

ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, December 19, 2017,
7:00 P.M.

Echo Park United Methodist Church
1226 N. Alvarado St.
Los Angeles, CA 90026

1. Administrative items

a. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:06pm with 12 Board members present.

b. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Tad Yenawine, Chair

Darcy Harris, Vice Chair

Paul Bowers, Chief Information Officer

Connie Acosta

Ida Talalla (arrived late)

Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous (left early)

Cheryl Ortega

Andy Griggs

Jim Brown

Thomas DeVoss

Dominic Ciccodicola

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Non-Attending Board Members:

Kevin Fisher

Sarah Smith

Mike Jolly

Michael Galano, Treasurer

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Margarita Fernandez

Tyan Schesser

c. Adoption of minutes

Chair Ted Yenawine said that he wants to postpone the approval of the November and October draft minutes. Vice Chair Darcy Harris seconded the motion. However, Connie Acosta objected because she needs some information from the documents. Chief Information Officer Paul Bowers said that he wants to forward some of the information from the draft minutes to the Board.

VOTE
12-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

2. Community/Government reports:

a. Government agencies and officers

Mary Kim, Neighborhood Council Associate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), mary.kim@lacity.org, (213) 978-1551, www.empowerla.org:

She said that this is her first time here. She is representing John Darnell.

There are no new updates from DONE. However, Bylaws are now open for revisions. We've been sending emails about this. Separately, Inventory is continuing. People will come around to ensure that this gets done.

She also said that neighborhood council treasurers should be aware of funding deadlines.

Stephen Chau, Deputy for Congressman Jimmy Gomez, 34th District:

He brought constituent hand guides here as gifts. Andy Griggs asked for cards.

b. Community Organizations

Joan:

She thanked the neighborhood council for a dedication ceremony. The backpacks that you sponsored were given to the library. You all did a good job.

Yenawine noted that there is a woman involved with Chinatown preservation here tonight. Therefore, he wants to address that agenda sooner

c. EPNC Chair Report

Yenawine spoke about the function of neighborhood councils. There is a lack of focus about definition and power of neighborhood councils that is frustrating.

(Note: Ida Talalla arrived at 7:14pm. There are now 13 board members.)

Yenawine urged stakeholders to use the neighborhood council to create a public forum to discuss issues and constructive solutions. We won't solve everyone's issues but we can have really rich discussions. We can advance our thinking.

e. Other Committee Chair and liaison reports

Aging, Parks & Health Committee: Ida Talalla said the Committee didn't meet because of conflicts with schedule and seasonal programs. Our program begins in January with a focus on evacuation for seniors and the community. We want the Los Angeles Fire Department and first responders to give us lectures on various subjects. We want to encourage seniors on issues of advocacy for themselves and the community.

Homeless Committee: Jim Brown said the group is still awaiting more information regarding the homeless count. He's not sure of the date for the annual event.

Communications Committee: Chief Information Officer Paul Bowers said that if you're interested in social media, please see me.

Yenawine said that the Homeless Count will be January 25. You can register online for this. He said that the St. Athanasius Church, the Echo Park United Methodist Church, and the Los Angeles Police Department will host a forum on homeless issues as one of the community meetings to advance awareness of homeless issues. They want to send services to the homeless and create safe spaces for them. They also want storage and sanitary facilities for them too. The first meeting will be held on January 15 at 5:45 for dinner and music followed by the meeting. This will happen on the Martin Luther King holiday at the St. Athanasius Church.

Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC): Darcy Harris said we just filled our last vacant seat. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings.

Bylaws Committee: Darcy Harris said that the next meeting will happen at the end of January. We'll start with the Standing Rules. She added that there is one vacant seat for a stakeholder.

Budget Advocate Committee: Richard Courtney said that Regional Budget Day will be held in January for Region 7. We don't have date yet.

Dodgers Committee: Richard Courtney said the group will meet January 8, at 6pm, here. We are hounding Council District (CD) 1 for a traffic study. We are following up on that.

Outreach Committee: Dominic Ciccodicola said that the first Farmers' Market for 2018 will be January 12. Production and planning activities for the Committee happen on the second Wednesday of each month.

Alliance of River Committees: Andy Griggs said that some members attended Boyle Heights meeting because they discussed the community plan. We'll be up soon.

Immigrant Justice Committee: Andy Griggs referred to agenda item 10. He also mentioned that he had a visit from the pastor of the St. Athanasius Church. They are setting up an immigration resource center near there. We'll work with them.

Schools, Libraries & Community Organizations Committee: Cheryl Ortega said that the group lost a member. She encourages people to join. We want to invite all neighborhood schools to a get-to-know-you meeting.

Outreach Committee: Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos said there was a holiday outreach event earlier tonight here at the church. We did an outreach of a toy giveaway for kids. The party happened but the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) didn't deliver the toys. They will do so but not tonight. We will distribute them at St. Athanasius Church. There is leftover food from tonight's event, she noted.

My husband's health issues have become severe and my husband's health has declined. Therefore I must step down as Committee Chair. I enjoyed that. She mentioned the farmers' market, Los Dias des Muertos, and Ciclavia among her accomplishments.

Public Works, Public Safety & Sustainability Committee: Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal said we have been meeting on first Tuesday of each month. Hot topics: maintenance of ep lake. Concern about lack of budget. reviewing the city sustainability plan and its topics and goals. Idea to advocate for making the single use plastic bottles illegal in our district.

Yenawine asked what is the budget for maintaining the lake? Geaga-Rosenthal said a contractor receives \$360,000 currently including purification and renovation but there is no specific maintenance budget.

Yenawine said that a person told him that it would be about \$50,000. That's not a lot of money. A Woman asked can more funds be directed from rents at the lake toward maintenance?

Aging, Parks & Health Committee's Ida Talalla said a request has been made to the City Council and to the Mayor to increase the budget for park maintenance citywide but specifically for Echo Park. We don't separate the lake from the park. We have concerns about trees that should not have been taken down. Any variation in the park should be done through a hearing process, said Talalla.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items, one minute per speaker

Connie Acosta:

She spoke about the Apartments Association of Southern California. Rental groups want to put an item on next year's ballots. They want a venue for a presentation to begin a dialogue with public. Can we use this room in January, she asked.

6. Outreach

Discussion and/or possible action on the following:

c. Discussion and possible action regarding a letter of support for proposed neighborhood council will include the existing HCNC Victor Heights district which has a western border along Everett Street.
[Outreach Cmte 2-0]

This would be our neighborhood council to our South. It would be a subdivision with Chinatown.

Wendy Cheung said we want to divide that neighborhood council into two neighborhood councils. We want the Echo Park Neighborhood Council to consider offering a letter of support.

Steven Chau said that he is speaking as stakeholder only and not as a Jimmy Gomez representative. HCNC (Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council) has struggles. It has limited capacities and resources. Proposed boundary would include neighborhoods with rooted residential bases, the historical area around Chinatown and Olvera Street.

Wendy Cheung said the application is due January 15. We also have a petition for outreach. Andy Griggs said that we voted 2-0 in support of the letter on the Outreach Committee. However, we are concerned about the border issue. Talalla said I'd like to see a map of the boundaries.

Yenawine explained that in Chinatown there are several Board members. They have complicated issues. The Board wants to apportion Neighborhood Purposes Grants. It's a big equity issue. There are radically different issues at stake. Chinatown has very low income levels. This is really an equity issue.

Yenawine stressed that there will be no boundary changes with this subdivision; any subdivision must incorporate the same external boundaries that currently exist between HCNC and EPNC.

Acosta asked Little Tokyo and the Arts District will no longer be a part of it? The answer was no. Acosta replied okay then I support it.

Yenawine said this would effectively double the budget. When they first proposed a neighborhood council, Chinatown almost had enough people to form its own neighborhood council. Richard Courtney asked what is the feeling inside? Is it pro? There's a lot of infighting because of diversity.

Steven Chau replied that the diversity issue is the main reason. There are diverse languages: Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, etc. Many of the funds allocated go toward translations. That really strains programs. He cannot speak to any position of the HCNC board.

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos said that it seems like gentrifiers are coming in. I haven't seen you at any neighborhood council meetings. Wendy Cheung said that she and Steven are on a volunteer committee. I don't like the idea of what you're up to, said Padilla-Mavropoulos.

Steven Chau said I attended the neighborhood council meeting last month. There was a large group of Chinese people there. Many were seniors opposed to development. That neighborhood council is spread thin.

Yenawine explained that the Arts District is extremely well organized. By contrast, Chinatown development goes through a business improvement district. There is a conflict of interest. A new neighborhood council would protect people under fire from development. Padilla-Mavropoulos reminded the group that the small lot ordinance was set up to help people but it's displacing them too.

Talalla asked if you need an extra \$42,000, why doesn't DONE just give you more money for language issues. Regarding the splitting of the neighborhood council, we need more thoughtful resolutions, said Talalla.

(Note: Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos left the meeting at 7:54pm.)

Acosta said Chinatown is definitely a community. I support the division. Bowers concurred. I taught in Chinatown for 3 years. I

support the division. At present, smaller districts are disenfranchised, said Bowers.

Harris said that she was speaking in support of this. The Arts District is a vastly different neighborhood and they do dominate the meetings in terms of development issues. The rest of the neighborhood council is not effectively represented. There is too much divergence of interests at the moment.

Griggs said I also support this. It's an issue of representation, not of money. With a committee examining reapportioning money within DONE, money issues may change.

A Woman said there was lots of effort within Chinatown to create affordable housing, not in the Arts District. I support this.

Steven Chau said that Chinatown is a very unique place in the City of Los Angeles. He cited the area's architecture and culture. If you want to advocate for certain neighborhoods, there wouldn't be anything historic going on.

Acosta made a motion to support. Bowers seconded.

VOTE
12-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

4. PLUC

Discussion and/or possible action on the following:

a. [PLUC 6-0-1] Letter of Opposition to proposed Zone Change from Residential to Commercial in connection with new construction of a one story building - to include a 6,234 sq. ft. floor area for retail and 2,007 sq. ft. floor area for restaurants with 32 on-site parking spaces -- at vacant corner lot at 1455-1461 North Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

Harris explained that this came to PLUC in November. The site is a vacant lot. The applicant wants to build a 7,000 sq ft. restaurant, etc. They didn't attend the last meeting. There was lots of stakeholder opposition for various reasons. PLUC felt it should be a mixed use project. They didn't want to do that. PLUC voted to oppose the zone change. It looks like a medical center.

A Woman asked about parking: Harris said there would be 32 spaces.

Harris made the motion. Bowers seconded.

Acosta said that everything stated at the meeting should be included, not just a summary. The summaries have been summarized. She wants an amendment to include the page with points as an attachment. Thomas DeVoss seconded.

Talalla said that instead of bullet points, they should be numbered so it's easier to follow. You should elaborate about onsite parking. She said that she is speaking in favor of the motion but wants expansion.

Yenawine offered an amendment to add the attachment but keep the letter unchanged. Bowers said that he would abstain.

Acosta said that she wants to change the bullets to numbers but Yenawine overruled her. Talalla asked why? Yenawine said I don't want to open discussion about this now. Talalla objected, noting that we are ahead of time. Acosta said I'll number it when I go home.

Harris said that she is opposed. We always draft summaries. It's not appropriate to then detail everything said at the meeting. Courtney said I agree with Harris. The one-pager has all the oppositional points. It's all very clear. Griggs said I oppose this.

Ciccodicola said I'm in favor of this. It's great to give as much information as possible. Acosta said I will number this attachment and send it to Planning separately, as an individual. I'll tell them that these are the notes that I took. I will get together with Talalla to expand on this. Yenawine asked are you withdrawing the amendment? Acosta said I'll wait for the vote.

VOTE for amendment
2-7-3
FAILED

Yes Votes:

Dominic Ciccodicola
Connie Acosta

No Votes:

Darcy Harris
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Abstentions:

Ida Talalla
Paul Bowers
Tad Yenawine

Talalla said we need to catch the eye of the stakeholder.

VOTE for original motion
11-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola

Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
Ida Talalla

10. Immigrant Justice Ad Hoc Committee

b. Discussion/action on proposed resolution/letter to support the concept of "Sanctuary Hospitals."

Yenawine said that he wants to address this now because a representative is here.

Andy Griggs made the motion. Yenawine seconded. Griggs explained that at the Board meeting last month, this was presented by Rebecca Prediletto, registered nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital, who is here today. We can send this as a resolution. This is very important for the people of Los Angeles and for this neighborhood.

Yenawine said we can pass this as a resolution and as a letter. Rebecca Prediletto said thank you, especially to Sally Davis and to Andy Griggs. It's really difficult as health care providers to feel that we are not able to give patients the care that they need because of fear. Thank you!

This is a giant experiment, continued Rebecca Prediletto. The County Board of Supervisors put out a beautiful statement about this regarding sensitive spaces and regarding law enforcement. LA County USC Medical Center has made that language very real and clear about what to do when law enforcement appears without a warrant.

Our private hospitals should protect privacy of patients in the same way. Coming to the neighborhood council is an experiment. We're willing to put our necks out for that to support the community. Neighborhood councils can be an important part of that.

Talalla commented that there are medical and dental clinics that are private and nonprofit that serve the community. The neighborhood council can expand on this to include them. It would cover a broader base. People go to hospitals on a limited basis.

Griggs said that the Immigration Justice Committee meeting included this but we'll continue to discuss this at the next meeting. Talalla said this can be a first step.

VOTE
12-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

5. Budget and Finance Items

Discussion and/or possible action on the following:

- b. NPG application from Friends of Echo Park Library in the amount of up to \$700 to support ongoing children and youth programming at the library.

Yenawine made a request to address this now.

Yenawine asked who is administering the program? Gary, a librarian, said we are seeking funds for two unique programs. We have two innovative librarians in Echo Park. The funds will go directly to the projects.

Talalla said the library could ask for that funding and get it. They should write an application to the neighborhood council and the neighborhood council would fund it according to merit, enormous

merit. This is specific money for specific programs. The library foundations will provide for specific programs.

Cheryl Ortega said that she was puzzled by the objection. Anyone can take our funding and do other things with it. if we have confidence in the person asking, we should treat this as a reasonable request.

Harris made the motion. Courtney seconded. Bowers commented I wonder whether money that we get from the City should go to City organizations. The library, like us, is part of City Government. Harris said this is structured to go to a 501c3 nonprofit or a school.

A Woman, speaking on behalf of Friends of the Library, said this program is not related to the Foundation. They only deal with big donors.

Yenawine said that there is nothing in our NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grants) guidelines about how often to fund an organization. There are limits on funding amounts. We have no mechanism to follow up on these. We give to organizations that we trust and have relationships with.

Acosta commented on transfers versus grants.

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal recused herself.

VOTE
10-0-1-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola
Richard Courtney

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

Ida Talalla

Recusals:

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Gary the librarian thanked the neighborhood council. I've had a truly horrible experience with neighborhood councils over the last few months. He apologized for his earlier anger.

4. PLUC -- REVISITED

Discussion and/or possible action on the following:

- b. [PLUC 6-0] CIS in support of Councilman Koretz's motion to strengthen the Protected Tree Ordinance. (Council File 03-1459-S3)

Jim Brown made the motion.

VOTE

12-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Connie Acosta

Ida Talalla

Cheryl Ortega

Andy Griggs

Jim Brown

Thomas DeVoss

Dominic Ciccodicola

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

5. Budget and Finance Items 20 minutes 8:25 pm Discussion and/or possible action on the following:

a. (T. Yenawine) Sponsorship of Community Homeless/Houseless Forum in conjunction with St Athanasius Church and Echo Park United Methodist Church, scheduled for January 15, 2018 up to \$200 for food, beverages, security staffing.

Yenawine said I believe we have \$24,000 left for the fiscal year. We must reallocate the budget because there is no election in 2018.

We've been talking about having public meetings to create awareness and place everyone on the same page. They would be action oriented. The idea is that homeless people are members of our community. We want to create opportunities to get people into housing.

The first meeting will be January 15, 2018 at the St. Athanasius Church. This item has not been vetted by Committee and didn't go through the Budget and Finance Committee. It came in too late.

Harris made the motion. Tom DeVoss seconded.

Talalla said it doesn't make sense. If they need funds, they need to submit an application. Yenawine said she has to buy everything. This is not a St. Athanasius event. We're very much aligned with these goals.

Bowers said that with the homeless count coming up, I'm in favor of this motion. Harris said I'm also in favor of this. Acosta asked whether Board members will be there. Yenawine said that he would attend.

Talalla said that some months ago when the Ageing Committee wanted greater funding for vector control as part of Lotus Festival, we were told we could not sponsor, that we had to submit a separate NPG. What's the difference?

Yenawine said that's not correct.

Talalla said that St. Athanasius has a budget now that's approved by the Bishop. There has to be an equitable way to look at things regarding the need for NPGs that must be the same across the board.

Griggs commented that this is not an NPG. This is almost a public forum. A Woman asked who else is involved in this forum? Sally Davis of St. Athanasius, Robert Solorio, the Senior Lead Officer of

the Los Angeles Police Department were mentioned as part of the response.

We want to solve homelessness as a community. This is a wonderful opportunity. Yenawine added that LAHSA (the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority) is also invited.

Acosta commented that several older women are homeless. Why can't we get churches to provide a place for them to gather during the day or at night? Sally Davis said we're pushing for all of that. There will be small group discussions about this. She invited Acosta to be a moderator. We want to come up with solutions. We want to create solutions that meet the needs of the entire community, added Yenawine. We want to create models for other communities.

Sally Davis said that St. Athanasius is getting its resources doubled to at least \$200 so things will be equitable. A Woman said I hear Talalla's point of view. Something like this should be itemized and presented. We don't want this to become routine. It's really easy to get into that habit. In the future, these things should be itemized.

Talalla commented that the Aging Committee has not been sitting on its rear end. We have written and pushed the City to tell us about showers and toilets in Echo Park and homeless encampments. I haven't heard back.

She mentioned the hepatitis issue. We didn't have a chance for input. Hepatitis involves the homeless. We need to look at that. If we use this building, we need to be cognizant that others use this building.

VOTE
11-0-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola

Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
Ida Talalla

c. Approval of November 2017 MER.

Bowers made the motion. Griggs seconded.

Griggs noted that a couple of items are past due. Are they being taken care of?

VOTE
12-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

6. Outreach

Discussion and/or possible action on the following:

- a. Discussion regarding adoption of guidelines for Social Media posting and boosting [Outreach and Communications]

Ciccodicola made the motion. Griggs seconded.

Griggs asked do we have an amendment process? Yenawine said we are allowed to freely amend our Standing Rules. He suggests that this is a standing rule amendment for a change. Harris offered a friendly amendment regarding posting requests with 48 hours notice. Instead of “posts”

Bowers said this is a resource for everyone. Use the website and social media to promote neighborhood council activities.

Jim Brown said that there is a typographical error in #3. Ortega point out that that’s a different letter.

Geaga-Rosenthal had a question about votes. Bowers is a one person committee so the vote was 1-0 in the Communications Committee. There was a quorum of one person as Andy Alt was not there.

VOTE
12-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

b. Discussion and possible action to set a schedule for Participation in Farmer’s Market [Outreach and Communications].

There is no action for this. Ciccodicola said we can skip this.

VOTE to postpone

12-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

d. Discussion and possible action regarding a letter and/or CIS on Council File # 17-0263, regarding updating the 2000 ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for City Departments... [Outreach and Communications]

Griggs said there are two documents that I handed out about this. The Neighborhood Council Committee report has been passed out at City Council. I spoke before the Commission on Disability about this item. We want to propose the idea of writing a letter of support or a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or resolution be referred to the Ageing Committee and the Outreach Committee for development. *He said that he wants to refer this to those two committees and then bring it back to the Board. Yenawine seconded.*

VOTE

12-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

7. SLCO

Discussion and/or possible action on the following: a. Funding and Application protocols for community grants including NPG and CIP guidelines and policies

Ortega said this is essentially the same letter that we submitted last month. However, the questions are asked in the affirmative instead of the negative. Yenawine commented that this seems substantially different from version that he saw previously. Acosta said that she wants to adopt this. Yenawine commented that we often proportionally fund things that serve a portion of our community.

Griggs made a motion to postpone this item. Ciccodicola seconded. Ortega said that she is too ill to discuss this.

8. Homelessness Committee

Jim Brown said that there will be a meeting January 8 at 7:30pm.

9. Public Safety

Geaga-Rosenthal said the meeting will be the first Tuesday at 6:30pm.

10. Immigrant Justice Ad Hoc Committee

c. Discussion/possible action regarding CIS to support Council File # 17-1039 (Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program / California Attorney General / Lawsuit Against Termination of DACA)

Griggs said that he wants to move this as a CIS. Yenawine seconded. Tomorrow is the deadline for the Federal Government to decide whether to extend DACA. People are already being arrested and deported. This asks the City to join the State lawsuit or create their own, said Griggs.

VOTE
12-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

10. Immigrant Justice Ad Hoc Committee

d. Discussion/possible action regarding CIS to support Council File # 17-1151 (City Parks / Removal of Misdemeanor Penalty / Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44 / Review) and Council File: 17-1139 (Decriminalize Sidewalk Vending / Peddling from Vehicles or Push Carts / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment)

Griggs said this is a simple amendment to the street vendors ordinance. It changes things to a misdemeanor. It has lots of citywide support. Harris seconded. Ciccodicola said that he wants to refer this back to committee for possible revisions. Harris asked for a time frame? Griggs said I don't know. Yenawine said that he wants to table further discussion until they find the action date.

11. Aging, Parks and Health

Talalla said we need to integrate actions taken by other committees so that we can reinforce ideas and concepts. That's the way to have concerted effort to help the community. That will be a process, possibly through standing rules. We just don't talk.

10. Immigrant Justice Ad Hoc Committee -- REVISITED

d. Discussion/possible action regarding CIS to support Council File # 17-1151 (City Parks / Removal of Misdemeanor Penalty / Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44 / Review) and Council File: 17-1139 (Decriminalize Sidewalk Vending / Peddling from Vehicles or Push Carts / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment)

Griggs said that item 10.d passed last month so there's no rush.

12. Other Administrative items

Discussion and/or possible action on the following:

a. Selection of open BOG officer positions and Liaisons

Yenawine announced that Daniel Heimpel resigned yesterday so there is an open board seat for District 1.

e. Board members eligible for removal, motions to remove for next meeting

Yenawine also noted that Tyan Schesser is absent tonight. She is in jeopardy of losing Board status. Her stakeholder status is also questionable as she has moved. He wants people to consider becoming the Board Secretary.

Griggs made a motion to postpone agenda item 10.d. Ciccodicola seconded.

VOTE
12-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Cheryl Ortega

Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Thomas DeVoss
Dominic Ciccodicola
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

Bowers said that having the secretary position filled would really allow us to function better. Think about it!

13. Announcements

Griggs said that the Immigrant Justice Committee will meet January 2. Tomorrow is a day of action in support of DACA nationwide. Call your elected representatives.

15. Adjournment

Geaga-Rosenthal made the motion to adjourn. Bowers seconded.

The meeting ended at 9:24pm.