



## Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

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### LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Special General Board of Directors Meeting "Draft Minutes"

Thursday, March 25, 2021

-6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Online Virtual Zo-om Meeting – DIGITAL MEETING

Meeting ID: Please see [www.LincolnHeightsNC.org](http://www.LincolnHeightsNC.org)

Welcome, Call to Order by Gil Arevalo at **6:35pm**.

Roll Call - (14 members present):

Gil: present, Wadsworth: present, Peter: present, Legier: present, **William: absent**, Benny: present, Erika: present, Richard: present, Theresa: present, Miko: present, Vicente: present, **Armida: absent**, Vince: present, Tameka: present, Lena: present, Selena: present. - Quorum met

I. Agenda item 2, Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Director Meetings: of 6/11/20, 6/25/20, and 7/30/20. - Gil/Peter 2nd

o Voting (14 members):

Gil: yes, Wadsworth: yes, Peter: yes, Legier: yes, **William: absent**, Benny: yes, Erika: yes, Richard: abstain, Theresa: yes, Miko: abstain, Vicente: yes, **Armida: absent**, Vince: yes, Tameka: yes, Lena: yes, Selena: yes.

o **Result:** 12-0-2 - Minutes approved

II. Non-agenda Public Comments (1 minute per)

- o Community member Pedro expresses concerns regarding LHNC's inability to meet in the past and the need for the community to be heard. Pedro added that council member's decisions should reflect their community.

III. Agenda item 7a "Discussion and motion to require all committee chairs to include appropriate Zoom information for Committee Chairs as responsible to publish their agenda with DONE ENS Network and LHNC website...."

- o Motion to amend agenda item 7a to add "posting of physical agenda" as a requirement as well. - Gil/Wadsworth 2nd.

o Voting (14 members):

Gil: yes, Wadsworth: yes, Peter: no, Legier: no, **William: absent**, Benny: yes, Erika: no, Richard: no, Theresa: yes, Miko: no, Vicente: yes, **Armida: absent**, Vince: yes, Tameka: yes, Lena: abstain, Selena: yes.

o **Result:** 8-5-1 - Amendment to agenda item 7a approved.

o Motion to approve agenda item 7a with amendment - Gil/Wadsworth 2nd.

o **Comments:**

- o Council member Peter noted that agenda item 7a requires accommodations, if in future the Chair has physical or mental barriers.

o Voting (14 members):

Gil: yes, Wadsworth: yes, Peter: no, Leiger: abstain, **William: absent**, Benny: yes, Erika: abstain, Richard: no, Theresa: yes, Miko: yes, Vicente: yes, **Armida: absent**, Vince: yes, Tameka: yes, Lena: abstain, Selena: yes.

o **Result:** 9-2-3 - Agenda item 7a with amendment approved.

IV. Agenda item 7b, "Discussion and encouraging all members of the Board of Directors to download a copy of the meeting agenda AFTER the (72 hour for regular or 24 hours For special) posting deadline has occurred.

- o **Comments:** Peter states that there is no voting required for this item but seeking if there are any objections. Council member Richard states that this agenda item is not enforceable. Council member Gil states that this is an attempt to encourage quorum and that member is interested in adding this encouragement into the standing rules. - No objections.

V. Agenda item 7c, "Benny Madera letter discussion and motion to reinstate Benny Madera to the PLUC committee. Gil/Selena 2nd.

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- **Comments:** Council member Benny states that member was bullied/harassed and unfairly removed from committee by Richard. Richard states that the letter present is a personal attack on a council member. Richard states that the comments made by Benny is also a personal attack, therefore a violation of Council rules.. Richard states that Benny's removal from the PLUC committee has to do with accountability issues. Council member Selena states that council should vote on reinstating Benny as it has been on the agenda for some time. Richard states that the council has already made a decision and spoke of it on two previous agenda last year. Council member Miko states that the matter seems personal. Council member Richard states that if a vote will be held, the member will have to recuse himself. Peter states that the matter would be a conflict of interest if Richard holds a vote, and it would be valid for Richard to recuse himself but as a result the council losing quorum. Council member Theresa motion to table agenda item and move to next item.
- Motion to table agenda item 7c. - Theresa/Legier 2nd.
- Voting (14 members):  
Gil: no, Wadsworth: no, Peter: yes, Legier: yes, William: absent, Benny: no, Erika: yes, Richard: yes, Theresa: yes, Miko: yes, Vicente: yes, Armida: absent, Vince: yes, Tameka: yes, Lena: yes, Selena: no.  
**Result:** 10-4-0 - motion to table 7c passed.

Agenda item 7d. "Lincoln Star article Discussion and possible motion to have the Board compose a letter of rebuttal to Lincoln Star for publication." - Gil/Benny 2nd

- **Comments:** Peter states that the item seeks clarification of the letter and states that a rebuttal would not be as effective as time has lapse 4 months since the letter was published. Gil states that if rebuttal is approved; council will need to select multiple council members to write the rebuttal.
- Voting (14 members):  
Gil: yes, Wadsworth: abstain, Peter: no, Legier: no, William: absent, Benny: abstain, Erika: abstain, Richard: yes, Theresa: yes, Miko: abstain, Vicente: yes, Armida: absent, Vince: no, Tameka: no, Lena: abstain, Selena: no.  
**Result:** 4-5-5 - Motion approved.

VI. Motion to table 7e and 7c - Legier/Miko 2nd - no objections

VII. Agenda item 8a,

- Council member Legier states that LHNC has received a few Neighborhood Purposes Grants applications and encourages the community to apply.

VIII. Agenda item 10c. Review and Motion regarding a 916 square foot two story single family dwelling with a 2 car 137 square foot garage at 2327 Coral Street, ENV-2021-430-CE and ZA-2021-429-MPA in the (Q)RD3-1D zone. The applicant is asked to be exempt from street improvements of a 20 foot wide street, a categorical exemption and a Determination. - Richard/Miko 2nd.

- **Comments:** Proponent states that proponent has invested and will continue to invest in the community through continual community clean up projects. Benny sought clarification for the agenda item. Proponent states that the city is requesting for the proponent to enlarge the street to a 20 foot wide street; the proponent states that to do so the proponent would have to purchase land from the neighbours to do so. Council member Miko states that the city was seeking to have the proponent pay for city responsibility to widen the street is unfair to all homeowners.
- Voting (14 members)  
Gil: yes, Ben: yes, Peter: yes, Legier: yes, William: absent, Benny: yes, Erika: no, Richard: yes, Theresa: yes, Miko: yes, Vicente: no, Armida: absent, Vince: yes, Tameka: yes, Lena: yes, Selena: abstain.  
**Result:** 11-2-1 - Motion approved.

IX. Agenda item 10d, "Review and Motion regarding a 1125 square foot restaurant with 26 indoor seats and 27 outdoor seats with hours of operation from 9 am to 12 am and 543 square feet additional in the [Q]C4-1XL-CDO zone at 2425 North Daly Street, ENV-2020-4645-CE and ZA-2020-4644-CUB-CDO for on-site consumption of beer and wine." - Richard/Miko 2nd.

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- **Comments:** Comment member Pedro expressed concerns regarding gentrification and sought to know menu prices. Proponent presenter states that the menu item will be moderately priced and that the proponent is interested in investing in the community. Benny states that gentrification is also a concern of his. Miko recognizes the community's concerns of gentrification and requests for the moderator to show an image of the location as it sits and states that the location has been stagnant for many years and the business would be a welcome addition as the location has sat empty and stagnant for too long.

- Voting (14 members)

Gil: yes, Wadsworth: yes, Peter: yes, Legier: no, **Willam: absent**, Benny: no, Erika: no, Richard: yes, Theresa: yes, Miko: yes, Vicente: yes, **Armida: absent**, Vince: yes, Tameka: yes, Lena: no, Selena: no.

**Result:** 9-5-0 - Motion approved.

Council member Gil sought a point of order for Item 10a and 10b; council member Richards states that the item is not ready to present and addressing the items may be a legal violation so tabling the items would be advised. Gil states that agenda items have been on LHNC for some time and the public need to weigh in on the topic. Peter states that items cannot not be up for discussion as it may create a bias and a brown act violation and there is not a 1st or 2nd on the agenda item. Richard states that if there is no proponent on the topic to defend or provide answers, it would be unfair to discuss further. Council member Legier states she has many questions regarding the agenda items. Peter states that since there is no proponent to discuss with; the person who provides any answer may provide wrong answers and create bias and may assume legal accountability for misinformation. Peter advises the council to table the items; the pending vote on item only affects the proponents. Peter recognizes the need for the community to weigh in on topics and encourages the community to email council members to voice their concern and said concerns will be echoed by members in the future. Richard request to move to CIS.

Motion to discuss agenda item 10a and 10b. - Gil/Benny 2nd.

Voting:

Gil: yes, Wadsworth: yes, Peter: no, Benny: yes, Erika: abstain, Richard: left meeting at 8:36pm

**Quorum lost at 8:36pm**

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