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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

Monday, February 27, 2023 at 12:00 PM
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- [Community Impact Statements filed with this Commission](#)
- [2022 Legislative Reports to Neighborhood Councils](#)

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY.

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The amount of time for public comment on each agenda item is to be determined by the Chair at each meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration. If multiple requests for public comment are submitted on one agenda item, preference will be granted to members of the public who have not spoken previously during the meeting, either during general public comment or on another agenda item.

A member of the public wishing to speak on more than one agenda item at a single meeting shall limit his or her remarks to a total of five (5) minutes per meeting. Members of the public who want to speak on multiple agenda items for up to five (5) 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 Comment.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment, unless the presiding officer of the Board decides differently.

Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statements and Resolutions Pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819, a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution. If the Neighborhood Council would like to be heard on its CIS or resolution at a Commission meeting, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or Resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website.

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If the CIS or Resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission’s agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative will have an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council’s formal position. In the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. If the CIS or Resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council Representative may speak during General Public Comments.

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1. **[12:04 PM] Introduction.**
2. **[12:09 PM] Call to Order and Commission Roll Call.**

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Atkinson	X	
Darett-Quiroz	X	
Regalado	X	
Shaffer	X	
Valdivia		X
Wehbe	X	

3. **[12:10 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.

If a Neighborhood Council has submitted a Neighborhood Council Resolution or Community Impact Statement on a matter that is not listed on this agenda, the designated Neighborhood Council Representative may speak during General Public Comments.

Public Comment: Commenter with number ending in 099/Agnes Copeland, NC. Kay Hartman, Lionel Mares, Commenter with number ending 018/Barry Johnson, Claudia Bayard, and Steve Randall.

Commission Comment: None.

4. **[12:22 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, the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, does remain active and state or local officials have imposed recommended measures to promote social distancing, and further that the City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and found for all City Brown Act bodies that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person (see City Council February 24, **2023** agenda item 16), and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, and that 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 have continued 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)(3)]. Commissioner Atkinson seconded. Motion was approved.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Darett-Quiroz.

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Public Comment: Cosmo Moore, Vic Christensen, Fernanda, Lionel Mares, Bruce Wilson, Commenter with number ending 179/Karen Waters; Doug Epperhart, Moises Rosales, Commenter with number ending 018/Barry Johnson, Call-in user_1/“Stakeholder,” Scott Mandell, Steve Randall, Jennifer Goodie, Jamie and Clara Solis.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Atkinson
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Darett-Quiroz	X			
Regalado	X			
Shaffer	X			
Valdivia				X
Wehbe	X			
Total	5	0	0	0
Motion	Carries			

5. [12:57 PM] Discussion and Possible action to rescind Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Resolution [\(link\)](#) for virtual only meetings.

Action: Commissioner Shaffer made a motion that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners revoke their March 2022 Resolution [\(link\)](#) being policy 2022-1 indicating that Neighborhood Councils shall hold only virtual only meetings as long as legally permissible under the Brown Act or other applicable laws. Commissioner Wehbe seconded. Motion was approved.

B.O.N.C. Representative: General Manager Raquel Beltran

Commission Comment: Commissioner Shaffer, Commissioner Atkinson, and Commissioner Darett-Quiroz. Commissioner Shaffer related that the State of Emergency ends tomorrow, 02/28 and provided explanation.

Public Comment: Call-in-User 1/“Stakeholder,” Lionel Mares, Clara Solis, Connie Acosta, Moises Rosales, Scott Mandell, and Vic Christensen.

General Manager Beltran provided clarification following public comment that we are bringing to closure a resolution on the books since the pandemic started... and that March 29th is the last day for virtual meetings, as they have been administering meetings, until the pandemic ends unless there is a change in State law.

Further public comment was provided, following which GM Beltran provided further clarification. She noted that as it relates to the pilot program, they are awaiting City Council to take action and review CF 22-1070 the council report that seeks financial support for the pilot program, however, if the NC chooses to proceed and administer meetings in the hybrid format as defined in AB 2449, they are able to do that.

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[1:24 PM] As to committees, General Manager Beltran related that if your Board and Bylaws allow committees to make their own choices, they can do so; however, committees are still Brown-Act bodies, subject to all the rules.

The General Manager concluded that they have had two very successful info sessions regarding this material, and will upload the recording and FAQs that came from those sessions that all of us asked, to provide help for people to understand AB 2449. She noted that they will be sending communications based on updates on a regular basis, either legislative or monthly updates, or email directly to the NCs EmpowerLA email addresses, depending on the time sensitivity of the issue.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Wehbe
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Darett-Quiroz	X			
Regalado	X			
Shaffer	X			
Valdivia				X
Wehbe	X			
Total	5	0	0	1
Motion	Carries			

Commission President Regalado adjourned the meeting at **1:27 pm**.

- Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041875556>
- Regular Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
<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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