

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council 3516 North Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90031

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Minutes of the April 21, 2016 board meeting

Board members present: Nanci Rosas, Ben Wadsworth, Karina Andrade, Vera Padilla, Richard Silvera, John Menchaca, Cynthia De La Cruz, Victoria Montes, Mario Marrufo, Sevin Riley, Brittney Rivera, Vicente Gonzalez, Benny Madera, Kenneth Sanchez, Lisa Jeoffrey, Penelope Cruz

Approval of the minutes for 04/21/2016:

Brittney moves and Wads seconds the approval of the board minutes. Vote was 16-0-0, passes

City Reports

Jose Rodriguez: Director with Councilman Gill Cedillo office. An invitation was sent to the Board to participate in tours at the local jail that has been closed for a while. The City is in the process of talks with developers that are going to submit speculative interest ideas for use of the facility. There will be a ground breaking ceremony for a medical office space on Broadway and Thomas. Board member Britney R. stated some boards are falling down and it is dangerous for some students. Two weeks ago, cleanstat was released. It will guide what the sanitation department does with metrics. Some sections in Lincoln Heights are coded red (dirty). This will help Sanitation focus their resources better.

<u>SLO Joel Perez</u>: Last night there was police and helicopter activity where a murder suspect was spotted in Ramona Gardens and a pursuit ensued. He is in custody now. There were 4 homicides so far in Lincoln Heights. There is an increase in gang activity. Thefts along N. Broadway are low right now. This is in part due because of the foot beats on N. Broadway. Lastly, on Mission and Valley there was an assault, an ex-friend (gang member) beat up a guy pretty severely at that location.

<u>Robert Takashida</u>: Battalion Chief providing an update. We are entering brush season. The annual brush clearing program is on. It is very important to have water accessible. It is important to have baby wipes also for personal care in case of an emergency.

<u>Farmers Market</u>: Vera Padilla reported. There was a big crowd yesterday for Earth Day Celebration. It was a great turn out. Pauline has been busy trying to get more grants. Vera would like everyone to support the Farmer's Market every Wednesday from 3pm to 8pm.

Board Announcements:

<u>Karina</u>: Casino night is May 21st for EL ARCA and we want to invite everyone to attend. The proceeds help EL ARCA with programing.

<u>Vera</u>: this Saturday Office of Jimmy Gomez has a river clean up by Riverside Drive. <u>Mario</u>: Don Jose's is going to reopen and a grand opening will happen on

Public Comments on non agenda items

George Cabrera: Community Beacon Director, introduced the current issue of the Community Beacon. Sacred Heart Street Festival is taking place on the last weekend of April.

Presentations:

<u>Scott Johnson</u>: has always participated in activities at Hazard Park. He wants funds to stay in the community that have been allocated to Northeast Trees for the Park. Johnson would like a letter of support such as the one he distributed. The item is being placed on the agenda for the following month in May 2016 with a letter of support.

<u>Leadership Academy</u>: Roger Lowenstein is the Founder of the Los Angeles Leadership Academy. There is a 100% graduation rate at their high school. He is looking for a mortgage to be pardoned and introduced a sample letter of support. The way the item is worded on the agenda tonight does not allow for the board to vote on it. Roger would like to see if the letter can be on the agenda to be voted on next month. The action item and support letter will be voted on in May 2016.

Community United: Luis Reyes: was not present at the board meeting.

<u>Miranda Bar-Field</u>: Environmental Non-profit: Alleny works with Global Green. They help Californians manage their energy and water use to save money and live more efficiently.

Executive Committee—Little Rodeo 05/12/16 at 6pm

6a. Updates: NPG cannot be given to a nonprofit or schools. There may be an update to this from the City. Board will follow up.

Budget Committee Report:

- A. MER for March 2016: moved by Wads and seconded by John Menchaca. Motion passes (13-0-4) Nancy abstain, Wads aye, Karina aye, Vera aye, Mario aye, Benny abstain, Sevin aye, Kenneth ineligible, Brittany ineligible, Penelope aye, Richard, aye, Vicente aye, John aye, Cynthia aye, Vince aye, Victoria aye, Liza aye.
- B. Motion to approve \$250 for Cinco De Mayo: Vera stated they are considering collaborating with a local business to do a Cinco de Mayo event. Victoria moves and Wads seconds the motion. Motion passes (15-0-2) Nancy abstain, Wads aye, Karina aye, Vera aye, Mario aye, Benny abstain, Sevin aye, Kenneth ineligible, Brittany ineligible, Penelope aye, Richard, aye, Vicente aye, John aye, Cynthia aye, Vince aye, Victoria aye, Liza aye.
- C. Motion to approve \$250—one canopy with our LHNC logo: Vera stated we have five canopies but three of them are broken due to wear and tear of seven year's worth of use. Motion was moved by John Menchaca and seconded by Wads. Motion passes (15-0-2) Nancy abstain, Wads aye, Karina aye, Vera aye, Mario aye, Benny abstain, Sevin aye, Kene nth ineligible, Brittany ineligible, Penelope aye, Richard, aye, Vicente aye, John aye, Cynthia aye, Vince aye, Victoria aye, Liza aye.
- D. Motion to approve MOU to Congressman Becerra for bricks/supplies/materials for Veterans' Memorial. Vera states this is the 4th annual event we sponsor at LH High School. Motion was moved by Wads and seconded by John Menchaca. Motion was pulled by Wads.

Amend the motion: Clarifying what the motion is to: motion to approve the partnership of the 3 entities for the construction of a Veterans memorial including bricks, supplies and materials being provided by



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Outreach Committee Report: Next meeting is at Aztecs Rising on 4/26/16 at 6:30pm.

Programs and Services Committee Report

No meeting scheduled.

Planning and Land Use Committee Report

The next meeting for the committee will be 5/4/16 at 6:30pm at Café Zeta. At the last meeting, group was hoping to have someone from recode LA but they won't be there until next month. The vote for cochair of the committee will not happen until after the elections takes place.

Cynthia De La Cruz left the meeting at 8:42pm.

Bylaws and Rules Committee:

No meeting scheduled at this time until after elections takes place.

<u>Government Liaison</u>: is holding its next meeting on Wednesday May 4th at 9:30am at 200 N. San Fernando Road. One of the agenda items will be on Pet Safety Awareness.

Elections Committee:

Victoria stated we are working on getting all banners up. The banners are in English and Spanish. We are in the process of finalizing the bus benches. The committee is also going to do a door hanger. The next step is that at the 4/26 we will discuss the advertising. The next candidate forum is April 30th.

Holiday Committee:

Will be having its first meeting in May 2016.

Public Comments

Scott Johnson stated that at the LA-32 neighborhood council wanted to propose historical designation for the 1968 student walkouts.

Attendance Report

None

Board meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm