

A) Encouraged Items:

1. Form EVG-Hybrid Pilot Project Workgroup.
Call to order at 7:06

2. Workgroup should create a pilot project implementation plan.

Freddy shared survey results

He started on page 9 and told us this is the most recent version

20 question survey, 18 respondents; went over survey results.

Lanira thanked Freddy for going over this data with us

3. More informational sessions might be needed to explain the concept.

Josh explained that we will go back to an in-person meeting. We really need to think about this to get ready for the future. We need to discuss hybrid meetings while the rules allow us to keep meeting online. He said we need to discuss considerations & specifics. He said we should also discuss protocols. He says we should ask for a change in the brown act. He wants to set up optional (focused & directed) meetings to be more productive & get input from a wider range of people. He has discussed this with Lanira and the commissioner. He is asking for passionate people to join the subcommittee meetings. We can use this to help come up with a final conclusion to present to the commission.

Doug thinks this is a great outline for how to proceed. He thinks that everyone should be notified of these meetings, but it wouldn't be a bad idea to appoint a few people to create these subcommittees.

Josh agrees.

Raquel suggested that we hear everyone's opinion on this subject & the survey data

Doug added that the survey has only 18 respondents, he wants to know if we will be sending out the survey to a larger group. Josh responded with saying that the survey is open to our group only so we know how everyone feels. Raquel added that the survey audience was just this workgroup.

Commissioner Lipman said that the questions can be used for a broader survey in the future.

4. Explore various means of financing equipment including sponsorship and LA City 2% loans.

Melony added that at some point we will go back in person. She wants to keep in mind all the diverse groups of stakeholders and members. She said that many people cannot return in person because of the realistic threat of covid.

Adriana added that we need to have advanced notice if the translation is required for board members or stakeholders. She said we need to be aware of protocols. She also mentioned we need to prioritize safety & meet the responsibility.

Raquel encourages that we focus on how we will set up future discussions: piloting hybrid & returning in person

Moises said that we should really focus on starting on time so we can end on time.

Glen said that before we make sub committee we should have informed data. He knows

that some NC's have their own space, or they meet in schools, he believes we should do a survey of possible locations we can meet in person at. The wifi component is important.

Karen agrees with melony & Glen. She proposes a location committee. She brought to light various location issues. She mentioned a council member working on security and covid protocols (what do we do?) creating a location committee with a checklist to prepare NC's for location issues.

Josh said that the protocol & brown act team will be working on the location solutions.

Linda supports subcommittees. She is not excited about hybrid meetings.

John D from panorama city! His thoughts: feels strongly about the reluctance to get this going. He said the NC system is about inclusion & how badly they want to stand by this mission. He wants a focus group, pilot & testing group, a feedback & rollout group, a budgeting group, training inequity, and infrastructure in equity. Meeting space to meet all needs.

Raquel asked if we can extend this meeting. Laira asks that we cap it at 7:50. She asked people to react to their opinions. We will go until 7:50.

Susan said that covid has shown us the different inequities in life (technology, health, etc.) She mentioned that virtual attendance is MUCH higher (40 online vs 4 IRL) She suggested we do in-person meetings quarterly, and the rest virtual.

Josh suggested we wrap up

Doug said we have a consensus on 2 subgroups: technical/funding & how we run meetings. He suggested we start with those 2 groups. He said the groups john suggested should be created down the line. He asses that our goal for this meeting is to create a structure.

John said people should be able to have a hub for resources so we can share info/links. Josh responded that that will likely create chaos within our projects. He said the last thing we should figure out is when we should meet next.

Raquel thinks there's a suggestion that we start with a few subgroups to kick off what may become more expanded subgroups based on the results of the first. She believes that narrowing it down to a couple is the most manageable option. She is concerned about in-person meetings during a declared emergency - each group should give reports on progress & results.

Josh summarized the 2 groups & how they will run.

Lanira agrees with josh's statement.

Raquel said we should talk about how people will choose their subcommittees. Josh responded by suggesting we make a survey.

Raquel clarified the plan: 1 group is technical/equipment/funding group & a procedure/protocol inperson/hybrid group

She added the co-chairs will set & announce the date

Raquel asked if the committee will choose the structure (spokesperson/leadership structure) She suggested that each group should identify a chair & secretary.

Lanira and Raquel discussed how and when these subgroups will meet. The meeting time has been extended.

Karen asked if we get dates to choose from. Josh said yes. We will do a survey.

Moises suggests that we get the agenda & all supporting docs ahead of time. Raquel said yes.

Glenn requests that all subcommittees have a clear description of what they entail.

Josh said yes. If anyone has anything to add, email.

Raquel added that we should've discussed the brown act question. Will these meetings be open? She said we should invite committees & speak about this issue. She said last time we discussed closed meetings in order to have a better workspace and open speech. She said committees include this in their discussion.

Josh asked for final comments. None. Thanked everyone.

5. Explore potential operational costs for those NCs unable to provide volunteer operators.
6. Conduct a survey to assess Neighborhood Council readiness to implement a pilot project and select Neighborhood Councils to participate.
7. Start a pilot project when emergency pandemic orders end to see the system in motion.

B) Sample Implementation Trainings and Marketing Items.

1. create a new set of trainings for the "EVG Meeting Moderator."
2. create a new set of trainings for Board Members to be aware of the various rules and provisions.
3. create a series of "How To" videos for stakeholders to learn about the new EVG style of meetings and how they can best participate in local government.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58

C) Sample Accelerated Timeline:

December 2021 – Assemble EVG-h Workgroup to develop the plan.
February 2022 – Present plan to the BONC
for review. Host info sessions with
Neighborhood Councils.

March 2022 – Request resource support from City Council.
 April 2022 – Begin recruitment of NCs to join the Pilot Program.
 April *thru* July – The Department will be marketing the July rollout the entire time. May 2022 – Report on the Pilot Project Implementation Plan
 July 2022 – Rollout of the EVG-h to Neighborhood Council
 July 2022 *thru* December 2022 – administer EVG-h pilot project.
 January *thru* February - complete evaluations and related report

Conclusion

The EVG-h Workgroup thanks the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners for creating the EVG-h Workgroup and for the opportunity to serve. The Workgroup thanks Mayor Garcetti’s Legislative Office, Gary de La Rosa, and the Department for their support.



EVG-h Workgroup Roster

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