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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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This Governing Board meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

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EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Governing Board Agenda

**Monday, August 21, 2023
7:00PM**

Meeting Location

4308 Burns Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90029

Via ZOOM

<https://zoom.us/j/92805658816>

Via Phone: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 928 0565 8816

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 7:08

II. Roll Call

- a. 9 present, 3 absent but accounted for

III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Comment on lack of low-income and affordable housing
- b. Cook Family public comment: Beverly Hot Springs; exemplifying the beauty of community; family is selling the Beverly Hot Springs and developers want to turn it into apartments without keeping the hot springs; sale is still in escrow and should be stopped; Hugo should find a solution that takes care of the owner and protects the only natural hot springs in the city
- c. Opposing Beverly Hot Springs sale and development into apartments; too large with 7 stories and 101 units and only 15 low-income units; protect character of LA
- d. Sen. Portantino liaison Emanuel Avila introduced himself
- e. Comment about saving Beverly Hot Springs from developers wiping out local cultures; solution needed that saves the Hot Springs
- f. Comment about Hot Springs and the need to save the artesian well, not cap it for the development
- g. Comment about the need to prevent the Hot Springs from being capped; should be preserved as an historic building

IV. Community Reports

A. CD 13 Report, Office of Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez

a) Presentation and Q&A by Councilmember Hugo Soto Martinez

(1) Investing in addressing homelessness and housing; shelters at 99% capacity; hired labor and community liaison; added 3 full time staff; 5,245 evictions in first half of 2023 in CD13; transit is a priority

(2) Q&A:

(a) Hollywood Community Plan readdressing? Goal was to put more protections - the plan was imperfect, but got resources to dive deeper for a revised plan in the future. Cannot be repealed at this point

(b) Four unit building on Sunset and Hobart building getting torn down; uninformed tenants and notice of demolition from a current 1920-built building for a new 19 unit building. What can tenants do to prevent the demolition? Need to look at the specifics of the case. Staff in my office will see what we can do. Need demolition notice in next Hollywood Plan

(c) What can you do to help save Beverly Hot Springs? Very little we can do. 2017 passed Transit Oriented Community Act - with minimum number of low-income housing near transit, can get fast-tracked. If tenant displacement involved, just need to mitigate damages; by State law, only way you can file for

historical preservation is if there is no housing development in the works

(d) Property manager of Barnsdall Shopping Center; tenants concerned about the crime and drug use and homelessness right outside their stores. Circle program is the best resource right now (unarmed addressing of the situation)

(e) What happened with the Jamie York nomination? Soto Martinez did not intend to vote in favor of her; didn't distinguish between unions and corps; unions shouldn't be held to the same lobbying standards as corporations; Public comment insisted all organizations should abide by the same ethics rules.

- B. Neighborhood Prosecutor
 - C. Budget Advocate Report
 - D. LAPD Report
 - a. Steve Roush from LAFD Battalion 5: upped staffing, responded to a lot of calls and handled the storm very well
 - E. City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Karen Bass
 - F. CA Assembly District 52, Office of Assemblyperson Wendy Carillo (Arce)
 - a. East Hollywood representative for Sen. Carillo's office; hosting mental health resource fair
 - 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
 - a. Bylaw Amendment Season - Deadline is April 1st 2024; tracking SB 411 for in-person/remote hybrid meetings
 - 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)
- 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. Action Items
- A. Consent Agenda:**
 - 1. **Motion** approval [Letter of Support](#) for CicLAvia (Schultz)
 - 2. **Motion** approval of [July 2023 Minutes](#) (Chyba)
 - B. Presentation** by LAANE regarding LADWPs Shared Solar Program for East Hollywood (Elias Nava)

- a) Solar energy program for those renting in multi-unit dwellings; getting ahead of utility costs with off-site solar at a fixed rate; local job creation connected to the solar installations; locking in a solar utility rate for ten years.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding SB 411 and in person meeting location (Elias Nava)

- a) Andoni: Concerns about accessibility of our current location; other location would require payment; checking on legality of paying; why not the Hollywood Hotel? Conflict of interest at Hollywood Hotel, but possibly a misunderstanding. Will get answers from Joel to question of conflict of interest and ability to pay rent for a meeting space.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding EHNC participation in CD13 Community Resource (Elias Nava)

- a) Andoni: Sept. 9th 12-5pm at Lemon Grove Park has a Community Fair; EHNC has been asked to participate - should get a booth; fair will feature vendors and service providers from the area; get people signed onto the newsletter;
 - (1) Who is the fair for? Will help in outreach. Focus on food insecure people in the neighborhood, tenant resources
- b) Fill out partner form [here](#)
- c) Promotion, printing, volunteers

VII. Budget and Finance Action Items:

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

- a) Mostly outreach

B. **Discussion and possible action** regarding [Rick's Produce Invoice](#) and re-coding this as an NC Event for up to \$4,725.00.

- a) James: Taking a lot of invoices and paying out; will need to recode into an event to fully process and moving forward

C. **Discussion and possible action** of approving the recurring [NPG Schedule](#).

- a) James: Instituting a schedule to prevent first-come first-served to have a more organized process; people will have a defined timeline for applications and review and award.
- b) Colter: Should be following up with winners to make sure it's going to the purpose outlined;
- c) Mike: Good for promoting to others too
- d) Jillian: Committees should do preliminary work on helping the application workflow for applications relevant to that committee's work

D. **Discussion and possible action** regarding [restocking some EHNC merch](#) for up to \$2,750.

- a) James: As outreach increases, we should have outreach materials and branded gear for visibility. Would come general outreach budget and printing budget. In total, about \$2,750
- b) Andoni: Allowing we can spend up to \$2,750
- c) Jillian: Tote bags bad, high viz vests good.

E. **Discussion and possible action** to authorize Colter Carlise to expend \$124 to [renew the EHNC P.O. Box](#)

F. **Discussion and possible action** to reimburse Colter Carlise \$124 to [renew the EHNC P.O. Box](#)

a) Three

VIII. Committee Reports (1 min per item)

A. Arts & Culture (Elias Nava)

a. Housekeeping; will reach out to more artists for painting utility boxes, both touch-ups and new installations; bike-in movie night in the early stages;

B. Budget & Finance (Bennett)

a. We just did it

C. Business (Zarrinam)

a. Public safety at the Barnsdall Shopping Plaza (has the most crime in EHNC); trying to bring more attention to situation and address the unhoused

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

a. Wheels are turning for some proposed bylaw changes; stay tuned

b. [Bylaws](#)

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

E. Executive Committee (Elias Nava)

a. Met last Wednesday and set this agenda; that's about all we do

F. Homelessness & Displacement Prevention (Sadler)

a. Sitting down with CD13 to develop relationships with service providers; goal of the year to maximize awareness of the initiatives EHNC and CD13 are doing; commissioned artwork

G. Immigrant's Rights (Elias Nava)

a. Reached out to CD13 about setting up a presentation/seminar on street vending and permits and how it affects the city. Need to consider the translation requirements as well.

H. Outreach (Carlisle)

a. Websites for government bodies get attacked by bots and our website has been attacked as well; challenges to running Facebook ads based on some bureaucratic requirements for Facebook ads. Public body making a NextDoor account - EHNC considering making a public agency NextDoor account. Need to consider what email address to connect.

I. Planning & Land Use Management (Park)

a. No meeting last month

J. Public Health, Safety & Sustainability (Chyba)

a. No meeting last month

K. Youth & Education (Bennett)

a. School wasn't in session

L. Ad Hoc LACC Swap Meet / Street Vendors (Elias Nava)

- a. No new information to report

IX. Announcements

- A. Update on Produce Box Event August Dates
 - a) Sept. 10 and 24, Sundays. 10am start time; one box per household; get in line early
- B. Update on Virtual/ in-person Meetings going forward - Next Board Meeting on 09/18
- C. Update from President (Elias-Nava)
 - a) Office hours every Thursday!
 - b) Colter: Neighborhood Cleanup on 9/16; open for donations from businesses; open for other ideas on how to drive engagement; currently workshopping fliers to give out on the 10th CD 13

X. Adjournment

- a) Adjournment at 9:32

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