

**LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 17, 2015**

Present: Ben Wadsworth, Nanci Rosas, Karina Andrade, Vera Padilla, Sevin Riley, Mario Marrufo, John Menchaca, Victoria Montes, Richard Silvera, Penelope Lopez, Vince Rosiles, Selena Ortega, Britney Rivera, Kenneth, Vicente, Benny Medina

**Public Comment**

William Morrison: Keiro senior homes are in escrow. There weren't proper meetings and seniors are going to be displaced. He would like a letter of support from neighborhood councils to help stop the sale of the homes.

Nick the Greek: is a tailor in Huntington Park, the city is going after him to foreclose his building, he is a true patriot of the United States. Morrison is ordering an audit of the city council for Huntington Park. He would like a letter of support from us for Nick the Greek.

Michael Gasten: is here from Brand Production MGM, he has been to our meetings before and has tried to be part of the community. He wants to empower the community to feel proud of their heritage and traditions. He wants to start a brand new international art festival.

George Cabrera: from the Community Beacon introduced the holiday issue. The Farmer's Market is on the front page.

Jose Aguilar: prior board member, went to the service for Frank Wada. He would like to propose that the board entertain a motion to have a city building, library or school be named on behalf of Frank Wada. Although he had disagreements with Wada, he participated and was very involved.

Richard Canales: is 85 years old and enjoys photographing.

Sevin Riley: HFM57 started seven years ago, one of the things they did was how to use your bike to generate electricity. On December 19 they are having a X-mas extravaganza.

QUORUM MET AT 8:05pm

**Approval of the Minutes**

Wads moved, Vince seconded the approval of the minutes for October 15, 2015. Minutes approved Unanimously (14-0-0)

**Committee Reports**

Budget and Finance

Approval of the 2015 MERs.:

October 2015, moved by Wads, seconded by Victoria, Motion passes (12-0-2) Nanci aye, Wads aye, Karina aye, Vera aye, Sevin aye, Selena aye, Mario, aye, Penelope aye, Richard aye, John aye, Vince aye, Victoria aye.

November 2015, moved by Wads, seconded by Victoria, Motion passes (12-0-2) ) Nanci aye, Wads aye, Karina aye, Vera aye, Sevin aye, Selena aye, Mario, aye, Penelope aye, Richard aye, John aye, Vince aye, Victoria aye.

B. motion to approve \$1,500 NPG to Cinemateca; moved by Wads, seconded by Victoria. Vera says we have supported them for 7 years and last year not one Lincoln student participated. There are schools from Huntington Park or others participating and would like a presentation.

Wads withdraws his motion to approve the NPG. Ben Wadsworth moves to table, seconded by John Menchaca. All in favor to table unanimously (12-0-0) ) Nanci aye, Wads aye, Karina aye, Vera aye, Sevin aye, Selena aye, Mario, aye, Penelope aye, Richard aye, John aye, Vince aye, Victoria aye.

- C. Wadsworth moves, Penelope seconds the motion to approve \$250 for Ramona Gardens Senior Citizen group, Vera states the Ramona Garden senior citizen center is at the Ramona gardens housing. Nanci gave background of Ramona Gardens and how they are not geographically part of any of the surrounding neighborhood council. Motion passes (12-0-2) Nanci aye, Wads aye, Karina aye, Vera aye, Sevin aye, Selena aye, Mario, aye, Penelope aye, Richard aye, John aye, Vince aye, Victoria aye.

### Planning and Land Use Committee

5 A). Motion The LHNC Planning Committee requests permission of the LHNC Board to contact Council member Gilbert Cedillo concerning a complaint by one of our constituents regarding a) a restaurant with possible health violations b) residents who are not artists living in spaces zoned for artists in residence and c) manufacturing in spaces zoned for artists.

Victoria moves and Vincent seconds the motion. Sevin stated that Richard Larson is concerned at what appears to be a departure from the original zoning arrangement for artist in residence. Mario Marrufo understands the concern however does not think we can make recommendations or suggestions if we do not know what the zoning is. Vera does not think there is a problem with simply asking. We are not looking to fight or to write a letter of support at all.

Motion passes (13-0-1) Nanci aye, Wads aye, Karina aye, Vera aye, Sevin aye, Selena nay, Mario, aye, Penelope aye, Richard aye, John aye, Vince aye, Victoria aye, Kenneth aye, Brittany aye.

5B). Motion: The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council requests from Councilman Gilbert Cedillo that two flashing solar vehicle speed signs be installed at the 3800 block of North Broadway due to the blind hill and numerous accidents

Wadsworth moved the motion and Victoria seconds it. There is a rise in the hill on Broadway, the street is dangerous. There was a recent accident there where a baby was injured. Committee discussed what options there could be, including a stop sign. The sign can be solar operated showing people what their speed is. Would like to recommend this to Gilbert Cedillo. Mario states that is a very dangerous street. He is surprised a worse accident has not happen there. Motion passes unanimously (14-0-0) Nanci aye, Wads aye, Karina aye, Vera aye, Sevin aye, Selena nay, Mario, aye, Penelope aye, Richard aye, John aye, Vince aye, Victoria aye, Kenneth aye, Brittany aye.

### Elections Committee

Wadsworth is announcing that this is the first official meeting since the death of board member Frank Wada. Area 5 resident position is now open and can be filled. Secondly, Area 2 resident position is open and we have one candidate for it, Vincent Gonzalez Reyes Jr.

Vicente introduced himself. His wife's family was born and raised in Lincoln Heights. He does everything for the kids and the community. There is so much history and the more he gets involved the more he falls in love in Lincoln Heights. Area 2 hasn't had a person representing the area for a while. He is interested in the position and is motivated to get involved and be part of the team. He lives on N. Broadway and Hancock. He is able to make the meetings. He would like to make an impact in Lincoln heights and represent it as it should be. Motion passes unanimously: (14-0-0) Nanci aye, Wads aye, Karina aye, Vera aye, Sevin aye, Selena nay, Mario, aye, Penelope aye, Richard aye, John aye, Vince aye, Victoria aye, Kenneth aye, Brittany aye.

The next position is our remaining CBO position, there are two applicants for the position, Tammy Mambrano and Benny Medina. Benny is here but there is no representative for Tammy. Since there are two people running for this office, the winner will be by the vote of the board. Benny took the mic. He stated he participates in the planning and land use committee, he feels that after spending all the time he has with the committee, he has come to learn a lot. He is very comfortable in this area and went to Lincoln High School. He would be honored to be in the neighborhood council.

Benny is representative of the LH Alumni association. Vote was unanimous for Benny Madera and no votes were cast for Tammy Mambrano. Both Benny Medina and Vicente Gonzalez took their place on the board table. (14-0-0) Nanci aye, Wads aye, Karina aye, Vera aye, Sevin aye, Selena nay, Mario, aye, Penelope aye, Richard aye, John aye, Vince aye, Victoria aye, Kenneth aye, Brittany aye.

8B. appointment: Mario nominates that Victoria be selected as the elections committee chair. She does not know anything about this but says she is willing to do it. She may need help as a board we need to come together. Nanci says she will be the first on board to help Victoria. All of us need to help. Vera says we are all outreach. Motion passes unanimously (16-0-0). Nanci aye, Wads aye, Karina aye, Vera aye, Sevin aye, Selena nay, Mario, aye, Penelope aye, Richard aye, John aye, Vince aye, Victoria aye, Kenneth aye, Brittany aye, Benny aye, Vicente aye.

#### Holiday Parade Committee

Karina thanks Vera Padilla for her help on the event. John Menchaca thinks it was an awesome parade. He states we should feel really proud for everyone that was involved. Wadsworth was thanked for coming in and helping for the parade when the prior group handling marketing decided to drop out. Vera would like to thank the businesses for helping purchase some of the items needed like shirts and the program. **End of Minutes.**