. Jeff Z asked that Gesselly's spreadsheet about updating information be put into a Google Sheet, instead of an Excel spreadsheet, so it could be updated and viewed more easily. Gesselly said she would so do, as long as board members agreed to contribute actively to it. She will send everybody the link.

### 3. Public Comments:

a) Kevin reported that he and Nina had begun work on a small business directory for East Hollywood to add to the EHNC website. Jeff Z recommended that Nina contact Lilly with the East Hollywood Business Improvement District, since they're working on the same project and might be able to share the data.

b) Vivian Martinez offered help of technical services, when needed. She runs Zoom calls professionally and works tech for film festivals.

### 4. Discussion of Elections for President

Rogelio nominated himself as point person to accept nominations with a focus on filling the seat of President, but including any other position, as well. The office must be filled by an existing board member. The Executive Board is scheduled to meet next Wednesday, when this process will be discussed further. Nominations for the President and/or Vice President will be announced through the Agenda, which Nina will draft, as the next person in the rotation to do so. Nina also called for discussion of a process of self- and peer-evaluation for leadership roles, moving forward.

## VI. Adjournment at 10:59 p.m.

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