

**ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017,**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Echo Park Methodist Church**

**1226 North Alvarado Street**

**Los Angeles, CA 90026**

1. Administrative items

a. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting began at 7:13 pm with 14 Board members present.

b. Roll Call

**Attending Board Members:**

Kevin Fisher

Cheryl Ortega (arrived late)

Richard Courtney (left early)

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky (left early)

Mike Jolly (left early)

Darcy Harris

Connie Acosta (left early)

Ida Talalla (left early)

Margarita Fernandez (left early)

Michael Galano (left early)

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Daniel Heimpel (arrived late)

Dominic Ciccodicola

**Non-Attending Board Members:**

Jackelyn Valladares

Alex Meza

Jim Brown

c. Adoption of minutes

Kevin Fisher moves to adopt the minutes, Darcy Harris seconded.

Daniel Heimpel arrives at 7:15 pm

**VOTE to adopt the minutes**

**14-0-3**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Mike Jolly

Darcy Harris

Michael Galano

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Daniel Heimpel

Dominic Ciccodicola

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

Connie Acosta

Ida Tallala

Margarita Hernandez

2. Community/Government reports:

a. Government agencies and officers

Barbara Ringuette, Budget Advocate Region 7:

She encouraged stakeholders to elect budget representatives, and reminded the audience to come to Budget Day, Saturday, June 24th. Breakfast is included. She listed the responsibilities of budget advocates: attend meetings at least twice a month at City Hall, along with other meetings. They meet with managers, chief financial officers, and deputies. More information is available at <http://ncbala.com>.

Rob Solorio, Police Officer: He detailed his territory within the Echo Park area, and reminded everyone that parking crimes are prevalent, and to remember to lock your cars and hide your valuable property.

Andrew Said, Neighborhood Prosecutor: No updates.

Dina Fletey, Police Officer: She detailed her territory, and brought a flyer with her information. There's a lot of crime happening north of Sunset, especially break-ins and robberies. Most importantly, these crimes are often happening from midnight to 6 in the morning, so burglaries are happening while residents are home, she added. A lot of stolen property ends up in homeless encampments, and unfortunately, because residents are not reporting the stolen property, it is difficult to tie the property to the thieves. Luckily, violent crimes are way down, especially compared to Highland Park.

This led to a question about whether dogs were a good deterrent for break-ins. She responded that they are excellent deterrents, and reminded everyone to listen to your dogs if they sound alarmed.

A stakeholder asked everyone to be vigilant regarding gas leaks and their health issues. She responded that it is a building and safety violation, and anyone can file a complaint with the relevant department.

John Darnell, Project Coordinator for the Neighborhood Council:

He introduced himself, and clarified that his role is as a vehicle for neighborhood councils to affect change within the larger political structure. He is happy to help any way he can. A survey is going out, and taking it can help the city know about what issues are important to the communities. There is an event for Homelessness Civic U on May 31st, and it is open to the public. He also added that they are working on changing the website to make it more useful and easy to use.

#### b. Community Organizations

Joelle Dobrow, Representative from the Library:

She had a proposal she wanted to make, asking the Board to form a committee and support the production and development of a community event for the dedication ceremony for the completion of the new lake additions. She would like the Board to supply members of the executive and finance committees in order to better represent parks, schools, libraries, and public works. Also, September 8th and 9th are tentative dates for an event in which backpacks, binoculars, and field guides will be supplied for people to bird watch near the lake.

#### c. EPNC Chair Report

Tad Yenawine, Chair:

He started by discussing the new office space, which will be available after June 31st, along with a regular meeting space for both EPNC and EPIA. He added that they are working on having consistent professional translators for every meeting. Starting next meeting, the Board will be operating under new bylaws that will hopefully be approved by DONE soon. Due to this, new officer positions will be created: a vice-treasurer and a secretary.

This led to a question about whether the secretary or the treasurer would be the card-holder. Yenawine responded that there is only one card holder, and it was not specified in the bylaws.

He added that they also voted for mandatory participation in committees. They will expect every member on the Board to sit on a committee. He also stressed the importance of supporting committees' recommendation and reports, as well as the importance of supporting the treasurer's recommendations on budget spending.

In February, the Board will open funding applications for ongoing organizations.

Cheryl Ortega added that she wants to prioritize organizations within the Board's boundaries, and are Echo Park-based.

Ida Talalla added that the Board needs to promote deadlines so that organizations are aware of their funding schedules.

Paul Bowers commented on the importance of funding outreach towards underserved communities, such as the newly-formed 5th and 6th district communities. It is not necessary to proportion the budget towards community improvement projects.

Yenawine reminded the Board that the purpose of funding organizations such as LA Theater Academy is to create relationships and raise awareness of the Neighborhood Council organizations.

Talalla brought up the issue that the community may be confused as to when meetings are being held. There should be a schedule for when meetings are to be held that is publically accessible by the first of the month.

Yenawine clarified that the space in the Echo Park United Methodist church is available every Tuesday of the month. Committees should be meeting on the first Tuesday, possibly with multiple meetings in one night, with another committee meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.

Ortega added that she would like to request that when organizations go to the executive committee for requests, that they are referred to the appropriate committee.

Yenawine clarified that the new bylaws should satisfactorily clarify that.

Darcy Harris added that she would like to see committees meet in the first two weeks, so that reports are ready for the Board of Governors meeting later on in the month.

Connie Acosta asked why Yenawine mentioned EPIA's meeting schedule coinciding with the EPNC. Yenawine responded that the EPIA and Neighborhood Council organizations diverged years ago, and that he is attempting to bring them back together as co-existing organizations. EPIA was losing their space, so he offered an alternative.

Acosta asked whether this was permissible by DONE. Yenawine answered that they can offer the space to any community members so long as they do not charge.

Joelle asked whether it would be possible for her organization to use the space. Yenawine responded that it would be possible after June 1st.

Acosta asked if the executive committee would be telling committees when to meet. Yenawine responded that it would be possible, but he would rather see committees making their own schedules to their convenience.

#### d. Treasurer Report

Michael Galano, Treasurer, went through a series of handouts detailing the budget. \$42,000 is the total budget for EPNC, with \$19,500 in NPGs approved by the Board and submitted to DONE for approval. \$12,500 of that, has already been approved by DONE. There is \$2991.87 left in the budget. The plan was to write four NPGs for \$2500. He added that the priority has always been for non-profit organizations and schools.

Yenawine asked if the remaining money in the budget included the NPGs on the agenda. Galano clarified that the remaining budget included the NPG deductions except for the NPGs on the agenda for tonight.

Harris asked if it included office equipment. Galano responded that it would come from the \$2991.87.

Galano added that the end of the fiscal year is June 30th, but the last time he can send checks is during the first week of June.

Michael Galano left at 8:14 pm.

#### e. Other Committee Chair and liaison reports

None.

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

David Rockello: I want all of you to come to Neighborhood Council Congress. I also want to talk about the Echo Park parade on the second Saturday of December. Likewise, a reminder that Lotus Festival is coming up soon. Neighborhood council congress. I want you to come. I want to talk about echo park parade. Second saturday of December. Lotus festival is coming up.

Jorge Castaneda: I'm passing around a draft of a proposed motion that I'm talking to all councils. The content is the general plan updates. These discussions have gone on behind closed doors for months, there are about 5 neighborhoods, their community plan has been clustered into one mega plan. We spoke with their councils and they hadn't heard anything. We want these neighborhoods to talk to city council and demand transparency. We've already had some neighborhood councils submit letters. The second thing I'll say is we are hosting free workshops throughout the city at the end of June, beginning of July, how to contest a questionable MER, so that the community can have their input woven into these plans.

Andy Griggs asked if he had a website. Jorge responded that they had one for "Yes on S" but have to retool it to focus on this new campaign.

Acosta mentioned that she had heard that the community plans are being done by the state, and will be presented to communities for feedback later on in the process. Jorge responded that he wanted to see neighborhood involvement regardless.

#### 4. Budget and Finance Items

Discussion and possible action re the following:

- a. Summary of remaining funds for this fiscal year after payment for church, outstanding invoices, NPGs and other previously authorized expenditures

Yenawine reminded the Board that the budget allows for \$2991.

- b. Allocation of up to \$900 for office equipment: video projector, screen, printer, printer ink, and storage locker

Tad Yenawine motions that the Board amend the allocation to \$820. Darcy Harris seconded.

Dominic Ciccodicola asked if the Board planned to buy these items in this fiscal year or next. Yenawine responded that they will be purchased this year to use in June.

**VOTE to allocate up to \$820 for office equipment: video projector, screen, printer, printer ink, and storage locker**

**VOTE  
17-0-0  
Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher  
Richard Courtney  
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal  
Andrew Knauer  
Tad Yenawine  
Cheryl Ortega  
Jeffrey Kontorovsky  
Mike Jolly  
Darcy Harris  
Paul Bowers  
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos  
Andy Griggs  
Daniel Heimpel  
Dominic Ciccodicola  
Connie Acosta  
Ida Tallala  
Margarita Hernandez

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

c. Reimbursement of Ida Talalla for APH Cmte expenses up to \$150  
Cheryl Ortega moved to approve, Andy Griggs seconded.

Talalla clarified that the total was less than \$150. Yenawine moved to amend the amount to \$100, Kevin Fisher seconded. Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal left the room during the vote.

**VOTE to approve reimbursement of Ida Talalla for APH Cmte expenses up to \$100**

**VOTE**

**16-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher  
Richard Courtney  
Andrew Knauer  
Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky  
Mike Jolly  
Cheryl Ortega  
Darcy Harris  
Paul Bowers  
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos  
Andy Griggs  
Daniel Heimpel  
Dominic Ciccodicola  
Connie Acosta  
Ida Tallala  
Margarita Hernandez

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

d. Reimbursement for Andy Griggs for Parking Expenses up to \$25

Griggs clarified that the amount was \$22 and he was willing to wait until the next fiscal year. Griggs amended the amount to \$22, Darcy Harris seconded.

**VOTE to approve reimbursement for Andy Griggs for Parking Expenses up to \$22**

**VOTE**

**16-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher  
Richard Courtney  
Andrew Knauer  
Tad Yenawine  
Jeffrey Kontorovsky  
Mike Jolly  
Darcy Harris  
Paul Bowers  
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos  
Andy Griggs  
Daniel Heimpel  
Dominic Ciccodicola  
Connie Acosta



Cheryl Ortega  
Ida Tallala  
Margarita Hernandez

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

e. [APH] Co-sponsoring tent and food on July 15-16 (Lotus Fest) with Vector Control and Community Nature Connection organizations up to \$100

Dominic Ciccodicola moved to table the discussion until after item g, Andy Griggs seconded.

**VOTE to table this item until after item f**

**16-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher  
Richard Courtney  
Andrew Knauer  
Tad Yenawine  
Jeffrey Kontorovsky  
Mike Jolly  
Darcy Harris  
Paul Bowers  
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos  
Andy Griggs  
Daniel Heimpel  
Dominic Ciccodicola  
Connie Acosta  
Cheryl Ortega  
Ida Tallala  
Margarita Hernandez

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

f. [Outreach] Up to \$100 for the application fee for EPNC booth at the Lotus Festival July 15-16, 2017.

Darcy Harris moved, seconded by Richard Courtney.

Kevin Fisher asked for clarification as the difference between item e and item f. Harris responded that the second booth is the EPNC's, and the first is Vector Control's.

In response to a question from the audience about whether the booths would be adjacent, Yenawine responded that they would check on that.

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal returned to vote.

**VOTE to approve up to \$100 for the application fee for EPNC booth at the Lotus Festival July 15-16, 2017.**

**17-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Andrew Knauer

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Daniel Heimpel

Dominic Ciccodicola

Connie Acosta

Cheryl Ortega

Ida Tallala

Margarita Hernandez

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

e. [APH] Co-sponsoring tent and food on July 15-16 (Lotus Fest) with Vector Control and Community Nature Connection organizations up to \$100 REVISITED

Griggs asked if Vector Control is contributing money, or whether the EPNC is sponsoring them in full. Talalla responded that Vector Control is a great addition to the community. She continued to stress the importance of Vector Control and offered to pay for their booth herself if the Board refused to.

Ida Talalla left at 8:40 pm.

**VOTE to approve co-sponsoring tent and food on July 15-16 (Lotus Fest) with Vector Control and Community Nature Connection organizations up to \$100**

**11-5-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Daniel Heimpel

Cheryl Ortega

Margarita Hernandez

No Votes

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Connie Acosta

Andrew Knauer

Abstention Votes

None

g. [Outreach] Up to \$200 for children's crafts and games, face painting supplies, and volunteer refreshments at the Lotus Festival July 15-16, 2017.

Yenawine announced that the amount listed was already reduced by the budget committee. If the board decides that it is not a priority, they can fund other things.

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal moved to approve, Dominic Ciccodicola seconded.

Cheryl Ortega substitute motioned to table until after item m. Connie Acosta seconded.

A member of the public congratulated Paul Bowers on performing excellent community outreach at a prior festival..

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos discussed the importance of face-painting as it relates to parents having time to listen to the EPNC while their children are waiting in line. She also encouraged the Board to pay for the volunteer refreshments since it would be a generous motion for the volunteers.

Cheryl rescinds her motion to table.

**Original motion. Moved by joselyn, seconded by dominic. 17-0-0.**

**VOTE Up to \$200 for children's crafts and games, face painting supplies, and volunteer refreshments at the Lotus Festival July 15-16, 2017.**

**16-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Daniel Heimpel

Cheryl Ortega

Margarita Hernandez

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Connie Acosta

Andrew Knauer

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

h. [Outreach] Up to \$500 for Magnets to be given to the public as outreach materials that state EPNC info, 311 info, 15 anniversary info, New Logo, etc. Example to be provided to the council at May BOG meeting.

Ciccodicola asked to remove this item until the next meeting. Yenawine responded that it will be paid for now, or it will not be tabled.

Ciccodicola discussed the quality of the magnets, and the eco-friendly advantages.

Paul Bowers moved to approve, Richard Courtney seconded.

Mike Jolly asked if it was a final design. Ciccodicola added that they can still edit and make changes.

**VOTE to approve up to \$500 for Magnets to be given to the public as outreach materials that state EPNC info, 311 info, 15 anniversary info, New Logo, etc. Example to be provided to the council at May BOG meeting.**

**12-4-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Andrew Knauer

No Votes

Connie Acosta

Cheryl Ortega

Margarita Hernandez

Daniel Heimpel

Abstention Votes

None

i. Co-sponsoring Movies at the Lake series with CD13 and EPIA up to \$250

Yenawine specified that the committee already reduced the amount offered, and that the event will happen regardless of the Board's decision.

Jolly asked how many movies. Yenawine answered 5 movies, and that the EPNC wants to do their own movie festival, so they will want CD13 and EPIA's assistance.

Ortega stressed the need for prioritization of the remaining NPGs, as there isn't enough money in the budget to fund everything fully.

Ciccodicola asked if it was possible to get the EPNC's name on the festival without offering money.

John Darnell responded that it is up to CD13 and EPIA, and reminded the Board that they could use the organizations' goodwill in the future.

Bowers reminded the Board that the relationship with CD3 could be improved, and that the reduction to the proposed funding is already at its maximum.

Paul Bowers moved to approve, Dominic Ciccodicola seconded.

**VOTE to approve co-sponsoring Movies at the Lake series with CD13 and EPIA up to \$250**

**13-3-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Andrew Knauer

Margarita Hernandez

No Votes

Connie Acosta

Cheryl Ortega

Daniel Heimpel

Abstention Votes

None

Harris reminded the Board that the remaining budget was \$899. Darcy Harris recused herself for item j stating that her daughter attends LA Theater Academy and left the room

Yenawine suggested discussing items j, k, and l as a group. The recommendation for item k was 0 dollars, as the school is outside of the boundaries of Echo Park. The request for funding is for equipment they already have, and they are served by other organizations. With regards to j, they also have opportunities from a variety of other organizations.

Yenawine added that item l's application is not time sensitive to this fiscal year, while item m is. The Board can postpone item l until the next fiscal year.

Ortega agreed, but reminded everyone that the request is required before the new school year.

Daniel Heimpel moved to amend the amount to \$449.50, seconded by Richard Courtney.

j.LA Theater Academy NPG application for up to \$2,500

**Vote to LA Theater Academy NPG application for up to \$499.50**

**15-0-0-1**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Andrew Knauer

Margarita Hernandez

Connie Acosta

Cheryl Ortega

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

Recusals:

Darcy Harris

k. Belmont HS NPG application for up to \$706

Tad Yenawine motioned to postpone item k until July, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded.

**Vote to postpone item k until the July meeting**

**16-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Andrew Knauer

Margarita Hernandez

Connie Acosta

Cheryl Ortega

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

I. Logan St. School NPG application for up to \$1000

Kevin Fisher motioned to postpone until July, Daniel Heimpel seconded.

**VOTE to postpone item I until the July meeting**

**16-0-0**

**Passed**



Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher  
Richard Courtney  
Tad Yenawine  
Darcy Harris  
Jeffrey Kontorovsky  
Paul Bowers  
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos  
Andy Griggs  
Mike Jolly  
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal  
Dominic Ciccodicola  
Andrew Knauer  
Margarita Hernandez  
Connie Acosta  
Cheryl Ortega  
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

m. EPIA NPG application for up to \$3000  
Kevin Fisher motions to amend the amount to \$449.50, Connie Acosta seconded.

Elizabeth Morin, a local parent, explained the purpose of the project: to clean the streets and celebrate the neighborhood. She added that they are not asking for money, only for time and investment.

Yenawine suggested that they revisit this item later in the year, as it happens in the Fall.

Darnell explained that if so, they cannot increase the amount specified in the agenda, but they can vote in July.

Jeffrey Kontorovsky left 9:07 pm.

Ortega asked how much was left in the budget. Yenawine answered that there is \$449.50, although the item could be postponed and funded at a greater level in July.

Griggs asked whether the timing would work out for the event if it was funded in July. Morin responded that it was fine with her organization if the Board postponed until July and August.

Paul Bowers motioned to postpone until July, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal seconded.

**VOTE to postpone item m until the July meeting**

**15-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Andrew Knauer

Margarita Hernandez

Connie Acosta

Cheryl Ortega

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

Connie Acosta motioned to revisit item k considering the remaining budget, seconded by Margarita Hernandez.

Yenawine reminded the Board that the original recommendation was for 0 dollars. Darnell recommended the Board stick with what they previously voted on since it is not time sensitive.

Hernandez said that the high school does have students from the Echo Park area, and added that the EPNC has funded organizations outside their area in the past, so that should not exclude this item from consideration.

Ortega said that while it was true that they have given money to schools outside the area in the past, it was something the Board wanted to avoid in the future.

Yenawine added that the school refused to give the Board data on how many Echo Park residents attended the school, and were likewise uninterested in promoting the Neighborhood Council.

Connie Acosta rescinded her motion.

Tad Yenawine moved to revisit item j, seconded by Kevin Fisher. Darcy Harris recused herself for this item.

j.LA Theater Academy NPG application for up to \$2,500 REVISITED

Kevin Fisher moved to use up to 902 dollars, seconded by Daniel Heimpel.

Morin reminded the Board that she attended the meeting with the hope that they would fund Logan. Yenawine reminded her that the funding for Logan was postponed until July.

**VOTE to approve LA Theater Academy NPG application for up to \$902**

**13-1-0-1**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Andrew Knauer

Connie Acosta

Cheryl Ortega

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

Margarita Hernandez

Abstention Votes

None

Recusals:

Darcy Harris

n. Approval of April 2017 MER

Kevin Fisher moved to approve the April 2017 MER, Dominic Ciccodicola seconded.

Stakeholder David asked if there was a screenshot of the bank account website, and mentioned the importance of discussing MERs with the presence of the treasurer. Yenawine reminded him that there were handouts on the display table showing the pertinent details of the financial activity.

**VOTE to approve the April 2017 MER**

**15-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Andrew Knauer

Margarita Hernandez

Connie Acosta

Cheryl Ortega

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

6. [Harris/Yenawine] Discussion and possible action re: operating under new bylaws approved by the BOG pending DONE/BONC approval (except for any BOG election, board structure and boundary related issues), e.g. appointing secretary and vice-treasurer at next officer election

Paul Bowers moved to adopt, Dominic Ciccodicola seconded.

Geaga-Rosenthal asked Darnell when he expected DONE approval for the suggested bylaws. Darnell responded that there is a meeting planned for June 6th, and another one two weeks after that, so they should hopefully be approved by your next meeting.

**VOTE to operate under the new bylaws**

**14-0-1**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Andrew Knauer

Connie Acosta

Cheryl Ortega

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

Margarita Hernandez

7. PLUC Items

- a. PLUC [7-0] Discussion and possible action re: letter of support for LAX expansion project

Darcy Harris moved to approve, Andy Griggs seconded.

Courtney said that he reached out to 7 Neighborhood Councils near LAX, and that of the seven people who responded, all were in favor of the improvement. However, they are not in favor of an expansion of the runway.

**VOTE to approve the letter as written**

**14-1-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher  
Richard Courtney  
Tad Yenawine  
Darcy Harris  
Paul Bowers  
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos  
Andy Griggs  
Mike Jolly  
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal  
Dominic Ciccodicola  
Andrew Knauer  
Connie Acosta  
Cheryl Ortega  
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

Margarita Hernandez

Abstention Votes

None

b. PLUC [6-0] Discussion and possible action re: letter of support with conditions for new restaurant Thunderbolt at 1263 W. Temple St. for full line of alcohol, recommended hours of 9 am – 2 am daily, with alcohol served from Monday through Thursday between 12:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. M-Th and 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. Fri, Sat, Sun. (ZA-2017-1226-CUB)

Acosta introduced the item by stating that she wrote the letter for the project. At the meeting on May 6th, several residents had expressed concern that the restaurant is within 500 feet of an elementary school, which led to the committee voted to support the project with restrictions for the hours. The letter is updated to reflect these residents' concerns.

Darcy Harris moved to adopt the letter, seconded by Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Johneric Concordia introduced himself as one of the principal members of the project. He stressed his interest in supporting non-profits and working with the Neighborhood Council to solve problems and concerns.

Stakeholder David added that he has known Concordia for a long time, and that Echo Park needs more establishments with a liquor license on his side of the freeway.

Hernandez added that she was concerned about the establishment serving liquor so late on the weekends.

Jolly asked when the restaurant would likely open. Concordia responded that they are expecting to open within 8-12 months.

Harris asked if they had a hearing date with the city for approval. Valerie Sacks, from Liquorlicense.com, explained that she did not expect a hearing date until at least August.

**VOTE to approve the letter as written**

**15-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Andrew Knauer

Connie Acosta

Cheryl Ortega

Daniel Heimpel

Margarita Hernandez

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

Margarita Hernandez left at 9:31 pm.

c. PLUC [7-0] Discussion and possible action re: letter of support for waiver of required improvement of substandard hillside limited street Donaldson St. adjacent to new single family residence at 2201 Vestal Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90026 (ZA-2016-4175-ZA)

Acosta said that the project manager did outreach in both English and Spanish, and that there was an adjacent resident in support of this project.

Darcy Harris moved to approve, seconded by Kevin Fisher.

**VOTE to approve the letter as written**

**14-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Andrew Knauer

Connie Acosta

Cheryl Ortega

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

d. PLUC [6-0] Discussion and possible action re: letter of support for waiver of required street improvement adjacent to new single family home at 1620 Landa St. (ZA-2016-4376-ZAD)

Darcy Harris moved to approve, Kevin Fisher seconded.

Acosta stated that the project manager did not do a 500-foot outreach after the committee asked him to.

Yenawine reminded Acosta that the letter had already been unanimously approved by her committee, and asked her to bear that in mind during the discussion.

Courtney added that the committee asked the project manager to supply a letter and reach out to his neighbors, both of which the project manager did. He added that although the project manager did not attend committee meetings, that is not required. On the conditions that we gave to the project manager, we agreed to approve the letter.



**VOTE to approve the letter as written**

**9-2-3**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Andy Griggs

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Cheryl Ortega

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

Mike Jolly

Connie Acosta

Abstention Votes

Dominic Ciccodicola

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Paul Bowers

Connie Acosta and Mike Jolly leave at 9:42 pm.

8. Outreach Items

- a. Discussion and possible action re approval of letter written by Andy Griggs and approved by Outreach Committee to be sent and shared with venues and festivals of Echo Park concerning ADA issues and access

Griggs said that the meeting was a success and that there were some suggestions that will be incorporated into the motions.

Andy Griggs moved to approve with the addition that the liasons and outreach committee can develop further letters, Dominic Ciccodicola seconded.

Harris asked if this meant that the Outreach Committee could send out other letters without showing them to the Board first. Griggs answered yes.

Stakeholder David asked how other Neighborhood Councils can get involved. Yenawine asked Griggs to develop a template letter that other NCs can use.

Geaga-Rosenthal added that everyone should be doing their part to report on ADA accessibility within their neighborhoods.

**VOTE to approve the letter as written**

**12-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Andrew Knauer

Cheryl Ortega

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

b. Discussion and possible action re approval of letter written by subcommittee concerning immigration policy, to be circulated amongst other NC's and ultimately presented to City Council.

Richard Courtney left at 9:53 pm.

Dominic Ciccodicola moved to postpone in deference to the time remaining, Cheryl Ortega seconded.

**VOTE to postpone item 8b**

**11-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris  
Paul Bowers  
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos  
Andy Griggs  
Mike Jolly  
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal  
Dominic Ciccodicola  
Andrew Knauer  
Connie Acosta  
Cheryl Ortega  
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

c. Discussion and possible action re writing a letter/press release for all NPG's that EPNP has approved and funded, to be distributed to the press and community.

Dominic Ciccodicola moved to postpone in deference to the time remaining, Tad Yenawine seconded.

**VOTE to postpone item 8c**

**11-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher  
Tad Yenawine  
Darcy Harris  
Paul Bowers  
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos  
Andy Griggs  
Mike Jolly  
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal  
Dominic Ciccodicola  
Andrew Knauer  
Connie Acosta  
Cheryl Ortega  
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

9. SLCO Motions

a. Letter in support of Skid Row Neighborhood Council

Yenawine announced that the planned letter supported the recommendations to redo the vote. However, DONE disagreed with the recommended course of action, and shut down the Skid Row Neighborhood Council.

Darnell added that if there are no elections next year, the Skid Row NC will probably be reopened. If they would like to try again, they can.

Kevin Fisher moved to refer the item back to committee, seconded by Darcy Harris.

**VOTE to refer item 9a back to committee**

**11-0-0**

**Passed**

Yes Votes

Kevin Fisher

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Andy Griggs

Mike Jolly

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Dominic Ciccodicola

Andrew Knauer

Connie Acosta

Cheryl Ortega

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes

None

Abstention Votes

None

b. Discussion of Festival of Hope sponsored by St. Athanasius

Sally David introduced herself to the Board and discussed the Festival of Hope, and discussed the importance of creating a stronger community and soliciting donations from organizations like EPNC and EPIA. Likewise, a lot of non-profit organizations' directors are moving to Echo Park, so this would be a good way to bring attention to the immigrant population.

Griggs added that he had spoken to the Black and Brown Clergy Coalition, and there is a lot of interest in the Festival.

Yenawine told David that if she was seeking funding, she should attend the July meeting, when they will have a flexible budget. He also encouraged her to visit ARC, although they haven't met in the last two months. Griggs asked if it would be possible for David's organization to ask for an endorsement without funding. Yenawine said absolutely.

10. Announcements

None.

11. Future Agenda Items

None.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 pm