



CITY OF LOS ANGELES

EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Governing Board Summary



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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
CERTIFIED COUNCIL # 91
APRIL 19, 2007

Monday, March 20, 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.

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.

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I. Call to Order
7:00PM

II. Roll Call
Attendance and vote counts are available for review here: [Governing Board Meeting Vote 03202023](#)

III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
None.

IV. Community Reports
Reports received from groups in bold
A. **LAPD Report Senior Lead Officer Gonzalez and Officer Eubank**

Western to Normandie, Hollywood to the North Side of Sunset. South side of Sunset to Melrose, Western to Normandie. West Bureau covers Traffic Enforcement.

North of Sunset down 29% in violent crime. South of Sunset down 11% compared to last year. Hollywood division as a whole is down 18%. Have seen an uptick in thefts from motor vehicles. LAPD will be distributing "Lock It/Hide It/Keep It" flyers. LAPD major crimes division is putting on trainings on the warning signs of active shooters. If East Hollywood is interested, email SLO Gonzalez (41018@lapd.online) or Officer Eubank.

Doug asked about enforcement of graffiti/vandalism and stated it's the worst he's seen it lately. SLO Gonzalez shared unless officers are present, it's very difficult to enforce. SLO Gonzalez shared that this is largely in the jurisdiction of the Gang Unit as much of the art is affiliated with gang activity.

Mike asked if Kias, Hyundais, and Hondas have been particularly targeted for theft. SLO Gonzalez confirmed.

Stephanie asked who is in charge of reviewing conditional use / alcohol permits. SLO Gonzalez provided Officer Pineda's contact information. 39942@lapd.online 213-485-4022; 323-972-2996

Member of the public - Works one day a week at Los Feliz Elementary and shared that there are unhoused residents that sometimes congregate around the playground and interact with the kids. SLO Gonzalez suggested that when issues like this arise to call the non-emergency number.

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 52, Office of Assemblyperson Wendy Carillo

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

NCs will need to meet in person starting in April. Joel did some field work to find an in-person meeting space. The Fire station does not have a community area. Fire Station 1782 on Bronson does have a community space. Doug commented that this is very far from our boundaries and is not an adequate meeting area.

Vote by Mail opened March 1st and closes April 11th. Election is April 30th. Joel to coordinate on flyering.

There are new commissions that EHNC can submit CIS's to. Joel to send an email. Locations (even if previously approved) will need to be resubmitted for ADA compliance.

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

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

Jack Artan - a representative from District 25 is here - looking to discuss a piece of legislation SB411 which would allow NCs to meet virtually if they so desire. It was set to be appointed districts but now elected officials can meet virtually, which will apply to all NCs. This is in the works, happy to provide more information if we would like.

Virtual meetings should be allowable again in the near future. No exact time frame - won't be in the next few weeks. He can give us a heads up once it goes to committee, then it will go to senate floor, and then eventually to the assembly.

V. Community Voices (2 min per item)

A. Thai CDC Update

B. East Hollywood BID (Jeff Zarrinam)
Meeting tomorrow at LACC Foundation in person.

C. Route 66 BID (Jeff Zarrinam)
Will redo BID map, currently working on that.

D. Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Foundation (Jeff Zarrinam)
Having its annual gala this Thursday 3/23 at 6pm at the Avalon, please join us. New president and CEO started at the chamber.

VI. Announcements

A. Upcoming elections and reminder about vacancies post-election.

Elections coming up on April 11 - last day mail in ballots are being sent out. April 30 is election day (needs to be post marked by that day)

We will hold on filling vacancies until after the election.

- B. Update on Produce Box Event
Waiting for CD13 to reply on grant matching funds - \$14,525 if they approve in full. We have unofficial approval of most of the funding. Hopefully we can begin the program on April 23 as scheduled.
- C. Update on Laundry Truck / Hope Center Partnership
Last laundry truck event occurred last month - re: communication with the Hope Center, discussion on possibility of installing washing machines. Doug has been in touch with Jeff. Hope Center hasn't yet filled out the NPG to request this funding. Andoni will follow up this week to nudge them on the application.
- D. Update on Virtual/in-person Meetings
Start meeting in person in April, we will see what happens in the future.
- E. Presentation on New Environmental Ordinances by LASAN (Marjorie Phan & Nick Nuccio)
Organics LA program: For single-family homes, add your food waste to the green bin! You can compost any food (including bones etc.) but you cannot use any plastic, including the green "biodegradable" bags. For a free food waste pale, go to LASAN's website. Closest pick up is the Edendale Library. LASAN would partner with the EHNC if we wanted to do a pale give-away at the East Hollywood farmers market.
For apartment complexes, apartments should have bins by the end of the year. In the meantime, drop off compost at farmers markets or other [LA Compost](#) sites.
City of LA Single-Use Plastic Reduction: Passed by City Council in December 2022. Styrofoam - banned starting April 23 2023 for large food/beverage facilities (greater than 26 employees) and April 23 2024 for all other facilities.
Single-use bags were banned in 2013 for grocery stores. That ban has been expanded. Goes into effect July 1 2023 for all locations.
City is setting an example by ensuring all City-led events are zero waste.
Lucine is going to coordinate with LASAN about distributing pales at the produce box events

VII. Budget and Finance Action Items:

- A. Approval of the [Feb 2023 MER](#)
- B. **Discussion and Possible Action** for [East Hollywood Community Garden NPG](#) for up to \$2500
Presentation by Sean Gustofsan. He's a volunteer garden manager. 30 family plots a month, \$15/month. Open 104 days a year for 2 hours each. Wed & Sat. Communal areas - 60 families that contribute kitchen scraps to the compost hub. We have a big leak, we are shutting off water from the mainline. We got a bunch of quotes that ranged from \$1500 to \$10,000 to get this problem solved. We found someone to find and fix the leaks leading the garden - will help the community project learn about their water system. If we don't get this fixed, we might not be able to keep operating.
Doug thinks that \$2500 is outrageously overpriced - finding a leak is pretty straightforward.
Sonar technology can't be used on PVC, it wasn't installed very well - there's no wire copper. There are 12 hose bibs, 10K square feet, it's a rather large space. Plumbers could see charging even \$1,500 to show up. Doug is willing to help figure out where the leak is. It's less than a gallon an hour - if you're irrigating. The closest valve to the water main, there isn't a leak in your line - it's a leak in the valve. Matthew asks where the garden is located. 1177 N Madison Ave.
Jeff says whatever Doug is saying is spot on. Cheering him on for volunteering.
James would motion to approve this, contingent that we give Doug a shot to go take a look at this within the next week or so. We can then cut the check. Doug can go check it out between 10am-12pm on Saturday.

- C. **Discussion and Possible Action** Approving up to \$2.50 per day in spending in the outreach budget for the promotion of organic EHNC social media posts. (Carlisle)
Spending on socials to boost social media posts to get more reach for EHNC.

VIII. Action Items

A. **Consent Agenda:**

1. **Motion:** Approval of the [February Minutes](#)
2. **Motion:** Approval of Aaron Stein-Chester as a member of the Public Health, Safety, and Sustainability Committee (Martinez)
3. **Motion:** Appointment of Mike Sadler to Homelessness and Displacement Prevention Chair. (Gomez)
4. **Motion:** Appointment of Mike Sadler to Immigrant Rights Chair (Gomez)
5. **Motion:** Appointment of Jennifer Lee to Homelessness and Displacement Prevention Co-Chair (Gomez)

Consent passes.

- B. **Discussion and possible action** regarding accepting the resignation of Wendy Gomez (Elias Nava)
Andoni and Chris shared their appreciation for Wendy! Lionel (member of the public) wished Wendy the best of luck and asked that she advocate for us out in Washington!
- C. **Discussion and Possible Action** regarding bringing back EHNC community clean-ups (Martinez)
Other NCs do neighborhood cleanups and East Hollywood used to as well. Chris is going to start coordinating - Chris is going to get the database of volunteers from Chris and Andoni is going to share emails he's received of folks who have been looking for this kind of volunteer activity. Jillian noted that the Children's Hospital would be willing to volunteer and actively volunteers at the Los Feliz clean ups.

IX. Committee Reports (1 min per item)

- A. Arts & Culture (Schultz)
Met this month! Los Feliz NC is still very interested in bike-in movie at Barnsdall. CHLA is very interested in
- B. Budget & Finance (Bennett)
Did not meet.
- C. Business (Zarrinam)
Did not meet.
- D. By Laws, Ethics & Standing Rules (Martinez)
Did not meet.
 - a. [Bylaws](#)
 - b. [Standing Rules \(pdf version\)](#)
- E. Executive Committee (Elias Nava)
Did meet but didn't have quorum. Set the agenda.
- F. Homelessness & Displacement Prevention (Gomez)
Met. Wendy got Mike set up for the role of Chair moving forward
- G. Outreach (Poturyan)
Met.
- H. Planning & Land Use Management (Park)
Did not meet.
- I. Public Health, Safety & Sustainability (Martinez)
Met.

J. Youth & Education (Poturyan)

X. Updates and Announcements from Board Members

A. [CIRCLE](#) Program Expansion (Schultz)

B. [LMU Police and Community Relations Survey](#) 2023 Invitation (Schultz)

C. Update from President (Elias Nava)

He's moving to Italy for 2 months! Won't be at in-person meetings, but will be available via phone/email.

Lucine announced her resignation :(

Lionel (member of the public) spoke to advocate for Vision Zero and bike infrastructure and wish everyone well.

XI. Adjournment

9:05pm

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