



CITY OF LOS ANGELES

EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Governing Board Meeting Minutes



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EAST HOLLYWOOD
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
CERTIFIED COUNCIL # 91
APRIL 19, 2007

Monday, March 21, 2022
7:00PM

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Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

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- I. Call to Order
Called to order at 7:04pm
 - II. Roll Call
Roll call can be found [here](#).
 - III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
 - IV. Community Reports
*Representatives from the groups in **bold** were in attendance and provided an update.*
 - A. LAPD Report
 - B. Neighborhood Prosecutor
 - C. Budget Advocate Report
 - D. **CD 13 Report, Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, George Hakopiants**

Housing is Key program, provided by CA state, application closing on March 31 - please go to housing.ca.gov for info and application.

*LADWP also has assistance program for people behind on bills - LADWP Cares, ladwp.com/cares
Next round of sidewalk repair coming back to EH, on Heliotrope, then La Mirada, by Hobart. Some funding set aside for other sidewalks that need help.*

Working with KYCC for special free tree giveaway for Arbor Day (29th) but going to be done on that Saturday (30th). 50-60 trees available, you can register to pick one up at Wilshire Branch Library, now also in our district.

E. City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, Serapia Kim

*The City of Los Angeles, Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) will provide Microenterprise Recovery Grants to eligible microenterprises located in the city that need financial assistance to aid in their recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. bit.ly/Microenterprise
3/22 2-4pm City is hosting an information seminar for Non-profit organizations. Will be reviewing the Regional Alliance Marketplace for Procurement (RAMP) process to help non-profits navigate the procurement process. More information can be found at cnmsocal.org/events
CA Assembly District 43 Report, Assembly Member Laura Friedman, Seamus Garrity*

F. LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis - District 1, Guadalupe Camberos

G. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell - District 2, Daniel Park

H. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, ~~Jose Galdamez~~ Joel Gonzalez

*Political and legislative advocacy workshop is available via recording
Community Impact Statement virtual hall will be held from 6-9pm on 3/31
2023 Neighborhood Council Elections are coming up. Joel will be working with the NC to come up with ideas to promote the election to increase participation
Upcoming NC funding trainings on 3/22, 4/12, 4/26
Upcoming Neighborhood Purpose Grants on 4/7, 4/21
Bylaw amendments are due 4/1*

I. Los Angeles Public Library - Cahuenga Library, Crystal Noe

J. CA State Senator - District 24, Maria Elena Durazo

K. LA Department of Transportation - Slow Streets Phase 2, Kevin Ocubillo

*Phase 2 is primarily about implementing more permanent materials, including bollards, gateway treatments, painted medians, and signage
LADOT is working on standardized designs for these treatments. At least 2-4 months lead time
Kevin to follow up on design treatment options at the Alexandria/Melrose and Vermont/Lexington intersections*

V. Community Voices (2 min per item)

A. Thai CDC Update

B. East Hollywood Bid (Jeff Zarrinam)

C. Route 66 BID (Jeff Zarrinam)

Collecting petition signatures to start this BID. If you are interested, reach out to Jeff

D. Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (Jeff Zarrinam)

"Keep Hollywood Beautiful" banners are being installed.

Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel will have a new gala

Jeff is terming out of his time on the BID this year

VI. Committee Reports (1 min per item)

*Representatives from the groups in **bold** were in attendance and provided an update.*

A. Ad Hoc LGBTQ+ Allies (Summers)

Did not meet.

- B. Arts & Culture (Schultz)**
Did not meet.
- C. Budget & Finance (Bennett)**
Did not meet.
- D. Business (Zarrinam)**
Did not meet
- E. By Laws, Ethics & Standing Rules (Martinez)**
Met and today's agenda will cover major takeaways
- F. Executive Committee (Suarez)**
Special exec meeting.
- G. Homelessness & Displacement Prevention (Gomez)**
 - a. Select date for committee meeting moving forward.
Second Monday of the month. Next meeting April 11
- H. Outreach (Poturyan)**
 - a. Update on Swag
 - b. Update on Business Cards
 - c. Reusable Tote?

Outreach committee is working on order swag
- I. Planning & Land Use Management (Marquis)**
Met this month and have a corresponding agenda item related to our last meeting.
- J. Public Health, Safety & Sustainability (Marquis)**
Did not meet
- K. Youth & Education (Poturyan)**

VII. Budget and Finance Action Items:

See motions, seconds, and vote counts on the vote spreadsheet [here](#). The voter count was 14 board members for this meeting.

- A. **Motion:** Approval of [February Monthly Expense Report](#) (MER) (Bennett)
Motion passes with 12 yes, 1 abstain, 1 ineligible, and 3 absent voters
- B. Budget Update (Bennett)
No budget remains for NPGs this year. \$3k has been earmarked for swag

VIII. Action Items

See motions, seconds, and vote counts on the vote spreadsheet [here](#). The voter count was 14 board members for this meeting.

- A. **Consent Agenda**
 - 1. **Motion:** Approval of the [February 2022 Governing Board Minutes](#) (Chyba)
 - 2. Motion to accept resignation of Estalyn Marquis from the EHNC Governing Board, Planning and Land Use Management Committee, Public Health, Safety, & Sustainability Committee.
Neighborhood council members
 - 3. Motion to accept resignation of Andoni Elias Nava from the Arts and Culture Committee.
Consent agenda items pass with 13 yes votes, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, and 3 absent voters
- B. Motion to appoint Jennifer Lee to the Faith Based Representative (Now At-Large) (Suarez)
Jennifer has been a board member in the past. She currently works at PATH and is an East Hollywood stakeholder. She is interested in joining the Homelessness & Anti-Displacement Committee
- C. Motion to support application for a conditional use beverage permit application for 5227 W Sunset Blvd. (Jeff Zarrinam)
Doug elevated that the most contentious issues in East Hollywood are venues for selling alcohol sales. Krista (applicant rep) shared that they have a letter of non opposition from PD

*Andoni shared that because the application was not linked, he will have to abstain
Krista shared that most of the clientele are local folks who walk to the market and are looking for this to be a one-stop-shop.*

D. Discussion and possible action regarding creation of the [EHNC Standing Rules](#). (Martinez)

Chris presents and explains new standing rules, Nina asks what an “EHNC Director” means when chairing a committee. (Standing Rule #2)

- *Joel clarified that the “EHNC Director” is referring to a Board Member, as opposed to a stakeholder*

Nina motions with the update to suggests that we approve the standing rules with the update to define “EHNC Director” as an elected or appointed EHNC Board Member

Doug brought up that updating the Standing Rules to only allow a board member to chair a committee as opposed to a member of the public.

Motion approved with 13 yes votes.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to board member feedback on [EHNC Bylaws](#) (Martinez) (Carlisle)

1. Article II Section G (Add)

Doug requests that this is removed as it suggests that the EHNC has historically been discriminatory, which Doug feels is untrue.

Adi and Jillian responded that the language is not written specifically targeted at the EHNC and instead about legal and political bodies at large

Nina and Skylar both provided examples where neighborhood councils have been discriminatory both in the distance and recent past

Andoni shared that the way he reads this is as an effort to demonstrate our commit to creating a more equitable government structure.

Passes with 13 yes votes and 1 no vote.

2. Article V Section 1 Subsection 13, 14, 15 (Seat Definitions) (Modified)

Passes with 14 yes votes.

3. Article V Section 11 (Martinez)

Passes with 13 yes votes and 1 no.

4. Article VII

Passes with 13 yes votes and 1 abstention

5. Discussion and action on whether to combine At-Large Seat A and Seat C to a [“top-two election”](#) format. (Carlisle)

Nina shared that this is a great idea but asked why this same thing wasn’t done for At-Large Seats B and D.

Colter clarified that B and D are staggered and run at different times, so will not conflict.

Jillian clarified that this is only going to be applicable in 2023, and then the board positions switch term limits.

James motioned for approval of the amendment with the modification that any at-large seats that run in parallel be run as a “top-two election”

Passes with 14 yes votes.

6. Discussion and possible action on Redistricting. (Haines)

Doug elevated that there are just too many people in each East Hollywood district to be able to do due diligence in meeting all our constituents. He would like to see the EHNC expand the number of districts to address this. James expressed support.

Nina thanked Doug but emphasized that no language has been shared, so we cannot move forward with any by-laws amendments at this point.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding [Standing Rules Application](#). (Martinez)

Passes with 12 yes votes.

IX. Announcements

- A. Bylaws Next Steps/Unavailability (Schultz)
- B. Announcement [Mandatory Composting](#).
- C. Announcement on vacant Public Health & Safety Representative. *Stephanie would like to join committee, will need to find new chair, in meantime, Chris is co-chair and can agendize.*
- D. Update on Produce Box Event (Suarez)

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:06pm

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