

MINUTES of the Lincoln Heights Governing Board Meeting 10/15/2015

Present: Nanci Rosas, Ben Wadsworth, Karina Andrade, Penelope Lopez, Richard Silvera, John Menchaca, Cynthia De La Cruz, Frank Wada, Vince Rosiles, Victoria Montes, Lisa Joffrey, Mario Marrufo, Sevin Reily, Brittney Rivera

City Reports

1. SLO Hollenbeck Joel Perez: several robberies have happened.

Community Reports

Zul Surani of USC: nutrition classes are held every Tuesday for cancer survivors at the Wellness Center. There is construction taking place and in this phase there will be a lot of sidewalks being closed. At the end of October, the new traffic signal is being installed and traffic flow will be a lot smoother.

Marisol Sanchez of the budget advocates represents Region 8: This Saturday is Regional Budget Day. She is inviting all of the neighborhood councils to attend. The event is at the city council

Ben Wadsworth, board member: LAUSD is now going through the process of selecting a new superintendent. On October 20th, they will be at N. Soto Street at 3pm. Hopes that parents have a say in the election of the new superintendent.

Mario Marrufo, board member: side walk sale is this weekend on North Broadway.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: next meeting on 11/12/2015 6pm at Aztec Rising.

Budget/Finance: next meeting on 11/2/2015 6pm at Aztec Rising

Outreach: next meeting on 11/27/2015 7pm and Aztec Rising

Programs: next meeting on 11/27/15 5:30pm at EL ARCA

Planning: next meeting on 12/1/2015 @ 6:30pm at Aztec Rising

Bylaws/Rules: no meeting scheduled right now but a meeting will be called shortly

Government Liaison: no meeting scheduled

Elections Committee: Election is in May 2016. The council will be putting in ads.

Planning & Land Use Presentation

Christopher Murray representing Sacred Heart High School: The project is about a small structure. Announced that the President of Sacred Heart High School is also on hand. Sacred Heart was opened in 1907 and is located on Griffin Avenue. The school itself is in the historic preservation. This is a unique opportunity for this school to have a gymnasium. Currently they come to Lincoln Park to practice. They are asking for entitlements and approval of plans. Zoning administrator adjustment is also required as well as a parking approval.

Speakers:

Carmen Diaz: alumna and resident/owner of property in LH. She is here to support the building of a gymnasium for the high school.

Robert Vega: is here in support of the building. He feels there is some opposition to the building. He feels the gym is all about the safety of the girls. He grew up in Lincoln Heights and knows many of the people that hang out at the park and knows the danger for the girls at Lincoln Park. This is about safety for the girls.

Gloria Sosa: is a graduate of Sacred Heart. This project is important to the girls and the community of Lincoln heights. This is the only all-girls catholic high school in this area. Its critical for the girls to have a safe place.

Margarita Amador: she is a stakeholder in LH. Wants everyone to think about the safety of the girls. This will become a building for the community. The project will bring a lot of attention in LH.

Alice Collier: is the president of the alumni association. Feels that the gym is a great thing for the school and wants support.

Quorum met at 7:05pm during Sacred Heart Presentation

Approval of the Minutes of 10/1/15

Correction: add Mr. Menchaca to the list and correct the names of Brittaney and Lisa. Wads moves and Menchaca seconds the amended motion: (12-0-2). Motion passes.

Elections Committee

---Wada stated we have two applicants for CBO position, declare the position closed. They have a month from now to gather support for the position and will have an open election with all the requirements. The candidates know that there will be elections next month in November 2015.

---there is one candidate for student representative. Kenneth Sanchez took the floor and said he wants the youth to be involved. Vince moved and Wads seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. (14-0-0)

7:17pm; continue with planning and land use motion:

Vera del Pozo: is a graduate of Sacred Heart. It will help the girls, improve the environment and wants the girls to have the space not only for sports but also for other activities.

Irene Recendez: is also an alumna and believes the building will benefit the community.

Sister Patricia Smith: For her, the gym is a fulfillment of a dream for the girls of Sacred Heart. The archdioceses has says yes to building the gym. This will be a place for the girls' inner person to develop and for community to grow.

Frank recused himself because he lives within the district.

Motion is read by Nancy Rosas: John Menchaca moves and Lisa seconds the motion.

Sevin wanted to clarify that there was no opposition about the project.

Mr. Menchaca says this is a great project. (13-0-1) Motion passes Unanimous.

Executive Committee

a. executive committee will be reviewing the bylaws

b. motion: Wads moves that item B be moved to bylaws and seconded by Victoria seconds it (13-1-1)

Motion passes

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: Mario Marrufo;
COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVES: Sevin Riley, Selena Ortega;
YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES:
AREA REPRESENTATIVES: Penelope Lopez, Ernest E. Sanchez, Richard Silvera, John Menchaca,
Cynthia de la Cruz, Vince Rosales, Frank Wada, Thomas Lance, Kevin F. Flint, Lisa Joffrey, Victoria Montes, America Lopez

Budget/Finance Committee

- 2a. Treasurers report for motion to approve SEPTEMBER MER: Mario moves and Vincent seconds the motion. (13-0-2) Motion Passes
- 2b. Treasurers report for motion to approve Halloween event at the Funeral del Angel moved by Cynthia and approved by Victoria. (14-0-1) Motion passes
- 2c. motion to approve Veterans Program: wads moved and Victoria seconded (15-0-0) Motion passes
- 2d. motion to approve Tree Lighting at Funeraria del Angel; wads moves and frank seconds (14-0-1) Motion passes
- 2e. motion to approve Tree lighting budget of \$1,500. Wads moves and Vince seconded the motion. Frank asked about the quick breakdown of the \$1,500. (13-0-2) Motion passes
- 2f. Motion to approve NPG---\$1,500 Bravo High School—CIF Fees
Brandon Andrews thanks everyone for hearing this motion. CIF coordinates high school athletics and fees. The grant would enable everyone to participate. Victoria wants to add that half the students are in sports and would like all to consider this motion. Wads says that this should be a school district expense. Victoria has recused herself from the voting due to the fact she is an employee of the school.

This is a sponsorship that the school is looking for. Cynthia asked if the school does fundraiser and the school said yes. (11-0-3). One recusal. Motion passes

Bylaws and Rules:

- 6a. Wads would like to move this item to bylaws and rules committee and it is seconded by Richard. Sevin thinks it is a vague motion.
Wads will create a date for the next bylaws meeting. Motion moved to the bylaws and rules committee (14-0-1). Motion Passes
8. Holiday October 26, at Aztec Rising at 7:00pm. Questions from frank and from sevin

Public Speakers:

Ray Rodriguez: works for Soledad enrichment action, does gang intervention for LH. On October 24th they are having an event and March to voice out that we need peace in the community. We have had a high crime rate in the last 3 months. There will be another peace march on November 7th in Lincoln Heights. Wants to create a movement to create a voice.

Presentation Gaston Mantero: MGM Branch, specializes in empowering youth to be part of their heritage. He specializes in arts. He would like to get sponsors because the City of Los Angeles does not have any funds for the cultural arts. Folklorama is from October 17 to October 25. This is a big international festival for the City of Los Angeles. This year there are 3 major groups helping, Ukrainian and Ehtiopan communities. United Nations groups are also involved. Gaston says that supporting the event will not cost the neighborhood council anything.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm