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KENNETH YOON, Secretary; VERA PADILLA, Treasurer



## **Minutes from the April 19, 2018 Board Meeting**

Call to order at 6:10 pm

Board Members Present:

Michael Montes, Ben Wadsworth, Vera Padilla, Ken Yoon, William Rodriguez Morrison, Mario Marrufo, Benny Madera, Martha Sevin Riley, Hugo Hernandez (7:05p), Richard William Larsen, Theresa Vasquez, Maribel Hernandez, Michelle Rubio, Tameka Flowers, Sean Veal, Amanda Coolong, Maria Palacio

### **Minutes**

Motion to approve March minutes by William Morrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wadsworth. Unanimous except Sean Veal abstained.

### **City Reports**

CD1, by Mr. Rodriguez for Mr. Cedillo.

Had cleanup on Saturday, on 5 grids. Thomas and Manatee, there is some chronic dumping for the past year. 2 weeks ago the city was able to get a deterrent against the property owner.

Deployed 66 sites for garbage. Few are in LH, because of lack of recommendations. Please email me for a location for a trash can serviced by sanitation.

Lincoln Park pool has hit problems. ~50 days delayed, from opening of mid-June to August. Free passes to students to go to any neighborhood pools, even outside neighboring pools. When the pool opens in August, it will stay open to October.

The pavilion is opening Memorial Day weekend. It will be by permit. If you have a birthday party, you can reserve it. Can coordinate permit with the use of the pool for a kids pool party. Contact the pool director to reserve.

On 3/27 started construction on the new light, including moving several utilities and ramps and the bus stop. On schedule.

Albion Park work continues. The bathrooms will be prefab.

BOARD MEMBERS: BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: William Rodriguez Morrison, Mario Marrufo, (vacant);  
COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVES: Selena Ortega, Benny Madera, Martha Sevin Riley,  
YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES: Brittney Rivera, Hugo Hernandez; AREA REPRESENTATIVES: Penelope Lopez, Theresa Vasquez, Martin S. Gomez, Vicente Gonzalez-Reyes Jr., Armida Marrufo, Maribel Hernandez, Vince Rosiles, Richard William Larsen, José Lagunas, David Myers, Amanda Coolong, Sean Veal, Victoria Montes, Michelle Rubio, Tameka Flowers.

Lincoln Heights Park playground replacement. Will have a meeting for discussing design.

Re: questions from Morrison. Re: WORKS and the 5 Lots, why not listening to the community and NC? A lot of people who don't feel safe to talk in a large meeting. Continue to have listening meetings. No answer re: Encino red tagged lots being considered, but that should go to the councilmember for that district.

Citywide earth day at 10am on Saturday at the Highland Park Rec. Center.

Housing Rights Workshop re: Renters Rights on Tuesday.

April 28, CD1 with Girls Scouts and Residents on Ave. 20, will do a beautification project.

May 3, Lincoln Park homeless connect day.

Lt. Ryan Whiteman for LAPD 909-285-5279. 25 uniformed officers in Hollenbeck. 6 narcotic investigators and 6 gang detectives. For Quarter 1, down 15% for physical crimes. 7% reduction of property crime. With a growing homeless population, there is a greater amount of property crime. Gang crime is down 2%. Since March 18, seen a dramatic increase in gang violence throughout the area.

Hollenbeck area has 8 Measure M compliant and licensed cannabis retail stores. Prop D stores could apply for Measure M. Dept. Cannabis Regulation regulates them. LAPD cannot touch the stores. 16 illegal stores here as well. LAPD just shut down an illegal store, the penalty is \$1,000 fine and ticket.

President for LAFD. We completed the CERT course, started with 75, 36 fully completed 7 classes and are now Level 1 CERT Responders. The goal is to continue to strengthen the program. This Sat. will be performing a drill, with the recent grad and the community at 9 am at the Milagro Charter, Darwin and Ave. 19.

Mary Kim gave the report for DONE. Planning 101 is rolled out. It is an introduction to read codes. April 25 at City Hall East at 6:30 pm. April 26 at Eagle Rock City Hall at 6:30 pm. Open data community training is ongoing throughout LA. If interested please let Mary know and she can bring it into the community.

Marta Gonzalez, for Assemblyperson Wendy Carillo. [marta.gonzalez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:marta.gonzalez@asm.ca.gov). Meeting with community members to get community concerns, to create district priorities. Sat., May 5, adopt a tree event for Earth Day.

### **Unagendized Public Comment**

George Cabrera for the Community Beacon. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Kite Festival 10-2, free kites. Festival of Books is this weekend too. 1855 Workman Street is a proposed charter school location.

### **Presentations**

Ray Verches for LA County Dept. of Public Works re: Men's County Jail. The County is proposing to demolish it and build a new facility. It is an obsolete design. It is a 10 year project. It is part of the correctional system, the largest in the world. 18,000 inmates on any given day. There is nowhere to move the inmates, so the work is in phases. Rehabilitation is the focus. The current facility is 1.5m sq. ft., the new will have 2.4m. 3,855 beds and will be the largest mental health facility in LA. Old standard is 64 inmates to a dorm, new is 40. There are no evaluation rooms for new inmates presently, but the new system will have that. The new system will have life skills options as well.

Michael Banner, President and CEO of LA LDC. We are a finance company. We bring capital to better neighborhoods. We provide advisory services. Two clients: small business or social enterprises, and banks. This organization is working with: Anders Aengnell for What Imagine North Broadway. Mr. Aengnell has been working for several months to research how to invest in LH. Will present a Technical Assistance Panel in June.

Vitello Aguilar for LA City Attorney's Victim Assistance program. It provides services through a restitution fund to ease stresses related to being a victim of crime. This is a statewide program, run through different organizations. 3-year deadline, but later applicants can still be considered. The victim must cooperate with law enforcement, and the victim cannot be the cause of the violent effect. Max is \$70,000 for medical bills, funeral up to \$7,500, etc. The program does not cover property loss, or expenses paid by other sources, and other exclusions. [www.helpcrimevictims.org](http://www.helpcrimevictims.org)

Christine Carlos for New Familia. Same lot as Dollar Tree. Working on this project for 2 years. LH is our new home. May 19 having an open house.

## **Community and Board Announcements**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Ex Com:**

Mr. Montes: the only news is Mr. Rodriguez informed that the Councilman is backing away from the project. It is in the hands of the developer and their job to do their outreach. He will not attend any more meetings. Ms. Riley recommended board members attend the developer open house. Mr. Marrufo said the community meeting didn't give the developer a chance to talk. Suggests the PLUC start the process for the board to generate a position. The Board opposed before hearing the proposal.

Motion to recommend the members attend the Works Session by Wadsworth and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morrison. Mr. Larsen suggested the board reconsider the prior motion against the project and bring the same issue again to the Board for a motion. Ms. Riley suggests that people should attend the open house. Ms. Coolong stated that the board position should continue with its position until/unless that position changes with a motion. Motion passes 15-0, Marrufo abstaining.

Motion to file a CIS against CF 16-0639 by Wadsworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morrison. The City is going to change the testing of the LA River water. The folks against say the testing protocols are too infrequent, and that the testing should be monthly. Motion passes 15-0 with Riley abstaining.

Motion to support Budget Advocates white paper for fiscal year 18-19 to submit a CIS in favor of CF 18-0600, by Morrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wadsworth. The paper was given by email. "The LHNC hereby supports the work of the NC Budget Advocates and their 2018 White Paper and approve the filing of a CIS for CF 18-0600."

Motion to send a letter to the Mayor re: removal of Ref Rodriguez as a member of the Board of Education by Mr. Marrufo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morrison. Motion passes 15-0 with Riley abstaining.

#### **Budget:**

Vera Padilla gave the Treasurer's Report.

Motion to Approve March Expenditure Report and MER by Vera Padilla, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben Wadsworth. Motion passes 16-0.

Motion to approve Plaza de la Raza NPG application for \$1,500 for 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks by Wadsworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Rubio. The NC gets a table. Motion passes 15-0 with Madera abstaining.

Mr. Morrison gave the Budget Advocates Report.

## **Outreach:**

Had a successful cleanup. Fed the kids in the morning and lunch. Outreach expanded to River Alliance. Need help to translating fliers to Spanish.

Sacred Heart Streetfest is next weekend. Need volunteers outside of the Outreach committee. Outreach is thinking of magnets and mailers to hit more families who aren't on Facebook.

May 7 deadline to committees to submit budget requests for the next year.

April 30 at City Hall, 5:30-9p, Outreach gathering.

Using the weekly communicator packets at the public schools to get the word out. If anyone knows who to add to the list to get on that packet, please advise.

The committee is looking into providing explainer email blasts of potential local impact with a call to action re: city hall actions.

## **Elections:**

Bus. Rep. opening announced.

Treasurer future opening re-announced.

## **Programs and Services:**

Ms. Montes not present. The last meeting did not have quorum.

## **Planning and Land Use:**

Motion by Ms. Riley that the Board fully support the restaurant proposed by Monica Blair and write a letter of recommendation for the acquisition of a beer and wine license, Type 41 be issued. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marrufo. Motion passes 14-0. 2 abstentions, Veal and Madera

Motion to extend by Wadsworth 15 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa. Motion passes unanimously.

## **City and Government Liaison:**

Nothing

## **Attendance Report: Ok.**

Motion to Adjourn by Wadsworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morrison. Unanimous pass.