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LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Regular Board Meeting Agenda

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January 18, 2024
6:00 PM



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President

Selena Ortega
Vice President

Daisy Quinones
SECRETARY

Vincent "Chente" Montalvo
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I. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Fernanda Sanchez	x		Steve Lucero	x	
Selena Ortega	x		Daisy Quinones	x	
Vincent "Chente" Montalvo	X				
Nancy Stella Soto	X				
Benny Madera	X				
Snake Eli George	X				
Memphis Perez	X 6.07pm				
Melanie Bellow Shifflett	X				
Benjamin Fuentes	X				
Gerardo Sanchez		X			
Dydia Delyser	X				
Andrea Ramirez	X				
Christian Juarez		X			
Daniel Tran	X				

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

David Kim - running for congress McArthur Park Nov 2022. Ran lost by 3K. got 40%

Isabel Jurado - LA City Council District 14.

Sofia Quinones - Assembly District 52

Ashley Lucas - Mexican Heritage Service For All Low cost child care service.

John Yi - Assembly District 54 Issues in the State.

Vic Chaubey

ZOOM:

Branda Chavez – Safety Issue on Griffin & Ave 35, accidents, unhoused person next to post office – per post office its on Autozone property.

Ph ending in 209 -

III. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

President: Adhoc committee for outreach needs t o meet, set for 02.01.2024

For the Board at Rec center needs to meet.

She will be out of town. Selena will chair meeting

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IV. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

a. Public Safety

Vanessa Leiba Director at Rec center. Finally will open 01.27.2024 -12-3pm. CD 1 will get flyer, Food and something for the Senior Ctr.

Anthony Montiago – Feb 14 Valentine Dance at Senior Center.

Jose Galdamez – Conference on the 01.27.2024. Several rep's. Resources, tools will be available to use to continue to be involved and improve communities.

Events such as women's month;

Board of commissioners approved and amended code of conduct, new code of conduct includes community members, making sure communities are in compliance.

Department needs to notify the neighborhood council. Commission will handle and enforce the removal of board member. If member does not comply with the code of conduct. Also NC will have an opportunity to speak at the committee in re code of conduct.

Other things; altercations amongst w/board members.

Dept of the commission, there will be a grace period which is tbd.

Another is Gender expression.

SB 411, resolution.

b. City Council Representative

c. Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action to approve Community Impact Statement regarding the Gondola Project proposed by LA ART. Presentations by LA ART, and Residents.

- MOTION to open LA proposed project of Gondola; Moved by Vince Montalvo, Steve L 2nd. Lucero.

FIRST PRESENTERS - PROPOSERS

-**Dave Shapiro** pro and in re: LA aerial rapid transit LHNC project. 1.2 Mi from LA Union Sta to Dodger Stadium. Project purpose is take cars off road and reduce traffic. Project is 0 emission which is environmentally friendly. Project is to improve mobility and accessibility. Close to A line station in Chinatown. Offers daily service, free for all w/Dodger ticket. ZET zero emission transit

Currently in culmination of process. Started in October.

Hard copies of project at libraries Cypress, Chinatown, Central.

Project needs approval by Caltrans, Parks and Rec'

-**Beth Gordi** (Attorney) says no comments yet. Draft EIR in process. Briefly covered costs, Supplemental Biological Resources Report. Currently doing surveys.

Other transportation solutions:

Potential impacts:

The Gondola is to improve travel time.

SECOND PRESENTERS - RESIDENTS

- **Toni Ling**, lives under the project of Stop The Gondola. Presented a Timeline. Stated started in 2018. Metro agreed help; they skipped the environmental review.

Running time 5am – Midnight (not mentioned by LA Art)

Gondola will go over residents about 49 ft above ground. Huge invasion and safety risk. Invasion of air space, noise, disruptive, the suggestive walls will not be enough to contain noise. Gondola will invade privacy of the senior homes near Chinatown.

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Gondola will also harm park; will move 180 trees in park.

Hurts businesses; will tear down trees, promises of replacing trees, Can they be trusted?

Park will be hurt, there will be removal of plants/trees at entrance of park.

No explicit details on expenses; Huge liability for tax payers. Research from UCLA mobility lab claims it will not be helpful to reduce traffic.

Gondola does not make sense;

Frank McCourt is using to make money of the 50% ownership he still has on the parking lot from Dodger stadium. This means, more traffic to LA and residents in the area.

Gondola in Hong Kong/ La Paz creates traffic, long lines, long waiting period, ticket reservations are not a magical cure.

They keep saying to not worry, but only 3 months ago, the consultants said it was not going over anyones homes, Final EIR shows and states it will go over peoples homes. They failed to study the real alternatives. The communities did not ask for this and yet are and will be paying for it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gabriel Arellano – LA Art could not be present, speaks “green wash” said LA Art has not shown up to other community meetings. Where are they?

How does it serve community? It claims you need a dodger ticket to ride for free.

Edwin Lee Resident of Chinatown, lives directly at the point of the Gondola, is active in community. Actually has roots here. LA Art does not have roots here. They can sell lies and go back to sleep. They do not have friends or fam living here.

Phillies Ling she would be living under the Gondola, says it was presented as lines on a map. Where not told were towers would be, believes it is flawed. They say they are “early one in the process” but skipped research. Does not believe they are credible when they claim they are “early in the process.” Huge question on how they will operate.

Jennie Wong high rates of evictions, ppl cannot move back to Chinatown or LH. This is a multi gentrifying project targets many ppl.

Amy: pls help us fight the Gondola, we do not need the Gondola, our community is small. Our community needs a hospital, low housing, market. We do not need Gondola, its for the rich. Its going to be built to go uphill so they can make more money. They are going to built luxury apt, condo’s We do not need that, pls help us. I will lived there over 42 **years**, We need to focus on low income ppl, our residents. These ppl are going take 10% of park

Diana Tran They are looking for profit, should not tell us that they are doing us a favor. They should be investing in our communities, such as public transportation. They are not helping the community.

Sofia Quinones Its an insult that they were not here in person. Talks about the unhealed trauma since the pachuco riots. Then taking these projects., will take from our community to built, water, and public dollars. MTA rushed it through and they did not do the outreach. There is a big misinformation of outreach.

ZOOM COMMENTS

Ph ending in 209 – is proposal is a good idea. Thinks it will take 1000 of cars off streets.

Angie Perez - supports Gondola, says it will take 5,000 cars off streets, says it will help a lot. Says it will be free to residents. Supports projects.

Los Angeles Eyes – Community organizer. This will displaced residents and increase the costs of living, will impact residents, Oregon has Gondola has negative impact and safety. How much money will be going to Gondola and not residents. This is a tourist attraction and not bring income to the community. This will still increase traffic. Does not support project

Veronica Torres – We need hospitals/markets, project is about less pollution, Gondola will take cars off road, supports Gondola project.

Tony Torres – LA Art has committed to community, 10,000 ppl have signed up and supports the Gondola, says the community supports project.

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Ph ending in 185 - Gio Ariaga – a representative explained to him and the benefits and supports it.

BOARD MEMBER

Vince – EIR was done in bare minimal. First nations ppl has not had research, there are sacred sites/burials here. False promises,

Andrea – Resident, Dave Schapiro, Beth Gordie .. are not obiding to theories, are not following protocol.

Selena – Says to community Thank you for the labor of showing up and standing up for the community.

Steve Lucero – 14 yr residents in LH. Thanks the community who showed and provided info on towers.

Melanie – Struck by how the view of the residents will have the view of structures.

Please try and present yourself sincere instead of how you come to present this to us.

President – read community statement. Further they request to oppose the project.

14 Board members.

Amended: add the Gondola is over the earth quake zone. AB 52 were not mentioned and could be impacted

Vince makes motion to accept two amendments.

Motion Pass (all in favor)

Mover				Second			
Yay	14	Nay	0	Abstention		Absent	0
Motion Carries				Motion Fails			

b. Discussion and possible action to approve Letter of Support regarding Abraham Lincoln High School's Artificial Athletic Field.

CIS: LH is is support to upgrade the track field and athletic field.

Moved by Benny, 2nd by Vince on Motion to the LHS athletic field.

Steven Sabiano, in support of the LHS gym. The district said to raise money for the track field. The district has taken money, they are asking for support,

Carlos Torres – Coach Football in LHS. Long standing LH youth association team, Big issue is they do not have a field for the kids, Home field is far. Does not have field. We need a field for Northeast Rams football team,

Sofia Quinones – make sure field are not toxic.

Lupe Guillen – former member , supports they get the field.

ZOOM Public Comment

Maribel

BOARD -

Selena- past few years, HISTORICAL PLACE.

Daisy – support that the school keeps doing what they are doing to support the students and the community that is under represented.

Benny – supports that the school gets the support they need.

Mover		Second	
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Yay	13	Nay	0	Abstention	1	Absent	0
Motion Carries		x		Motion Fails			

Per Jose: Abstentions, are yes..

*****Fernanda moves to table all other items HEREIN AFTER.*****
 Vince 2nd

VI. ELECTIONS

- a. Discussion and possible action to set a date for the CD14 Candidate Forum in time for the Preliminary Candidate Election March 5, 2024.
- b. Discussion and possible action to approve Room Rental Reservation form for the Lincoln Heights Senior Center.
- c. Discussion and possible action to appoint Board Members for the Elections Committee

VII. BUDGET & FINANCE

- a. Discussion and possible motion to reimburse a total of \$212.35 to Vincent Montalvo for Christmas Parade. Budget approved November 16, 2023.
- b. Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$250 for the Lincoln Heights NC Board Retreat.
- c. Discussion and possible motion to approve a food and refreshment budget for General Board and Stakeholder Meetings not to exceed \$150 per every General Board and Stakeholder meeting for the fiscal year ending in 06/2024.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDERS

- a. Discussion and update on the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Exhaustive Efforts Status and Work Plan.
- b. Discussion on establishing a deadline for the 100% completion by all board members of City and Commission mandated training.
 - Anti-Bias Learning Employee
 - Ethics & Open Government
 - Funding
 - Code of Conduct
- c. Discussion and possible motion to set a date for the Lincoln Heights NC Board Retreat as prescribed in the Exhaustive Efforts Work Plan..

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the Lincoln Heights Regular Board Meeting minutes for November 16, 2023.

X. BOARD VACANCIES

- a. Notice of Vacancies: Business Rep (2025); Community Based Organization Rep 2027,

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- Area 1 At-Large Rep (2027), Area 1 Resident Rep (2025); Area 2 At-Large Rep (2025); Sub-Area 4 At Large Rep (2025), Area 4 Rep Resident (2027), Area 5 Resident Rep (2025), Area 6 Rep Resident (2027) *[Application](#).
- b. Discussion and possible action to appoint applicants to board vacant seats.

XI. Requests and Motions for future agenda items

ADJOURNMENT

Daniel moves to adjourn at 8.17PM

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