

ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, November 29, 2016,
7:00 P.M.

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

1. Administrative items

a. Call to Order

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

b. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Tad Yenawine, Chair

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Darcy Harris, Vice Chair

Connie Acosta

Ida Talalla (left early)

Margarita Fernandez (left early)

Michael Galano, Treasurer

Paul Bowers, Chief Information Officer (arrived late)

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Alex Meza (left early)

Cheryl Ortega

Non-Attending Board Members:

Nicole Tinson

Mike Jolly

JohnMichael Hull

Jackelyn Valladares, Second Signatory

Jim Brown

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)
representative Thomas Soong is here.

Chair Tad Yenawine said that Manuel Pool has submitted his
resignation from the Board.

c. Adoption of minutes

*Yenawine said that he wants to postpone adoption of the minutes
to the next meeting. Vice Chair Darcy Harris seconded.*

VOTE
14-0-0-
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez
Michael Galano
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Ida Talalla

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

2. Community/Government reports:

a. Government agencies and officers

*Juan Fregoso, Field Representative for Council Member Mitch
O'Farrell, Council District 13 (CD13):*

He gave a summary of what's new for the district. CD13 has just installed a new Preferential Parking District, which residents sought for years.

He said that the Dodgers have a new community relations person. We've had internal meetings with the Dodgers, he added.

He reported that there was a homicide along Mohawk and Montana. His office has had community meetings with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). The victim was a transient. There is no known motive and there are no leads on who killed him. The LAPD believes that it was an isolated incident. It may have been drug related.

This led to a related discussion about lighting safety concerns. We have requested the creation of a lighting district in that area, he said. Are there other areas that need lighting, he asked.

Separately, Fregoso said we just did a Thanksgiving giveaway. We gave away 100 turkeys.

He mentioned that there will be an Echo Park race next Saturday.

On December 11 at 10am there will be session to meet Council Member Mitch O'Farrell. Light breakfast will be served. Council Member O'Farrell will be there until 11:30am.

Finally, he added that there will be a bulky item pick up next Sunday morning. The donation bin will be near Elysian Heights elementary school. Regarding Christmas toys, he said we expect to give away about 3,000 toys this year. Let us know of organizations requesting toys.

Kevin Fisher asked about the Trees in Parks community group. Fregoso replied that there will be a meeting about this within 2 weeks. There is a request for irrigation systems. The Department of Recreation and Parks will make the decision about sprinklers. We will plant another 200 trees. We've already planted 100 trees. The Department of Water and Power (DWP) is involved.

Cheryl Ortega said that a small private preschool is letting go of 2 dozen child sized cots. Does anyone need them?

A Woman asked about e-waste. Fregoso said he will find out about that.

Richard Courtney said I sent 6 emails to the Mohawk people who are taking over Lucy's. they are not getting back about having a town hall meeting or community input session. Fregoso said we talked to Samantha who said that she will reach out to you. Courtney said they haven't done anything.

The community deserves a chance to make their voices heard, said Courtney. Fregoso said we talked to Chipotle, as an example, when they moved into the community.

Courtney said there was an accident near that location. Fregoso said there is talk to get funding for a median. Christine had been working on that in the past. There may also be flashing beacons to slow traffic. Also, a cross walk has been approved. It will be installed before the end of the fiscal year. That should help a little.

A Man said he wanted clarification. He was awakened 2 nights in a row by gunshots. He called the LAPD who told him that it's a film shoot. It was at 3am near Rosemont Elementary School. Fregoso confirmed that there is filming near there. We did meet with them about noise. They will use flash after 11pm. If that's still happening, let us know and we will reach out to Film LA. That's a highly sensitive area for gunshots. Fregoso added that he can talk to the film crew as well.

Finally, he mentioned that Tomorrow there will be a Crime Stoppers gathering for seniors. He brought flyers.

b. Community Organizations

Sue Reimers, Echo Park Improvement Association:

The former Board member spoke about the homeless count. She said you're all on a related community now.

(Note: Chief Information Officer Paul Bowers arrived at 7:34pm.)

Reimers said that January 26 will be the date for the annual Citywide homeless count. Yenawine said we will need about 80 volunteers. He said he wants to use the CD13 office for that.

Joelle, Edendale branch library:

We have been understaffed since 2010. We are finally getting staff, she said to applause. She added that the library offers free

citizenship classes. We have vacancies on our board of directors, she announced.

Patricia Whelan, the Los Angeles Dodgers Organization:

She said that while she is a new employee for the Dodgers, she has substantial government experience. She had formerly working with Mayor Garcetti's office. She said that she is here to meet with you about problems to come together and create solutions. She can be reached at patriciaw@ladodgers.com. The more information you send me, the better, she added.

A Woman asked last year we received items from the Dodgers for the homeless count. Can we use the leftovers? Whelan said sure.

A Man noted that a crew was drilling on Dodger property today. Are they soil testing? Is anything going on? Whelan said that she will look into that. She'll meet with Richard Courtney on Thursday. Courtney added that there's a Dodgers meeting next week.

Gary, Friends of the Echo Park Library:

He said that the Board is involved in supporting children and youth programs, which is huge during the summer.

He added that Echo Park has the only Filipino library in the entire Los Angeles library system.

He mentioned sustainability. Some of the Board members were very involved with sustainability through the Cool Blocks program. We're going to relaunch this program.

Andy Griggs, "The We Empowerment Center":

He said that the non-profit is doing lots of fiscal sponsorships, particularly for new groups after the elections. They offer streamlined ways to get fiscal sponsorships. He said that he wants to get on the agenda to give a fuller explanation. This is Giving Tuesday so contributions are welcome, he added.

Elvira Padilla said that she is working with Homeless Meals, which could involve 300 people. The group is seeking sponsorship.

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos, St. Athanasius Church:

We've been doing feed the homeless in the park. We are looking for volunteers. We will meet Wednesday at 1pm in Echo Park at the stables. During winter when it rains there will be a rainy shelter. When it rains we will open the church to let people in out of the rain. We are seeking toiletry supplies, blankets, jackets.

c. EPNC Chair Report

Yenawine said we have an open seat following Manuel Pool's resignation. We may notice for December or January to give 30 days notice. He added that Nicole Tinson has been absent so we may have two open seats at the January meeting.

He announced that the next general Board meeting will be December 20 because of the Christmas holiday.

The Committee on Filming will meet in 2 weeks. Film LA doesn't represent the community. They need clear guidelines. The meeting location has yet to be announced, said Yenawine.

Separately, he said we want to kick off free internet for Echo Park from our new office.

Ida Talalla said that she wants to do a community report on ageing. Yenawine agreed but said to save the internal business for later.

d. Treasurer Report, including status of MERs/projections for fiscal year, consideration of NPGs in context of overall budget and goals, and brief summary of process for getting funding items approved and implemented

Michael Galano, Treasurer, spoke about 13 Monthly Expense Reports (MERs). This bringing us up to date from last year's shut down. He is working with DONE representative Thomas Soong. He said that he will have more to say next month.

Ida Talalla said that the Aging and Health Committee will meet the second Monday of the month at the Edendale branch library at 10am. We want to reach elderly and seniors who don't want to come out in the evening. There are also meetings at the Echo Park branch library.

She added that there will be an archive in the library. There will be a master plan for Elysian park there too.

e. Other Committee Chair and liaison reports

Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC): Connie Acosta said that 2 projects came to the. One of the projects is a small lot sub division which she'll discuss further when we get to the items on the agenda.

Outreach Committee: Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos said we had a good meeting with the Communications Committee a couple of weeks ago. We discussed possible expenditures. It's a good idea to have joint meetings. The committees overlap.

Schools and Libraries Committee: Cheryl Ortega said the group held a meeting last week. There were no votes. However, the group discussed various items including grants for branch libraries. They also discussed the homeless liaison position. Yenawine said Alex Meza was nominated for this position at the last meeting. Meza commented that we've been working hard together for quite a while.

Ortega said that she wants a letter of support for Mayor Garcetti and LAPD Chief Charlie Beck to support the immigrant community. We are very happy with the conversations we've had. Since November 8, I've seen traumatized children. The fear is so present. Mayor Garcetti has taken a position on being a Sanctuary City. Chief Beck said it's not the job of the LAPD to enforce immigration laws.

She said that stakeholder Daniel Heimpel wrote an excellent draft letter for us. There are copies on the back table. A Woman said that the LA County Sheriff's Department has said the same thing. Ortega added that the school district is offering counseling. This is on the agenda, said Yenawine. Central American leadership conference is this Friday so we need to move, stressed Ortega.

Dodgers Committee: Richard Courtney said we're going to make it a monthly thing. Opening day is coming.

Communications Committee: Paul Bowers said the group held a joint meeting with the Outreach Committee. We are lucky to have involved stakeholders. Outreach would love to have people who want to help get our message out.

Andy Griggs asked can the committee chairs announce the next meetings for their committees? Yenawine said that's an awesome

goal. However, he explained that it's difficult to arrange space. He is hopeful that we'll have permanent space soon for meetings.

Public Safety Committee: Kontorovsky said the group will meet December 10 at 7pm at the Echo Park branch library.

3. Public Comment

Andy Griggs:

The home sharing initiative is now in front of the City's Planning and Land Use Committee. There will be a heard in the coming weeks. Get your letters and concerns in as individuals. The hearings will be very contentious. A hearing date hasn't been scheduled. The closing date for city council to deal with it will be in January.

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos:

She spoke about outreach relating to the Los Angeles Marathon. They moved the mile 5. They also moved the porta-potties. As a result, there have been complaints of runners urinating. They need toilets.

Tad Yenawine:

He announced that the holiday parade will be December 10 at Echo Park at 11am. Please join us!

Richard Courtney:

He discussed the Stadium Way and Academy intersection, which has a dangerous curve. He said that he reached out to Hugo in Council District 1. He said that he will refer this to the Public Safety Committee. This may be on the next agenda.

Paul Bowers:

He spoke about potholes on Glendale where a treacherous pothole has been filled. Yenawine added that several that he'd pointed out were also filled.

5. Budget and Finance Committee motions

- a. Discussion and possible Action re NPG application of Central American Youth Leadership Conference up to \$1500

Yenawine said that Talalla hasn't passed her ethics yet. Therefore, she is ineligible to vote. So, for tonight there will be 14 voting Board members and 1 ineligible Board member for these items.

Elvira, Homeless Unidos, is the representative for this item.

Andrew Knauer said we approved this 2-0-0 in Committee. *Connie Acosta made the motion. Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous seconded.*

Cheryl Ortega pointed out that a significant group of students at Belmont High will participate from our community.

Darcy Harris said this is a great thing to support. However, our budget for Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs) for the year is \$5,000. There are two more \$1,500 grants coming up.

Yenawine noted that there is also an additional \$5,000 coming from City Council, which could go toward that.

Treasurer Michael Galano said we're about halfway through the year and haven't spent much.

Paul Bowers suggested to allocate \$1,000 to this instead. We don't know what else is coming. We want to support libraries. Margarita Fernandez seconded his amendment.

Andy Griggs said that this is a wonderful project. There are monies that can be moved around. This should get the full amount.

Acosta noted that there are a lot of programs being cut in public education that serve children and especially children who don't speak English. The conference is a worthy cause for us. The full amount would be very rewarding for our community.

Padilla-Mavropoulos expressed concern about how many kids were kicked out of neighborhoods. She doesn't want a smaller allocation to say that these kids aren't valuable. Our youth are more important than budgets. I disagree with lowering the amount. That extra \$500 will mean something to someone. The conference is on Friday. It totally sucks to cut that budget.

Ortega said that she was against lowering the amount. Some of the kids at the conference are the unaccompanied minors that came from Central America. They've been through hell.

Yenawine said that this represents about 5% of our projects budget and about 30% of allocated NPG funding. This is a worthwhile discussion to have.

Knauer asked a question about other monies to be allocated tonight. They are from the outreach budget? Yes said Galano.

Elvira, a representative for Homeless Unidos, which will receive the funding, said that those \$500 dollars mean the difference between the number of students that can be accommodated. That represents an entire busload. That \$500 is pretty significant.

Kevin called the question on the amendment of \$1,000.

VOTE to amend the allocation to \$1,000

2-12-0-1

FAILED

Yes Votes:

Paul Bowers

Margarita Fernandez

No Votes:

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Tad Yenawine

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Darcy Harris

Connie Acosta

Michael Galano

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Alex Meza

Cheryl Ortega

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Ida Talalla

VOTE for \$1,500, original motion

**13-1-0-1
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Paul Bowers
Michael Galano
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega

No Votes:

Margarita Fernandez

Abstentions:

None

Ineligible:

Ida Talalla

- b. Motion to Approve up to \$500 for banner(s) to be used in Echo Park Community Parade and future events to be ordered from AAA Flag & Banner – approximately 6' x 3' plus snap pole/dowel
- c. Motion to Approve up to \$500 for miscellaneous items for EPNC participation in Echo Park Community Parade, including possibly candy, pencils, flyers etc to handout
- d. Motion to Approve up to \$1,000 (instead of and not in addition to previous BOG approval of \$850) for business cards with new EPNC logo and social media links on the back
- e. Discussion and/or possible action re: approving up to \$1000 for reusable bags with EPNC logos to use in outreach efforts
- f. Discussion and/or possible action re: payment of invoices, MERS, budget projections and procedures

Yenawine said that he wants to table these items until after the Planning and Land Use items have been discussed. Harris seconded.

**VOTE to table items 5b, c, d, e, and f
15-0-0-
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

6. Planning and Land Use Committee motions

a. Motion to adopt and send letter of partial support for proposed additions to Single Family Home at 2011 Park Drive, Case No. ZA-2015-4121-ZAD-ZAA-F, recommending approval of 3 out of 5 requested Zoning Administrator Determinations or Adjustments

Acosta said that the applicant/owner is seeking 4 variances. They want to deviate from the R1 zone. PLUC approved items 2, 3, and 4 but not item 1. Item 1 asks for a 3rd story. They want to go up 45 ft instead of the 28 ft allowed. We didn't approve that.

For Item 2 we want to maintain the 16 ft wide road instead of expanding to 20 ft. we don't think this will increase traffic. For Item

3 they use the existing stairway. However, when Acosta visited the Building and Safety Department two days ago, she discovered that they had no record of the stairway at all. There has never been a permit for a stairway. There is a motion to maintain the prevailing front yard setback, following code.

(Note: Ida Talalla left the meeting at 8:28pm. Now there are only 14 Board members present but the same number of voting members.)

For Item 5 we didn't approve it. Maintain the structure was our recommendation, said Acosta.

Yenawine summarized Acosta's comments: They are asking for the following: a new maximum height of 45 ft. (this was not approved); keeping the 16 ft. road width, reducing the front yard setback to 17.2 ft in lieu of 25, 6 ft chain link fence, with a setback difference of 8.5 ft. from the street (that wasn't approved).

Harris also summarized Acosta's comments: They want to build a 3rd floor. (This Item 1 was denied). Items 2,3,4 were approved. They want to build a garage on Park Drive, which is technically their side yard. They wanted an exception to be able to come closer to street (This item 5 was denied).

Knauer made the motion.

Acosta made a motion that maintains the prevailing setback in item 3. The motion would approve the letter of support with conditions. The change would be to maintain the prevailing front yard setback in lieu of the applicant's request. Harris seconded.

Acosta said I went to the consultant at Building and Safety. Since 1977 there are no permits or applications for permits.

The Owner/Applicant for the project explained that there were 2 houses on the property. Our home finished in 1982. The other home was from the 1930s.

Yenawine asked what is the current setback?

The Owner said there were two houses so the prevailing setback is 20 ft. which was different before because the project was facing another street.

Acosta said this house was built in 1977.

The Owner said our house was 17 ft from that yard. Our front yard faces Ewing Street.

Kevin Fisher asked what has the Zoning Administrator said? The Owner said that the Zoning Administrator accepted all of this. It's very confusing because it's very technical.

Yenawine asked in item 5, is there currently 55 ft clear from Ewing Street? The Owner replied that there is more than that.

Yenawine asked whether item 5 is for new construction? The Owner said yes. The Other Owner said this conforms to the neighborhood.

Yenawine made an amendment motion to support the letter as written. This would not allow for Acosta's amendment. Harris seconded Yenawine's motion.

The Owner is now showing the Board members a map of the project and explaining the situation. He said we are not asking for variances. We want to do what other houses are doing except further back from the street.

He noted that many houses on Park Drive are right on the street. His house is 70 ft back from Park Street. We are proposing an additional story. Our house is much lower than others.

Regarding the setback for the side yard. He said we want to be able to build a structure that's similar to other garages in the area. We want to build a 3-car garage because of the size of the property following City guidelines.

The whole thing doesn't make sense, he added. The change of front yard is a question of what's legal versus what's practical. The Zoning Administrator is okay with this.

Bowers said I've lived on Ewing Street for 17 years. There may be other buildings with houses that go up to that point. Park drive has always been a communal space at that point. It's tough stuff when you own property. There was a house built on other side of Ewing and I was opposed because it's really part of the park. That's a precious communal resource.

Acosta expressed concerns that the Fire Department may want to widen the street. The Owner responded that the street was wide originally because of parades.

Yenawine asked Acosta why didn't PLUC want to grant issues 1 and 5? What is your explanation of why that's not okay?

Acosta asked why isn't everything reported downtown. Yenawine responded that that's not their issue. PLUC voted 6-0-1 to support the letter, said tad. The Owner commented that there were two architects on the Committee who seemed to understand things.

Yenawine said I'll defer to the PLUC decision.

Courtney said the Owner didn't present all of these issues at the meeting.

Bowers said it is their property but it's park side property, which is really all of our property. He said that he was worried about the master view. Acosta said they will double the size of the existing structure. The Owner said I didn't show the photos of all the other houses because I didn't know what the issues would be.

Yenawine asked does PLUC want to reconsider? *Acosta made a motion to amend the letter with item 3. There is a second motion, an amendment to leave the letter as written.*

There is a third motion to change items 1-5 on second page to be identical to the first page. Knauer made that motion. Galano seconded.

Ortega asked was there information presented tonight that wasn't presented in Committee? Courtney said no.

**VOTE to support the application as the Owners want it
6-7-1
FAILED**

Yes Votes:

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Kevin Fisher
Johnmichael Hull
Jeff Kontorovsky
Alex Meza
Andrew Knauer

No Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Paul Bower
Richard Courtney
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Margarita Fernandez

Abstentions:

Cheryl Ortega

Now vote for the letter as written. Acosta said they're talking about an existing staircase. There is no record of this downtown. The Owner said we're trying to make it legal. Courtney said he mentioned this at the meeting. They are trying to make it legal.

Acosta withdrew her amendment.

VOTE on the original letter, Yenawine's motion

7-5-2

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Margarita Fernandez
Connie Acosta
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Richard Courtney
Paul Bowers
Darcy Harris

No Votes:

Andrew Knauer
Cheryl Ortega
Alex Meza
Johnmichael Hull
Kevin Fisher

Abstentions:

Jeff Kontorovsky
Tad Yenawine

9. Schools, Libraries and Community Organizations
 - a. Discussion and possible Action re: Homelessness Liaison

Harris said that she would confirm the motion at previous BOG meeting to appoint Alex Meza and Connie Acosta.

Harris made a motion to confirm the action of the Board. Ortega seconded.

VOTE
14-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

- b. Discussion and possible Action re: Letter to Mayor Eric Garcetti and Police Chief Charlie Beck in support of sanctuary cities and immigration enforcement areas

Harris made the motion, which will also be sent to Steve Zimmer at USC and to Jim McDonnell. Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded. Andy Griggs suggested to also send it to the County Board of Supervisors.

Daniel Heimpel said I have a two-year-old year old son who will attend school in Echo Park. It's horrifying that kids are going through what they are going through. He said that he runs a

nonprofit about journalism and youth. He thanked Ortega and the Board for doing this. In these times you have to say something.

Ortega said those gentlemen that made those comments, referring to Mayor Garcetti and LAPD Chief Beck, should hear from as many people as possible.

In reference to someone referring to President Elect Donald Trump as simply "Trump", Kevin Fisher offered an amendment to refer to the President Elect with the honorific?

Acosta wants an amendment on the second to last statement. What is unacceptable? Add "intimidation of immigrants is unacceptable" to us as a neighborhood council? Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded this amendment.

(Note: Margarita Fernandez left the meeting at 9:15pm. There are now only 13 voting Board members present.)

VOTE for amendment

13-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

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

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

VOTE to send letter

12-1-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Michael Galano
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Paul Bowers

No Votes:

Jeffrey Kontorovsky

Abstentions:

None

(Note: Alex Meza left the meeting at 9:16pm. There are now only 12 voting Board members present.)

- b. Motion to adopt and send letter of support with conditions on proposed 6-unit small lot subdivision located at 229 N. Burlington Ave., Case No. VTT-74383-SL, recommending condition that project include wall on northern border be 6 ft high or higher so that it is at least as high as front entry doors of northern units.

Harris made the motion for adoption as written. Fisher seconded.

Harris said I'm not a fan of small lot development but this one is pretty good. However, PLUC was concerned about the wall. We are not sure what the height will be, and want it to be high enough for privacy.

Yenawine asked, what was the PLUC vote? 7-0-0 was the response.

VOTE

12-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Connie Acosta
Michael Galano
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Paul Bowers

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

7. Motion to Approve new EPNC logo as part of re-branding effort of Communications and Outreach Committees

Kevin Fisher made the motion. Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded.

Yenawine commented that it looks like an artichoke. Can we amend the color, asked a Board member.

Bowers said thanks to the people who did hard work on this. We need more stakeholders involved. This is a great example of that.

Padilla-Mavropoulos said I like it. Acosta said she prefers the original logo. Can we have both?

Bowers said it's good to get the new brand out there. We want to move forward from the dramatics that plagued the neighborhood council in the past.

VOTE
11-1-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Paul Bowers

No Votes:
Connie Acosta

Abstentions:
None

5. Budget and Finance Committee motions -- REVISITED

- b. Motion to Approve up to \$500 for banner(s) to be used in Echo Park Community Parade and future events to be ordered from AAA Flag & Banner – approximately 6' x 3' plus snap pole/dowel

Harris made the motion. Courtney seconded.

A Woman asked if the banners will be reusable? Yenawine said they are reusable. Acosta asked to see a photo. Harris showed it.

A Man commented that the \$150 quote was for a vinyl banner.

Acosta noted that the image was rectangular. How can you elongate this for a banner?

VOTE
12-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

- c. Motion to Approve up to \$500 for miscellaneous items for EPNC participation in Echo Park Community Parade, including possibly candy, pencils, flyers etc to handout

Kevin Fisher made the motion.

Courtney said that he wants an amendment to take out candy?

A Man said you can give candy but you can't throw it. Mavropoulos said you can hurt someone that way. Acosta asked, what about water bottles? Yenawine said I'll leave that to the discretion of whomever is spending the money.

Harris said she wanted a flyers motion? She wants an amendment to divide the question. Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded.

Harris said she wants to authorize us to get coupons for local businesses to have coupons on the flyer that we can hand out at the parade. We need to invite more businesses on the website.

Yenawine suggested adding "including outreach to and coupons from local businesses." The coupons would for savings upon showing the flyers. We only pay for printing coupons, which would have our mission statement on it. Bowers seconded the amendment.

Courtney asked who will coordinate this? The Outreach Committee was the response.

VOTE for Harris' amendment

12-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

VOTE for amended motion
12-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Cheryl Ortega
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Paul Bowers
Connie Acosta

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

- d. Motion to Approve up to \$1,000 (instead of and not in addition to previous BOG approval of \$850) for business cards with new EPNC logo and social media links on the back

Courtney made the motion. Fisher seconded.

Acosta asked how many cards? Bowers said 200 for each person.

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- e. Discussion and/or possible action re: approving up to \$1000 for reusable bags with EPNC logos to use in outreach efforts

Acosta said she wants to cut the allocation in half. Yenawine reminded her that the last time we tried to cut the allocation, someone raised it. Harris stated that this item had already been voted on at previous BOG.

Yenawine struck this from the agenda because it was already approved.

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

Yenawine explained that this may get us out of Exhaustive Efforts.

Treasurer Galano said there were not too many expenditures. The biggest is for election outreach. We have a good amount of cash in our account.

Fisher made the motion. Bowers seconded.

Harris asked about Nation Builder? I don't see that on here. What about other expenses? Galano said this is only what's been paid.

Courtney asked about an Appleone expense noting that we didn't meet then. Galano said these were delayed payments. Was appleone there, asked Courtney. He added I don't see anything in terms of this investigation. Galano said that Phantom printing was the largest thing that I had to investigate.

Courtney, noting that DONE representative Thomas Soong has already left the meeting, asked where is the investigation expense from Exhaustive Efforts? Yenawine said there is no carryover from fiscal year to fiscal year.

Courtney asked where that money went. I want to know what that money was spent on. Galano said the balance was about \$17,000. Yenawine said that amount went back to the City. Galano said they just kept that in our account.

Sue Reimers, a former Treasurer, said that for the past fiscal year it was decided that each neighborhood council would get an extra \$5,000.

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8. Discussion and possible Action re: CleanStreets Challenge

Bowers said we have submitted results. We are awaiting termination of the award that we will receive. Those sidewalks need more heavy duty machinery.

No motion is necessary for this.

2. Community/Government reports – REVISITED

e. Other Committee Chair and liaison reports

Acosta said a Building and Safety representative wants to address the board. Yenawine asked how much time would they need? Maybe they can come when we have a light agenda.

10. Announcements

Harris said there will be a PLUC meeting at the Edendale branch library. The meeting will be held on a special date to accommodate the Christmas holidays.

Padilla-Mavropoulos said that she is trying to get candy from the Fire Department for the parade. They have tons of it. As long as we don't throw the candy it's okay. Bowers asked that we don't use gum.

Harris said that Stephanie Uy, field representative for State Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez, 51st District, said that there is a holiday celebration coming up.

11. Future Agenda Items

Courtney said that he wanted a discussion about the participation Board members on committees.

Regarding the proposed December 20 special Board meeting date, Fisher asked how many people will not be here on December 20? Several people raised their hands. Yenawine said there would be an email poll about potential meeting dates for December. Perhaps there won't be a December meeting, he said.

Andy Griggs said to compile a list to do outreach. Generate a list of community organizations for this. Ortega said we have a committee for that.

Courtney asked can we do an Exhaustive Efforts report and put this to bed. Yenawine asked let's wait until we are out of exhaustive efforts for that.

Harris said that she stumbled upon a statement from 2013. There was a push to get free wifi across the City and to tie this into homeless bonds et cetera.

Yenawine noted that there is a precedent. However, the free internet must be slower than the internet that you pay for.

A Woman commented that this happened in Little Tokyo in 2006. Yenawine said that West Hollywood did something like this but it was very small scale 4 years ago. There is a good deal of research to be done.

Joelle from Friends of Edendale Library complemented the current neighborhood council, compared to previous neighborhood councils, and the good will shown. We need to bring Echo Park back. There was applause.

12. Adjournment

Courtney made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 9:58pm.

