



CITY OF LOS ANGELES

EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Governing Board Agenda



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

**Monday, December 18, 2023
7:00PM**

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

**Executive Chair: Christopher Martinez
Executive Co-Chair: Colter Carlisle
Executive Members: James Bennett, Jeff Zarrinam, Jillian Schultz & Jack Symington**

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I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 7:11pm

II. Roll Call

- a. 10 present; 1 absent

III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- b. Round of introductions
- c. CA State Assembly candidate Ari Reese introduced himself; represents EH
- d. Traffic divider on Fountain/Mariposa - Sarah Silencia - only a right turn but people still go straight through it or turn left. Accidents will occur if not changed.
- e. Carolin Bakhani - Resident of Alexandria and the encampment is starting to make everyone very uncomfortable
- f. Joe from Fountain and Serrano - Lots of littering but if you give people an opportunity to throw it away, they will and not litter. After putting the trash can out, lots of less littering. Can we have a long term thoughtful solution for public trash cans on the street?

IV. Community Reports

- A. CD 13 Report, Office of Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez
Kylie introduced herself as a CD13 representative for homelessness
- B. Neighborhood Prosecutor
- C. Budget Advocate Report
- D. LAPD Report
 - a. Senior Lead Officer - Rampart Division - [Ryan Nguyen](#)
 - b. Senior Lead Officer - North East Division - [Antonio Hernandez](#)
 - c. Senior Lead Officer - Hollywood Division - [Annabelle Eubank](#) (South of Sunset/West of Normandie)
 - d. Senior Lead Officer - Hollywood Division - [Mika Gonzalez](#) (North of Sunset/West of Normandie)
- E. City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Karen Bass
- F. CA Assembly District 52, Office of Assemblyperson Wendy Carillo (Arce)
- 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
- B. East Hollywood Bid (Jeff Zarrinam)
 - a. Introduced as head of the EH BID

VI. Action Items

A. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Vicky Olson as the Public Health, Safety, and Sustainability Representative. (Martinez)

- a. Moved here recently, been involved in public health and safety for a while, looking forward to trying to make life better in the neighborhood

B. Discussion and possible action regarding the encampment near Fountain and Normandie (Martinez)

- a. Have known about the people in the adjacent lot for a couple months and have seen spillage onto the street. Getting folks document-ready to transition into interim beds. Sending out sanitation teams to provide services. Hoping to see a decrease in excess trash and debris. When beds are available, we will get these people into shelter.
- b. Opening up to questions about the process or status
- c. Sadler - Chair of Homelessness Committee - Have seen innovative solutions in other districts; are you considering any new interim housing solutions in East Hollywood.
 - i. Looking into underutilized lots or buildings that the City could buy, but there is not a lot available in East Hollywood.
 - ii. No beds were in the District when I started; progress has been made.

Public Comment

- a. Gyro Tomeko - Live on Sunset and Western - got punched in the shoulder by a homeless person - Have to walk past this encampment consistently. Lots of drug use and mental illness. Didn't feel safe and I want to listen to what can be done.
- b. Sarah Amaro - Not sure how many people want the beds. Another person living in their car nearby that should be addressed
 - i. **Kaylee** - Most people want services, but they need to be the proper services. Opening up different kinds of interim housing that can appeal to a wider range of homeless. Question of a couple weeks to find the beds.
- c. Where are the parking people to enforce regulations to move the car? He never gets a ticket. Area is too dirty to do anything.
- d. Erica and Grigor - We've lived in the area for two years, and it's never been this bad. Guy peed in front of me. Very scary and it's unacceptable. We should do something. Big fight broke out recently - called the police and was put on hold for 45 minutes. We pay a lot of taxes, something should be done.
- e. I live right next to the encampment - I've come home before to a homeless man sitting in my driveway and I wasn't able to get into the driveway because he wouldn't move. No one helped on the non-emergency line. Once the fence got put up, they moved to the sidewalk and I can't walk along my sidewalk anymore. Homeless started a fire I could smell in my house. Man was swinging a shovel and cursing violently. Felt very unsafe.
- f. Coming in support of a daycare on Fountain - yard where the kids play on Alexandria and the encampment is getting closer to the daycare and getting nervous about safety.
- g. Been living on Mariposa for 18 years, and it has gotten very scary in the last six months, especially as a female. Cannot walk on the sidewalk anymore. 911 calls are not helpful. No/few streetlights makes it unsafe. Someone broke into a house nearby too and painted in graffiti.
- h. We are all paying our taxes - to what extent do we owe things to our fellow man? How can we balance the respect of the homeless with the safety needs of the community? Everyone talks about the homeless rights, but no one seems to care about providing safety for taxpayers.
 - i. **Patrick** - Boise vs. US requires adequate shelter be provided for the homeless before enforcing removals.
 - ii. **Kylie** - What attorneys would explain is the legal bind we've gotten into as a City. Very limited choices to avoid getting sued. This mayor is trying to fix this now.
 - iii. **Ngyuen** - There is a sense of urgency in the Mayor's Office. Lots of operations lined up for this year and next.
- i. Virginia - I own the home next to the day care - my elderly parents live there. My

dad goes for a walk and has gotten approached aggressively. They no longer go outside for fear. I'm hearing that the expectation is to wait an indefinite amount of time before the beds are available and the encampment gets moved.

- j. These people are not healthy and will come back to the streets.
- k. Have conversations among your social circles for how communities can come together to make things better.
- l. One of few homeowners in CD13 - What is happening on Fountain happened quickly and it's out of control. I don't feel safe walking my dog. I can't believe the last person suggested offering up two beds from their own house was a viable solution.
- m. Guys are vandalizing a new house build and nothing is stopping them.
- n. Would you take your child to a daycare with a homeless encampment? Municipal Code 41.18 says they cannot be that close to the encampment. I run the daycare and I can no longer take the kids outside. I am in danger of losing my license.
- o. Lots of people are actually committing crimes and the LAPD is not enforcing the law. These people have the right to be safe and free from physical danger from the homeless. Enforce the laws already on the books.
- p. No one feels safe anymore. The vandalism that has happened to my car is unacceptable. Can we not enforce laws on the books?
 - i. **Kylie** - Sweeping the encampment will just have them pop up somewhere else. Permanent housing is the only solution. Sweeping encampments also makes logistics difficult when we need to find the homeless.
- q. I put a fire out at an encampment in the area in October. They steal packages. It's getting crazy out there.
- r. It's a human problem. If you sweep encampments, people will die of hypothermia. Inside Safe is not providing good information to people.
- s. Situation has become much worse now that the encampment is on the sidewalk. Someone is going to get run over. Seven people are in the encampment. Stable people are in the middle, scarier people are on the edge.

d. Jennifer - Is anything happening about the Mobile Pit Stop?

I. Patrick - We'll get back to you and connect offline

e. Jillian - This is a dangerous street already; is there anything to be done about to improve safety? Cones or similar. Can we address the fires? This situation is at a boiling point.

F. What is Circle, what does it do?

I. Low level intervention for non-violent or medically urgent people to address homelessness.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding sending a [letter](#) to CD13, Mayor's Office, and LADOT concerning the traffic fatalities on both [Fountain](#) and [Western Avenue](#) (Chyba)

- a. Big tragedy that no one from LA is addressing. People are dying a lot and it's not as obvious as homelessness. We're not investing in active transit enough. Ask to the mayors office addresses this and a revamped Vision Zero. Advocating to the council district is how to get more attention from LADOT
- b. Can we put a four-way stop on that block of Fountain?
 - i. Won't happen given the specific designation of that block. Can be a very hard sell to try and change built environment on that part of Fountain.
 - ii. A lot has already gone into the

D. Consent Agenda:

- 1. **Motion** approval of [October 2023 Minutes](#) and [November 2023 minutes](#) (Symington)

E. **Presentation** by Ashley Gonzales-Vielman from LAANE and Motion to support the Tourism Workers Rising motion (Council File: 14-1371-S13) introduced in April to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance through a [CIS \(Pager & Tourism Impact Analysis\)](#) (Martinez)

Presentation logged - Motion for support will be tabled.

F. **Discussion and Possible Action** regarding progress on Bike in Movie at Barnsdall (Schultz)

G. **Discussion and Possible Action** [regarding changes to the Bylaws](#) for evaluation by DONE due March of 2024

a. **Discussion and Possible Action** on phrases, grammatical errors, and additions to the Bylaws (Martinez)

H. **Discussion and Possible Action** requiring the minimum threshold for quorum to reflect 50% plus 1 of sitting board members adding this to Bylaws Article V, Section 2: Quorum and striking, "Nine (9) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum" with the addition of moving this section of Quorum to Standing Rules (Martinez)

I. **Discussion and Possible Action** regarding adding and modifying Bylaws Article VIII Meetings, Section 1: Meeting Time and Place, "All Governing Board meetings shall be held within the Council boundaries at a location, date and time set by the Board. All Council committee meetings can be held within or outside of Council boundaries as determined by each individual committee" (Carlisle)

VII. Budget and Finance Action Items:

A. **Approval** of the [October 2023 MER](#) and [November MER](#)

B. **Discussion and possible action** regarding the purchase of Zapier's Premium plan, an automation solution. Link: <https://zapier.com/pricing> It is \$19.99/mo when purchased annually. That brings us to \$240/yr plus tax. Final Approval of up to \$250. (Sadler)

C. **Discussion and possible action** about adding [Budget Advocate](#) positions to the board (Carlisle) 1.

Appoint Colter Carlisle as a Budget Advocate member

D. **Reapproval** of the [Up to Us Campaign NPG](#) up to \$231

1. Not sure we need this lol but I figured we should generate a BAC in case we do. It takes 30 secs. E.

Discussion and possible action regarding the [December 2023 NPG Batch](#).

1. Suggested figures for ask adjustments.
2. Healing Urban Barrios (see Drive folder above) Up to \$5000
3. Laundry Vouchers " " " " Up to \$1550
4. Ronald McD House " " " " Up to \$5,000

F. Reapproval of [Wendy Moore as Webmaster](#)

G. Payment of [Webmaster Bills](#) for \$2,015.60

H. Approval of the updated [Admin Packet](#)

1. Have to indicate Chris as the new Alt. Signer so he can sign stuff.

VIII. Committee Reports (1 min per item)

A. Arts & Culture (Schultz)

B. Budget & Finance (Bennett)

C. Business (Zarrinnam)

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

a. [Bylaws](#)

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

E. Executive Committee (Martinez)

F. Homelessness & Displacement Prevention (Sadler)

G. Immigrant's Rights (Sadler)

H. Outreach (Carlisle)

I. Planning & Land Use Management (Park)

- J. Public Health, Safety & Sustainability (Chyba)
- K. Youth & Education (Bennett)
- L. Ad Hoc LACC Swap Meet / Street Vendors ()

IX. Announcements

- A. Update on Produce Box Event on December 17
- B. Next Board Meeting on 01/22 and Executive Meeting Date 01/10
- C. Update on SB411 (Martinez)
- D. Update from President (Martinez)

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm

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