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Governing Board Meeting Summary

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CERTIFIED COUNCIL # 91
APRIL 19, 2007

Monday, October 17, 2022
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
7:05pm
 - II. Roll Call
Vote count and roll call can be viewed [here](#).
 - III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
Jack Artan from SD25 shared about an upcoming presentation on the budget allocation to SELHA on October 22nd. For more information reach out to jack.artan@sen.ca.gov
 - IV. Community Reports
Reports received from 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**
Update available [here](#).
- E. City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, Serapia Kim
- 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**
Joel shared about rules and regulations about candidate forums and upcoming elections.
- 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)

No updates provided.

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

VI. Announcements

- A. Announcement of vacancy for District 6 Representative
- B. Update on Produce Box Event
 - 1. Dates: Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 4, Dec 18 (2022)
- C. Update on Laundry Truck / Hope Center Partnership

VII. Budget and Finance Action Items:

- A. **Approval** of the [Sept 2022 MER](#)
Approved.
- B. **Reapproval** of a very old [NPG from the Laundry Truck](#) for \$1,180.00
Approved.
- C. **Reauthorization** for [funding for the produce box event](#) for up to \$3,250
Approved.
- D. **Approval** of the purchase of the [long-awaited badges](#) for up to \$500
Approved.
Jillian suggested that we bulk order on a quarterly basis / ask members if they’d like one before purchasing.
- E. **Discussion and possible action** [regarding buying some STICKERS!!](#) up to \$200
Approved.
Natalie suggested that for the next round we explore creating some neighborhood pride-esque swag and that can say “brought to you by EHNC” or something. EHNC-specific swag may be less relevant for some folks, and more general EH neighborhood swag may hit home more.
- F. **Motion to approve** Denise Leities’ [proposed design](#) for utility box mural at Vermont and Fountain for \$250
Approved.

VIII. Action Items

- A. **Presentation** by Run LA regarding marathon in Fall 2023 (Kelli McLin)
Shared event details and route (which includes Hollywood Boulevard through East Hollywood).

Natalie asked about how the organization has handled outreach and partnership with unhoused residents along routes in the past.

They shared that they will not actively displace any resident and has already reached out to CD13 for suggestions.

Natalie suggested that they partner with the Homelessness and Anti-displacement Committee to discuss ways to avoid displacement. Andoni to connect them with Wendy Gomez .

- B. **Discussion and possible action** to support the application for a conditional use full-scale alcoholic beverage (CUB) permit at [4854 Fountain Ave.](#) (ZA-2021-2024-CUB-ZV) with the following conditions:

1. Alcohol service to be limited to the hours of 8am-10pm on weekdays and 8am-11pm on weekends
2. Alcohol service to be contingent on food service (Park)

Natalie made the comment that Square One is a long-established, trusted neighborhood business. She made the point that it is unfortunate that we are not discussing Square One's CUB with Saffy's, as they are related but very different - Saffy's has not done a great job building trust in the neighborhood and has been reckless with their valet services and general operations. When Saffy's is discussed pedestrian safety should be discussed alongside it.

Andoni agreed with Natalie's comments.

Bert lives on Catalina and wants to see Square One Dining succeed. However, the challenge is that we are seeing an influx of patrons due to all businesses on Fountain and it is impacting parking. While its permit parking, the two-hour allowable parking means that people park on Catalina during the day.

Bert wants an EHNC T-shirt :)

Andoni and Chris made the point that this is not a hearing, and instead EHNC can make a recommendation, but the City will ultimately make the final decision.

Carlos has been in the community for a long time. Carlos went over to Square One and spoke to the owner. He shared that Square One has built trust with the neighborhood and are responsible business owners. Carlos also was thankful of Square One to propose hours that are very reasonable and responsible, as opposed to Saffy's that is requesting late hours (1am). 10pm/11pm are much more reasonable for our small neighborhood.

Carlos also wants a t-shirt and a sticker :)

Doug is fully supportive of Square One receiving a CUB. Doug also gave a shout out to Carlos for being a great board member back in the day.

Approved.

- C. **Discussion and possible action** to support a mixed-use project utilizing density bonus located at [5066 Santa Monica Blvd.](#) (DIR-2022-5302-DB) with the following conditions:

1. Project applicant supports petition to create the Route 66 BID (Park)

Jeff shared that the applicant did sign the petition to support the BID and that the applicant agreed to add landscaping.

Doug feels the building is out of scale (too tall) and should be more affordable housing. We should be asking for more.

Natalie also agrees that we should be asking for more, including transit amenities and pedestrian enhancements and should add those to our approval. Chris agreed.

Doug feels we should table this until we get in touch with the school and other neighbors around the site. New motion to support the project subject that they incorporate transit shelters on Santa Monica and Normandie for the two bus stops, upgrade the pedestrian ramps to be ADA compliant and directional (as opposed to the existing diagonal ramp), and pay for landscaping strip on both sides.

Approved.

- D. **Discussion and possible action** to approve [CIS](#) re: [Council File 21-1472](#) (FOR IF AMENDED) November 2022 Ballot / Ballot Measure / City Charter Amendment / Independent Redistricting Commission , [Council File 22-0981](#) (AGAINST) Heather Hutt / Office Holder Appointment / Council District 10, [Council File 22-0987](#) (FOR), Temporary Appointment / Eligibility Requirements / Council District 10, [Council File 19-1488](#) (AGAINST), City Council President / President Pro Tempore / December 3rd, 2019 / Election,

[Council File 19-1470](#) (FOR) Office of Racial Equity / Establish / City Policy / Programs, [Council File 22-1196](#) (FOR) Charter Reform Ballot Initiative / Los Angeles 2024 / Population Growth / Major Immigrant Destination / Los Angeles City Council Seats / City Residents Representation, [Council File 22-1197](#) (FOR) New Ad Hoc Committee / City Government Reform / October 2021 Recordings Release / Transparency and Limit Corruption / Los Angeles Residents Trust, [Council File 22-1195](#) (FOR) Racially Insensitive and Divisive Statements / Professional Conduct Failure / City Charter / Ground for Removal, [Council File 22-1189](#) (FOR) Elected Officials / Martinez, de Leon and Cedillo / Offensive Misconducts / Racist and Hateful Comments / City Charter / Immediate Resignation Demand, [Council File 22-1192](#) (FOR) Removed from Office / Select New Council President / Vacant, [Council File 22-1193](#) (FOR) Replacement / Elect New Council President / Resigned from Office, [Council File 22-1198](#) (FOR) Removal of Councilmember Nury Martinez / Chair of Ad Hoc Committee / Covid-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment / Chair of the Rules, Election and Intergovernmental Relations, [Council File 22-1199](#) (FOR) Removal of Councilmember de Leon / Chair of Homelessness and Poverty Committee, [Council File 22-1201](#) (FOR) Removal of Councilmember Gil Cedillo / Chair of Housing Committee, [Council File 22-0004](#) (FOR) 2022 / Commendatory Resolutions (Martinez, Schultz, Elias Nava, Poturyan)

Doug doesn't understand why this is just one agenda item and feels it becomes very convoluted when its done this way. He feels that its a bit presumptuous to assume that everyone would feel the same way about all of these items.

Andoni clarified that we can made adjustments to the language prior to approval.

Nina made a public comment thankful that this came to the EHNC board - the recordings were a step back for democracy and she hopes that the board can submit the CIS or letter.

Colter is in favor of all items except for expansion of the City Council as he feels it would lead to a weaker City Council and a stronger Mayor, which is less democratic of a structure.

Jeff agrees with everything written in the CIS and motioned to approve. He was disgusted by what he heard and felt they should never be in public office again.

Chris also shared his frustrations about what he heard.

Motion to approve the CIS as written, with some flexibility to edit highlighted words to reflect Martinez's resignation.

Andoni shared Lucine's written comments which were to add language requesting remaining Council members break quorum should Cedillo and de Leon refuse to resign.

Jeff agrees, however, also reiterated that the City has business to conduct. Natalie agreed.

Andoni shared that he was infuriated, heartbroken, shocked about the conversation. He was especially saddened as a member of the Latino community hearing sentiments that were so filled with anti-Blackness, racist sentiments. It's angering and toxic and shows us how much work we still have to do.

Andoni shared that if it passes, it will be submitted tomorrow but we will have the opportunity to submit an amended CIS if the conditions change.

Approved.

- E. **Discussion and possible action** regarding open board member spot(s) on the Arts & Culture committee (Schultz)

There is a vacancy! Reach out to Jillian if you are interested.

- F. **Motion:** Approval of the September [Minutes](#) (Chyba)

Approved.

IX. Committee Reports (1 min per item)

Reports received from bolded groups.

- A. Ad Hoc LGBTQ+ Allies (Vacant)

B. Arts & Culture (Klees)

Jillian shared that we met jointly with PHSS this month. Discussed the Barnsdall Park Skatepark initiative, utility boxes. Community meeting picnic in Barnsdall with CHLA and skate shops in Los Feliz

and East Hollywood. Next steps on the bike-in movie night would be going to the November 7th Board meeting.

C. Budget & Finance (Bennett)

Met this month.

D. Business (Zarrinnam)

Did not meet. October 26th at 7pm.

E. By Laws, Ethics & Standing Rules (Martinez)

a. [Bylaws](#)

b. [Standing Rules \(pdf version\)](#)

F. Executive Committee (Elias Nava)

Met this month.

G. Homelessness & Displacement Prevention (Gomez)

Did not meet.

H. Outreach (Poturyan)

Going to start driver outreach this week. Also updating produce box recipient forms to try to facilitate data analytics. Also working on Safe Streets email blast.

I. Planning & Land Use Management (Park)

Meeting next month again.

J. Public Health, Safety & Sustainability (Martinez)

Thank you to the members of the public that joined and expressed their concerns about the Fountain/Edgemont and Fountain/Catalina intersections, including wrong way driving on Catalina. Jillian shared that we have updated LAPD contacts to reach out to about the wrong way driving on Catalina

K. Youth & Education (Poturyan)

Did not meet but do have an ongoing initiative creating a mentoring program.

X. Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:10pm

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