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BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED
Tuesday, April 04, 2017 6:00 PM
LOCATION: WESTMINSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90291

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Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Forum period. Public comment is limited to 15 minutes maximum. No individual speaker will be allowed more than 3 minutes, unless presiding officer of the Board decides differently.

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1. [6:14pm]Introduction (5 minutes)
2. [6:18pm]Call to Order and Commission roll call (1 minute)

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Shaffer	X	
Atkinson	X	
Darett-Quiroz	X	
Lafarga		X
Lipmen	X	
Sinclair		X
Wehbe		X

3. [6:19pm]Discussion with Neighborhood Council representatives on 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.
4. [6:19 pm]Multiple Agenda Items Comment – Comments by members of the public who have submitted multiple speaker cards and 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.
5. [6:20pm]Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 03/20/17. <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Board-of-Neighborhood-Commissioners-Special-Meeting-Minutes-03.20.17-DRAFT.pdf> (3 minutes)

Public Comment: None

Action: Motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 03/20/17.

VOTE	Mover	Lipmen	Second	Atkinson
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Shaffer	x			
Atkinson	x			
Darett-Quiroz	x			
Lafarga				x
Lipmen	x			
Sinclair				x
Wehbe				x
Total	4			
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

6. [6:21pm]Verbal updates from representatives of the Mayor, Los Angeles City Council, and other City representatives. (10 minutes).

Public Comment: None

7. [6:22pm]Commemoration of 15 year anniversary of the certification of the following Neighborhood Councils: (20 minutes)
- Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa
 - Venice Neighborhood Council
 - Westside Neighborhood Council

Grayce Liu provided congratulatory remarks to the Neighborhood Councils being honored. Commissioners Lipmen and Shaffer provided congratulatory remarks. Terri Tippit and Lisa Waltz gave congratulatory remarks on behalf of Westside NC. Denny Schneider provided congratulatory remarks on behalf of NC of Westchester-Playa. Ira Koslow provided congratulatory remarks on behalf of Venice NC.

Public Comment: None

8. [6:45 pm]Discussion with various West Los Angeles Area Neighborhood Council representatives who wish to report concerns, operations, and best practices. Neighborhood Council representatives should complete their questionnaires in advance of the meeting. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.) <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Best-Practices-Questionnaire.pdf> This matter will last a maximum of 20 minutes and the time will be divided among those representatives wishing to speak. (20 minutes).

Public Comment: Robin Greenberg provided updates and projects on behalf of the Bel Air Beverly Crest NC.

9. [6:58 pm] Verbal updates from representatives of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates. Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates provide input to the City on the City's Budget. Additional information regarding the Budget Advocates is available at <http://ncbala.com/>. (10 minutes).

Public Comment: None

10. [7:20] 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)

Public Comment:

Yolanda Gonzalez provided comments and updates regarding Planning and Land Use procedures and issues.

Ziggy Kruse provided updates on the status of Hollywood Studio District minutes and contacted Commissioner Wehbe regarding this issue.

Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian of Venice NC, provided updates regarding more time and representation in front of City Council. Neighborhood Council Congress will be on Saturday, September 9 celebrating diversity and cultures.

11. [7:00 pm] General Manager's Report. (10 minutes)
 - a. Briefing on Departmental activities.
 - b. Staffing, budget, elections and other operational matters.
 - c. Subdivision update.

Grayce Liu, General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, provided congratulatory remarks to the Neighborhood Councils who won EmpowerLA awards. Thank you to staff and volunteers for their work and efforts on the event. Grayce introduced new staff Kori Parraga, Brett Shears, Mary Kim, Vanessa Serrano, John Darnell, and Gibson Nyambura. Updates were also provided on the subdivision elections by Mike Fong of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Public Comment: None

12. [7:37pm] Discussion and possible action regarding Board of Neighborhood Commissioner's Newsletter. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Lipmen and Commissioner Shaffer provided updates on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners newsletter. Commissioner Wehbe will be featured in the next newsletter and EmpowerLA Awards will be featured as well. Commissioner Lipmen would like to have subdivision policy info in next newsletter. Commissioner Atkinson would like to have info on Congress of Neighborhoods in upcoming newsletter.

Commissioner Daret-Quiroz would like info on next newsletter for new staff.

13. [7:43 pm]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.

Commissioner Atkinson would like an agenda item on the minutes posting policy. Commissioner Lipmen gave an update on Council File 15-1022-S2 that they will be examining voting age and budget recommendations regarding on-line voting. Commissioner Shaffer gave an update on upcoming Earth Day event.

14. []Adjourn

VOTE	Mover	Darett-Quiroz	Second	Atkinson
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Shaffer	x			
Atkinson	x			
Darett-Quiroz	x			
Lafarga				x
Lipmen	x			
Sinclair				x
Wehbe				x
Total	4			
Motion	Carries		Fails	

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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