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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, September 21, 2020 1:00 PM Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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1. [1:05 pm] Introduction (5 minutes).
2. [1:10 pm] Call to Order and Commission roll call (1 minute).

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Atkinson	X	
Lipmen	X	
Shaffer	X	
Darett-Quiroz		X
Wehbe	X	
Regalado		X
Vo-Ramirez	X	

Commissioner Regalado arrived at 1:27 pm

3. [1:11 pm] Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 08/17/2020. [[Board of Neighborhood Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes 09.01.2020-DRAFT](#)]

Public Comment: None

Action: No action taken

VOTE	Mover	Mover	Second	Second
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson				
Lipmen				
Shaffer				
Darett-Quiroz				
Wehbe				
Regalado				
Vo-Ramirez				
Total				
Motion	Carries		Fails	

4. [1:12 pm] Multiple Agenda Items Comment (15 minutes) – Comments by members of the public who want to speak on all items for up to five minutes at one time can choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items Comment period. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comments. This agenda item will last a total of 15 minutes and no individual speaker will be allowed more than five minutes.

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Public Comment: Elizabeth Isralowitz

5. **[1:19 pm] General Public Comments (15 minutes)** - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. This agenda item will last a total of 15 minutes and no individual speaker will be allowed more than two minutes.

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey, Heather Michaels, Jeffrey Hartsough, Keren Waters

6. **[1:27 pm] Discussion with Neighborhood Council (NC) representatives.** This item pertains to any Neighborhood Council Resolution or Community Impact Statement filed with the City Clerk which relates to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda for the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

Public Comment: None

Neighborhood Council Comment: None

7. **[1:28 pm] Verbal updates from elected representatives (10 minutes).** Representatives include: Office of the Mayor, Los Angeles City Council, and other City representatives.

Public Comment: None

Elected representatives comment: None

8. **[1:28 pm] Verbal updates from Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (10 minutes)** – Representatives provide input to the City on the City's Budget. Additional information regarding the Budget Advocates is available at <http://ncbala.com/>.

Public Comment: None

Budget Advocates comment: Jack Humphreville

9. **[1:39 pm] Verbal updates from Office of the City Clerk's Neighborhood Council Funding Division**

- a. Representatives from the Office of the City Clerk to provide updates on the Neighborhood Council Funding Program.

Public Comment: Cindy Cleghorn, Glenn Bailey, Aida Abkarians

City Clerk: Neighborhood Councils (NCs) have allocated 12% of their funds this fiscal year. Approximately 40% have been operational, 33% NGPs, and 25% on outreach. 41 NCs are current with their MERs. 5 NCs have frozen funds to due to lack of approving MERs. Funding trainings are still being done online, and not in-person, and 42 funding trainings have taken place since the pandemic began.

10. **[2:09 pm] Verbal updates regarding the 2021 Neighborhood Council Elections**

- a. Representatives from the Office of the City Clerk's Election Division. (See [Neighborhood Council At-Poll Elections During COVID-19](#) , and [Council File 20-0963](#)).
- b. Representatives from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. (add survey link)

Public Comment: Kay Hartman, Laurie Jacobs, Glenn Bailey, Goat Puppet, Garry Fordyce, Heather Michaels, Keren Waters, Mihran Kalaydjian, Ira Koslow

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City Clerk: The City Clerk’s Election Division provided an update on the latest to do with the 2021 Neighborhood Council elections.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: None

11. [2:43 pm] General Manager’s Report. (15 minutes).

- a. Staffing, budget, and other operational matters.
- b. Department of City Planning’s Planning 101 Training Sessions
- c. 2020 Congress of Neighborhoods on Saturday, September 26th <https://www.nccongressla.com/>

Public Comment: Goat Puppet, Kay Hartman, Ira Koslow, Cindy Cleghorn, Helen Fallon, Karen Ceasar, Aida Abkarians, Sharon Brewer, Paul Bowers, Holly Tilson, Eric Preven, Glenn Bailey.

General Manager’s comments: Commissioners Atkinson and Regalado were recently reappointed to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). Draft Digital Media Policy will be presented at the BONC meeting on October 6th. An ordinance was recently created by the City Council that includes: creating a youth seat for Neighborhood Councils (NCs), mandating age for board members, mandating age for voters during NC elections, and the definition of stakeholder was changed. Grievance portal is being revised. The Department of City Planning’s Planning 101 Training Sessions will be October 13, October 15, October 17.

12. [3:38 pm] Discussion and possible action on creating an equitable NC funding model. (15 minutes):

- a. Discussion on potential guiding principles for Commission action, including the following (10 minutes):
 - i. Equitable and efficient allocation of NC funds during an era of fiscal austerity;
 - ii. Guaranteed “Base” funding for all NCs;
 - iii. Variable amount (“Plus”) funding by factoring in verifiable Resident Stakeholder population; and
 - iv. Variable amount based on community needs including, but not limited to, life expectancy, housing habitability, crowding, and cost burden, homeownership, access to health care, educational attainment, poverty levels, employment levels, income levels, supermarket access, tree canopy, park access, air and water quality, etc.

Public Comment: Heather Michaels, Laurie Jacobs, Paul Bowers, Goat Puppet, Mihran Kalaydijan

Action: No action taken.

VOTE	Mover	Mover	Second	Second
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson				
Lipmen				
Shaffer				
Darett-Quiroz				
Wehbe				
Regalado				
Vo-Ramirez				

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Total				
Motion	Carries		Fails	

13. [4:25 pm] **Commission Business. (15 minutes)** - Comment from Commissioners on matters within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.
- a. Brief report on Commissioners’ own activities/brief announcements.
 - b. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights/ask staff questions for clarification.
 - c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Commission at its next meeting and direct staff to place on the agenda.
 - d. Ask staff to research issues and report back to the Commission at a future time.

Public Comment: Paul Bowers, Heather Michaels, Goat Puppet, Aida Abkarians, Cindy Cleghorn

14. [4:37 pm] **Adjourn**

Public Comment: None

Action: Motion was made by Commissioner Shaffer to adjourn the meeting in remembrance of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It was seconded by Commissioner Atkinson. Motion passed unanimously!

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Atkinson
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen	X			
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz				X
Wehbe	X			
Regalado	X			
Vo-Ramirez	X			
Total				
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

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- Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:00pm - Zoom Webinar – Connection Information TBD
- Regular Meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 1:00pm - Zoom Webinar – Connection Information TBD
- Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 6:00pm – Canceled
- Regular Meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 1:00pm - Zoom Webinar – Connection Information TBD

FINALIZATION OF BOARD ACTION:

Per City Charter Section 245, the Board's determination shall become final at the expiration of the next five meeting days of the Council during which the City Council has convened in regular session, unless the City Council acts within that timeframe by a two-thirds vote to bring the action before them or to waive review of the action.

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If the Commission moves and approves a Motion for Reconsideration at *the next regular meeting* then consideration of the item may *only* occur at this regularly scheduled meeting if the item for consideration has been placed on that meeting's agenda. If the underlying item for reconsideration has not been placed on the agenda for that next regular meeting, then it shall be considered at a subsequent meeting pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

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