

ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, November 28, 2017,
7:00 P.M.

Echo Park United Methodist Church
Ground Floor
1226 North Alvarado Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026

1. Administrative items

a. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:02pm with 16 Board members present.

b. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Tad Yenawine, Chair
Darcy Harris, Vice Chair
Michael Galano, Treasurer
Paul Bowers, Chief Information Officer
Tyan Schesser, Secretary (arrived late)
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta (arrived late, left early)
Ida Talalla (left early)
Margarita Fernandez (left early)
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Dominic Ciccdodicola (arrived late)
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss

Non-Attending Board Members:

Andrew Knauer
Daniel Heimpel

c. Adoption of minutes

Kevin Fisher made the motion to approve the September minutes. Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded.

Paul Bowers said that neighbors are weighing in with new information regarding intimidation. There is fear on the part of neighbors regarding opposition of alcohol hours for projects.

VOTE
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

(Note: Connie Acosta has arrived and voted.)

Darcy Harris said that she wants to postpone approval of the October minutes. There are errors in the vote counts. Kevin Fisher seconded Harris' motion.

VOTE to postpone October minutes
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

2. Community/Government reports

a. Government agencies and officers

Robert Solorio, Senior Lead Officer, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD):

SLO Solorio advised stakeholders to be careful. Hide valuables. About 90% of things stolen are things left in view. Often cars aren't even locked. These are crimes of opportunity for burglaries. Keep aware.

He offered help with problems and mediation. It's the holidays. Reach out and help people in need, he urged.

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal asked about dispute resolution. SLO Solorio mentioned the role of the neighborhood prosecutor within the City Attorney's Office.

Tad Yenawine told SLO Solorio that your name came up in a positive way in the homeless community meeting. You're a great model for those issues.

SLO Solorio said we're putting on 6 forums in Rampart next year. These will offer resources for homelessness and immigration. They are still in the planning stages. They will probably occur in churches where people feel safe. All are welcome. Come learn about resources and issues.

Peter Shaw, a new deputy to Congressman Jimmy Gomez, 34th District:

He said that he is new and wants to introduce himself, along with a colleague.

Mario Hernandez, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE):

He spoke about conflicts of interest. If you haven't contacted the City Attorney's Office about an issue, consider a recusal, he urged.

He said that Civic University 2.0 begins in January to help stakeholders better understand and engage with City government. We want each neighborhood council to send at least two members, at least one male and one female.

He reminded Board members that neighborhood councils are required to send inventory lists of items purchased with public funds.

Regarding the use of neighborhood council funds, all approvals must be submitted by May 20. June 1 will be final day to submit payment requests for the current fiscal year.

(Note: Tyan Schesser and Dominic Ciccodicola arrived at 7:16pm. There are now 19 Board members present.)

Hernandez announced that there is a new definition of "stakeholder" in the works.

Separately, he said that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) has created a funding equity workgroup. The Echo Park Neighborhood Council has submitted 4 applications. Meetings will begin January 17 at a location to be announced. Selections will be made next month.

He added that the bylaw amendment process is now open until April 15.

Cheryl Ortega and Mike Jolly said that they'd both emailed the City Attorney about recusals but didn't get a response. Mike said that that non-response is not acceptable.

Paul Bowers offered an update from Juan Fregoso, field deputy for Council District 13:

They are still waiting for a lighting request. The traffic study is getting closer.

c. EPNC Chair Report

Tad Yenawine spoke about service calls regarding the patio of Holloway. The LAPD has concerns about their application and they are getting involved, he said.

Separately, Yenawine said that Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos is working toward a holiday mixer. It might be nice to combine that with a retreat in December.

Regarding State legislation AB562 for single payer healthcare, Yenawine said we're still trying to come up with a recommendation. This is an important moment for health care and the State of California.

e. Other Committee Chair and liaison reports

Aging, Parks & Health Committee: Ida Talalla said that we want to write a Community Impact Statement (CIS) but that was postponed. It would be a statement about the homeless. There are concerns that libraries and parks didn't have the resources to handle their needs. We want to include funds for that.

Outreach Committee: Dominic Ciccodicola said we had a good meeting a few weeks ago. We are looking for 1-2 members to fill out the committee to help with the design of flyers and events. We created initial social media guidelines for the Board. There are lots of things on this agenda.

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos said we had a nice turnout for Day Of The Dead in the park. This was the first such event. Ciccodicola added that it was great and community oriented.

Public Works, Public Safety & Sustainability Committee: Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal and Kevin Fisher said we met November 2. A draft CIS was discussed. Geaga-Rosenthal said we were planning a town hall meeting but that was postponed. Juan Fregoso said that DONE postponed actions on Vision Zero until February. Our next Committee meeting is December 5.

Homeless Committee: Sarah Smith said we had a good meeting a couple of weeks ago. We discussed a letter about Proposition H and also discussed homelessness.

Bylaws Committee: Darcy Harris said the Committee will reconvene in January to consider new bylaws changes and standing rules.

Immigrant Justice Committee: Darcy Harris said that Andy Griggs has said that next Committee meeting will be December 5 here.

Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC): Darcy Harris said we have one stakeholder seat open. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month here.

Bylaws Committee: There is an open seat, said Tad Yenawine.

Budget Advocate Committee: Richard Courtney sought notification about early white paper recommendations regarding Budget Day. Let Connie Acosta or Courtney know about your concerns. Acosta spoke about attending a City Planning meeting regarding the small lot subdivision ordinance. Planning has approved the ordinance. Now it needs City Council approval to move forward. She added that the affordable housing linkage fee amount is still being negotiated. There will be four regions for this.

Dodgers Committee: Richard Courtney said that there will be a December meeting to wrap up the year.

Communications Committee: Paul Bowers said we got a call from United Waste regarding ARC and Andy Grigg's committee. They want to do a presentation or town hall for 5-10 minutes.

Schools, Libraries & Community Organizations Committee: Cheryl Ortega said we had visitors from Homies Unidos to discuss refugees. However, it was too short notice to get it onto the agenda for the Committee.

f. Presentation by Sanctuary Hospital Organization

Rebecca Prediletto, registered nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital:

She said that she works in delivery. She is speaking on behalf of a doctor who heads Urgent Care at USC County Hospital.

There are only two ways to leave a hospital: through morgue or through the doors. Sometimes there is someone waiting for you that you don't want to see. As a nurse, I'm there to keep you as safe as possible. I'm there to take care of you.

You enter a hospital one of three ways: a direct admission that is pre-planned; maybe you're coming to see me because you're having a baby; or like most people, you come through the emergency room and it's entirely unplanned.

The added pressure... Yenawine interrupted her presentation to explain what it was about: Sanctuary and Law Enforcement.

She continued. Two nights ago, Sunday night, a guy walks up to Nurses' Station. He asks for the Face Sheet and sticker. The Face Sheet has all your information. It is protected by Federal Law. This was an LAPD detective investigating domestic violence. You can interview a patient until the patient says that's enough. The Man asked for the Face Sheet and Sticker. Her supervisor said to provide it. It was wrong. It was foul. It was awful.

Health care workers can't keep you safe if we are being compelled to cooperate with law enforcement. Some of that cooperation is happening. My patients deserve the very best from me. They shouldn't have to worry about who's waiting on the other side of the doors.

She wants downtown area hospitals to make a positive statement saying patients are welcome and employees won't cooperate with law enforcement without your consent.

Yenawine said that for us to make a statement, things have to happen. We need definitions. What is missing is a specific indemnification for health care workers. Prediletto said we would be happy to speak with your Immigration Committee about this.

Cheryl Ortega said that since last January 20, the schools are considered sanctuary places. Law can go there with specific authority for a specific person. The Los Angeles Unified School

District (LAUSD) is very vigilant about that. Nothing prevents people from waiting 2 feet away from the entrance of schools. It seems logical that hospitals should fall under that same protection. A motion of sanctuary is good.

g. Presentation by Amit Thakkar from Councilman Ryu's office, *founder of LAWMAKER (www.lawmaker.io)*:

He is a political consultant and recovering lobbyist based in Silver Lake. He became a lobbyist at 21-years-old. Ten years later, there was a political crisis.

Lawmaker is one month old for anyone who wants to propose a new law. When they build a large enough coalition online they can engage with public officials. All of this is for free. The purpose of "lawmaker:" is to give people a sense of political power. You don't need to use your name but we need an address.

We are working with Council Member David Ryu. He offered a 30-day challenge. The policy that has the most support on December 11 will be the one enacted. People are proposing ideas via lawmaker. We need a legitimate address for you. We are Non-partisan.

Paul Bowers commented that some of our homeless have great ideas.

Dakar said that the organization is a two person team. Many young people feel they don't have a voice. Young people, the homeless, felons, etc can all have a voice via the website.

He said that politicians feel that constituents don't care so that allows politicians to do what they like.

3. Public Comment

David Rockello, former EPNC President and current Rampart Village Neighborhood Council President:

He spoke about the Echo Park Holiday Parade. Friday is kick off for the grand event. Kids will dance from the elementary school at the farmers market at 5pm. They will announce the winner of the art contest. He has flyers.

He mentioned an invitation for December 12 for a holiday potluck at St. Anne's (there will also be a meeting too). There will be lots of food.

Hopefully politicians will show up. The 53rd district assemblyman will attend.

Rockello noted that December 5 is Election Day. Please vote!

Darcy Harris said that on Saturday there will be the Elysian Heights Elementary School fundraising event with a movie and an appearance by Batman. This begins at 5pm.

5. Budget and Finance Items. Discussion and possible action re the following:

a. NPG application from Lake Street Rec Center in the amount of up to \$1000 for Holiday Festival on December 16, 2017

Yenawine said that he wants to move up fundraising items for the recreation center. This is not a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG). Bowers seconded. This is an outreach event with funding of up to \$1,000.

This is for a holiday festival on December 16. This is time sensitive so it didn't go through committee.

Jeremy said this will be our biggest event ever. We are partnering with a Filipino American organization.

We do breakfast with Santa every year. Some 300 people participated last year. Free. We expect 600 people there this year. There will be live music. We're moving the event outdoors. We expect 300 kids and 600 people total.

We're applying for funding because those numbers will double. This is a great opportunity to engage with old Filipino town. We would welcome your participation. The LAPD will participate too.

Yenawine made a motion to support funding for the Lake Street Recreation Center. Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded.

David Rockello said that it's a really great event with Santa Claus, pancakes, and lots of kids.

Jeffrey Kontorovsky asked who will play Santa? George, who's done it for years, replied Jeremy.

Cheryl Ortega asked about guidelines about amounts of grants? Does this exceed them?

DONE's Hernandez said that NPGs can only go to 501c3 non-profit tax status organizations or schools. You can have the Recreation and Parks Department bill the neighborhood council for booth space or sponsorship.

Ortega said that she is concerned because of others who have asked for NPGs that didn't get funding because of funding limits. Yenawine said that this is not an election year so funding is freed up.

Darcy Harris proposed an amendment to \$800 which is our limit. Connie Acosta seconded. Rockello said it's \$200. They need the money.

I. Approval of October 2017 MER.

Treasurer Michael Galano said to look at the Monthly Expense Report (MER). There is a \$600 NPG outstanding. We don't have a history of doing Community Improvement Projects (CIPs). Yenawine that that's \$600 that we budgeted but haven't used.

Galano said that total operations are lumped together. About \$8,000 has been allocated to elections, said Yenawine. Galano said that there are two outstanding bills. There is \$6,150 for NPGs and CIPs, not including elections funding. So up to \$14,000 is available.

Bowers said we don't have an election this year so we have a lot more money to play with. Take that into consideration. Padilla-Mavropoulos said we have people sleeping in cars. People are hurting. They need help. \$200 won't kill us.

Ortega asked should we go back to the two groups that asked for \$1,000 and give them \$200 more each? Yenawine said that nothing prevents them from reapplying. Harris said that when we create guidelines, we should follow them. We should be consistent.

How do the homeless relate to this event, asked Padilla Mavropoulos. Jeremy, a representative for the event, said that historically, the attendees are people from the community. Traditionally, it's people in need seeking a free meal and a toy. The homeless are welcome but there is no specific outreach to them. One-hundred percent of the people come from Echo Park. Everyone wants a toy for their kid to open on Christmas, commented Padilla-Mavropoulos.

Jeremy said that if you approve \$1,000 we would be absolutely appreciative. However, we would also be appreciative at \$800. We don't want that to be a point of contention.

VOTE for \$800 amendment

10-8-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Cheryl Ortega
Richard Courtney
Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Dominic Ciccodicola
Tyan Schesser

No Votes:

Kevin Fisher
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Thomas DeVoss
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Mike Jolly
Jim Brown
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Sarah Smith

Abstentions:

Ida Talalla

VOTE for amended motion of \$800

19-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

2. Community/Government reports -- REVISITED

a. Government agencies and officers

*Paul Sams, Los Angeles Fire Department, Fire station #3 on Pico.
along with colleague Marcus:*

We serve Echo Park, Silver Lake, etc.

He mentioned the Spark Of Love, a toy donations box that all LAFD fire stations have.

There is a holiday focus on safety. He noted that there is a brush fire risk. Brush is very dry. People turn on heaters. Keep things at least 3 ft away from heaters. We see lots of fires from people who forgot to turn off stoves. He noted the risk of electrical fires with Christmas trees and power strips.

He spoke of smoke detectors. Check them every time you change the time, twice a year. He recommends to close doors at night between rooms. This helps save lives.

People are getting sick. He recommends flu shots.

Regarding drinking for the holidays he expressed concern about traffic accidents. There are ride share companies now so there is no excuse.

He also mentioned family and the need to call loved ones.

There are lots of vacant buildings right now. People create warming fires in them. Report that.

Regarding the opiate crisis, he recommended nasal narcan as a tool to help reverse the effects of an opiate overdose. This can help save lives.

Yenawine asked what are overdose signs? They stop breathing. They are unconscious, said Sams. LAFD representative Marcus recommended calling 911. Sams advised to take a CPR class. Studies show that giving compression can be more effective than mouth to mouth.

4. PLUC

Discussion and/or possible action on the following:

- a. PLUC [5-0] adopting letter from NC Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) to Los Angeles City Council in support of establishing a 2,500-ft setback around oil and gas extraction fields for residents health, safety, and to mitigate environmental hazards - Council File 17-0447.

Darcy Harris explained the letter that the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance signed onto. Our Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC) voted to support this.

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal made the motion. Richard Courtney seconded.

Padilla-Mavropoulos said I have a disconnect in my head. Many schools are built on toxic soils. So what does this do? I don't get it? Harris explained that homes, hospitals, and schools within 2500 ft of this will be shut down.

Padilla-Mavropoulos asked what happens to a neighborhood in proximity? Geaga-Rosenthal said it closes oil wells but doesn't evict neighbors. Ortega said that shutting the well doesn't detoxify the area. Many batteries are buried.

Padilla-Mavropoulos asked why are they doing it now? Yenawine replied better late than never.

VOTE for letter

17-2-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:

Mike Jolly
Thomas DeVoss

Abstentions:

None

Tom DeVoss said I understand the intent but I don't understand the point. Mike Jolly said this would shut every oil well in the City of Los Angeles. Maybe focus on state level intervention? There are so many oil wells here over the past 1.5 centuries. There are other ways to take care of this problem. He wants a more reasonable response.

Acosta asked how can we amend that? Harris explained that this is a take it or leave it letter, it's a sustainability alliance document. We can't edit this letter.

Yenawine said this letter is being sent to several neighborhood councils. It's to be presented with a great deal of weight from the neighborhood councils.

2. Community/Government reports -- REVISITED

a. Government agencies and officers

Paul Sams, Los Angeles Fire Department, wanted to further discussion resuscitation of unconscious patients via chest compression. He clarified that it's better to combine this with mouth to mouth. But at least do chest compression.

Rebecca Prediletto, the registered nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital, suggested to call 911. Stick around. Rescue breathing. The person will need appropriate stimulation. Talk to the patient. Ask if he's okay?

4. PLUC -- CONTINUED

Discussion and/or possible action on the following:

a. PLUC [5-0] adopting letter from NC Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) to Los Angeles City Council in support of establishing a 2,500-ft setback around oil and gas extraction fields for residents health, safety, and to mitigate environmental hazards - Council File 17-0447.

Yenawine explained that the letter organizers don't want changes.

Tyan Schesser said that if an environmental group is fighting for good, we should support them. You'll have to deal with reality anyway.

Galano commented that the 2500 foot limit seems vague. Yenawine said we can make changes with the CIS that follows this letter. Fisher said the 2,500 foot limit is designed to put every oil well out of business. Let's be realistic. It's a nice gesture.

VOTE
12-1-6
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Cheryl Ortega
Sarah Smith
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:
Mike Jolly

Abstentions:
Tom DeVoss
Ida Talalla
Kevin Fisher
Jim Brown
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Jeffrey Kontorovsky

b. PLUC [5-0] submitting CIS in support of proposed ordinance establishing 2,500-ft setback around oil and gas extraction fields - Council File 17-0447.

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal made the motion. Darcy Harris seconded.

Mike Jolly offered an amendment: "2500 ft. or proper environment containment of a site so that it doesn't adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood:" Kevin Fisher seconded.

VOTE
14-0-5
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:

Tad Yenawine
Tyan Schesser
Cheryl Ortega
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

**VOTE for Amended letter.
19-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

5. Budget and Finance Items -- CONTINUED

Treasurer Michael Galano reported that net funding available for the remainder of the fiscal year is \$26,864 including all rent payments and outstanding bills. Yenawine said we need an amended budget to react to the lack of an election. Can you prepare that for the next meeting? Galano said yes. We have \$8,000 to reallocate because elections are pushed back to the next

fiscal year. We have almost \$27,000 to spend over the next 7 months to help our community. Harris asked are we on track with office and outreach spending?

b. NPG application from Homies Unidos in the amount of up to \$2,600 below inflation for the Central American Youth Leadership Conference on December 8, 2017c

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council President David Rockello said that his neighborhood council gave them \$500. Ortega said this is essentially for the unaccompanied minors. She made a motion for \$800. Seconded by Darcy Harris.

Margarita Fernandez said they haven't responded to us. We don't see them and they haven't sent flyers. Yenawine said that they did. Padilla-Mavropoulos explained that we had an extended meeting that night and they had to leave.

Connie Acosta said she wanted to amend the amount to \$1,600. Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded. Bowers said he doesn't want random amounts. We still need guidelines. Margarita Fernandez and Ida Talalla agreed. Talalla said she wants the original motion of \$800. Jolly said the \$800 limit was made to spread the wealth.

Yenawine said we can't retroactively fund an event. This doesn't exclusively serve Echo Park but it's an outstanding event that deserves our support. This application hasn't been through a committee. There has been no budget and finance committee discussion. It was presented at the last minute.

VOTE on amended amount of \$1,600
2-15-2
FAILED

Yes Votes:

Connie Acosta
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Abstentions:

Dominic Ciccodicola
Michael Galano

No Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers

Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser

VOTE for \$800 original motion
19-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

c. Outreach (3-0-0) EPNC hosting of Traffic and Safety forum with Mike Feuer, City Attorney (or other rep), LADOT, LAPD, etc on January 25 and

to request up to \$150 for publicity, printing, and materials for children's activity area

Darcy Harris made the motion. Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal seconded.

Sarah Smith asked is the 25th date confirmed? I still don't have the date for the homeless count. The timing of the forum would be 7pm to 9pm.

Ciccodicola offered an amendment to "date to be decided". Galano seconded.

VOTE for amendment

19-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

VOTE for amended motion

19-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

d. Outreach (3-0-0) up to \$150 for printing and distribution of Homeless Count flyers as designed/approved by the homeless committee

Darcy Harris made the motion. Dominic Ciccodicola seconded.

Mike Jolly asked can we do this on smart phones and save trees? Ida Talalla noted that not everyone has computers and smart phones. We need to watch our language. People can't afford it or have disabilities. Yenawine said this has always been an issue. A significant portion of this community doesn't have access to the internet. A woman in the audience said 30% of Echo Park residents don't have access.

VOTE

19-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

e. Outreach (3-0-0) up to \$150 for printing and distribution of small leaflets and poster with a map of the EPNC district boundaries and email contact info for the corresponding representatives as well as the at large reps.

Harris made the motion. Geaga-Rosenthal seconded.

Bowers commented that this doesn't show our new District 6. Harris said that's not in effect until the next election. A librarian said people want to know where are the boundaries. Laminate it and do it right.

Padilla-Mavropoulos said my name is misspelled. Ciccodicola said to send corrections to him. Talalla asked why are we calling ourselves "Greater Echo Park"? Bowers said this is just a mock up

Jolly asked can this go onto the website? Yenawine said I believe it's there. Galano said that he wants a bigger flyer with a bigger map. Geaga-Rosenthal said I like the size. Yenawane noted that 50 of these cost us \$20 because of the color. He wants a more

cost effective way to print these. Bowers said he wants to increase the amount. Yenawine said we can't do that at this meeting. Ciccodicola said that the last time we did a color printing, we found money. I think this will pay for 350 flyers.

VOTE
19-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

f. Outreach (3-0-0) up to \$1,700 for business cards

Bowers made the motion. Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded.

Fisher explained that it's 2 NPGs plus \$100. Ciccodicola said there is great value to having general cards.

VOTE
18-1-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:

Jim Brown

Abstentions:

None

Acosta commented that she's spoken with the copy shop.

g. Outreach (3-0-0) up to \$1,000 for ordering of reusable bags with approved EPNC logo

Yenawine explained that these will be handed out at the Farmer's Market. Ciccodicola added that this will be double sided. Talalla advised let's explore a number of vendors. Ciccodicola said we have explored with other vendors.

VOTE
19-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers

Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

h. Outreach (3-0-0) up to \$600 for ordering of logo'd outreach items including T-shirts and Buttons.

Bowers made the motion. Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded. Talalla warned that that's a lot of money to hand out things indiscriminately. People collect this. Ciccodicola said that T-shirts have been replaced by pens. Jolly said we need our branding out there. There are few people in the audience now. We need public participation. Bowers said he's in favor of this. Acosta said we should add T-shirts to this packet. We also need to find a good meeting point.

VOTE

19-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

- i. Outreach (3-0-0) up to \$250 for an EPNC Holiday Mixer and Toy giveaway in conjunction with LAFD and Transforming Hunger (Proposed Dates: Tuesday, Dec 19 5p-7p, alt date Sat the 23rd)

Kevin Fisher made the motion with the dates to be decided. Ortega seconded.

VOTE

19-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith

Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

j. Outreach (3-0-0) up to \$200 to host a contest for local students to design a poster/sticker with the phrase/theme "Echo Park Welcomes All" or Echo Park Welcomes Everyone".

Fisher made the motion. Harris seconded.

Yenawine asked aren't you people tired? Ortega noted that another committee has this same agenda item. She wants this in different languages. Stickers are useless. They disappear within a week. Rockello said I have a problem with the word "host".

VOTE

19-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

k. Homeless (3-0-0) up to \$250 for supplies for Homeless Count participation, including snacks, beverages, flyers, other printed materials

Fisher made the motion. Kontorovsky seconded. Padilla-Mavropoulos advised to also call L A Kitchen.

VOTE
19-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

Harris made the motion. Yenawine seconded.

VOTE
19-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

6. Outreach

- a. Outreach (3-0-0) Discussion and possible action on committees to staff farmer's market booth, taking turns every other week to engage with the stakeholders of the Echo Park farmer's market beginning January 12

Ciccodicola said we'll start doing Farmers' Markets again on January 12. Bowers said that it's a brilliant idea to have every committee represented. Galano asked what are the hours? Acosta advised to committee chairs that committee members who don't do anything should go.

7. SLCO

a. Discussion and Possible action on Funding and Application protocols for community grants including NPG and CIP guidelines and policies

Ortega said this is from the Schools, Libraries Committee. We are open to suggestion. These are guidelines to determine who gets grants. *Yenawine said we want a rational process. He offered an amendment. It should say \$800 for NPGs. Add language such as "appropriate forum". Strike the last sentence.*

Talalla expressed concerns that it's such a hostile letter going out. It lacks warmth and is not as welcoming as it should be. There needs to be much greater warmth. Yenawine cut her off. Does she want to refer the motion back to committee? *Fernandez said she also wants to send this back to committee.*

(Note: Darcy Harris is now chairing this discussion).

VOTE to refer back to committee
11-7-1
PASSED

No Votes (Partial List):

Mike Jolly
Kevin Fisher
Jim Brown
Richard Courtney
Michael Galano

Abstentions:

Cheryl Ortega

8. Homelessness Committee

a. Discussion and possible action regarding opting in for the 2018 Homeless Count Jan 23-24 -- providing location, volunteers, volunteer coordinator, and food (passed by Homelessness 3-0)

Yenawine said that he wants to table this item.

b. Discussion and possible action on letter from Ground Game regarding Measure H

(Note: Margarita Fernandez and Ida Talalla left at 9:53pm.)

Sarah Smith introduced the item, which is asking Board members to sign onto this letter, which involves some Measure H funding.

Ace Kahano, Ground Game:

Voters approved Measure H which includes services for the homeless.

He is an LA County Public Defender. He says that what's been happening is both tragic and disruptive. Recently, LAPD made a request for \$500,000 to fund teams that raid camps. This includes Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and other City agencies but may not include social workers. The County tabled that request.

We have observed that LAPD and the Sheriff's Office making proactive offers to lead communities. We request to send a message to City government. They have reached out to other neighborhood councils and residents of Silver Lake.

Jim Brown made the motion. Acosta seconded. Jolly asked is there a need for the LAPD to be there? Kahano said an LAPD presence can be counter productive. Some 254 arrests have been made. Brown said we have lengthy conversations about this at the Homeless Committee meeting. We thought it was a good idea. That's why this is here. Ciccodicola asked is this part of a City approved strategy to combat homeless?

VOTE
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss

Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9. Public Safety

a. PSPWS [3-0] CIS in opposition to Proposed Ordinance Criminalizing
Minor Infractions of Rules for City Facilities - Council File 17-0363

Kevin Fisher said that government is messy. People should be allowed to disagree without being criminalized. Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded.

VOTE for CIS
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

10. Immigration Justice Ad Hoc Committee

- a. Discussion and possible action on a CIS in support of Council File 17-1040 - City of Sanctuary / Mayors Executive Directive 20 / Human Rights Protection

Ortega said that she wants to postpone this. Yenawine asked is this time sensitive?

(Note: Connie Acosta left at 10:09pm.)

Ortega withdrew her motion. The Board is now moving this as written. Fisher seconded.

VOTE for CIS as written.

15-1-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Paul Bowers
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Mike Jolly
Sarah Smith
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Tyan Schesser
Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes:

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Abstentions:

None

11. Other Administrative items 10 minutes 10:10 pm Discussion and/or possible action on the following:

- a. Selection of open BOG officer positions and Liaisons

- b. Formation of new committees
- c. Modification of scope of work for existing committees including possibly merging committees
- d. Confirmation/appointment of committee chairs
- e. Board members eligible for removal, motions to remove for next meeting

Yenawine said that he wants to postpone all of this.

12. Announcements

none.

13. Future Agenda Items

Padilla-Mavropoulos discussed the community's children and families that are in need. She needs details so that they can be put on a list to receive toys. She has a list of 70-80 kids from all over Echo Park.

14. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:13pm.