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LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 6:00-9:00 PM.

Lincoln Heights Senior Citizens Center, 2324 Workman, Los Angeles, CA 90031

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call (15): Gilbert Arevalo, Sheri Fierro, Tameka Flowers, Vincente Gonzales-Reyes, Hugo Hernandez, Richard Larsen, Benny Madera, William Morrison, Selena Ortega, Maria Palacio, Sevin Riley, Vince Rosiles, Jose N Vanegas, Theresa Vasquez and Ben Wadsworth. Quorum at 6:47.

President Arevalo moved Election Committee item 6. g. 1. to the front of the agenda.

6.g.1. Election Committee

- 1. Area 2 At Large position two applications received: Michael Merced and Armida Marrufo. She withdrew her application. Michael Merced presented his reasons for running. **MOTION:** Elect Michael Merced for Area 2 At Large position. **VOTE: unanimous. Michael joins the Board.**
- ii. CBO Position two applications received: R Scott Johnson and Michael Galarza. Election tabled until required documents have been submitted and evaluated.
- iii. Area 6 At Large position One application has been submitted, from Victoria Sebanz, a 22- year resident of the Brewery. **MOTION:** Elect Victoria Sebanz as At Large resident representing Area 6. She said she is a passionate advocate for students. **VOTE: unanimous. Victoria joins the Board.**
- 2. Approval of Board Minutes for the July 18, 2019 meeting. **MOTION:** Approve minutes of July 18, 2019 meeting. **Moved: Wadsworth/2nd Rosiles. VOTE: unanimous. Motion passed.**

The two new members are counted for quorum but are not eligible to vote until they take ethics and conflict of interest trainings. William Morrison left the meeting at 7:20pm.

- 3. City Reports
 - a. Council District I—Gilbert Cedillo/Jose Rodriguez not present
 - b. Hollenbeck Police Department not present
 - c. Los Angeles Fire Department

Officer Lesinski reported that the engine that was brought back due to the nc efforts is reducing response times.

d. Farmers Market – not present

BOARD MEMBERS: BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: William Rodriguez Morrison, Mario Marrufo, Sheri Fierro; COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVES vacant, Benny Madera; Martha Sevin Riley; YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES Amanda Martinez, Hugo Hernandez;

AREA REPRESENTATIVES: Richard Larsen, Theresa Vasquez, Michael Mercd, Vicente Gonzalez-Reyes Jr., Vacant, Maribel Hernandez, Vince Rosiles, Michelle Rubio, Tameka J. Flowers, Vacant, Jose Vanegas, Victoria Sabanz, Selena Ortega, Vacant.

e. Wendy Carillo, 51st Assembly District.

Troy Carbojal introduced himself as the new field representative. A native of El Sereno. f. Representative for Eric Garcetti, Mayor – not present

g. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Mario Hernandez asked for a new Roster. Saturday Sept 28 is the next Congress. There is a new DONE General manager.

h. HPOZ Board – Jonathan Kaplan from the Los Angeles Dept of City Planning said that the volunteer HPOZ Board is looking for new members. The Board meets twice a month at Young Nak.

4. Unagendized Public Comment

George Cabreras from the Lincoln Star presented the new issue. Dr Fernandez announced a rally on October 19 for full immigrant rights. LaShell Williams presented the Lincoln Heights Youth Center programs. Dentis Fowlkes announced that he is running for LA City Council District 14. He is currently a Budget Advocate.

- 5. Community and Board Announcements none
- 6. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee

i. Appointment of Committee Chairpersons: Executive Committee, Gilbert Arevalo;

Planning and Land Use, Richard Larsen; Elections, TBD; Outreach, Tameka Flowers; Community Events, Tameka Flowers; Budget, Maria Palacio; Government Liaison, Selena Ortega, Programs and Services, Selena Ortega; By-Laws, Ben Wadsworth; Grievance, TBD; Ad Hoc 5 Lots, Richard Larsen.

ii. Selection of up to 5 individuals authorized to write CIS (Community Impact Statements)

Selena, Sheri, Richard and Benny volunteered to write CIS statements. Serena will look them over and present interesting items to the Board.

Item 6. e. Planning Committee and item 6f Five Lots Ad Hoc Committee moved forward

e. Planning and Land Use Committee - Larsen

i. MOTION: Approve reduced front yard setback and reduced front yard to construct retaining wall at 500 Clifton St. Moved: Larsen/2nd Fierro. VOTE: 13 ayes, 1 abstention. Motion passed.

ii MOTION: Approve relief from expanding Thomas street to build a 4077 sq ft house at 2618 N Thomas. Moved: Larsen/2nd Fierro. VOTE: 13 ayes, 1 abstention. Motion passed.

iii. **MOTION:** General Plan amendment for CPC-2019-4983-GPA-ZC-ZAD and ENV-2019-4984-EAF at 2436 N Gates Street from low density commercial to office/commercial R1 to C2 within the HPOZ. **Moved: Larsen/2nd Fierro.** Discussion; Narrator Inc, a small production company, wants to move into the Little Flower campus which is now empty. Zone changes are

narrator inc, a small production company, wants to move into the Little Flower campus which is now empty. Zone changes are necessary. **VOTE: 12 ayes, 2 abstentions. Motion passed.**

6f. Ad Hoc 5 Lots Committee - Larsen

MOTION: Approve survey to assess community response and gather information. Moved: Larsen/2nd Fierro. Discussion: Eighteen pages is lengthy. How will the answers be evaluated? VOTE: 5 ayes, 4 nays, 4 abstentions. Motion passed.

b. Budget Committee Report - Palacio

i. MOTION: Approve July 2019 MER. Moved: Palacio/2nd Wadsworth. VOTE: Arevalo, Yes; Wadsworth, Yes, Palacio, Yes; Fierro, Yes; Madera, Nay; Riley, Yes; Larsen, Yes; Velasquez, Yes; Gonzales-Reyes, Yes; Rosiles, Yes; Flowers, Yes; Vanegas, Yes; Ortega, Yes. 12 ayes, 1 nay. Student ineligible. Motion passed.

MOTION: Approve August 2019 MER. Moved: Palacio/2nd Wadsworth. VOTE: Arevalo, Yes; Wadsworth, Yes, Palacio, Yes; Fierro, Yes; Madera, Nay; Riley, Yes; Larsen, Yes; Velasquez, Yes; Gonzales-Reyes, Yes; Rosiles, Yes; Flowers, Yes; Vanegas, Yes; Ortega, Yes. 12 ayes, 1 nay. Student ineligible. Motion passed.

MOTION: Approve September 2019 MER. Moved: Palacio/2nd Wadsworth. VOTE: Arevalo, Yes; Wadsworth, Yes, Palacio, Yes; Fierro, Yes; Madera, No; Riley, Yes; Larsen, Yes; Velasquez, Yes; Gonzales-Reyes, Yes; Rosiles, Yes; Flowers, Yes; Vanegas, Yes; Ortega, Yes. 12 ayes, 1 nay. Student ineligible. Motion passed.

ii. MOTION: Approve \$500 for yearly training meeting for expenses of food, beverages and printing. Moved: Palacio/ 2nd Wadsworth. Discussion: date TBA. VOTE: 13 ayes, 0 nays, Student ineligible. Motion passed.

iii. MOTION: Amend budget to move Web Maintenance of \$2000 from Outreach to Office/Operational expenditures. Moved: Palacio/ 2nd Wadsworth. Discussion: Since it's a regular expenditure, it should be in Office/Operational. VOTE: Arevalo, Yes; Wadsworth, Yes, Palacio, Yes; Fierro, Yes; Madera, Yes; Riley, Yes; Larsen, Yes; Velasquez, Yes; Gonzales-Reyes, Yes; Rosiles, Yes; Flowers, Yes; Vanegas, Yes; Ortega, Yes. 13 ayes, 0 nays. Student ineligible. Motion passed.

iv. MOTION: Approve Reimbursement for Sheri Fierro in the amount of\$310.62 for the 2019 Spring/Easter event. Moved: Palacio/ 2nd Wadsworth. Discussion: She actually paid 410.62 for Easter baskets but is donating \$100. VOTE: Arevalo, Yes; Wadsworth, Yes, Palacio, Yes; Fierro, Yes; Madera, Yes; Riley, Yes; Larsen, Yes; Velasquez, Yes; Gonzales-Reyes, Yes; Rosiles, Yes; Flowers, Yes; Vanegas, Yes; Ortega, Yes. 13 ayes, 0 nays. Student ineligible. Motion passed.

v. MOTION: Approve \$600 for Ad Hoc Community Survey. Moved: Larsen/ 2nd Fierro. Discussion: The original amount requested was \$1035 but the budget committee approved \$600. VOTE: Arevalo, Yes; Wadsworth, Yes, Palacio, Yes; Fierro, Yes; Madera, No; Riley, No; Larsen, Yes; Velasquez, Yes; Gonzales-Reyes, No; Flowers, Yes; Vanegas, Nay; Ortega, Abstain, Rosiles, Nay. Total 7 ayes, 5 nays, 1 abstention. Student ineligible. Motion passed.

vi. MOTION: Approve itemized budget for upcoming events: Halloween Event October 30, 2019-\$1650.00; Veterans Day November 8, 2019; Tree Lighting, November 22, 2019 - \$1850; Holiday Parade, December 1, 2019 - \$7000. Moved: Palacio/2nd Flowers. Discussion: The Budget committee recommends approving the four events and later considering other events. VOTE: Arevalo, Yes; Wadsworth, Yes, Palacio, Yes; Fierro, Yes; Madera, Yes; Riley, Yes; Larsen, Yes; Velasquez, Yes; Gonzales-Reyes, Yes; Flowers, Yes; Vanegas, Yes; Ortega, Yes; Rosiles, Yes. Total 13 ayes, 0 nays. Student ineligible. Motion passed.



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vii. v. MOTION: Approve \$300 for Downey Rec Center Halloween event October 26 for candy, decoration and props. Moved: Larsen/ 2nd Fierro. Discussion: The event seems to attract a lot of people. VOTE: Arevalo, Yes; Wadsworth, Yes, Palacio, Yes; Fierro, Yes; Madera, Yes; Ortega, Abstain, Rosiles, Yes. Unanimous. Student ineligible. Motion passed. v. MOTION: Approve \$600 for Ad Hoc Community Survey. Moved: Larsen/ 2nd Fierro. Discussion: The original amount requested was \$1035but the budget committee approved \$600. VOTE: Arevalo, Yes; Wadsworth, Yes, Palacio, Yes; Fierro, Yes; Madera, No; Riley, No; Larsen, Yes; Velasquez, Yes; Gonzales-Reyes, No; Flowers, Yes; Vanegas, Nay; Ortega, Abstain, Rosiles, Nay. Total 7 ayes, 5 nays, 1 abstention. Student ineligible. Motion passed.

- c.. Outreach Committee see 6.d.
- d. Community Events Committee Flowers
 - i. MOTION: Approve dates for the following activities: Halloween, October 30; Veteran's Day, November; Holiday Parade, December 1; Tree Lighting, November 22. Moved: Flowers/ 2nd Rosiles. VOTE: Unanimous. Motion passed.
 ii. MOTIION: Authorize Gilbert Arevalo to write an article for the newspaper regarding the various community events of the LHNC. Moved: Wadsworth/2nd Fierro. Discussion; The article should be only about events. VOTE: Unanimous. Motion passed.
 - g. City and Government Liaison Committee Ortega

MOTION: Grant the Liaison Committee permission to collect signatures from Area 7 residents to change street cleaning hours from 4:00am -6:30am to 10am-12:30am. **Moved: Ortega/2nd Wadsworth.** Discussion: Residents complain that getting up at 4am is difficult. **VOTE: unanimous. Motion passed.**

g. City and Government Liaison -Ortega

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h. Programs and Services - Ortega

MOTION: The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council authorizes Selena to take up the subject of health and safety issues relating to vendors selling on Artesia and Humboldt with the appropriate agencies. Moved:

Ortega/2nd Velasquez. Discussion: A taco stand is attracting hundreds of customers. VOTE: 12 ayes, 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

- j. By-Laws and Rules Committee Wadsworth no report
- k. Grievance Committee no grievance
- 7. New Business none
- 8. Unagendized Public comment
- 9. Attendance report

MOTION: Declare Area 3 At Large seat vacant. Moved: Wadsworth/2nd Fierro. Discussion: The Area 3 At Large representative has failed to attend any meetings or respond to emails and snail mail since his election in April. VOTE: Unanimous. Motion passed.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 9:08pm.