



CITY OF LOS ANGELES

EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Governing Board Summary



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

Monday, January 23, 2023
7:00PM

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This Governing Board meets the third
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
 - II. Roll Call
Vote count and roll call is available [here](#). The vote count is 11 votes.
 - III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
None.
 - 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 Hugo Soto-Martinez
- E. City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Karen Bass
- 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)

Reports received from groups in bold.

- A. Thai CDC Update
- B. East Hollywood Bid (Jeff Zarrinam)**
Jeff reelected as Chairman
Ordered 4 new trash cans to be installed soon below Melrose
Also submitted plans for new parkway from Clinton to Melrose
- C. Route 66 BID (Jeff Zarrinam)
- D. Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Foundation (Jeff Zarrinam)

VI. Announcements

- A. Reminder to file for Neighborhood Council Elections candidates:
 - a) At Large A Representative
 - b) At Large C Representative
 - c) At Large D Representative
 - d) Business Representative
 - e) Homelessness Representative
 - f) Non-Profit Representative
 - g) Tenant Representative
 - h) District 1 Representative
 - i) District 3 Representative
 - j) District 5 Representative

Need to submit intent to run by 2/14
- B. Announcement of vacancy for At-Large E Representative (formerly District 6), District 5 Representative, Public Health & Safety Representative
Board would like candidates to attend at least one governing board meeting prior to submitting an application.
- C. Update on Produce Box Event
NC getting started on grant application process.
- D. Update on Laundry Truck / Hope Center Partnership
NC still in talks with CD13 to have the district match funding
- E. Reminder for people to do their Cornerstone Training
Reminder for everyone to do cornerstone training

VII. Budget and Finance Action Items:

- A. **Discussion and possible action** regarding paying \$360 for Election security (Pulman).
Lucine asked if we've had security in the past. Andoni clarified that we haven't.
Natalie shared that this should be something DONE or the city pays for instead of the NC having to take out of our own very limited budget.

Wendy asked about what the consequences are. Andoni shared that it wasn't clear from communications with DONE.

No one motioned and this was not voted on.

- B. Approval of the [December 2022 MER](#)
Passed.
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding up to [\\$5,000 for the Assistance League](#)
Mayboll came to speak on behalf of the Assistance League
March 22nd and 23rd - Prom Day event. If interested in volunteering, reach out to EHNC and we can provide the Assistance League's contact information.
There was a discussion about remaining budget in NPGs - the NC has \$13k remaining for NPGs before this NPG through June.
Passed. There is \$8k remaining in NPGs.

VIII. Action Items

- A. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 1. **Motion:** Approval of the December [Minutes](#) (Chyba)
 - 2. **Motion:** Approval of the January Special Governing Board [Minutes](#) (Chyba)
 - 3. **Motion:** Approval of James Bennett's appointment to the By-Laws, Ethics & Standing Rules Committee (Martinez)
All consent items pass.
- B. **Discussion & Possible Action** regarding accepting resignation of Daunte Robbins (Elias Nava)
Passed.
- C. **Discussion & Possible Action** regarding removal of Paul Klees from Governing Board (Elias Nava)
Passed.
- D. **Discussion & Possible Action** regarding [CIS](#) in support of [CF 13-1493-S16](#) Provisional Sidewalk Vending Permit / Food Street Vendors / County of Los Angeles Health Department Permit / SB 972 (Elias Nava)
Doug commented that this has already gone to committee and city council. Doesn't it make sense to wait for the report to come out and then have a CIS in support? Jeff agrees.
Jillian shared that historically we have voted on CIS's that have already been filed as a form of solidarity. Recently the neighborhood council has taken a lot of action to stand in solidarity with street vendors and it makes sense to pass this CIS.
Doug feels like it undermines the whole process to have so many CIS'.
Passed.
- E. **Discussion & Possible Action** regarding [CIS](#) in support of [CF 22-0959](#) Street Vendors / Sidewalk Vending / Attacks / Violence / Enforcement (Elias Nava)
- F. **Discussion & Possible Action** regarding the approval of [Community Impact Statement](#) re: [CF 22-0392](#) (Digital Off-Site Signs/Outdoor Advertising/Transportation Communication Network Program Structures/LACMTA) with Oppose Unless Amended position subject to following changes:
 - 1. Increase static billboard ratio from 2:1 to 10:1
 - 2. Commit to preserving at least 10% of digital billboard display time for public service announcementsNatalie motioned to amend the CIS to oppose the council file with no amendments and make clear that the EHNC is in opposition of all digital billboards. Wendy seconded. Doug agreed.
Jeff argued that simply opposing the CIS gets us less than the CIS as originally written.

G. Discussion & Possible Action regarding the approval of [LADOT Slow Streets Phase 2 Plan](#) w/ the following amendments:

1. Removal De Longpre parking removal (no painted median)
2. Addition of Madison south of Santa Monica
3. Additional request that the treatments are revisited annually for maintenance

Voted on this item in December! It was approved then and we are in communication with DOT.

H. Discussion & Possible Action regarding signing on to [letter](#) to DONE and Karen Bass re: continuation of virtual meetings to ensure ongoing stakeholder & community engagement. (Schultz)

Jillian shared that she feels like participation is up in the virtual environment and to reduce the burden on community members to participate, we should continue to allow the virtual or hybrid option.

Doug disagrees and feels participation is down and that we should be required to meet in person or at least hybrid.

Natalie shared that she agrees with both Doug and Jillian's points and will be voting in support of the letter given the emphasis on flexibility that it places on neighborhood councils.

Andoni is similarly torn and feels that seeing people face to face has a lot of value.

It was clarified that as of March 1st, meetings need to be in person with the exception of groups that are holding meetings in compliance with AB2449 - which allows telephonic meetings (maybe - DONE to clarify). Any Brown Act amendments likely won't be put in place till next year.

Stephanie shared that she agrees with the comments made and also that it'll be hard for her to attend in person.

Colter shared that he felt we needed the option to doing these online and that some hybrid model be available both for board members and the public. He suggested meeting in person once a quarter (James echoed).

James agreed with everything shared.

Wendy shared that she also agrees with everything said and is also torn. There is ease for us, but not necessarily for everyone in remaining virtually.

Jeff shared that meetings were always held in person and quorum was met the majority of the time. He shared that meeting in person is so important.

Jillian shared that there was not necessarily efficiency of meeting in person - meetings often ran very long.

Jennifer echoed Jillian's sentiments and disagreed with Jeff's point on quorum - often did not meet quorum.

Passed.

I. Motion to sign [CIS](#) in support of Council File [23-0002-S16](#) (Local Legislative Bodies / Virtual Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment) and Council File [23-0002-S17](#) (Local Legislative Bodies / Virtual Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment) (Schultz)

Passed.

J. Discussion & Possible Action regarding [ADA Location Assessment Form](#) from DONE and selecting a location for in person meetings. (Elias Nava)

Brainstormed locations -

MLK Jr. Library at LACC. Natalie/Wendy to reach out.

Armenian Youth Center. Lucine to reach out.

K. Discussion regarding payment of EHNC PO Box (Haines)

Doug has been paying for the PO box out of pocket for about five years. Need to transition to the EHNC - \$250 per year. James will go pay in person - Franklin/Vermont.

L. Discussion regarding setting up a meeting or Ad Hoc committee with vendors inside and outside the LACC Swap Meet, to discuss potential solutions (Elias Nava)

Doug is curious what the solution is that we are trying to achieve. Andoni clarified that the intention is to provide a space for mediation.

Colter feels that the city has passed the torch on this in the past and that he supports creating an ad hoc committee to mediate.

Wendy brought up the point that this issue in a lot of ways is above our pay grade - that this should be handled by the city council district. This issue is very serious and has a lot of gravity.

Natalie echoed and made the point that the ad hoc committee could serve the role of advocating for mediation and facilitation.

going to be discussed during By Laws meeting tomorrow.

IX. Committee Reports (1 min per item)

A. Arts & Culture (Klees)

Meeting Feb 21

B. Budget & Finance (Bennett)

Met this month

C. Business (Zarrinnam)

Meeting 2/23

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

a. [Bylaws](#)

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

Meeting tomorrow Jan 24 - will discuss establishing ad hoc committee for LACC vendors

E. Executive Committee (Elias Nava)

Met last Wednesday to set the agenda for this meeting

F. Homelessness & Displacement Prevention (Gomez)

Meeting Feb 13 - reminder about the Homeless Count

G. Outreach (Poturyan)

Meeting this Wednesday Jan 25 - meets 4th Wed of every month

H. Planning & Land Use Management (Park)

Meeting first Mon Feb 6

I. Public Health, Safety & Sustainability (Martinez)

Meeting Feb 21

J. Youth & Education (Poturyan)

Didn't meet this month - Lucine would like to pass the baton if anyone else is interested

X. Updates and Announcements from Board Members

Doug:

a) Hope Center Laundry Update - no response from anyone there yet

b) Looking into how coupons on laundry were previously executed - still waiting to hear from people

c) Webmaster research: we're paying between \$95-125/hour. Research was that people can do it for \$45/hour. We used to have an intern. We are spending 20% of the budget on web blasts, posting, so forth. Perhaps we can convince someone to take this on or Wendy Moore potentially taking a reduced rate (especially considering that we are a volunteer organization).

Mike:

A potentially cost effective solution would be to outsource to a virtual assistant - we could find some of the most competitive rates out there. It's very straightforward. Might be worth exploring.

Wendy:

Thank you Doug for following up - genuinely appreciate it. Wendy gave her number so that Doug can be directly in touch: 323-204-8942.

Lucine: Outreach is also going to discuss this at the upcoming meeting

Jillian: Reminder that there are requirements for being City approved vendor - keep that in mind so that anyone we'd like to propose would need to get "approved." Can be an onerous process, just keeping that on the radar when thinking about turn around times, etc.

XI. Adjournment - 9:44pm

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