

Echo Park Neighborhood Council  
Regular Meeting of the Echo Park Neighborhood Council Board of Governors  
Tuesday, October 24, 2017  
Echo Park United Methodist Church, ground floor  
1226 N Alvarado Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90026

1. Administrative Items

- a. Chairman Tad Yenawine called the meeting to order at 7:06PM
- b. Tad called roll:
  - i. Present: Kevin Fisher, Cheryl Ortega, Richard Courtney, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Thomas DeVoss, Tad Yenawine, Mike Jolly, Darcy Harris, Connie Acosta\*, Ida Talalla\*, Margarita Fernandez, Michael Galano, Paul Bowers, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Andy Griggs, Jeffrey Kontorovsky [*Tardy: Jim Brown (7:14PM), Tyan Schesser (7:15PM), Dominic Ciccodicola (7:20PM)*]
  - ii. Absent: Daniel Heimpel, Sarah Smith [*\*Left Early: Ida Talalla (7:38PM), Connie Acosta (8:20PM)*]
- c. Tad moved to postpone adopting the minutes to the next regular minutes. Mike Jolly seconded this motion.

2. Community/Government Reports

- a. Government Agencies and Officers
  - i. John Darnell was present from EmpowerLA, The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with updates.
    1. He announced that the City Council had voted to move the elections to 2019, and elections will reopen on April 1, 2018.
    2. He announced that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners would be choosing two representatives from each of the twelve regions to participate in a work group to determine neighborhood council funding. Currently, every neighborhood council receives a budget of \$42,000 every fiscal year; however, some neighborhoods are very small and some are very large. The work group will address funding equity. The groups will convene twice a month for two months – January and February 2018.
    3. The board asked John whether translation services would be on the agenda for those meetings, and

whether they would discuss councils having to pay for meeting locations. John answered that he would talk to the commissioner about those concerns.

*Jim Brown arrived at 7:14PM and Tyan Schesser arrived at 7:15PM.*

b. Community Organizations

- i. Barbara Ringuette was present from Budget Advocates with updates.
  1. She announced that there was training available on the website, and anyone interested in a topic should click on the video for each training. She noted that there were also articles relating to the budget and videos.
  2. She announced that she was beginning to meet with the Department of Emergency Management and Forest Fires, and would be meeting with Airports on Friday. She told the Board to let her know if they have any questions about Airport.
  3. She asked Richard if he would bring the information to the meeting.
  4. She said that the advocates were from the neighborhoods and two councils. She noted that there were twelve regions and she was one of three representatives from Region 7. She said that she would be willing to meet but wanted to know what the role was.
- ii. Joelle Dobrow was present from the Edendale Library Friends Society with updates.
  1. She announced that there had been a live series in the library on Saturdays, consisting of a professional theater group and writers. She distributed a flier for October 28, 2017, when there would be an event called, "Drama West Fright Fest."
  2. She announced that the November Cleanup would be Saturday. The event would start at 10:30AM.
  3. She distributed flyers for the Echo Park Lake Raskin Memorial Dedication on November 2, 2017 from 10:30AM to 12:30PM. Tad would be the speaker on behalf of the Neighborhood Council and Mitch O'Farrell would be Master of Ceremonies. She requested volunteers for the event and distributed email and signup sheets.

*Dominic Ciccodicola arrived at 7:20PM.*

c. EPNC Chair Report

- i. Tad Yenawine tabled the Chair Report until later in the agenda
- d. Treasurer Report
  - i. Michael Galano tabled the Treasurer Report until the Finance section of the agenda
- e. Other Committee Chair and Liaison Reports
  - i. Louiza Padilla-Mavropoulos had updates from the Outreach Committee
    - 1. She said that Ciclavia was one of the hardest events she had worked, and parking was atrocious from an accessibility point of view. She tried to park her car at 7:30AM but there was no available parking, so she had to park somewhere where she would not be able get her car out until 6:00PM. She said that the Parks and Recreation employees had no idea the event was happening. She said that the Neighborhood Council did not have any Ciclavia participants visit its table, even though the table had face paints. Participants stopped at tables with water and patches for tires. Louiza stated that Ciclavia's disability accessibility needed to improve. Also, the parking and ability to work in a four-hour chunk and leave was not possible.
  - ii. Dominic Ciccodicola had updates from the Outreach Committee.
    - 1. He announced that the community needed the Assessment Survey, and encouraged the board members to take the survey before the next month's meeting. He said that there were a lot of items coming up.
  - iii. Ida Talalla had updates from the Aging, Parks & Health Committee.
    - 1. She announced that they did not hold a meeting in October and would have two meetings in November. They will address issues about the health of the community's homeless population and how the Neighborhood Council would be able to help them. She said there was an issue with bathroom maintenance in the library and other areas, and would discuss those issues in the November meetings. She requested that the board please include microphones in the next meeting.
  - iv. Connie Acosta had updates from the Planning Committee (PLUC).
    - 1. She announced that the committee met on October 12, 2017 and still needed someone to fill the stakeholder's

seat. She will post about the open seat on the web and requested that the board members tell their friends about the availability.

- v. Kevin Fisher had no updates from the Public Works Committee.
- vi. Jim Brown had updates from the Homeless Committee.
  - 1. He announced that the committee went over topics for further discussion, and had an introduction to the committee. They also discussed whether or not the board would vote on participating in the 2018 Homeless Count.
- vii. Andy Griggs, ARC Liaison, had updates from the ARC meeting.
  - 1. He announced that the meeting had five or six representatives from different neighborhood councils. The next ARC meeting would be on November 13, 2017 in Glendale Park, where they would discuss the Community Plan. He stated that the Planning Department would also attend the meeting.
- viii. Andy Griggs also had updates from the ad hoc Immigration Justice Committee.
  - 1. He announced that the committee discussed a resolution in support of LA becoming a sanctuary city. They also discussed outreach regarding EPNC's welcoming statement. Andy shared the committee's idea for a button for the neighborhood council's website's front page, which would lead people to the welcoming statement in multiple languages, including English, Tagalog, Spanish, Korean, and Mandarin. He requested photo submissions of Echo Park stakeholders participating in neighborhood events.
- ix. Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal announced that she had attended two meetings consisting of three subcommittees: Public Works, Public Safety, and Outreach.
  - 1. She announced that she would be participating, with the Outreach Committee, in the December 6, 2017 Forum on Traffic Safety. She said that there were concerns about a proposal to change the conditions on Kevin Street. She asked Paul Bowers if he knew of any easy way to get information about board member wish lists for potholes. Paul suggested that everyone fill out the form on the website and they could send the form in. Dominic said there was a document on Google Docs that he could send to Joselyn. The submission deadline was November 6 or 7, 2017.

*Ida Talalla left the meeting at 7:38PM.*

2. Tad suggested that the board members contact their constituents and see if they could get replies in five days.
- x. Cheryl Ortega had updates from the SLCO Committee.
  1. She announced that she had received two requests for Neighborhood Purpose Grants. One was from the Police Activities League of Rampart. She said she recently got the email and had not heard anything about it. The other was from the Echo Park Library, and her notes said that the NPG had already been approved. Michael said that he would check on the NPG's and get back to her.
- f. Tad requested that board members go to the EPNC BOG website and take the survey.
- g. Tad announced that the presentation by Sanctuary Hospital Organization would be moved to next month's agenda.

### 3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. A community member announced that she was impressed with the work of Luiza Pedilla-Mavropoulos. She encouraged the board members to continue attending neighborhood events and meetings. She informed the board that there was trash under the Alvarado Bridge and she hoped the Neighborhood Council could do something to clean it up.
- b. David Rockello, President of the Rampart Village Community Council, was present with updates.
  - i. He said that he hoped to see the EPNC BOG in the Echo Park Community Parade like it was last year.
  - ii. He had interesting news from SafeParkingLA. He announced that designated churches had parking lots where people could live in their cars. The good news was that people would not be harassed if they lived in their cars, but they had to live in the parking lot. He said that they would like to work to end homelessness. How everything was going, it looked like there was a four-year wait of camping on the street until an applicant would get a spot in the parking lot.
- c. Joelle Dobrow asked the board for updates on their September discussion about a DACA candle light vigil. She remembered that the board discussed holding the vigil during the World Series, which was currently happening. Andy replied that they were not sure the

Dodgers would go to the World Series so they did not follow up on the plan; however, he knew of an event next Sunday at Grant Park.

- d. Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos made a statement about the EPIA. She said that she did not know how to find her voice when this situation came up because it was personal. She distributed a letter to the board about how her children were called gang bangers. Her concern was with the EPIA. She stated that the EPIA had never played on a fair field. They went after the community's innocent children. She said that for them to have a celebration was a slap in the face to the community children. She could no longer attend the meetings, but she had previously attended as a police dispatcher. She said that they were running the community's children through a program with an acronym pronounced, "Jane." Bigotry should not be celebrated.
- e. Tyan Schesser announced that October 25, 2017 there would be a City Council meeting from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at Emerson College, 5960 Sunset Boulevard. The meeting would be for a general plan update. She said that Mayor Garcetti expressed his desire to hear the Community Voice. The City Council would be updating the general plan for the first time in 47 years, and would have four meetings. The October 25 meeting would discuss open space development.
- f. Randy Waller, Secretary of the Westlake North Neighborhood Council, invited the EPNC BOG to the Health Fair on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at CCNP, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Bixel. He announced that the Day of the Dead parade would start at 3:00PM at Echo Park, so they could go to the health fair before the parade.
- g. Cheryl Ortega announced that there would be a conference for educators on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the UCLA Community School, regarding how to best teach newcomer students.

#### 4. PLUC

- a. The board discussed a letter directed to Mitch O'Farrell, asking for his response regarding how California Senator Kevin de Leon slammed community councils on the NBC4 Conan Nolan radio show. Kevin de Leon was interviewed and complained that community councils were getting in the way of affordable housing legislation. Connie Acosta stated that all five board members present at the previous PLUC meeting participated in editing the document.
  - i. **Andy Griggs moved to approve the letter as written.**  
**Connie Acosta seconded this motion.**
    - 1. Randy Waller from WNNC pointed out to the board that the letter stated CD5 and it was actually CD1. He said

that he was also due at the LANC meeting on November 4, 2017.

2. Dominic Ciccodicola said that he wondered if there was any reason not to state that the board took a position on the statement. He said that the board should amend the letter to take a stronger stance.
3. **Mike Jolly moved to refer the letter back to PLUC for further revisions. Kevin Fisher seconded this motion.**
  - a. Paul Bowers suggested the board refer to information on the Robert Rules.
  - b. Jeff Kontorovsky made a point of information and asked why there needed to be any action taken at all. He said that it sounded like it was responding to an insult and asked if it is relevant.
  - c. Darcy Harris stated that she did not want to send the letter back to PLUC. Connie agreed with Darcy.
  - d. **In favor of sending the letter back to PLUC:** Kevin Fisher, Mike Jolly
  - e. **Opposed:** Cheryl Ortega, Richard Courtney, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Tad Yenawine, Jeffrey Kontorovsky, Darcy Harris, Connie Acosta, Margarita Fernandez, Michael Galano, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Andy Griggs, Dominic Ciccodicola, Tyan Schesser
  - f. **Abstained:** Thomas DeVoss, Jim Brown, Paul Bowers
  - g. **The motion failed. [2-13-3]**
4. **Dominic Ciccodicola moved to strike the words, "either affirming, or," from paragraph one and replace them. Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded this motion.**
  - a. **In favor:** Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Thomas DeVoss, Tad Yenawine, Margarita Fernandez, Jim Brown, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Dominic Ciccodicola
  - b. **Opposed:** Mike Jolly, Kevin Fisher, Darcy Harris, Andy Griggs, Cheryl Ortega, Connie Acosta, Michael Galano, Richard Courtney
  - c. **Abstained:** Tyan Schesser, Jeffrey Kontorovsky, Paul Bowers
  - d. **The motion failed. [7-8-3]**
5. **The board voted on Andy Griggs' original motion to send the letter as written.**
6. **In favor:** Cheryl Ortega, Richard Courtney, Joselyn

Geaga-Rosenthal, Jeffrey Kontorovsky, Darcy Harris, Connie Acosta, Margarita Fernandez, Michael Galano, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Andy Griggs, Dominic Ciccodicola, Paul Bowers

7. **Opposed:** Kevin Fisher, Mike Jolly, Jim Brown, Tyan Schesser

8. **Abstained:** Thomas DeVoss, Tad Yenawine

9. **The motion passed. [12-4-2]**

b. Paul Bowers explained that he had new information about the existing restaurant, The Holloway, which led PLUC to reconsider the board's September approval for the CUB application. The Holloway was located at 1320 N. Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90026. He announced that some people living next door complained that patrons of the restaurant were smoking marijuana outside and they believed the new business hours were causing this disturbance. Tad noted that he had received information claiming that some residents did not respond to outreach efforts because they had been intimidated by the business; however, he believed the business had done exemplary outreach to the community.

i. Connie Acosta stated that The Holloway's September presentation had been a pony show, and Gary had typed various letters. Louis, a PLUC member, noticed that there was a discrepancy between the letters, and half of them did not note the extended hours the restaurant was seeking. Connie said that the restaurant has an existing patio and they wanted a permit for a 240 square foot patio with extended hours. They already had a little front porch permit and they were trying to get a permit for the rear patio; however, the rear patio was right up against the windows of the residence behind the restaurant. Connie investigated the site in-person.

ii. Darcy Harris stated that she opposed the motion to reconsider approval of September's proposal. She stated first that she was at original hearing and commended the restaurant owners on the best outreach that PLUC had seen. She said that the restaurant notified all of its neighbors, got written letters of support, and kept detailed data on neighbor outreach. She noted that it was possible the one guy they never could reach came and talked to Paul Bowers about the restaurant. Secondly, the board was trying to set consistent guidelines for alcohol applications. The precedent was the hours that the board set for Holloway, and now that they had been in operation for three years, they had applied to extend their hours. Thirdly, the process in which this came up was with no new information and no notice to the applicant at our last PLUC meeting, just coming up in public comment. The

Holloway was not changing anything that they had already been doing.

- iii. Connie stated that she was concerned that there was no permit for the back patio. The board was not interested in discussing the back patio permit.

*Connie Acosta left the meeting at 8:21PM.*

- iv. Richard Courtney stated that the restaurant owner was at the September meeting with a complete proposal. Reconsideration had not supplied anything except a public comment that was not agendaized.
- v. Darcy Harris challenged that the reconsideration was not valid because there was a discrepancy between information from the PLUC Chair and PLUC members.
- vi. Cheryl Ortega stated that excellent presentations should not be something that makes up the board members' minds. She said that there was no way of knowing who did not know or who did not write the letter. The board was impressed by presentations but it should have paid more attention to the nuts and bolts. She said that there was no way to prove that they did not visit a door.
- vii. Paul Bowers stated that the board is under the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, not to empower developers or restaurants but constituents. Their job was to take a look and say, as a neighbor, would they want them to be open until 2:00AM.
- viii. Tad Yenawine stated that he was hearing concern that there was some misrepresentation.
- ix. Paul Bowers stated that the person who had spoken to him was advised to go to the PLUC meeting, and was undocumented but should still have a voice.
- x. Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos stated that she was blindsided by the pretty presentation and failed to do the outreach that she usually did, and she wished that she had gone in person and checked the site. Tad replied that, "blindsided," sounds negative, but what if it was just a good presentation. Luiza responded that she usually went out and talked to people but this time the presentation was so good that she failed to do outreach. Tad asked if she thought the outreach effort was flawed or intimidating or if she thought it was good. Luiza answered that her opinion was that they would push out the neighborhood and turn it all into restaurants. She said that she was with Paul because she failed the little guy.
- xi. Michael Galano stated that, based on some comments that had been made, he did not think this was a big developer. He said

that he thought stakeholders could also be businesses in the community, and this was a very reasonable extension of hours with the patio closing at 10:00PM.

- xii. Tyan Schesser noted that there were deadline issues if it went back to reconsideration. Tad answered that they had already filed a letter.
- xiii. Jeffrey Kontorovsky stated that he was impartial to smoking marijuana, but as a point of information, it was legal in Los Angeles.
- xiv. Mike Jolly stated that the board had already seen all the information and sent the letter, so he was against reconsideration.
- xv. Tad Yenawine stated that someone would always complain, and because this person complained did not make it OK to delegitimize the hard work of PLUC and the board. He said that it was a very serious matter to consider undermining the work of the board in the light of the community. Someone would always be unhappy.
- xvi. Paul Bowers stated that, as this bar got an extension of their hours with the board's support, the only thing that mattered was how close the bar was to the residences. The residences next door were so unbelievably close that if the board passed this it would only make the board look worse. He said that it was only another example of the little guy getting trampled by the businesses where people came and made noise and then left while the people who lived there tried to live their lives. It was a restaurant but it closed at 2:00AM, like a bar.
- xvii. **The board voted on the motion to reconsider Board action taken at September Meeting to approve letter of support for continued sale of full line of alcohol in conjunction with The Holloway (existing restaurant) located at 1320 N. Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90026, with Sale of alcohol permitted between 11:00AM – 2:00AM M-Fri, 9:00AM – 2:00AM Sat & Sun (ZA-2011-1260-CUB-ZV- PA1.)**
  - 1. **In favor:** Cheryl Ortega, Paul Bowers, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Tyan Schesser, Jeffrey Kontorovsky
  - 2. **Opposed:** Richard Courtney, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Darcy Harris, Margarita Fernandez, Michael Galano, Kevin Fisher, Mike Jolly, Jim Brown, Thomas DeVoss, Tad Yenawine
  - 3. **Abstained:** Andy Griggs, Dominic Ciccodicola
  - 4. **The motion failed. [5-10-2]**

## 5. Budget and Finance Items

- a. EnrichLA was requesting \$600 to fund their Clifford Street Organic

Garden. The board was concerned whether the garden would be maintained all year. The representative from EnrichLA was present to answer questions, and stated that there is a ranger who maintains the garden year-round. She said that the \$600 would purchase materials, maintenance, and teaching materials for the garden. The total budget for the Clifford Street school program was \$7000 and the school would provide \$4,000 to \$5,000.

- i. EnrichLA serviced 82 gardens citywide, and Clifford was the only garden in Echo Park. The program worked with schools when the Principals reached out to them. They used word-of-mouth for outreach, and attended some LAUSD board meetings.
  - ii. **Kevin Fisher moved to approve \$600 for EnrichLA's Clifford Street Organic Garden NPG. Joselyn seconded this motion.**
    1. **The motion passed unanimously. [17-0]**
- b. Michael Galano updated the board on EPNC Swag. He stated that the business card was dependent on the logo being approved.
- i. David Rockello stated that swag was great, and EPNC should make some buttons with their button maker. He said that people would love to get an Echo Park NC t-shirt.
  - ii. Darcy Harris stated that the board had passed an item previously for canvas bags.
  - iii. Mike Jolly said that it is the swag that draws the most people to the table.
  - iv. Tad Yenawine said that buttons in the past had been successful and they have a button machine.
- c. Michael Galano announced that he did not have photos to share, but he knew of an artist that did the mural on Echo Park Avenue South and Sunset Boulevard. It is of three purple Asian women, and on the other side it has a Chicana Aztec element to it, with two chickens.
- i. **Michael Galano moved to postpone the mural discussion until the next regular meeting. Tad Yenawine seconded this motion.**
    1. **The motion passes unanimously. [17-0]**
- d. Michael Galano discussed purchases made in September.
- i. **Tad Yenawine moved to adopt the September 2017 MER. Kevin Fisher seconded this motion.**
    1. Andy asked whether Paypal payments to the translation service affect anything on the September MER. Michael answered that that service was in the August MER.
    2. **The motion passed unanimously. [17-0]**

## 6. Outreach

- a. Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos announced that she would like the board to do a community open altar, and get community to come in and record some oral histories. She said it would cost \$20 for a flower arch, and she had the rest of the spooky elements. She said it would be a great outreach opportunity for the neighborhood council, and they could interview people as they lay things down. Hopefully interviews would be posted on the website. She offered to put out information about the community altar, and ask for copies of pictures to leave at the altar.

- i. Cheryl Ortega moved to provide up to \$100 for EPNC participation in the Dia de los Muertos event at Echo Park on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 3:00PM to 9:00PM. Darcy Harris seconded this motion.**

1. David Rockello reminded the board that the film, Mars Attacks, would be screening at Echo Park Lake at 6:30PM. He advised participants to bring a blanket
- 2. The motion passed unanimously. [17-0]**

- b. Dominic Ciccodicola announced that he had been working with Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal on hosting a Traffic and Safety forum with the Central Traffic Division and Andrew Said of the City Attorney's office on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. He said that they wanted to allow an area for children to play during the forum. Joselyn suggested making an activity related to traffic safety.

- i. Dominic Ciccodicola moved to provide up to \$175 for printing of flyers/posters to publicize the event and for supplies for kids activities during the forum. Richard Courtney seconded this motion.**

1. David Rockello stated that he was happy that they were talking about traffic safety since the neighborhood council was not properly informed about the road diet. He said that the community needed to have these discussions to have less traffic and a safer Los Angeles.
- 2. The motion passed unanimously. [17-0]**

- c. Darcy Harris moved to provide up to \$250 for BOG to put towards parade materials, flyers, building of a float, candy, etc for the Echo Park Community Parade on December 9. Tad Yenawine seconded this motion.**

- i. David Rockello reminded the board that the theme for the Echo Park Community Parade was, "Golden Memories of Echo Park."
- ii. The motion passed unanimously. [17-0]**

- d. Andy Griggs stated that the Subcommittee of Immigrant Justice wanted that the EPNC was welcoming all people into the community by including multiple languages in the website. He said they were trying to figure out how to incorporate the languages into a poster as well.
  - i. **Andy Griggs moved to provide up to \$100 to be used by the Subcommittee of Immigrant Justice to promote awareness of the welcoming statement and other materials to be printed in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Mandarin, and Korean for posting and distribution. Cheryl Ortega seconded this motion.**
    - 1. **The motion passed unanimously. [17-0]**

7. SLCO

- a. Cheryl Ortega moved to postpone until the next regular meeting the discussion about Funding and Application protocols for community grants because the committee was writing a statement. Tad Yenawine seconded this motion.
  - i. The motion passed unanimously. [17-0]
- b. *previously discussed.*

8. Homelessness Committee

- a. **Tad Yenawine moved to opt in for the 2018 Homeless Count late Jan- providing location, volunteers, and volunteer coordinator. Jim Brown seconded this motion.**
  - i. John Darnell from EmpowerLA asked the board if they would be bringing their own food. Tad replied that they would provide snacks, but would discuss food at next month's meeting. He said they would also discuss other important things such as location and outreach to get volunteers.
  - ii. Louiza Padilla-Mavropoulos said that she helped the previous year and wondered how to get the organizers of the event more involved. Tad replied that the organizers had some turnover the previous year and were not helping as much as they usually did, but it should be better in 2018.
  - iii. Andy Griggs noted that January 23 was a scheduled board meeting so the board may want to postpone that meeting.
  - iv. Cheryl Ortega stated that she had thought the count was in one night. Tad answered that they hold the count in different areas of the city.
  - v. Richard Courtney said that the count was organized at the Echo Park United Methodist Church the previous year, and it was well organized, with 70 volunteers. He suggested

announcing the Homeless Count during the parade. He said that the previous year they had food donated from 7 11 on Berkeley and Glendale as well as VONS.

**vi. The motion passed unanimously. [17-0]**

9. Immigration Justice Ad Hoc Committee

- a. Andy Griggs announced that Los Angeles passed a resolution declaring itself a Sanctuary City. The Immigration Justice Committee wrote a CIS and was requesting input on the wording.
  - i. Cheryl Ortega suggested the CIS clearly define the word, “sanctuary.”
  - ii. Tyan Schesser asked what, “enjoins,” meant. Andy replied that it meant, “prevents.”
  - iii. Andy stated that he would share the CIS at the next Immigration Justice Committee meeting, which would be on the first Tuesday of November.
  - iv. **Tad Yenawine moved to postpone the CIS to the next meeting. Kevin Fisher seconded this motion.**
    - 1. **The motion passed unanimously. [17-0]**

*b. previously discussed*

- EPNC Chair Report

- a. Tad Yenawine announced that the November meeting would be the week after Thanksgiving, so the committees would have to have meetings very early in the month to avoid Thanksgiving.
  - i. David Rockello stated that the December meeting would have to be a week earlier due to the Christmas holiday. Tad replied that they would discuss the December meeting at the November meeting. He said that it would likely happen on December 19, 2017.
  - ii. Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos suggested having a Holiday mixer open to the public in December. Tad replied that, if the board did not have pressing items or too many empty seats, they could try to do that. He suggested putting it on the agenda for the next meeting. Michael stated that he would add it to the agenda. David Rockello announced that Grand Park Village would be having a potluck on December 12, 2017.

10. Other Administrative Items

*a. no discussion*

- b. Andy Griggs moved that the Immigrant Justice Committee become an ad hoc committee called, “the Immigrant Justice Committee.” Darcy Harris seconded this motion.**
  - i. Andy was appointed Chair of this committee.**
  - ii. Mike Jolly asked what the committee’s purpose was and what it wanted to accomplish. Andy Griggs answered that it wanted to implement welcome and create a resource for stakeholders.
  - iii. John Darnell noted that if the board was making a permanent committee then they would need to change the bylaws.
  - iv. Dominic asked if there was a limit for how many committees they could be on.
- c. no discussion*
- d. no discussion*
- e. Tad Yenawine stated that if a board member left a half an hour before the end of the meeting, then that was considered an absence. Darcy Harris said that if a board member was not sitting on a committee, he or she should start thinking about finding a committee at some point.
- f. no discussion*

## 11. Announcements

- a. David Rockello announced that the Echo Park Recreation Center, Lake Street Park Recreation Center, and Lafayette Park Recreation Center would all be hosting kid-friendly events on Halloween. Lake Street Park Recreation Center would be screening, “Nightmare Before Christmas.”
- b. Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos announced that December 17, 2017 would be, “Dinner with Santa,” at the Recreation Center on Bellevue. She said that they would also be doing something on Thanksgiving. Saturday, October 28, Louiza would be at the park at 1:00PM for the Dia de los Muertos event.
- c. Randy Waller announced that on November 15, 2017, the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council would be holding a debate town hall for State Assembly elections. The election runoff would be December 5, 2017.
- d. Tad Yenawine announced that he would be at Echo Park Lake for the Raskin Memorial Dedication on November 2, 2017.

## 12. Future Agenda Items

- a. Michael said that he would put the December mixer, the mural, and business card and swag details on the next agenda.
- b. Andy Griggs made the board aware that they would be beginning discussions on community plans.
- c. They would also be discussing food and outreach for the 2018 Homeless Count.

### 13. Adjournment

- a. **Cheryl Ortega moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24PM. Kevin Fisher seconded this motion.**