



CITY OF LOS ANGELES

EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Governing Board Meeting Summary



ERIC GARCETTI – MAYOR

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

Monday, Monday July 18, 2022
7:00PM

GOVERNING BOARD OFFICERS
Andoni Elias Nava - President
Christopher Martinez - Vice President
James Bennett - Treasurer
Jeff Zarrinam - Corresponding Treasurer
Jillian Schultz - Corresponding Secretary
Natalie Chyba - Recording Secretary

P.O BOX 292359
LOS ANGELES, CA 90029

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Adi Bhairi
Colter Carlisle
Wendy Gomez
Doug Haines
Paul Klees
Jennifer Lee
Christopher Martinez
Chelsea Mottern
Skylar Summers
Stephanie Park
Lucine Poturyan

ehnc@easthollywood.net
www.EastHollywood.net
IG: @easthollywoodnc
Facebook: @easthollywoodnc
Twitter: @easthollywoodnc

Via ZOOM
<https://zoom.us/j/92805658816>
Via Phone: (669) 900-6833
Meeting ID: 928 0565 8816

This Governing Board meets the third
Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

VIEWING MEETING: The public may join the meeting by [1] Going to www.easthollywood.net and joining via Zoom (Meeting ID 928 0565 8816) [2] Calling (669) 900-6833 (Meeting ID 928 0565 8816).

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may submit public comment for any agenda item or on matters not appearing on this Agenda within the Council’s jurisdiction either prior to the meeting or during the period allotted for public comment. Public comment may be submitted by [1] by clicking the ‘raise hand’ button via Zoom during the period allotted for public comment, or [2] by dialing *9 (if joining the meeting via telephone) to ‘raise hand’ during the period allotted for public comment. Public comment for agenda items is limited to 1 minute, with a cumulative total of 3 minutes for multiple agenda items. General public comment shall be limited to a cumulative total of 2 minutes.

AB 361 Updates: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council’s control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

-
- I. Call to Order
Called to order at 7:07pm

 - II. Roll Call
Nine members in attendance. Roll call and vote count can be viewed [here](#).

 - III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
*Statement from Andoni:
To start, I want to welcome everyone to today’s meeting. Today marks the first meeting with our newly reconfigured Executive Board, and the start of the Neighborhood Council’s new Fiscal Year. With that, we welcome in a new year of opportunity, to engage with and help bolster our community, to learn from each other, to work with each other towards common goals, and to move even closer as a council to the ideals and values we*

have stood for since I have been a member of this Council. In a recent addition to our Bylaws, which this Neighborhood Council voted on and passed, we stated one of the Council's primary goals as follows:

To recognize the historic disparities in treatment of different demographic groups under the administration and adjudication of law (including the processes of local governments such as neighborhood councils), and support efforts that foster equity of resources and opportunity among the residents and stakeholders of East Hollywood.

That's a big statement, and one that I feel is integral to the efforts we make as a Council, on behalf of our stakeholders. We are here to speak for everyone.

Last month, after this new Executive Committee was elected, one of our Councilmembers announced her resignation, saying that she felt we'd taken a step back by electing two cis men at the President and Vice President positions, in particular at a time when we have seen the rights of women and non-binary people under assault around our country. While I am honored to have been selected as the President of this Council, and I believe that this council is filled with and led by tremendous people of extremely high moral character, I am able to see the validity of this sentiment. Furthermore, I must say it is not the first, nor the only comment I have received from a member of our Council, describing what they felt were inequities in treatment among members. For this reason, I want to reiterate our objective as a Council, to not only protect, but elevate the voices of women, non-binary people, and all other historically underrepresented groups that make up the rich fabric of East Hollywood. That includes people of all races, religions, genders, and ethnic backgrounds, and is something that we hope to continue to reinforce, through actions like the creation of an Immigrant Rights Organization, which we will discuss later tonight. This is something that our existing structures help us with, and so I stress the importance of remembering our bylaws and protocols, respecting Robert's Rules of Order, and the Committee chair system, which helps create an appropriate flow of communication from Committees to their appropriate chairs, and finally to the Executive Committee. However, I believe we can always do better, and I want to also extend an invitation to all members of this committee, from any background, to please come to me with any concerns they may have regarding the treatment of any councilmember or stakeholder group, and know, that I will do my very best to hear you, support you, and work with you to improve, and to find ways to make this an even safer and more encouraging space for all our community to participate and be heard. Our council works because you all participate in it, so I want to thank you for your time, and your voice, and now I will open the floor to any Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items. Thank you.

Member of the public: Our nonprofit, Manos Que Sobreviven, along with Children's Hospital, is bringing their Health and Wellness Fair to East Hollywood on October 15th.

IV. Community Reports

*Reports received from community groups in **bold**.*

A. LAPD Report

B. Neighborhood Prosecutor

C. Budget Advocate Report

D. **CD 13 Report, Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, George Hakopiants**

Can be reviewed [here](#).

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

Eviction protections for non payment of rent is due to expire August 2023. housing.lacity.org is updated with this announcement. Free legal services and additional information can be found at stayhousedla.org The next cycle of small business grants are open until July 20, 2022 bit.ly/lasmallbizgrant. Businesses can reach out to Serapia for assistance - serapia.kim@lacity.org

LADWP customers used 9% less water this June than last June. Free water-saving appliances and rebates can be found at Lawdp.com/save. Sign a commitment to reduce your water consumption and receive a free tote bag at visit bit.ly/lasantotetabag

County is likely to impose indoor mask mandate given increase in cases.

Question from the public (Nina): Where can people get COVID tests who don't have insurance? Serapia to follow up via email.

- F. CA Assembly District 43 Report, Assembly Member Laura Friedman, Seamus Garrity
- G. LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis - District 1, Guadalupe Camberos
- H. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell - District 2, Daniel Park
- I. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Joel Gonzalez
- J. Los Angeles Public Library - Cahuenga Library, Crystal Noe
- K. CA State Senator - District 24, Maria Elena Durazo

V. Community Voices (2 min per item)

A. Thai CDC Update

a. Blue LA Presentation

Sarah Randolph, Assistant General Manager of Blink Mobility spoke on BlueLA services

Natalie asked what the first/last mile opportunities are for members and suggested partnerships with Metro to provide free bikeshare or transit passes ahead of reservations

Blurb provided by Thai CDC-

Have you heard of BlueLA? Launched by the City of Los Angeles and powered by Blink Mobility, the BlueLA program is a community station-based, all-electric car sharing service that provides Angelenos an affordable and eco-friendly mode of transportation throughout Los Angeles.

BlueLA vehicles can currently be picked up and dropped off at 40 locations around the city and the BlueLA program is hoping to expand to many more locations soon. As BlueLA works towards expanding, they are seeking your feedback and input on the BlueLA service and they'd love to know which communities you'd like to see BlueLA expand to next in our city! Please fill out this short survey to share your thoughts: <https://forms.gle/FH6yQXUAEvRUz2Gk7> To learn more about the BlueLA program, please visit: <https://blinkmobility.com/>

Thai CDC update -

Thai Town marketplace is reaching the final stages of construction. Will serve as a marketplace and small business incubator.

Also distribute free COVID-19 tests, provide vaccines on Monday and Wednesday, host mobile vaccination clinics. For more details, see the <https://thaicdc.org/>

Hollywood Boulevard clean up on Saturday July 30th

Lucine suggested that the July 30th neighborhood council community walkthrough group stop by the Hollywood Boulevard clean up

Jillian asked if it would be possible for Thai CDC to regularly attend and share a 2-minute community report

- B. East Hollywood Bid (Jeff Zarrinam)
- C. Route 66 BID (Jeff Zarrinam)
- D. Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Foundation (Jeff Zarrinam)

VI. Committee Reports (1 min per item)

A. Ad Hoc LGBTQ+ Allies (Summers)

B. Arts & Culture (Klees)

Shared meeting with PHSS committee last week. Final approvals included this agenda

C. Budget & Finance (Bennett)

Met and major items are reflected on this agenda.

- D. Business (Zarrinam)
No meeting this month. Colter being voted in as co-chair this month
- E. By Laws, Ethics & Standing Rules (Martinez)
 - a. [Bylaws](#)
- F. Executive Committee (Elias Nava)
Met this month and set the agenda for today
- G. Homelessness & Displacement Prevention (Gomez)
Did not meet
- H. Outreach (Poturyan)
Met last month and welcomed a new member, website has been updated. NC walk was great - fliered for the upcoming produce box event
- I. Planning & Land Use Management (Park)
Did not meet
- J. Public Health, Safety & Sustainability (Vacant)
Met this month. Meeting jointly again on August 9th
- K. Youth & Education (Poturyan)

VII. Budget and Finance Action Items:

Vote count can be reviewed here: [📄 Governing Board Meeting Vote 07_18_22](#)

- A. **Discussion and possible action** regarding approval of the 2022-3 [Budget & Admin Packet](#).
Christopher motioned, Andoni seconded. Approved
- B. **Re-Approve** Utility Box Murals
All approved.
 - 1. Approval of [Roxy Blazey](#)'s utility box mural application for \$250 CIP
 - 2. Approval of [Tommy Bui](#)'s utility box mural application for \$250 CIP
 - 3. Approval of [Vanessa Morrow](#)'s utility box mural application for \$250 CIP
 - 4. Approval of [Ricky Sencion](#)'s utility box mural application for \$250 CIP
- C. **Discussion and review** of [June MER](#).
Approved.
- D. **Discussion and review** of [May MER](#).
Approved
- E. **Discussion and possible action** regarding [NPG](#) from The Laundry Truck LA for up to \$3540
Angelica joined to provide an overview. This month, they are trying to come on the Day of Hope as opposed to the day after.
Natalie shared that between these two NPGs, we would be using over 75% of our NPG budget
Stephanie asked if we've explored City Council partnership on funds. Andoni clarified that he has reached out to George and they've expressed interest.
Colter expressed concern that approving this NPG would ultimately lead to outreach budget being used to fund NPGs in the future.
Lucine expressed as the chair of the outreach committee that she is not concerned about the budget
Natalie suggested that we approve three months now, continue to explore a partnership with CD13, and if no partnership is feasible then approve the three months at a later date.
James agreed. Colter also agreed.
By September's governing board meeting, we should either renew the NPG or hopefully be looking at a matching donation from CD13
Angelica shared that they previously had a contract with CD13 to serve the tiny home village. The contract stated they cannot fund service at any religiously affiliated organization
A motion to approve all six months failed. A motion to approve three months passed.
- F. **Discussion and possible action** regarding [NPG](#) from the Ukrainian Art Center for up to \$1800
Natalie raised the issue that a space hasn't been procured and they are exploring locations outside of East Hollywood. She expressed preference that the location be in East Hollywood.
James clarified that the location being in East Hollywood is a prerequisite for the NPG - it must directly serve the neighborhood.

Colter brought up the same concerns about the overall budget as the last item. Lucine disagreed Doug expressed concerns about the vague nature of the listed expenses (e.g., \$1000 for PR and promotion instead of a detailed itemization).

Jillian brought up that Paul can help support the Ukrainian Art Center by looking for free gallery space Olena joined to speak to the NPG to express that the Ukrainian community has already been plugged into the broader community. This event is meant to raise money for Ukrainian artists who are directly impacted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and are no longer able to work.

Olena also provided more detail on the \$1000 PR and promotions line item - the funding would be used for an LA Times ad and social media promotion

Date likely last weekend of August, but dependent on finding space for the exhibit

Approved.

- G. **Discussion and possible action** regarding Produce Box new dates & [funding](#) for up to \$3,250

Dates: Aug 21, Sept 11, Sept 25, Oct 9, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 4, Dec 19 (2022)

Colter stated that he thinks this is the most important events we do and stated frustration at the limited funds city council provides. Stephanie echoed these remarks.

James clarified that this funding comes out of the outreach budget.

Approved.

- H. **Discussion and possible action** regarding allocating up to \$250 for a vendor table at the [15th Annual TNY Songkran Festival](#).

Jillian shared that we've tabled before and it was a big success. She also raised that we needed to fundraise and staff. August 28th 8am-8pm - Natalie, Andoni, Colter, Jillian, and Paul volunteered. Jillian to put together a spreadsheet for shifts.

Approved.

- I. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Appointing Andoni Elias Nava as alternate signer

Christopher clarified that this is defined in the Bylaws - Chris (VP) and Andoni (P) are designated signers by title.

VIII. Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

1. **Motion:** Approval of the June [Minutes](#) (Chyba)

Consent Item #1 pulled.

2. **Motion:** Appoint Colter Carlisle as Co-Chair of Business Committee (Carlisle)

3. **Motion:** Approval of Standing Rules (Martinez)

4. **Discussion and Possible action** approving the creation of the Immigrant Rights Committee in [Standing Rules](#), connected to Bylaws, and the approval of its language: "Duties include, but are not limited to, in advocating for, connecting with, and sharing information on behalf of the immigrant communities of East Hollywood. The Immigrant Rights Representative shall be chair of the Immigrant Rights Committee upon the seating of each new board; unless otherwise agreed upon by the board. The Immigrant Rights Committee shall meet at least six (6) times per year." (Martinez)

5. **Discussion and Possible Action** approving language in the [Standing Rules](#) regarding the creation of an appointment process for the President, Vice President, and Executive Board members (Martinez)

6. **Motion:** Appointing Wendy Gomez as chair of Immigrant Rights Committee (Elias Nava)

7. **Motion:** Appointing Andoni Elias Nava as co-chair of Immigrant Rights Committee (Elias Nava)

Items #2-7 approved through consent.

Items #1

- B. **Motion:** Accepting Skylar Summers' resignation from EHNC (Summers)

Jillian, Lucine, and Andoni shared their appreciation for Skylar's contributions to the Council - her resignation is a loss to the Council.

Approved.

- C. **Discussion and possible action** regarding collaboration with Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance, Silverlake Neighborhood Council, and [American Green Zone Alliance](#) to co-present upcoming Transitioning from Gas Powered Leaf Blowers Events
 - a. Event #1 Homeowners/Renters/Rental Property Workshop Tuesday, September 27th, 2022 via zoom
 - b. Event #2 Landscape Professionals' Workshop Thursday, October 6th, 2022, in person event location TBC (in English and Spanish) (Schultz)

Approved
- D. **Discussion and Possible Action:** [CicLAvia](#) presentation and potential EHNC participation (Russell)
The cicLAvia rep had to drop off, but Natalie motioned for the EHNC to table at the event. Jillian will coordinate with cicLAvia accordingly.
Motion approved.
- E. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Filling and submitting board approved [2023 Election Information Worksheet](#), for the upcoming NC Elections (Elias Nava)
Doug, Lucine, and Andoni all stated that it's important to pick neutral, central locations. The Cahuenga Library was suggested as an election location.
Natalie motioned for the Cahuenga Library as the primary location. Passed
Lucine motioned for the Armenian Cultural Center on Kenmore. Passed
- F. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Setting Special Governing Board Meeting with Committee Chairs regarding Google Drive Organization (Chyba)
Andoni to send out a When2Meet. No action taken.
- G. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Reminder to Governing Board about Committee involvement and training requirements (Schultz)
Every board member is required to participate in at least one "active" committee. Also, board members should be actively checking Cornerstone to confirm that they are up to date with their trainings.
- H. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Nominating and appointing new chair for Ad Hoc LGBTQ+ Allies Committee (Elias Nava)
No self nominations. No action taken.

IX. Announcements

- A. Announcement on vacancy for Public Health & Safety Representative, At-Large A Representative, and District 6 Representative.
- B. Update on Produce Box Event
Dates: Aug 21, Sept 11, Sept 25, Oct 9, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 4, Dec 19 (2022)
- C. Update on Laundry Truck / Hope Center Partnership

X. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:29pm

AGENDAS & PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments on agenda items will be heard when the item is considered. Public comments on other matters within the council's jurisdiction may be made during the Public Comment period. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. Action may be taken on any agenda item except Public Comment, announcements and reports. Actions may be reconsidered only if a motion for reconsideration is adopted at the same meeting where the action was taken. You may request a copy of printed materials that are distributed at the meeting. You may record the meeting by audio, video or photographic means as long as it is not disruptive. Meeting notices and agendas are posted at various locations (see list below). If you believe the council is not following the law or its own rules you may file a grievance in writing with copies to both the Chair and the Secretary. Please be respectful of others, even when you differ with them.

AB 361 Updates: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

COUNCIL PROCESS: Everyone who lives, works, owns property, attends school, is a member of a faith organization or works in a non-profit organization that provides services within the boundaries of the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council is a "stakeholder." All stakeholders are members of the Council. Stakeholders elect a Governing Board to represent them. This Board is recognized as the decision-making entity by the City of Los Angeles and was elected on March 31, 2019. While the Board is an official decision-making entity, meetings are conducted as much as possible in a town hall format. Committees are open to anyone with an interest in East Hollywood. The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council depends on the active public participation of its diverse, dynamic and unique community for its success.

POSTING SITES: Meeting notices and agendas are posted at the following locations within East Hollywood (three days in advance for regular meetings and one day in advance for special meetings). The official posting is at **The Hollywood Hotel**, 1160 N. Vermont Avenue and on our website at www.easthollywood.net. The agenda

may also be posted at: (1) **Armen Realty**, 5111 W. Santa Monica Boulevard (2) **Stakeholder Residence**, 772 N. Kenmore (3) **Against The Stream**, 4300 W. Melrose. You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System (ENS).

NOTICE TO PAID REPRESENTATIVES: If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT: As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by calling (213) 978-1551 or email: NCsupport@lacity.org

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS: In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at <http://www.easthollywood.net> or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Andoni Elias Nava, andonieliasnava@easthollywood.net.

RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS: For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website www.easthollywood.net