

**Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC)  
Board of Governors Meeting  
Logan Street Span School Auditorium  
1171 Montana Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026**

**Tuesday, October 25, 2016 7:00 P.M. (PT)  
Open Meeting  
Minutes**

The following 17 Board Members in attendance:

Margarita Fernandez, **D4**; Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, **At Large**;  
Ida Talalla, **D3**; Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, **D5**;  
Connie Acosta, **At Large**; Darcy Harris, **Vice Chair & At Large**; Richard Courtney, **D2**;  
Tad Yenawine, **Chair & D4**; Paul Bowers, **CIO & D1**; Cheryl Ortega, **D2**;  
Jim Brown, **D2**; Jeffrey Kontorovsky, **D5**; Kevin Fisher, **D1**; Johnmichael Hull, **D1**; Mike Jolly, **D5**;  
Jackelyn Valladares, **Secondary Signatory & Committee Interest**; Michael Galano, **Treasurer & D4**;

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Meeting called to order by Tad Yenawine at 7:01 PM. Tad takes roll call and welcomes audience. Absent Board Members are Alex Meza, **D3**; Nicole Tinson, **At Large**; Manuel Pool, **At Large**; and Andrew Knauer, **D3**. Andrew let Tad know he would not make meeting tonight.

Agenda Item # 5: Tad informs the audience no decision will be made tonight by the Board regarding the *Central American Youth Leadership Conference's US\$ 1,500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) Application* due to the Board's existing *Budget & Finance Committee* situation. Additionally, the Board was not able to make quorum with the *Schools & Libraries Committee* to review the application in more detail.

Adoption of Minutes: A Long Form (26 pages) and a Short Form (15 pages) version of the meeting minutes are considered from the September 27, 2016 *EPNC BOG* meeting.

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal: Motions to have the Board adopt Short Form version of the minutes

Connie Acosta: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ida Talalla: Adds substitute motion: Spelling errors found in both versions need to be corrected

Tad Yenawine: Suggests corrections be made after the Board makes a decision

Ida Talalla: Moves to amend motion and have Board adopt the Long Form version because it includes all the necessary details an absent participant would need for more information about what transpired at the meeting

Margarita Fernandez: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jackelyn Valladares arrives at 7:10 PM.

Paul Bowers & Connie Acosta: Suggest the Short Form be made even shorter, more condensed

Board discussion ensues.

Ida Talalla: Adds following corrections to the Short Form:

-Page 7, Public Comment, correction is Judith Hanson should be replaced with Isa Meksin, and add that Judith Raskin helped get the benches (this detail is only in the long form).\_

-Throughout, Ida Talalla is misspelled (as Tallala)

Darcy Harris: Adds following corrections to the Long Form:

-Page 1, \_Under Non-Attending Board Members, correction is to strike Mary Jane Hunter (she had already resigned)

-Page 14, comment by Paul Bowers at the bottom of page, correction is "Ostrich Farm parking space" should be "parking space in front of new restaurant"

Jim Brown leaves at 7:12 PM.

Tad Yenawine: Calls vote on amended motion to have the Board adopt the Long Form of the minutes once errors are corrected.

Results of vote: **FAIL** (6-9-1)

**Yes** = 6, Margarita Fernandez, Ida Talalla, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Richard Courtney, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, and Darcy Harris

**No** = 9, Connie Acosta, Paul Bowers, Johnmichael Hull, Cheryl Ortega, Kevin Fisher, Jeffrey Kontorovsky, Mike Jolly, Jackelyn Valladares, and Michael Galano

**Abstention** = 1, Tad Yenawine

Tad Yenawine: Calls vote on original motion to have the Board adopt the Short Form of the minutes once errors are corrected. A shorter, more condensed version is not up for vote.

Results of vote: **PASS** (14-2-0)

**Yes** = 14, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Connie Acosta, Richard Courtney, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Darcy Harris, Paul Bowers, Johnmichael Hull, Cheryl Ortega, Kevin Fisher, Jeffrey Kontorovsky, Mike Jolly, Jackelyn Valladares, Michael Galano, and Tad Yenawine

**No** = 2, Margarita Fernandez, and Ida Talalla

**Abstention** = 0

## II. GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY REPORTS

### a. Government Agency and Officers

Stephanie Uy, available by calling (916) 319-2051, is a Field Representative for the 51<sup>st</sup> District of California State Assembly member, Jimmy Gomez. She shares an update about the community's efforts to eliminate the potholes located near the intersection of *North Alvarado Street* and *Sunset Blvd*. The entity charged with completing this street maintenance is *Cal-Trans* and they have been unresponsive. A copy of the *Maintenance Log* containing previously completed repairs at this intersection has been requested. A formal demand letter was drafted and it has a list of 'tasks' that need to be completed by *Cal-Trans*. It demands that they make street repairs a top priority, specifically the potholes around *1342 North Alvarado Street* (in front of *Vons* grocery store) and the northeast corner of *2028 Sunset Blvd.*, (a *Sunset Autospa* carwash). Below is a vicinity map to highlight project location.:

Amanda Mejia, available by calling (213) 978-978-0812, is the East Area Representative for Los Angeles mayor, Eric Garcetti. She is a point of contact out of the Mayor's Office for ~400,000 LA residents living in **CD1**, **CD13**, & **CD14**. The territories she covers include Eagle Rock to Boyle Heights. There is an ongoing dialogue regarding the many concerns voiced by the community about Dodger Stadium traffic and safety that she participates in and her presence tonight is part of the mayor's *Back-to-Basics agenda*. She presents the following updates via handouts and talking points:

**Handout 1:** List of East side Activities/ Events planned for *Halloween* holiday on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Handout 2:** Details about the mayor's *Welcome Home Project* that seeks to engage Angelinos in conversation about homelessness to educate them on the City's solutions and mobilize them towards action. Participants are encouraged to take direct action through the creation of *Welcome Home Baskets*. An upcoming third-round of donations will take place soon. It is tentatively set for the first week of December 2016. It seeks to collect 481 additional contributions to reach the mayor's goal of distributing 1,000 care packages or 'baskets' to this at-risk group. Donations can be dropped off at local Fire stations.

**Handout 2 cont'd:** More information on what to donate can be found online at [www.lamayor.org/WHP](http://www.lamayor.org/WHP). Volunteers can sign-up by registering online at [www.lamayor.org/WHPRegister](http://www.lamayor.org/WHPRegister). Additionally, all Neighborhood Council Board Members are asked to elect a contact person to be an official *Homelessness Liaison*.

**Handout 3:** Details about the mayor's *Great Streets Challenge*. It is a partnership with the Department of City Planning and Transportation to envision, collaborate on, and build transformative street infrastructure projects by setting aside US\$ 2 million to invest. A grant of US\$ 13 thousand to Community Partners will cover outreach costs. The City will directly invest US\$ 1.7 million to Community Partners in technical assistance, project scoping, planning, permitting, economic development assistance, a public art project, and construction. Any street in Los Angeles is eligible to apply. This grant is for non-profits and schools to take advantage of. Neighbor Councils would have to partner with a school, or a non-profit, willing to pick-up the liability insurance costs. Many applicants have focused on public safety concerns like crosswalks. Community Partners will initiate one of two types of projects: Pop-up or Build. Various stages of support are included to make the winning applicant's project a success. Deadline to submit an application is on **November 18<sup>th</sup>**, by **6 PM (PT)**.

Paul Bowers: How close does this relate to the individual *Community Plan*?

Amanda: The *Community Plan* is a branch from the *General Plan*. This does not impact the *Community Plan* because it is somewhat separate given its components.

**Announcement:** Women on the Board have been invited, via email by the mayor's office, to an event taking place on Thursday, **Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please RSVP in time.

Connie Acosta: Volunteers to be an official *Homelessness Liaison* for EPNC

Board discussion ensues.

Tad Yenawine: Suggests Board Member, Alex Meza, be a second official *Homelessness Liaison*. Elections will take place on a later date after Tad, Connie, and Alex meet to discuss this role. This suggestion is echoed by Cheryl Ortega.

## b. **Community Organizations**

### **Homies Unidos**

Alex Sanchez, available by calling (213) 383-7484, is the Executive Director at local non-profit *Homies Unidos*. He shares with everyone how funds provided by EPNC last year were used to successfully promote their first annual Central American Youth Leadership Conference. His group reached LA's Central American refugee and at-risk youth by creating several flyers using the funds.

*Homies Unidos* now requests US\$ 1,500 from EPNC in financial support to help cover the cost of their second annual *Central American Youth Leadership Conference that has a total budget of \$28,000*. The event is scheduled for **Friday, December 2** from 9 AM -5 PM (PT) on a *California State University* campus located at *5154 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032*.

This event will formally welcome the *Central American Refugee (CAR)* youth to the LA community. It aims to connect them with resources that address their trauma around the social determinants of health. *CAR* youth have been dealing with violence since they lived in their country of origin, which they were forced to emigrate.

They embarked in a dangerous journey through Mexico, and ended up incarcerated in the U.S. detention centers, after that the *Immigration Enforcement Agency* reallocated them into Refugee Centers until they were finally released to their parents/ legal guardians. But their hopes and dreams of starting a new life free from violence have been challenged during a complex transitioning and reintegration process. Many are unified with their family or relatives whom they had not seen in over a decade, or are put in new schools where they didn't know anyone nor the language and feel alienated. These circumstances are compounded by the reality that many of these neighborhoods they came to live in lack the proper health systems. They are coping with anxiety, depression, and PTSD. This is a complex social-economic issue that *Homies Unidos* programs and events attempt to address directly by offering a support network.

The group already has commitments and support from the LA Mayor's office of *Immigrant Affairs*, LAUSD, City Council Representatives, students from four different schools, local newspaper *La Opinión*, television anchor Norma Roque of *Univision*, and four separate communities including Koreatown. Twenty-four 'booth areas' are still available for potential vendors that want to join. More information can be found online at <http://homiesunidos.org>.

Discussion ensues. Several comments are made about the large number of young foreigners in LA that are at a disadvantage due to language barriers, access to or time for education, culture shock, lack of cohesive local support, and regrettably many get harassed instead of helped. Alex reiterates the benefits that events like his group provide to the community.

Tad Yenawine: Refer item (#5 on agenda) to *Budget & Finance Committee* for further review (tentatively set for Nov 20) and make it an agenda item in the next *EPNC BOG* meeting scheduled for **November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM (PT)**

Requests that Alex Sanchez email him (Tad) and Paul Bowers for more information

Paul Bowers: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Results of vote: **PASS** (15-0-0-1)

Yes = 15, Margarita Fernandez, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Connie Acosta, Darcy Harris, Richard Courtney, Tad Yenawine, Paul Bowers, Cheryl Ortega, , Mike Jolly, Jeffrey Kontorovsky, Kevin Fisher, Johnmichael Hull, and Jackelyn Valladares, Michael Galano

No = 0

Abstention = 0,

Ineligible = Ida Talalla

Mike Jolly leaves at 8:06 PM.

### Public Comment

Caroline Stouffer: Makes reference to the country's formidable 'youth bulge' detailed below:

#### **Mexico's Age Structure:**

0-14 years: 27.26% (male 17,167,636/female 16,402,301)

15-24 years: 17.72% (male 11,049,818/female 10,770,843)

*Youth Bulge* **25-54 years: 40.69%** (male 24,174,900/female 25,938,909)

55-64 years: 7.41% (male 4,187,644/female 4,944,802)

65 years and over: 6.93% (male 3,827,870/female 4,702,026) (2016 est.)

Becoming educated about *Mexico's Age Structure*, including the existing 'youth bulge' that emerged alongside the drug cartel wars, will help Angelinos better understand why there are an increasing number of young refugees from the South into the United States within the last decade.

### c. EPNC Chair Report

Tad Yenawine: Every Board Member has filled-out the *Code of Conduct* prior to this meeting. However, Ida Talalla is the only individual tonight that is ineligible to vote on financial issues until she signs the *Ethics Training* section.

Ida Talalla: Plans on signing the *Ethics Training* section online once the computer's *Acrobat* software get a successful update.

Tad Yenawine: Notable absences from the Board. Manuel Pool has resigned as Co-Chair of the *Outreach Committee*. Nicole Tinson has not made a meeting since being elected while Alex Meza has been out on medical, though his return is anticipated. To serve this community means there are no excused absences and therefore Board Members need to show up. We can't afford members being absent and our bylaws are convoluted regarding the removal of members. Ideally, those not able to commit should resign and I encourage those not planning to show up to resign. Perhaps a future agenda item should be the removal of those members that have many absences to get EPNC ready for next month if they continue to not respond or show up.

Mike Jolly returns at 8:16 PM.

### d. Other Committee Chair and Liaisons Reports

**Outreach Committee**: Chair Johnmichael Hull needs two active Co-chairs to be appointed. He feels that his present contributions, and the contributions of the *Outreach Committee* overall, are not at full potential. Tad Yenawine asks Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos if she would be interested in becoming a Co-chair. Luiza shows interest. Johnmichael explains that he would like the two Co-chairs to succeed him and take the lead for a few months since the workload has become overwhelming. He would temporarily step down as Chair to become a committee member.

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos becomes the temporary Chair of the *Outreach Committee*.

Paul Bowers: Comments that this is a fun role for a 'people person' & for anyone who is unsure how they can help contribute. It is a 'meta-committee' that should be working with all the other committees to promote outreach and the work that EPNC does. Paul offers his support to Luiza.

Cheryl Ortega: [Agrees with Paul that the *Outreach Committee* is a vital part of all the other NC committees by helping each successfully promote their events & goals to the local community.]

The past two months Cheryl invited several school administrative officials via email to the *Schools & Libraries Committee's* monthly meeting and did not receive a response from anyone. All NC committees need outreach assistance.

Jackelyn Valladares offers to join the *Outreach Committee* as a translator.

Tad Yenawine: Strongly encourages Board Members to stay positive, evaluate successes, and avoid becoming frustrated with the amount of work. The pace of work is slow and the rules that need to be followed are many but progress has been made and needs to continue. The process will get easier as time goes by so it is important that members scale their goals appropriately to do what they can for the community.

Ida Talalla: Comments that Darcy Harris's *Gentrification Resolution* was great and did not get the promotion or voice it deserved.

Darcy Harris: organized Tenant's Rights Workshop that took place on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM (PT) in the *Elysian Heights Elementary School Auditorium*. Roughly 30 people attended and the interpreters that participated did an excellent job. Darcy signed a *Liability Waiver* taking full responsibility for any action taken by volunteers during the event. As a result, and in an effort to mitigate risk, she limited the amount of Board Members and volunteers that got to participate. She had issues getting a permit from schools to host this workshop and getting school-participants to attend it once she secured a location. She plans to learn from this experience and do more promotion and outreach in hopes of increasing the number of volunteers and attendees at the next workshop. The next session is scheduled for some time in January 2017 but the location is TBD.

Board discussion ensues concerning the best location to host the next workshop session. Rosemont and Plasencia suggested.

Question: Was this TR Workshop recorded & will it be available free online for the community?

Darcy Harris: Yes, it was recorded and that is part of our plan, to put this up as a series of workshops on the web for the public.

**Planning and Land Use Committee**: Chair Connie Acosta help write a *Letter of Recommendation* to have *Café 21*, located 2 blocks west of *Templet Street*, get ADA accessibly installed. Also see part VI. **CONSENT CALENDAR**, Section 6a.

**Schools, Libraries, and Community Organizations Committee**: See part XII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**.

**Public Safety (Ad Hoc) Committee**: Chair Richard Courtney reports there has been no reply from Dodger Stadium Officials to the multiple safety and traffic concerns voiced by the community so the committee will come up with a four-part plan during its next session that focuses on opening a public dialogue between the two parties. Happy to report that *Scott Gate* has been closed for events, including during concerts.

**Budget & Finance Committee**: Board Treasurer & Committee Chair, Michael Galano, will present a brief report detailing the latest updates to the *BOG Monthly Expense Report* at the next session. The committee will meet on Nov. 20 or 22<sup>nd</sup> with a location TBD. July 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of the *EPNC BOG* Fiscal Year.

**Bylaws, Rules, and Elections (Ad Hoc) Committee**: Chair Darcy Harris announced a meeting on Bylaws in September and hopes to hold another one in November. As to meeting spaces, she

has reserved Echo Park Library for Wednesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> however she has experienced difficulty in reserving monthly meeting spaces.

Caroline Stouffer: Suggests Darcy connect with Pack Leaders of local *Boy Scouts* and *Girls Scouts of America* Troops to coordinate and possibly share monthly meeting space. This will ease some of the burdens related to scheduling.

**Park, Public Works, & Environment (Ad Hoc) Committee**: Paul Bowers gives a progress report on committee's *Clean Streets LA Challenge*. Recently they cleaned roadways on *Sunset Blvd.* between Laveta and Echo Park Ave. . The next ***Communications Committee*** meeting is on November 16 at [6:00 pm] at Echo Park Library (joint meeting with Outreach).

**Handout 1:**

**Handout 2:** A blank ***NC Blitz Request Form*** that allows the public to mark down and inform the *City of LA's Bureau of Street Services* of any critical repairs needed and where each is located to help city better prioritize road maintenance.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

#### **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training**

David Rockello, available by calling (213) 413-0508, invites everyone to join him to complete their *CERT Training*. This once-a-week training opportunity aims to create a group of community emergency-responders in case the Fire Department remains unavailable. A five-week training program starts on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at the *St. Barnabas Senior Services & Echo Park Senior Center on 1021 North Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026*.

David recommends that the Board offer incentives already found in their inventory. He asks the Board to specifically donate some EPNC promotional backpack to the successful graduates of this 5 week-long *CERT Training* program. He recalls these backpacks being purchased by past EPNC Board Members but never saw them distributed or utilized.

#### **We Empowerment Center**

Andy Griggs, available by calling (818) 404-5784, is the Treasurer at local non-profit *We Empowerment Center*. The group cultivates sustainable paradigms of individual and collective healing, identity, and empowerment through education, dialogue, creative expression, and collaboration within a social justice context. Placing a special emphasis on Dis-ability inclusion and accommodation.

Andy reports updates on various community events and several similar points of interest. The *Echo Park Improvement Association (EPIA)* is having their next *Town Hall Meeting* on Thursday, Nov. 3 starting at 7:00 PM. It takes place every first Thursday of the month at the *Barlow Hospital* located on *2000 Stadium Way* in *Williams Hall* unless otherwise noted. Find more information online at <http://www.epia-echopark.org>. They will be discussing the ***Short Term Rental Issues*** and Andy urges Board Members to attend. Representatives from *Airbnb* and *Keep Neighborhoods First* will be on a panel to share in discussions and answer questions from the audience.

### IV. CLARIFYING THE USE OF WORD 'PARKS' WITHIN TWO COMMITTEE TITLES

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal: Moves to remove the word 'Parks' from ***Parks, Public Works, & Sustainability Committee***'s title and renaming it ***Public Works & Sustainability Committee***; While ***Aging, Parks and Health Committee*** would remain the same, title unchanged

Margarita Fernandez: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Results of vote: **PASS** (10-0-6)

**Yes** = 10, Margarita Fernandez, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Connie Acosta, Darcy Harris, Richard Courtney, Tad Yenawine, Paul Bowers, Ida Talalla, Jeffrey Kontorovsky, and Jackelyn Valladares

**No** = 0

**Abstention** = 6, Cheryl Ortega, Kevin Fisher, Jeffery Kontorovsky, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Johnmichael Hull, Mike Jolly

#### **Public Comment**

David Rockello: Add the word 'recreation' to replace the word 'parks' in altered title

Cheryl Ortega: That would be a separate motion. The individual that brought this to the Board should be heard so they can explain why this should or should not happen

Letter written by stakeholder Isa Meksin is read aloud by Chair Tad Yenawine. Isa calls for the formation of a single committee with the word "Parks" in the title. She believes the word belongs within the '*Aging, Parks and Health Committee*' title.

#### **Board Comment**

Margarita Fernandez: On July 26, 2016 at the Board of Governors Meeting, The Ageing, Parks & Health Committee was formed and it should stay as such, we must remain constant.

Board discussion ensues.

Paul Bowers: Motion to call to question

VOTE – see above.

Kevin Fisher will remain Chair of renamed committee Public Works and Sustainability

#### **V. NPG Application for Homies Unidos. See Agenda Item # 5 on cover page under **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**.**

Referred to *Budget & Finance Committee*. See vote above under Community Organizations, item II.b.

#### **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Margarita Fernandez: Requests agenda **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR, 6a** be pulled from discussion for now  
Jackelyn Valladares: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Richard Courtney: Moves to adopt **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR** (items 6b, 6c, 6d)

Darcy Harris: 2<sup>nd</sup>

6b. Motion to authorize any Board Members that serve on *PLUC* to advise City Personnel & Officials when *PLUC* and/or *BOG* does not have sufficient time to convene, vote & submit a recommendation or statement on planning matters before a deadline, and request additional time to do so, without seeking specific approval of the *BOG*; and further, to authorize any Board Members that serve *PLUC* to speak at any public hearings on planning



matters to convey positions of the Board on which the Board has previously voted and/or submitted a written statement.

- 6c. Update the previously filed Oct. 26, 2016 *Community Impact Statement (CIS)* on the *Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance Amendment* to clarify position regarding *Hillside Ordinance* & exemption for 'side setbacks'.

Authorize Johnmichael Hull or his designated representative to submit an application and act on behalf of the EPNC regarding participation in Echo Park Community Parade on December 10, 2016 so the Board represents the EPNC in a cohesive manner. Results of vote: **PASS** (15-0-1)

**Yes** = 15, Margarita Fernandez, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Connie Acosta, Darcy Harris, Richard Courtney, Tad Yenawine, Paul Bowers, Jeffrey Kontorovsky, Cheryl Ortega, Ida Talalla, Kevin Fisher, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Johnmichael Hull, Mike Jolly, and Jackelyn Valladares  
**No** = 0  
**Abstention** = 1, Michael Galano

**Separate Consideration of Item 6a – pulled from Consent Calendar:**

**VII.**

- 6a. ZA-2016-2953-CUB Conditional use permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer & wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with bakery/ restaurant operating *Gigi's Bakery* at *2200 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA.*

Owner of *Gigi's Bakery*, Francisco, gives a brief history of his family's restaurant and explains why they seeks a *Conditional Use Permit*. He also answers several questions from the Board.

Tad Yenawine: Moves to support motion as written  
Jeffrey Kontorovsky: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Results of vote: **PASS** (16-0-0)

**Yes** = 16, Unanimous  
**No** = 0  
**Abstention** = 0

**VIII. SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE**

Discussion to support a letter drafted by the *NC Sustainability Alliance* to LA Mayor Eric Garcetti that advocates for the *Dept. of Water & Power* to transition its power-generation portfolio to 100% renewable energy by year 2030.

**BOARD COMMENT**

Connie Acosta: Moves to amend motion that a more detailed letter be generated after additional research is conducted. Connie feels current letter is too vague, lacks definition, and does not set measurable metrics that could be counted on or offer actions that can be implemented in any real way. Does not want to support this version of the letter.

No 2<sup>nd</sup>: No action resulting in no amendment.

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal: Moves to adopt letter onto EPNC letterhead and support initiative  
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Results of vote: **PASS** (12-3-1)

**Yes** = 12, Margarita Fernandez, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Darcy Harris, Richard Courtney, Tad Yenawine, Paul Bowers, Cheryl Ortega, Ida Talalla, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Johnmichael Hull, Michael Galano, and Jackelyn Valladares

**No** = 3, Connie Acosta, Kevin Fisher, and Mike Jolly

**Abstention** = 1, Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Ida Talalla, Connie Acosta, Richard Courtney, Margarita Fernandez, Mike Jolly leave at 9:15 PM.

Darcy Harris moves to table #8 and address #9 first. Passed without objection.

**IX. US\$ 1 THOUSAND FOR REUSABLE BAGS W/ EPNC LOGOS**

Approve up to \$1000 for reusable bags with EPNC logos to be used in Outreach efforts - Outreach Committee to determine vendor, type of bag and design

Kevin Fisher: Motion as stated

Paul Bowers: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Results of vote: **PASS** (11-0-0)

**Yes** = 11, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Darcy Harris, Tad Yenawine, Paul Bowers, Jeffrey Kontorovsky, Cheryl Ortega, Kevin Fisher, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Johnmichael Hull, Michael Galano, Jackelyn Valladares

**No** = 0

**Abstention** = 0

**VIII. ACCESSIBILITY STUDY**

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos presents study of disability access at Echo Park Rising, Dodger Stadium and elsewhere

Darcy Harris: Motion to Refer to Public Safety for further study and recommendation re: disability/accessibility issues in Echo Park  
Paul Bowers: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Results of vote: **PASS** (11-0-0)

**Yes** = 11, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Darcy Harris, Tad Yenawine, Paul Bowers, Jeffrey Kontorovsky, Cheryl Ortega, Kevin Fisher, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Johnmichael Hull, Michael Galano, Jackelyn Valladares

**No** = 0

**Abstention** = 0

**IX. UPDATE THE EPNC WEBSITE**

Website update in process.

Tad Yenawine: Motion to reaffirm authority of Communications Committee and Paul Bowers to update the EPNC website

Kevin Fisher: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Results of vote: **PASS** (11-0-0)

**Yes** = 0 , Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Darcy Harris, Tad Yenawine, Paul Bowers, Jeffrey Kontorovsky, Cheryl Ortega, Kevin Fisher, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Johnmichael Hull, Michael Galano, Jackelyn Valladares

**No** = 0

**Abstention** = 0

**X. ESTABLISH Committees on Homelessness & Inner City Farming or referrals**

Tad Yenawine: Motion to have the *Schools, Libraries, and Community Organizations Committee* continue their work with homelessness and that *Inner City Farming* be referred to the *Planning and Land Use Committee* for further research.

Darcy Harris: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Results of vote: **PASS** (11-0-0)

**Yes** = 11, Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal, Darcy Harris, Tad Yenawine, Paul Bowers, Cheryl Ortega, Jeffrey Kontorovsky, Kevin Fisher, Johnmichael Hull, Jackelyn Valladares, Michael Galano.

**No** = 0

**Abstention** = 0

**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal: When is the Ad Hoc meeting for the new *Committees on Homelessness & Inner City Farming* taking place?

Tad Yenawine: That is TBD.

Darcy Harris: Shares that from October 22 – 28, *LA Law Library* will celebrate its *Pro Bono Week* by providing access to FREE legal resources for those facing both civil and criminal legal problems. Event is OPEN to the public all week. For more information go online to [www.lalawlibrary.org/CLASSES](http://www.lalawlibrary.org/CLASSES).

Board Members need to send their updated contact information to Paul Bowers via e-mail at paul.bowers.epnc@gmail.com by the end of the week so business card can be ordered and distributed in the next BOG meeting.

Cheryl Ortega: The next *Schools, Libraries, and Community Organizations Committee* meeting falls on Election Day, or Nov. 8, 2016. We should aim to have it on the following Tuesday, or Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Bowers: Why not have several Committee meetings take place on the same day, spanning a few hours, all at the same location to make attendance easier for attendees?

Tad Yenawine: We tried that in the past and some attendees got upset that they could not attend two or more meetings held at the same time. EPNC definitely should avoid having a *PLUC* meeting run counter to any other Committee meetings.

Jackelyn Valladares & Paul Bowers leave at 9:35 PM.

## **XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Darcy Harris: Add following to agenda:

-moved the removal of Board Member Manuel Pool from the *BOG* for four absences pursuant to bi-laws Article 5, Section 7. He will need to be notified very soon, in a timely manner. Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos: 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Requests an update on plans for website renovations to be presented to the Board at next session
- Requests updates on local press/newsletter projects and the Los Feliz Ledger
- Requests brief report from the Treasurer regarding overall budget and goals, including insight into the proper processes when approving NPG. Board should understand how the process works before voting on applications.

Andy Griggs: would like time made available for him to speak in next *BOG* session, during *Community Organizations Reports, re: WE Empowerment Center*

David Rockello asked that LANCC issues, including motions on Homelessness, be addressed at a future meeting.

Luiza Mavropoulos suggested a review of Proposition HHH

Johnmichael Hull added details of the Christmas Parade, like banners, etc.

Paul Bowers suggested a candidate forum for CD 1 and the March election

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**The Next Meeting is on November 29, 2016.** It will be at TBD, zip code 90026

This OPEN Meeting will start at 7:00 PM (PT)

**December Board of Governors Meeting is TBD** Meeting Adjourn at **9:41 PM (PT)**.