

ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

Minutes

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

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

1. Administrative items

a. Roll Call

The meeting began at 7:06 pm with 17 Board members present.

Attending Board Members:

Tad Yenawine, Chair

Darcy Harris, Vice Chair

Paul Bowers, Chief Information Officer (arrived late)

Michael Galano, Treasurer

Connie Acosta

Ida Talalla (left early)

Margarita Fernandez

Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous

Alex Meza

Cheryl Ortega

Jim Brown (arrived late)

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Andrew Knauer (left early)

Andy Griggs (left early)

Jackelyn Valladares, Second Signatory (left early)

Mike Jolly (left early)

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Non-Attending Board Members:

JohnMichael Hull (resigned)

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b. Adoption of minutes

Changes have been suggested for the discussion of measure S.
They were presented via email, said Chair Tad Yenawine.

*Kevin Fisher made the motion to approve the December minutes.
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous seconded the motion.*

Ida Talalla offered comments about corrections to the minutes on
:pages 14-15.

(Note: Chief Information Officer Paul Bowers arrived at 7:11pm.
There are now 18 voting members here.)

VOTE
18-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Andrew Knauer
Andy Griggs
Jackelyn Valladares
Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Kevin Fisher made a motion to approve the January 2017 minutes.
Vice Chair Darcy Harris seconded.

Harris also offered corrections regarding a motion to amend on
page 13: She offered a correction for the top of page 21 and in the

discussion of bylaws changes on page 23, saying that a reference to the South Bay should be deleted.

VOTE for amended January minutes

18-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Andrew Knauer
Andy Griggs
Jackelyn Valladares
Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

2. Community/Government reports:

a. Government agencies and officers

Gina Paialli, Senior Lead Officer, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Northeast Division, (323) 344-5701, (213) 793-0760 (cellphone), 30347@lapd.lacity.org:

It's really great to see a full house. That tells me how you care about your community said Pailalli. She said that she brought flyers in back with police contact information and a crime map of the community.

I have bad news, she said. There has been a slight increase in burglaries for homes and cars.

She noted that LAPD Senior Lead Officer Lenny Davis is also here for his area where they caught 6 burglars. They seek items such as laptops and cell phones. Remember these are crimes of opportunity. Please don't leave anything visible in your cars. These crimes happen during the night. Park in your driveways. Look out for one another, she advised.

Paialli offered a Shout Out to 7-11. They want to do a coffee with the cops. They are sponsoring tonight's food. The date for the event is to be determined. Paul Bowers told her to come to our committee meeting and we'll talk.

Cheryl Ortega asked what's happening in Echo Park? Paialli said that would be the responsibility of immigration authorizes. We're not being called in for this.

A stakeholder asked about mail theft. Paialli said its' the new crime of the day. Do not leave your mail overnight in your box. Receive boxes at places of employment or ask neighbors to pick it up for you, she urged.

Jeffrey Kontorovsky mentioned a homicide in Echo Park three weeks ago. LAPD SLO Lenny Davis said that's the responsibility of the Rampart Division.

Paialli concluded by reminding everyone to call 311 for graffiti removal.

City attorney Andrew Said, Neighborhood Prosecutor for the LAPD's Rampart Division Andrew.said@lacity.org, 213-978-7793:

Sunset Boulevard is the boundary for the Rampart Division. We cover the area South of Sunset Boulevard is for Rampart. North of Sunset is covered by the Northeast Division.

Robert Delario is the new LAPD Senior Lead Officer for the Rampart Division, said Said.

He explained that he is assigned to be a problem solver as well as a prosecutor. He does proactive work with neighborhoods to prevent crimes or end crimes.

Vacant property is an issue. People move in and squat. You can have gang members move in. We found a weapon that was used in a shooting. These locations also have drug issues and open flames.

We pressure owners with building and safety violations. He'll work with the SLO to tackle problems in neighborhoods.

He will get the new LAPD SLO Delario to come to the next neighborhood council meeting. He encouraged everyone to get in touch. He'll leave business cards.

*Juan Fregoso, Field Deputy for Council Member Mitch O'Farrell,
Council District 13 (CD13), (213) 207-3015,
juan.fregoso@lacity.org:*

He highlighted Council Member Mitch O'Farrell's monthly update.

We've been working with Dodger Stadium residents about permitting. There will be a town hall about this on Thursday evening at the Barlow Hospital.

In other news, Fregoso said that the Department of Water and Power (DWP) will do work along Sunset so there will be no parking during certain hours. This will occur from the 1500 block for a few weeks over the next few months, scattered.

He reported that new LAPD Rampart Division Senior Lead Officer Delario is taking over for Senior Lead Officer Ford.

We are looking at 2018 for capital improvement projects in the area. This would include cuts off of Sunset Boulevard, reinforcement plans, adding sidewalks and also the Echo Park stairs. If you have a priority for this, please let Fregoso know. (e.g tree stump removal, tree trimming, sidewalks repairs, etc.)

We are looking at the Department of Transportation's speed bump program, which was revived today. Go onto dot website and request it for your street. Joelle said thanks for tree improvements along her street.

(Note: Jim Brown arrived at 7:20pm.)

Paul Bower spoke about a class action lawsuit to identify the most heavily trafficked sidewalks. The neighborhood council's Public Works and Sustainability Committee works on this. Fregoso said

there have been some requests. Andy Griggs said there could be a tree root uprooting the sidewalk and blocking access for people.

Fregoso said they will bring back the blue curb program. At the end of January a report is due.

Jackelyn Valladares expressed concern about 1649 Echo Park, the curb next to a luxury condo. Fregoso said he's working with the developer. He will offer a full update. Valladares noted that this has been going on for 2 years. Why has this taken 3 months since I connected with you? Fregoso replied we had to do due diligence.

Kevin Fisher commented that street services handles such things, repairs and clean up.

Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous said that it's difficult to reach Council District 1 about the upcoming LA Marathon about the issue of water stations and public exposure from runners relieving themselves. Fregoso said I can follow up. Bowers said that we'll have our own clean team.

Ida Talallo said that traffic is too fast on residential streets. Can anything be done? Fregoso said that depends on the location. Send me an email.

c. EPNC Chair

Yenawine said that Johnmichael Hull resigned a few days ago so there is an opening on the Board. We will fill his seat at the next Board meeting.

He added that there is a relatively hot political climate locally. As a neighborhood council member, when you make statements in support of a candidate, say that you are not speaking on behalf of the neighborhood council.. Make that distinction.

Separately, he said that we're working on website issues and communications. Also, the homeless court went well. We had a partnership with 7-11 who were wonderful donors. The one on Glendale Boulevard. A 7-11 representative said they have Amazon lockers to store packages.

Cheryl Ortega reported that the county said they were able to count 93% of the homeless that night.

Connie Acosta asked where is the 7-11? The 7-11 representatives, two brothers, replied Glendale and Berkeley.

Ida Talalla commented on the homeless encampments.

d. Treasurer Report, including status of MERs/projections for fiscal year, consideration of NPGs in context of overall budget and goals, updated budget, brief summary of process for getting funding items approved and implemented and which operations expenses do not need separate BOG votes

Treasurer Michael Galano said that about \$5,400 has been spent. There is also about \$1,600 to paid to Homeless Unidos, about \$1,000 for Appleone, and \$350 for the church. After these yet to be paid expenses, total cash left will be about \$33,000.

Yenawine said we have \$33,000 left in our budget. We must spend this money before the end of June. We will need your ideas about this by May. If you want to initiate a project, we need to hear from you. It's okay to be ambitious at this point.

Things that have been mentioned in the past include having regular events at the lake (Council District 13 has done this. We could work with them.) That would be a huge community partnership. Yenawine also mentioned free internet for Echo Park. I would love to work with community partners for that.

He also mentioned restoration of old signage in the area. It would be awesome if Echo Park become the city of light. Please think about what's good for the community, he urged.

Joelle asked when does the event have to happen? Yenawine said it can happen after June. Jackelyn Valladares mentioned the signs near Silver Lake. They have been missing for years.

e. Committee Chair and liaison reports

Connie Acosta mentioned a small lot subdivision. There will be a presentation about the project on March 8 at the Edendale branch library.

Ida Talalla mentioned an environmental report due for an Everett and Sunset location. We should comment on this. They are asking for variances. We need to look at that. Remarks are due March 30. We should bear this in mind.

Separately Talalla said that the Aging Committee has held three meetings so far. We had people from City departments including Recreation and Parks, Health and others.

The next meeting will occur on March 8 at the Echo Park branch library at 6:30pm. We are also meeting March 13 at the Edendale branch library at 10:15am. Bowers said there was excellent Spanish language translation.

Cheryl Ortega provided an update for the Schools Committee: She said that the Logan Street Elementary School is in danger of closing. This was a rumour that is not true. Logan is under enrolled. There is a charter school in the campus. Schools across the City are getting smaller. The Logan principal said support for the school would be appreciated. They are voting to rename and rebrand the school. It will become the Logan Academy of something.

Yenawine said that this is one of 3 oldest schools in LA. It was built in 1888, said Ortega. It has a Spanish dual language program. Yenawine said that he wants a comprehensive list of preschools in neighborhood.

Acosta commented that one of her tenants with two children said that Logan was full and not accepting children. Yenawine said that that is not true. She may be referring to the charter school, he suggested.

Richard Courtney said that the Dodgers opening day meeting is Thursday at Barlow hospital. This is a follow up on our committee meeting about parking, traffic, etc. Please attend the meeting, he urged.

Jeffrey Kontorovsky reported on the Public Safety Committee, which will meet March 13 at Rosemont Elementary School at 7pm. This may become a joint meeting with the Public Works Committee. He thanked Darcy Harris for the heads up for an Advisory Committee meeting.

Paul Bowers spoke about tree planting event in Elysian Park. This will include over 125 big trees on Thursday. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for volunteers.

Andy Griggs reported on the River Committee. It had been a while since anyone from Echo Park had attended. There was an election

report about how they went and plans for new year. We should place this on our agenda. Maybe via the public safety committee?

Thomas Soong, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE):

He said that on Thursday there will be a second Citywide homeless liaison meeting. Yenawine said that we can appoint another liaison for this tonight.

Soong announced that the Empower LA awards will be March 30. We need recommendations by tomorrow.

f. Homeless Count report by Richard Courtney

Richard Courtney said the homeless count was amazing. Some 75 people showed up. We worked with this church. We had 25 teams. There is no interaction, only reporting. It was a huge success. He thanked the 7-11 guys. He encouraged people to participate next year.

Talalla wanted to know how many encampments were in Echo Park. Courtney responded that we were told not to actually enter the park.

g. External Affairs Division report on LAX renovations

Michael Leonard, Los Angeles World Airports, www.laxishappening.com:

He gave a presentation about the future of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Leonard said that 32 years ago he was a public relations specialist for libraries that included the Echo Park area branches.

There is a \$14 billion renovation of the airport currently in progress because the central terminal is really crowded. We've done lots of remodeling work. However, if you arrive late for your flight, you won't have a good customer experience.

We are trying to create a new front door for LAX. We're now the second busiest airport in the US after Atlanta. We just passed O'Hare in Chicago. Since 2009, air service demand has risen from 60 million to 80 million passengers. That may soon rise to 88 million.

Yesterday, we had a groundbreaking for a new terminal. We need land. Traffic is 95,000 vehicles on an average day. Half the vehicles are private.

Along Century Boulevard: there are 23 rental car facilities in area. People forget where they are. We are proposing a 6 million sq ft rental car facility that would consolidate all rental car facilities.

There are also Intermodal commuter buses planned. We will shift traffic to there. From transit hubs automated people movers will connect everything. One of the stations will connect with the new Crenshaw light rail line. We are seeking advice now.

All this is to be done by 2023, ahead of the 2024 Olympics. Just as airport upgrades happened before the 1984 Olympics. [The International Olympic Committee will decide the host city later this year. The only remaining candidates are Paris and Los Angeles.]

He said that air traffic is rising. We will do 4 miles of roadway improvements plus 2 miles of new roadways.

The overall improvement will address traffic congestion. We want LAX to continue to be the international gateway to the US West Coast. Some \$126 billion in economic activity is related to lax. We have the largest non-fortress hub in the US, meaning that no single airline controls fares. So, we have good airfares. It's very important that we have the best airport that we can to offer to the public.

David Rockello asked about the Metro Greenline and the people mover. Joelle asked who is paying for this? Leonard said there would be no taxpayer funds. Money would come from facility charges on tickets, rental car fees, and lease revenues.

Griggs asked how much of this does the airport authority have in right of ways already? What will have to be done, how much housing will have to be destroyed?

Leonard spoke about Manchester Square, which began a voluntary acquisition program in the 1980s. It took about 20 years. Almost everyone was bought out. We may use the eminent domain process for the remaining buildings. We already own most of the land that we'll need.

Private vehicles can still enter the terminal. However, the improvements will get about 45% of traffic out of the central terminal area.

Kontorovsky asked about security? Leonard said I was responsible for airport security previously. We need the best security that we can but still have an economically viable airport.

Acosta asked did you pay the property owners enough to buy in other parts of town? Leonard said yes in comparisons to Westchester fare market value.

Leonard said that his request is that the neighborhood council could vote to support the project and submit a letter of support. Yenawine asked do you have a template letter? Leonard said yes. Yenawine said that matter should be referred to PLUC and Acosta will handle.

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

*Representative for the Yes on Measure H Campaign,
www.VoteYesOnH.com:*

This is a very important item on next Tuesday's ballot. It is not proposition HHH from last November. That was for the City's homelessness. It passed. Measure H is complementary. The City and the County came up with a homeless strategy.

It will raise funds countywide to provide services for the homeless by increasing the sales tax by \$0.25 for 10 years. It's very important to support Measure H. This is supported by Mayor Garcetti, City Council, and community groups. We would appreciate your support.

Saddiq, owner of the 7-11 on Glendale and Berkeley, with his brother. They are providing food and beverages for tonight's meeting. Saddiq said that 7-11 is a franchise. We want to be part of the community. We want to cater to our community for hiring. We have Amazon lockers at our location for package delivery.

If there is anything that we can do, please let us know.

Sally Davis, Episcopal Church:

We are progressive and a sanctuary diocese. We are being targeted. We work with the homeless in Echo Park on Wednesdays. We have a laundry program.

4. BOG Liaisons and Committee Chairs

c. Appointment for Co Chair of Outreach

Luiza Mavropolous, Co-chair of the Outreach Committee, said that Dominic has been instrumental in organizing forums. Dominic accepted the nomination. Courtney said that Dominic's amazing! Harris said Dominic is awesome.

VOTE for Dominic

19-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Andrew Knauer
Andy Griggs
Jackelyn Valladares
Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

a. Liaison appointments and confirmations: ARC; Film Locations; LANCC; etc.

Jim Brown volunteered to be the ARC liaison, said Harris.
Yenawine said we don't have an ARC representative now. Would

anyone volunteer? *Griggs self-nominated. Yenawine seconded Grigg's nomination.*

VOTE for Andy Griggs as ARC Liaison

Unanimous

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Andrew Knauer
Andy Griggs
Jackelyn Valladares
Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Film locations representative.:

Yenawine was confirmed as one of the neighborhood council's film liaisons. There were no other volunteers.

He's held a meeting and attended a City meeting. Our neighborhood is heavily impacted by filming. Film companies are moving an industrial environment into the public domain. This is stupid. The City fears that production will leave town if we place restrictions on it. The City meeting was focused on how to draw production to your community.

He wants to make film companies accountable and aware of what they are doing. He wants film employees to all wear name tags. Only a few neighborhood councils are driving this new relationship. The City wants to accommodate film companies.

A Woman asked what don't you like about production? Yenawine said I worked in production. I've seen people die from it. I don't like it when people come in at dawn and tow cars. The high speed car chases are not okay. There is no need to have live sound and car chases. He said that he dislikes their "to hell with you" attitude. Their activity encroaches on the people around you. It's a dangerous idea.

Acosta said that sometimes they make snippets of films here for films set elsewhere.

Yenawine said that there are no fortune 500 companies within our boundaries. Keeping the entertainment industry is crucial to our economy. The ripple effect is important. However, it's important to not throw the community under the bus. Balance can occur.

David Rockello is alternate for Nicole as liaison to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) .He said that meetings occur on the first Saturday of the month at the DWP building.

Yenawine wants to postpone this to the next meeting. Bowers seconded.

Rockello said we had two mayoral candidates at a forum last month but the incumbent didn't show.

Acosta has resigned as a Homelessness representative. *Jim Brown was nominated. Yenawine seconded that nomination.*

They will have a meeting on Thursday at City Hall.

Acosta asked whether BJ could be a representative for the homeless?

VOTE for Jim Brown as homeless liaison
19-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Andrew Knauer
Andy Griggs
Jackelyn Valladares
Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

b. Appointment for Co Chair of PLUC

Yenawine said that this will be discussed at the Committee Level.
Harris made a motion to postpone. Yenawine seconded.

VOTE to postpone
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney
Andrew Knauer
Andy Griggs
Jackelyn Valladares
Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

d. Appointment for Co-Chair of Communications

Han Lo is not here. *Yenawine moved to postpone the item. Harris seconded.*

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Andrew Knauer
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Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:

None

6. [PLUC] Discussion and/or possible action on the following

a . Adopting a CIS for LA Home Sharing Ordinance, City Council File #14-1635-S2:

Yenawine said we still don't have a draft. This is a place holder. We need to work on something. *He made a motion to postpone. Courtney seconded.*

VOTE to postpone
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
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Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

7. [BFC] Discussion and possible Action on the following:

a. NPG for Friends of Edendale Library in the amount of up to \$1500 for Spanish Language text acquisitions

Everyone is eligible to vote for financial issues, asked Treasurer Michael Galano. Everyone responded yes.

This is a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for the Edendale branch library Friends Society. The funding would be for Spanish language childrens' books.

Yenawine made the motion. Padilla-Mavropolous seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
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Mike Jolly
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Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

b. Co-sponsoring Spring Fair & Egg Hunt at Echo Park Lake put on by Echo Park Rec Ctr on April 8 and authorize up to \$300 for candy for 300-

400 children (for egg hunt) and outreach/flyers/crafts at booth etc.
[Outreach 5-0-0]

This event is set for April 8, 8:30am

Galano made the motion. Fisher seconded.

Jim Brown said that he was in favor but Easter is a religious event.
Yenawine replied that the word "Easter" is not in the motion.
Galano said that he misspoke.

VOTE
19-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Ida Talalla
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
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Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

c. Authorization of up to \$1200 (\$50 per board member plus tax) for hosting of new email addresses (@echoparknc.com) integrated with new website and using gmail browser. This is a yearly expense.
[Communications 2-0-0] Alternative motion: Discussion and possible

action re: approving up to \$1200 for printing business cards for all Board members with updated email addresses in lieu of switching email address hosting (including Griggs and Lo) [Yenawine/Harris]

Regarding Echo Park Neighborhood Council email addresses, Galano said that few of us are using them.

This is a cost per year. It's the full rebranding of the neighborhood council. If you think this is important, then \$1,200 will be a part of that expense, explained Yenawine. There may be benefits of shared calendars and Google docs. The alternative would be to print business cards. We would want business cards with the correct address.

Joelle, representing Friends of the library, asked is there a compromise, since you have high turnover? Maybe jobtitle@ instead of a person's name@...

Rockello said I'm all for this. Rebranding is important. Will this be easy to replicate in the future, given the high turnover rate. A Man asked, what's the volume provided by \$1,200? I don't get it.

Bowers said that if you look at other city department cards, there is an embossed logo. We no longer have that. You really want this, the City logo. We should go with what other neighborhood councils use. I don't think we will change our emails. It's a flub. You can blame me. If you're choosing between changing emails or getting business cards, choose new cards with the City logo, said Bowers.

Andrew Knauer said that he agrees. He couldn't send or receive emails after he switched over.

(Note: Ida Talalla and Andy Griggs left at 8:53pm. There are now 17 board members here.)

Bowers made a motion for new business cards with the City logo. Acosta seconded.

Valladares doesn't like the artichoke logo on cards. Also, some of us have long last names, she noted. Padilla-Mavropolous said people have asked why we changed the original logo. They want to get rid of the artichoke.

Yenawine suggested maybe just put the City seal on the cards. If you want them embossed, we must use a city vendor. Fisher asked should we table this to create a mock up? Yenawine

responded that we could approve the money now and discuss the design later.

*Fisher made a motion to refer this to the Outreach Committee.
Yenawine seconded.*

Bowers apologized for encouraging people to vote for artichoke.

VOTE to refer the item to the Outreach Committee
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Andrew Knauer
Jackelyn Valladares
Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

d. Authorization of up to \$120 for printing business cards for new Board members Andy Griggs and Han Lo [Communications 2-0-0]

Harris made a motion to postpone.

VOTE
17-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
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Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
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Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

e. Authorization of up to \$300 for 2 wireless tablets with wifi capability and cases, to be used at events by BOG and Outreach committee members for EPNC sign-up, sign-up for EPNC sponsored events, and other EPNC business while in the field; to be under supervision of Outreach and Communications Chairs who will establish log and check-out procedures [Outreach 5-0-0]

In response to a question from Yenawine, Galano said this doesn't include a wireless plan. Rockello said it's a brilliant plan to get us back into the 21st century. Please vote for this. Joelle cautioned that wifi is another monthly expense. Harris said this is a really great deal. Otherwise, half of the names on the sign-up sheet are unreadable.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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Darcy Harris

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Jackelyn Valladares
Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

f. Authorization of up to \$1300/month for long term contract to rent portion of bottom floor of Echo Park United Methodist Church for EPNC meeting and office space and to make available to other community organizations and events, including possible joint agreement with other community organizations to share the space

Yenawine said that \$1,300 per month would be a lot for us to take on. We can make this available to other community organizations and events. We can find community partner to rent this with us. We can't charge fees but others can.

It would include all storage, office, meeting space, and a postal box. The actual additional cost is about \$800-900 over what we now spend, said Yenawine. This would be contingent on finding a community partner. This is an incredible gift. There is discussion of closing Liberty Street and making it a walking mall.

A Woman said parking here is terrible. The Church would continue to use the space if we rent, cautioned Yenawine.

(Note: Andrew Knauer left at 9:04pm)

Joelle said library parking is \$3,000 nearby. Yenawine said wow! A Man asked if this would be month to month. Yenawine said I

believe it's yearly. A Woman asked does it include utilities, liability insurance, etc?

Rockello expressed concern about the separation of church and state. There should be a space in Echo Park that is cost effective. We've been trying to get a list of available properties that the City owns that could be less expensive.

The Man said that's a 1/3 of your annual budget. It's a big decision. A Woman said I would love to see a space that's more accessible. This corner is not walkable.

DONE Representative Thomas Soong mentioned Jeff Brill, a DONE administrator who works with leases and contracts. The City worries about liabilities (e.g Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, etc). Regarding separation of church and state, we have to ensure that there are no religious icons visible in the space, said Soong.

Acosta noted that according to the bylaws, Article 9, we can only enter into contract or agreement through the Department (DONE). Yenawine said this motion would ask done to create contract for us.

Soong said all contracts must come through our Department. Acosta asked, you can't hold events in private places like this? The space has to be open to the public, said Yenawine. However, it doesn't have to be a publicly owned space.

Mike Jolly said we should look around for a better place. He recommends an LLC on Glendale. Yenawine said this would support a community organization that's been active and supportive. Finding ADA compliant space at this price not easy. Yenawine asked Jolly to put something in writing.

Bowers said we should meet downstairs to feel it out. For new committees, it's a non starter for them to find committee meeting space. Let's keep an open mind.

Mike Jolly said it's 1/3 of our annual budget. Yenawine explained that part of the spirit of this is that we make it available to other organizations, including the church. It costs \$0.65 per square foot. That's cheap!

Galano asked whether there was any urgency for this? *Fisher said that we should postpone.*

Jocelyn Geaga-Rosenthal asked committees can use this space? Bowers replied yes. Yenawine said that there is lots of value. The Echo Park Improvement Association needs space.

Mike Jolly asked can we have an exact number about the difference in spending for storage, meeting spaces, etc. versus this? Acosta asked can we rent this for 2 days a week?

Cheryl Ortega seconded the motion to postpone

VOTE to postpone

16-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Jackelyn Valladares
Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

g. Discussion and/or possible action on Board Member Richard Courtney Reimbursement of \$115.87 for Co-Sponsored GPNC CD1 Candidate Town Hall Meeting

Galano made the motion. Ortega seconded.

Margarita Fernandez asked a question about approval.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Jackelyn Valladares
Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

h. Discussion and/or possible action on Board Member Han Lo Reimbursement of \$26 for website related expenses

Yenawine asked these are operations expenses? Galano explained.

Galano made the motion. Fisher seconded.

VOTE
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta

Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Jackelyn Valladares
Mike Jolly
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

- i. Discussion and/or possible action re: payment of invoices, MERS, budget projections and procedures

January Monthly Expense Report (MER).

Galano said there was a large number of copies dating back to October. There was also \$1,500 for public storage as well as supplies for board meetings.

Galano made the motion. Fisher seconded.

(Note: Mike Jolly left at 9:19pm)

VOTE for January MER

15-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Jackelyn Valladares
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

Galano said that the Appleone invoice totaled \$1003.40 but it's an operational expense. Therefore, no vote is needed, said Yenawine.

j. NPG for Friends of Echo Park Library in the amount of up to \$1500 for Spanish Language text acquisitions

We did not receive the NPG application from the Echo Park branch library so postpone, said Galano.

Ortega said that she has a hard copy of the application. Yenawine said to get it to Galano.

8. Discussion and/or possible action on Bylaws Amendments: 20 minutes

a. Bylaws, Article III, §2 to split District 5 in two and create District 6 with boundary to be Bonnie Brae [BSR 2-13-17 5-0-0]

Yenawine explained that under this motion District 5 would be split into two districts: Historic Filipino Town (District 5) and Bonnie Brae would divide other new district 6, which was underserved.

Mr. Santiago and Mr. Salazar spoke against the motion. Rockello said that Temple-Beaudry is the name of the district, the Eastern section of District 5. We want to preserve the integrity of Historic Filipino Town. We don't need to cut the town any further than it already is cut. We want to keep district 5 and district 6 as is.

(Note: Jackelyn Valladares left at 9:28pm.)

A Woman said that she doesn't want this.

Mr. Mativa asked why do we have to split District 5? This is a place that we enjoy? Why now? What is the rationale? Better to keep it

intact and enjoy what you have? I don't want to divide the boundaries. It will create conflict.

Yenawine explained that there is confusion about the number of representatives for neighborhood council. Splitting would create 4 representatives for Districts 5 and 6 together. He addressed concerns about lack of representation.

They are communities that don't seem to talk much together. Many residents feel totally under represented. Filipinos dominate elections, said Yenawine. Geaga-Rosenthal said that Historic Filipino town should maintain its integrity. We should not ignore history. The District is too large but doesn't disagree with Bonnie Brae boundary line.

Kontorovsky said I was all for it. The boundary should be Glendale Boulevard.

Mavropolous said that in the past, she was a Representative for District 5. No one who lived there stepped up. Historic Filipino town only votes for its own interests. Funds are not equally distributed. It's time to stop the short sighting of this neighborhood. The boundary should be on Union. Historic Filipino town didn't recognize the history of the prior black community, said Padilla-Mavropolous..

Fisher asked if this passes, when does it take effect? Yenawine responded that we must submit the bylaws package by May for it to take effect in next election.

Thomas Soong said that the deadline is May 1.

The next agenda item, will lower the number of Board members from 21 to 19. That would require another process. There would be no practical effect until the next election, said Harris.

Margarita Fernandez said this is a boundary issue, not a Filipino issue. We want more people to participate.

Alex Meza said the Board is trying to increase the number of people at this table. We want to be inclusive and we want people to be active. We want to unite everyone on this table.

Courtney said I agree with everybody. However, he is concerned that there is no one from the Eastern section of District 5 waiting to

be represented. Why are we opening this can of worms when these people aren't here? They must take a step forward.

Yenawine explained there is a group of people in Eastern district 5 who feel disenfranchised. Boundary is an issue. Bonnie Brae was a compromise. I brought up this issue 5 years ago. I've been thinking it about it for a long time. I would welcome a substitute motion with different boundary.

Geaga-Rosenthal said we need more information and more data. It sounds arbitrary. There are huge areas there. She said that she was on the original Board that originally determined boundaries. In 2002, the community got together to form GEPENC (the Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council. There was a move to create an historic Filipino town. GEPENC and Historic Filipino Town both established in 2002.

Yenawine asked so you're advocating to move the Boundary to Glendale Boulevard? Ortega asked what are we voting on? Will there be a 6th district? And also, where should boundary be? Padilla-Mavropolous said we're advocating for a Bonnie Brae boundary.

Bowers discussed outreach into the Eastern edge of District 5. It's difficult without translation. We are not having Spanish speakers participate. The eastern edge of District 5 is in the shadows and needs the most support.

Yenawine explained that the motion is whether or not we create District 6. Geaga-Rosenthal seconded.

A Woman said to please listen to Geaga-Rosenthal and others. Is it the mandate of the people? Jim Brown asked, the people here don't want a District 6?

Rockello said the committee needs more time to vet this in another forum.

Jim Brown noted that the people who spoke tonight don't want it split?

Acosta said people on east side of Glendale may not attend meetings because of transportation. She wants division to have equal representation.

Yenawine said there is no clarity. Both District 5 representatives want a District 6 but question is where will boundaries go? All representatives have said district 6 is a good idea. I know that neighborhood.

VOTE to create district 6
12-2-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

No Votes:

Richard Courtney
Jim Brown

Abstentions:

None

Yenawine made a motion to postpone other agenda items to the next meeting.

VOTE to postpone
Unanimous
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza

Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Jim Brown

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

9. Memorial to a long time resident: In Memory of Echo Park Resident Maxine Lake who Joined her Father Mr.Craig and Uncle Joe 5 yrs ago. We celebrate her life, Rest in Peace Maxine your presence is still felt.

Padilla-Mavropolous said her best friend and 40 year Echo Park resident died of cancer. In honor of her and everyone dealing with cancer, let's close this meeting in her honor.

10. Announcements

This item was postponed.

11. Future Agenda Items

Kontorovsky said we need to do the flag salute. We need a flag.

Harris said we need a special meeting to cover bylaws. We also need one more Bylaws Committee meeting.

Courtney wants to discuss social media and education on what is permissible or not for members.

Brown asked about free internet idea. How do we move forward?
Yenawine said we need community partners.

Fisher said that Spectrum has free wifi. We should look at them for sponsorship.

A Woman said that she wants to discuss Echo Park bequests.

Harris mentioned an election report.

12. Adjournment

Courtney made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 10:10pm.