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EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Governing Board Agenda



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**EAST HOLLYWOOD
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APRIL 19, 2007**

**Monday, October 16, 2023
7:00PM**

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**Executive Chair: Andoni Elias Nava
Executive Co-Chair: Christopher Martinez
Executive Members: James Bennett, Jeff Zarrinam, Jillian Schultz & Jack Symington**

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- I. Call to Order
 - A. Called to order at 7:06pm
- II. Roll Call
 - A. 10 present, 2 unaccounted for; quorum met
 - 1. James Bennet arrived at 7:40
- III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
 - A. Richard Eastman - Lived in Hollywood 50 years, started a campaign to rebuild the Hollywood sign. Historic life, rebuilding the Hollywood sign without much help from bigwigs. Sending money to the Hollywood Sign Trust. Had the LA County Medical Marijuana Task Force in the Hollywood Hotel. Looking to light up the Hollywood sign, had a meeting with the Mayor. Raising money for a trust to build a visitors center by the Hollywood sign.
 - B. Lionel - Board of Neighborhood Councils met today, there is vote next November on the Code of Conduct for Neighborhood Councils. SB 411 will need to get passed by the City and then go to the Neighborhood Councils to vote on.
- IV. Community Reports
 - A. CD 13 Report, Office of Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez
 - 1. In partnership with Mayors Office, helped ~100 people into temporary housing where they will receive wraparound services. Field office is receiving a lot of requests for Preferential Permit Parking in East Hollywood - CD13 has the most permit parking requests in the district. Looking at other ways to address parking issues without creating preferential permit parking districts everywhere. Soto-Martinez put forward a motion to allow Neighborhood Councils to meet virtually, following SB 411. CD13 is considering funding requests for up to \$5,000 for neighborhood projects. Running applications in multiple cycles. Deadline coming up mid-November for applications. Been discussing sidewalk power-washing and a strategy for doing that.
 - a) Natalie - Worth exploring whether street sweeping is even working or if it could be done on a less frequent basis (monthly). Hurts parking availability and isn't effective and then penalizes people without other options.
 - b) Doug - Should look hard at providing more preferential permit parking, as lots of people are abusing non-permitted parking with multiple cars. Marijuana facility opened within 700 feet of a school and this is against ordinance. City is assuring that it is past 700 feet but multiple people have personally measured the distance, and it is ~650 feet.
 - (1) Could take two years to get preferential parking permits, so we are looking to holistically address a streamlined system. Not ignoring the parking issue.
 - (2) Planning team is addressing the marijuana dispensary and the Department of Cannabis Regulation to get to the bottom of how the permitting got done so quickly and what the measurement exactly is.
 - c) Eastman - Is Hugo going to firmly stand on the 3% increase for rent control? Does Hugo have a committee to address graffiti?
 - d) Park - Do we need to resubmit for the Rick's Produce Box
 - B. Neighborhood Prosecutor
 - C. Budget Advocate Report
 - D. LAPD Report
 - E. City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Karen Bass
 - F. CA Assembly District 52, Office of Assemblyperson Wendy Carillo (Arce)
 - 1. Rick Chavez Zbur - Passed legislation for LGBTQ education in school, passed legislation to study offshore wind and manufacturing, passed legislation to allow the elderly to move within the same building and not have the rent upgraded.
 - G. LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis - District 1, Guadalupe Camberos

- H. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Joel Gonzalez
- I. Los Angeles Public Library - Cahuenga Library, Crystal Noe
- J. CA State Senator - District 24, Maria Elena Durazo

V. Community Voices (2 min per item)

- A. Thai CDC Update - Chancee Martorelli
 - a. Farmers market is every Monday and Thursday. Vaccination clinic has been closed recently. Will reopen next week. Market is waiting for more supplies to arrive to reopen (cameras, building materials, etc.); not going to keep rehabilitating the gateway as it gets defaced often. Thinking of other culturally appropriate artwork to include.
- B. East Hollywood Bid (Jeff Zarrinam)
- C. Route 66 BID (Jeff Zarrinam)
- D. Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Foundation (Jeff Zarrinam)

VI. Action Items

- A. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 1. **Motion** approval of [September 2023 Minutes](#) (Symington)
 - 2. **Discussion and possible action** regarding approval of the language for the NPG submission and evaluation [schedule](#) to the EHNC [standing rules](#). (Martinez)
 - 3. Consent agenda passed
- B. **Motion** to sign [letter of support](#) for the new Queer Filmmakers United union formed with CWA 9003
 - 1. Doug - Is this something the EHNC can even address, if it's not about a matter in front of the city
 - a) Joel (DONE) - It is easier to attach it to a CIS file, but if you can tie it to anything the City is addressing, it is valid
 - 2. Motion to approve - passed
- C. **Discussion and possible action** regarding Letter of Support for striking [SEIU- UHW](#) (United Healthcare Workers West) workers (Martinez)
 - 1. Healthcare workers are striking, and we should show support given Kaiser is right in EHNC territory. New contract has been finalized, so this is retroactive in nature.
 - 2. Motion to approve - passed
- D. **Announcement** regarding LACC Student Housing Summit (Parra)
 - 1. Build LACCD - Construction program for LACC, looking to produce housing for students in need and soliciting input for what should be included. Hosting an interactive event to solicit input into the plan. Will occur on the 3rd floor of the Student Union Building at LACC on Vermont Ave.
- E. **Presentation** by LTSC regarding project status and lease-up process for 100% affordable housing project at Santa Monica/Vermont (Minako Shirrai Ferrante)(Park)
 - 1. Little Tokyo Service Center is the developer; John Stewart Company is the Property Manager; Housing Works is the Service Provider. Building 75% done now, should be open by Spring 2024. 91 units at 50% AMI; 94 units for those experiencing homelessness at 30% AMI. 31 mobility units, 21 communication units. Mostly one and two bedrooms.
 - a) 91 unit pre-application open the entire month of November. Lottery will be December 15th; interviews in January 2024
 - 2. Mike - When will we learn more about the 94 Permanent Supported Housing?
 - a) Going through the CES; coordinated entry system. Essentially referrals from the LAHSA. Many of the units are developed with vision/hearing impaired or otherwise requiring special accommodations, so there would need to be matching needs.
 - 3. Do you have to be a resident of Los Angeles to apply for this housing?
 - a) No geographic restrictions; fully income-based.
 - 4. Karen - Between 91 and 94 units, there seems to be a gap in rents between 50% and 30%.
 - a) Building is offering tenant-based vouchers from Section 8 for the 94 units at 30% AMI.

5. Jennifer - Congratulations to all parties involved, this is a great effort that has taken a while to get to where we are today. Very good project.
- F. **Discussion and possible action** regarding a motion to write a "letter of concern" regarding zoning conditions for construction of two duplexes at 4035 W Marathon St. (DIR-2023-1400-SPP-HCA) (Park)
 1. Stephanie requested item to be tabled. Item will be tabled for next meeting.
- G. **Discussion and possible action** regarding a motion to oppose application regarding zone variance to allow relocation of mobile recycling center at 825 N Virgil Ave., unless operator transitions to reverse vending machine operations in lieu of staffed persons (ZA-2023-4473-ZV)(Park)
 1. Request for the item to be tabled by the party involved.
 2. Item has been tabled. Party will resubmit plans to PLUM at next PLUM meeting before reapplying to the council with changes.
- a. **Files for the [locations](#) mentioned above (Park)**
- H. **Discussion and possible action** regarding SB 411 and generating CISs in support of [CF23-113](#) and [CF23-114](#) (Elias Nava/Schultz)
 1. No discussion, motion passed.
- I. **Discussion and possible action regarding** motions to approve the following [utility box murals](#) and locations:
 1. Vermont & Monroe - ([Roxy Blazey Summers](#))
 2. Vermont & Normal - ([Vanessa A. "Atardecer"](#))
 3. Western & Santa Monica - ([Vanessa A. "Balloons"](#))
 4. Harvard & Hollywood - ([Tommy Bui](#))
 5. Kingsley & Fountain ([Ivan Butorac](#))
 6. Lemon Grove & Western - ([Grace Early "Confetti"](#))
 7. Melrose & Western - ([Marlene Nancy Drew Lopez](#))
 - a) All utility boxes will be voted on in one vote. Andoni shared the art put forward with all present.
 - b) Doug - Have spent a lot of time keeping a mural in that area free from graffiti and to put a spray can design on that corner is an insult.
 - c) Public comment - I support art and we should find ways to avoid gang tags on utility boxes and other locations. Should do more to promote biodiversity as well.
 - d) Mike - do we have finish coats and protective sealants to ensure that graffiti can be removed when tagged? Can we ensure that is accounted for.
 - e) Chancee (Thai CDC): Can the artist prioritize something that is related to Thai or Armenian culture for box #4?
 - f) Motion to pass 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 - motion passed
 8. Discussion for utility box 4 - there are more utility boxes to put murals on in the area that could address Armenian and Thai culture. We will engage Thai CDC and Armenian Community Center to identify more opportunities for utility box murals
 - a) Motion to approve - passed
 9. Discussion for utility box 5 - Are there other locations to move this artwork to?
 - a) Not tonight. Location and art would need to be decided in committee
 - b) Jillian - Graffiti is a valid art form, and the mural is a representation of people's art.
 - c) Doug - It will attract more taggers.
 - d) Motion to approve - passed
- J. **Motion to approve** the seven boxes above at \$250 per box for a total of \$1,750 (Schultz)
 1. Doug - They do it for free, we shouldn't pay them
 2. Colter - We should pay them \$350
 3. Motion passed

K. **Discussion and Possible Action** regarding the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee in charge of creating and hosting a Candidate Forum with the selection of a chair and co-chair being selected in the next Governing Board meeting. (Martinez)

1. Will work in tandem with other NCs to create one candidate forum. Would vote to create the Ad Hoc Committee and potentially also pick the chair and co-chair.
 - a) Natalie - Is there an interested chair and co-chair even?
 - b) James - It's likely that other NCs that are better staffed are able to run the forum, as it will be very time-consuming
 - c) Andoni - This committee will slow down the planning and we should get it going quicker
 - d) Colter - I am already the point person to engage with other NCs on this issue; will continue to do so without the committee.
 - e) Public comment - I think a candidate forum is a good idea
 - f) Item is tabled for now

L. **Discussion** regarding new Bylaws meeting on 11/07 (Martinez)

1. Can we use 50% + 1 of standing members for quorum?
 - a) DONE - possible, but it would have to go through the DONE board

M. **Motion** regarding approval of Andoni Elias Nava's resignation from EHNC. (Elias Nava)

1. The EHNC President has taken a job with the City and must resign for conflict of interests reasons.

N. **Discussion and possible action** regarding election of new Executive Committee members (Elias Nava)

1. President
 - a) DONE rep explained responsibilities and nomination process for President
 - b) Colter nominated Christopher Martinez for President - Christopher accepted
2. Additional vacancies
 - a) Vice President is now vacant - DONE explained the responsibilities for the Vice President
 - b) Christopher Martinez nominated Colter Carlisle for Vice President - Colter accepted

VII. Budget and Finance Action Items:

A. **Approval** of the [September 2023 MER](#).

B. **Discussion and possible action** about adding Budget Advocate positions to the board (Carlisle)

1. Item has been tabled

VIII. Committee Reports (1 min per item)

A. Arts & Culture (Elias Nava)

- a. Focused conversation on the utility box murals
- b. Christopher - For bike-in movie; parking lot of CHLA is a good backup
- c. Natalie - Bicycle Kitchen could be a great option as well - good fit

B. Budget & Finance (Bennett)

- a. Went over MER, went over Budget Advocate

C. Business (Carlisle)

- a. Follow up meeting regarding safety at Barnsdale Shopping Plaza. Next business meeting may not be until December

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

- a. [Bylaws](#)
- b. [Standing Rules \(pdf version\)](#)
 - i. Working on them, suggestions are still open

E. Executive Committee (Elias Nava)

- a. Items for next committee to Martinez. Martinez administration has begun

- F. Homelessness & Displacement Prevention (Sadler)
 - a. Confirming more community stakeholders to be a part of the meeting; looking to get more engagement with CD13
- G. Immigrant's Rights (Elias Nava)
 - a. Touched base with CD13 office to develop a workshop for folks to attend
- H. Outreach (Carlisle)
 - a. Discussed how to advertise next meeting and revamp newsletter; social media engagement is taking off
 - b. (Sadler) - Digital setup is good and will look to stay in the current setup.
- I. Planning & Land Use Management (Park)
 - a. Discussed two items which were tabled for this meeting
- J. Public Health, Safety & Sustainability (Chyba)
 - a. Discussed meeting every other month in a longer format - next meeting is December 5th; talked about the walk audit planned and executed on 10/14 on Hollywood Ave., sharing safety concerns
- K. Youth & Education (Bennett)
 - a. No updates; Public comment from Andoni on potential leads for youth engagement
- L. Ad Hoc LACC Swap Meet / Street Vendors (Elias Nava)
 - a. Not many responses to the committees efforts

IX. Announcements

- A. Update on Produce Box Event October Dates 10/22
 - 1. Need one more driver; identified Mike Sadler; first and only November date is 11/19
- B. Update on Congress of Neighborhoods 2023
- C. Next Board Meeting on 11/20 or 11/13 and Executive Meeting Date 11/08
 - 1. Suggestion for 11/13 for the next Governing Board meeting; trending for that day for the Governing Board meeting
- D. Update from President (Martinez)

X. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 9:44pm

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