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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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- [6:05 PM] Introduction.** Commissioner Ray Regalado, Vice Chair chaired the meeting, **in the absence of Commission President Lipmen.**
- [6:11 PM] Call to Order and Commission Roll Call.** Quorum was met.

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

- [6:12 PM] Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting 4/18/2022**
[\[https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Board-of-Neighborhood-Commissioners-Regular-Meeting-Minutes-4.18.2022_DRAFT.docx.pdf\]](https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Board-of-Neighborhood-Commissioners-Regular-Meeting-Minutes-4.18.2022_DRAFT.docx.pdf)

Action: Commissioner Atkinson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 4/18/2022. Commissioner Shaffer seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: Goat Puppet, this evening self-named as "... Cut Off," was called but did not respond initially;

Call-In User_1, Cindy Cleghorn, "...Cut Off," Kalani Whittington, Mel Wilson.

Commission Comment: None

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	Shaffer
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen				X
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz				X
Wehbe				X
Regalado	X			
Vo-Ramirez	X			
Total	4	0	0	3
Motion	Carries			

4. **[6:22 PM] Multiple Agenda Items Comment.** Comments by members of the public who want to speak on multiple agenda 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.

Public Comment: "... Cut Off" was called but did not respond.

Commission Comment: None.

5. **[6:26 PM] General Public Comments.** Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two minutes.

Public Comment: Cindy Cleghorn, Mel Wilson, Kalani Whittington, Josh Nadel, Call-In User_1, Sharon Brewer, "... Cut Off", Glenn Bailey, Lorna Boyd.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Shaffer.

6. **[6:47 PM] Discussion with Neighborhood Council (NC) representatives regarding Community Impact Statements.** 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. [Community Impact Statements](#)

Representative Comment: None.

Commission Comment: None.

7. **[6:48 PM] Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 [Government Code Section 54953(e)].** Determination in accordance with AB 361 [Government Code Section 54953(e)(3)]

that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and state or local officials have imposed recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Commission and neighborhood council board and committee members to meet safely in person and state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Action: Commissioner Shaffer made a motion to move findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361. [Government Code Section 54953(e)]. Commissioner Atkinson seconded. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: "... Cut Off" was called twice and did not respond, Call-In User_1, Kalani W., "...Cut Off" was called again twice and did not respond, Carol Hutchison.

Commission Comment: None.

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	4			3
Motion	Carries			

8. **[6:56 PM] Verbal Updates Regarding Neighborhood Council Budget Advocacy.** Reports on neighborhood council budget outreach and advocacy efforts.
- a) Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates'
 - b) Budget Tribunes

Representatives: Co-Chairs, Jennifer Goodie & Glenn Bailey, gave update. Budget Day is June 18th. Josh Nadel spoke on budget advocacy, provided information on follow-up from the CIS town hall, and noted that they will be doing more events on financial topics.

Public Comment: Kalani Whittington, Call-In User_1, "... Cut Off" was called twice but did not respond.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Shaffer.

9. **[7:16 PM] Verbal updates regarding the 2023 Neighborhood Council Elections**
- a) Representative from the Office of the City Clerk's Election Division

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City Clerk Elections Representative: Renee McDade, Elections Administrator, gave update from the workgroup on the 2023 NC elections.

D.O.N.E. Representative: General Manager Raquel Beltran thanked the office of the City Clerk for the presentation and gave her update on NC Elections.

Public Comment: Josh Nadel, "... Cut Off" was called twice but did not respond; Kalani Whittington, Glenn Bailey, Cindy Cleghorn, Call-In User_1.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Shaffer

10. [7:36 PM] Discussion and Possible Action to approve a letter of support for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment’s proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. [Draft letter of support.](#)

- a. Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Proposed EmpowerLA Budget:
 - [Presentation on Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget](#)
 - [Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget](#)
 - [Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget \(Supplemental\)](#)
 - [Budget and Finance Budget Letter \(4/21/22\)](#)

Action: Commissioner Atkinson made a motion to approve the draft letter as written by President Lipmen, on behalf of the Commissioners, of support for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment’s proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 budget; Commissioner Shaffer seconded the motion. Motion was approved., with the addition of bullet point for improving outreach to communities in order to grow their NCs, as recommended by Commissioner Atkinson.

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey, Robert Rouge (Arleta NC) Mel Wilson, Cindy Cleghorn, Josh Nadel, Jennifer Goodie, "... Cut Off" was called twice but did not respond.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Atkinson

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	Shaffer
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen				X
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz				X
Wehbe				X
Regalado	X			
Vo-Ramirez	X			
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11. [8:03 PM] Discussion and possible action on Bylaws Amendment and Board Structure Change for the Mid City West Neighborhood Council. Mid City West is requesting to modify their Board structure by:

1. Increasing their total board size from 35 to 36 board members by adding one (1) youth seat.
- ~~2. Rename the At-Large Group Representative seat to At-Large Community Interest Representative.~~

The Department recommends that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners:

FIND the Mid City West Neighborhood Council’s request to change their Board structure consistent with the principles governing a Certified Neighborhood Council’s purpose and operations per Article VI, Section 3c of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils; and

APPROVE the change to the Mid City West Neighborhood Council’s bylaws.

[Mid City West Neighborhood Council Proposed Bylaws Amendment Packet](#)

D.O.N.E. General Manager, Raquel Beltran, introduced this item, and introduced Thomas Soong, who would introduce the NEAs for each Item #11 and Item #12 on the agenda.

Thomas Soong turned over the item to John Darnell who asked for approval for the change to the MCWNC Bylaws. He noted that Item #2 is to be struck. Representative from MCWNC, Board Member Loren Nichols, Chair MCWNC, spoke on adding a youth seat.

Action: Commissioner Atkinson made a motion to APPROVE the change to the Mid City West Neighborhood Council’s bylaws by adding one youth seat (as noted above); [item #2 was struck.] Commissioner Shaffer seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: “... Cut Off” was called twice but did not respond; Glenn Bailey, Robert Rouge.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Atkinson.

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	Shaffer
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen				X
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz				X
Wehbe				X
Regalado	X			
Vo-Ramirez	X			
Total	4			3
Motion	Carries			

12. [8:17 PM] Discussion and possible action on Bylaws Amendment and Board Structure Change for the

East Hollywood Neighborhood Council. East Hollywood is requesting to modify their Board structure by:

1. Changing the Faith Based Representative to Immigrants’ Rights Representative
2. Changing the Student and Youth Representative to At-Large Representative C and At-Large Representative D seats.

The Department recommends that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners:

FIND the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council’s request to change their Board structure consistent with the principles governing a Certified Neighborhood Council’s purpose and operations per Article VI, Section 3c of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils; and

APPROVE the change to the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council’s bylaws.
[East Hollywood Neighborhood Council Proposed Bylaws Amendment Packet](#)

Thomas Soong turned over the item to NEA Joel Gonzalez who asked for approval for the changes to the EHNC Bylaws changes. Christopher Martinez & Colter Carlisle from the EHNC were present and took questions.

Action: Commissioner Atkinson made a motion to APPROVE the change to the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council’s bylaws (as described in #1 & 2 above) Commissioner Vo-Ramirez seconded. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: “... Cut Off, Robert Rouge, Sharon Brewer.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Atkinson.

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	Vo-Ramirez
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen				X
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz				X
Wehbe				X
Regalado	X			
Vo-Ramirez	X			
Total	4			3
Motion	Carries			

13. [8:32 PM] Discussion and possible action to form an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss possible Amendments to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners rules of order.

Commissioner Regalado asked that we form an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss possible Amendments to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners rules of order and asked for volunteers. Shaffer volunteered. This ad hoc committee will consist of Commissioners Shaffer and Regalado.

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Public Comment: Commenter "... Cut off."

Commission Comment: Commissioner Regalado and Shaffer.

14. [8:38 PM] General Manager's Report.

- a. Department Administration, Neighborhood Council engagement, civic leadership, innovation, policy and government, staffing and budget.

D.O.N.E. Representative: General Manager Raquel Beltran thanked the NEAs who introduced the bylaws changes above and gave her GM's Report, followed by an appreciation for Julien Antelin, who is leaving the department.

Commissioner Comment: Commissioner Regalado, Commissioner Shaffer.

Public Comment. "...Cut Off," Josh Nadel, Jennifer Goodie Glenn Bailey, Cindy Cleghorn, Phyllis Ling, Call-In User_2, "iPhone," Sharon Brewer, Robert.

15. [9:22 PM] Commission Business - Comment from Commissioners on matters within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.

- a. Brief announcements on Commissioners' own activities.
- b. Requests for future agenda items.
- c. Ask staff to research issues and report back to the Commission at a future time.

D.O.N.E. Representative: General Manager Raquel Beltran

Public Comment: Jennifer Goodie, Cut off has used all five minutes of his time. Sharon Brewer, Josh Nadel, Glenn Bailey, Cindy Cleghorn.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Vo-Ramirez, Commissioner Shaffer

Adjournment: Vice President Commissioner Regalado adjourned the meeting at 9:34 PM in honor of Julien Antelin. Next meeting will be on May 16th at 1:00 PM on Zoom.

Future Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Meetings (INFORMATION ONLY) (*Please note: The items listed below are tentative and may be subject to change.* You are encouraged to visit the City's website at www.lacity.org to view Commission agendas and subscribe through the City's Early Notification System Subscription page to receive the Commission's agendas via email.)

- Regular Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041875556>
- Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041875556>
- Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m - **Cancelled**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041875556>

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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RECONSIDERATION:

The Commission may make a **MOTION TO RECONSIDER** and alter its action taken on any item listed on this agenda at any time during this meeting, or make a **MOTION TO RECONSIDER** at its next regular meeting as indicated below:

If the Commission moves and approves a Motion for Reconsideration at the *initial* meeting wherein an action was taken, then the underlying item may be reconsidered at that time.

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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