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BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

**MANCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- AUDITORIUM
661 WEST 87TH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90044**

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1. Introduction (5 minutes)

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2. Call to Order and Commission roll call. (1 minute)
3. General Public Comments - 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 three minutes. (15 minutes)
4. Verbal update from a representative of the Office of the Mayor Eric Garcetti. (10 minutes)
5. Verbal update from a representative of the Office of Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr., Council District 9 (10 minutes)
6. General Manager's Report. (10 minutes)
 1. Briefing on Departmental activities.
 2. Staffing, budget and other operational matters.
 3. Neighborhood Council 2014 Elections
7. Commission Committee Reports. (10 minutes)
 1. Ad Hoc Committee re Standards and Outreach (Members: Mack-Chair, and Shaffer)
 2. Ad Hoc Committee re ability of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to implement citywide policies (Members: Shaffer-Chair, and Grant,)
8. Discussion and possible action in the preparation of a Resolution to provide recognition and appreciation to former Commissioner Linda Lucks for her service on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. (5 minutes)
9. Recognition and presentation of 5 Year Anniversary Certificate to Voices of 90037 Neighborhood Council. (10 minutes)
10. Recognition and presentation of 10 Year Anniversary Certificate to Community and Neighbors for Ninth District Unity (CANNDU) Neighborhood Council, South Central Neighborhood Council, and Central Alameda Neighborhood Council. (10 minutes)
11. Discussion with various South area Neighborhood Council representatives who wish to report concerns, operations, and best practices. Neighborhood Council representatives should complete their questionnaire in advance of the meeting. This matter will last a maximum of 20 minutes and the time will be divided among those representatives wishing to speak. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.) (20 minutes)
http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/BEST-PRACTICES-QUESTIONNAIRE_01-31-14.pdf
12. Discussion and possible action regarding a bylaw amendment submitted by the Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council that would change their governing board

structure, changing their Victor Heights Non-Profit seat to a Victor Heights At-Large seat. (10 minutes)

13. Discussion and possible action regarding a bylaw amendment submitted by the Reseda Neighborhood Council that would change their governing board structure, changing one of their four Residential Representative seats to an At-Large Representative seat and one of their four Business Representative seats to an At-Large Representative seat. (10 minutes)
14. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed contract to be entered between the City and Union Bank that will provide checking accounts and online banking services to the City's Neighborhood Councils. Under Charter section 902(b), the Commission is responsible for the approval of contracts and the Commission may take action consistent with its role in approving contracts, including the approval of any Resolution authorizing the proposed contract. (Click on link to view copy of the document.) (20 minutes)
<http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Union-Bank-DONE-NC-Checking-Accounts-Contract-012914.pdf>
<http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Exhibit-A-HACLA-Union-Bank-Contract.pdf>
<http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Exhibit-B-Union-Bank-Schedule-of-Fees.pdf>
<http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/STANDARD-PROVISIONS-REV-3-09-FINAL.pdf>
15. Discussion and possible action on the creation of ad hoc committees to accomplish the strategic plan priorities and objectives including the creation of a Committee to report on nominations to fill the Outreach Task Force. (10 minutes)
 - How will we accomplish our objectives?
16. Discussion and possible action on the creation of an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations and report on the topic of leadership development for Neighborhood Councils. (10 minutes)
17. Previously, the Commission established Regional Standing Committees to provide recommendations to the Commission regarding improvements to the Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils. The Regional Standing Committees, also known as the Neighborhood Council (NC) Plan Review Committees, have forwarded their recommendations to the Commission for review and action. Discussion and possible action on the following recommendations: (Click on the links to view copies of the documents.) (20 minutes)
http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Feedback-on-Nine-Proposed-Neighborhood-Council-Plan-Review-Committee-Motions_09-26-13.pdf
http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Attachment-A_SurveyResults_9-motions_09262013.pdf
http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Attachment-B_Amended_NC-Resolutions_9-motions_092613.pdf

<http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/SurveyContent.pdf>

1) Brown Act and posting policies

NC Plan Review Committees' Recommendation:

Reaffirm support for the Brown Act for Neighborhood Councils and its single accessible 24 hour posting requirement, and reaffirm current board policies regarding electronic mail and website posting, with only one physical posting site as opposed to many. The email requirement shall specify that agendas be sent to "NCSupport" with the intent that the Department will post them to the City's agenda system.

AND

Neighborhood Councils that do not have a website must post in at least five (5) physical locations.

(Possible Action by the Commission on this recommendation, including but not limited to reviewing Commission Policy Number 2010-02 (Revised December 17, 2012 and signed January 14, 2013) regarding Neighborhood Council Posting Requirements, determining whether any amendments to the Policy should be enacted and/or requesting staff to prepare an amended policy for review and adoption at a future Commission hearing.) (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.)

http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Neighborhood-Council-Agenda-Posting-Requirements_REV-12-17-12.pdf

18. Previously, the Commission established Regional Standing Committees to provide recommendations to the Commission regarding improvements to the Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils. The Regional Standing Committees, also known as the Neighborhood Council (NC) Plan Review Committees, have forwarded their recommendations to the Commission for review and action. Discussion and POSSIBLE ACTION by the Commission on the recommendations of the Regional Standing Committees and the Commission's positions with respect to the recommendations, including but not limited to drafting a communication or Resolution to the City regarding: (30 minutes) (Click on the links to view copies of the documents.)

http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Memo-re_Eight-Motions.pdf

http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Attachment-A_survey-results.pdf

http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Attachment-B_NC-Resolutions.pdf

http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Survey_8-motions_text2.pdf

1) Training and Leadership Development

NC Plan Review Committees' Recommendation:

- a) Neighborhood Council board members be required to complete Ethics, Financial Policy, Sexual Harassment, and ADA Compliance training, and that the Department offer classes including, but not limited to leadership, City government basics, parliamentary procedures, land use, and candidate training.
- b) There be a citywide standard period of time from date of seating, not to exceed 90 days, that a Board member will have to pass the required training, and that this be enforced by the Neighborhood Council bylaws, which shall prohibit voting on any matter coming before the Neighborhood Council board. Inability of any board member(s) to vote for failure to timely complete training will not affect quorum.

Additional Commission proposals:

- c) That the Commission may amend the recommendation regarding training to include consequences for failure to complete the training within the allowed period of time. The ultimate consequence being the removal by action of the Department of any offending board member.
 - d) That the Commission may amend the recommendation regarding training to include Workplace Violence/Bullying Prevention training.
19. Previously, the Commission established Regional Standing Committees to provide recommendations to the Commission regarding improvements to the Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils. The Regional Standing Committees, also known as the Neighborhood Council (NC) Plan Review Committees, have forwarded their recommendations to the Commission for review and action. Discussion and possible action by the Commission on the recommendations of the Regional Standing Committees and the Commission's positions with respect to the recommendations, including but not limited to forming an ad hoc committee which will report back to the Commission and include the identification of polices which will satisfy the goal of the following recommendation: (20 minutes) (Click on the links to view copies of the documents.)
- http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Memo-re_Eight-Motions.pdf
http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Attachment-A_survey-results.pdf
http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Attachment-B_NC-Resolutions.pdf
http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Survey_8-motions_text2.pdf

- 1) Review of delivery of City services

NC Plan Review Committees' Recommendation:

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with the aid and advice of citywide Neighborhood Councils, will adopt policies establishing best practices for monitoring the delivery of City services.

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20. Commission Business - Comment from Commissioners on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (15 minutes)
 1. Comment on Commissioners' own activities/brief announcements.
 2. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights/ask staff questions for clarification.
 3. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Commission at its next meeting and direct staff to place on the agenda.
 4. Ask staff to research issues and report back to the Commission at a future time.
21. General Public Comments - 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 three minutes. (15 minutes)
22. Adjourn

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 Web site at www.lacity.org and subscribe to the Commission's agendas through the Early Notification System.)

- Regular meeting on Monday, February 17, 2014, **canceled**.
- Regular meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at Dearborn Elementary Charter Academy, 9240 Wish Avenue, Northridge, CA 91325.
- Regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., at City Hall, 10th Floor Conference Center, Room 1070, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- Regular meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at Selma Avenue Elementary Charter, 6611 Selma Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028.

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.

EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES:

If you challenge these agenda items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence on these matters delivered to this agency at or prior to the public hearing. California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6 governs the time in which a party may seek judicial review of this determination. Under that provision, a petitioner may seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5 only if the petition for Writ of Mandate pursuant to that section is filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final.

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.

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS:

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