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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

Thursday, March 30, 2017 3:30 PM

LOCATION: Los Angeles City Hall

200 North Spring Street 20th Floor – Room 2005

Los Angeles, CA 90012

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1. [3:38] Introduction (5 minutes)
2. [3:41] 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

Note: Commissioner Wehbe arrived at 3:52 pm

3. [3:41] 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.

Public Comment: None

4. [3:42] 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.

Public Comment: None

5. [3:42] Discussion and possible action on the recommendations from EmpowerLA Awards Ad Hoc committee

- a) Harbor
- b) South Valley
- c) North Valley
- d) Central Los Angeles
- e) East Los Angeles
- f) South Los Angeles
- g) West Los Angeles

Public Comment: None

EmpowerLA Award Nominations

Central LA – 5d

Mid City West

Mid City West NC has revitalized Rosewood Garden park through collaboration with the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks and Fairfax High School helping revitalize the space by cleaning up the park and installing new drought tolerant plants and landscaping.

Olympic Park

OPNC helped support a Korean Festival embrace the diverse array of stakeholders in the service area of Olympic Park NC.

Commissioner Darett-Quiroz provided update.

Action: Motion to accept EmpowerLA Awards Ad Hoc committee recommendation for Mid City West to receive EmpowerLA Award.

VOTE	Mover	Lafarga	Second	Darett-Quiroz
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	

East LA – 5e

Glassell Park NC

Glassell Park NC has been a leader in submitting Community Impact Statements in the Neighborhood Council system ensuring the voice of GPNC in legislation affecting the community and making government more responsive to local needs.

Echo Park NC

The Echo Park NC partnered with the LA Tenants Union to host an event at Elysian Heights Elementary School where parents of students in the Echo Park NC boundaries were invited to hear about their rights as renters.

LA 32 NC

The LA-32 NC Annual Kite Fest is a great opportunity for families to reconnect in honor of Earth Day and has included an increasing number of stakeholders in the community.

Commissioner Larfarga provided update.

Action: Motion to accept EmpowerLA Awards Ad Hoc committee recommendation for Echo Park Neighborhood Council to receive EmpowerLA Award.

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

Note: Commissioner Darett-Quiroz recused herself and left the meeting.

South LA – 5f

Empowerment Congress North

Empowerment Congress North NC has participated in the Clean Streets Challenge, addressed community needs and provided advise/resources to stakeholders, and reviewed the new South LA Community Plan.

Empowerment Congress Southwest

The Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council has conducted events that have empowered stakeholders including community clean ups, economic/job placement workshops, and ballot measure forums which embody the spirit of inclusiveness and civic engagement.

Empowerment Congress Southeast

The Empowerment Congress Southeast Neighborhood Development Council has held at least two board retreats each year to revisit the purpose and spirit of the the Neighborhood Council system to ensure stakeholder outreach and community participation.

United Neighborhoods NC

United Neighborhoods NC has been a leading force along with the Office of Council President Wesson to hold major oil companies accountable for what is happening in the community and has also organized town hall workshops with City departments and participated in the Clean Streets Initiative.

Watts NC

Watts NC participated in a recent CicLAvia connecting communities in Southeast Los Angeles promoting healthy communities and inclusiveness in the community.

Commissioner Darett-Quiroz provided update.

Action: Motion to accept EmpowerLA Awards Ad Hoc committee recommendation for United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council to receive EmpowerLA Award.

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

Note: Commissioner Atkinson recused herself and left the meeting.

South Valley – 5b

Canoga Park

The Canoga Park NC has been active for many years in the community including participating in farmer's markets, Memorial Day parade, Senior Symposium, and community clean-ups of the LA River and Canoga Park streets including many different stakeholders in the process.

Canoga Park

The Canoga Park NC has also been very active with the Homeless Count and very involved in human trafficking issues in coordination with Los Angeles Police Department.

Lake Balboa

The Health/Public Safety committee of the Lake Balboa NC has been a leader in helping train residents, teachers, school staff, parents, and stakeholders from throughout the San Fernando Valley to learn the importance of learning and practicing CPR/AED techniques.

Reseda

The Reseda Neighborhood Council has created an environment and community space utilized by thousands of community members coming through its doors including a successful “I Love Reseda” and corresponding “Neighborhood Pride” initiative.

Tarzana

The Tarzana Neighborhood Council and its Animal Welfare Committee have helped institute programs at the City's West Valley Animal Shelter to cut down on the killings of dogs and cats and has also partnered with Rockin' Rescue to assist with local rescue operations.

Valley Village

Valley Village NC has encouraged members to be proactive on emergency preparedness efforts including participation and has purchased ham radios to help communication between neighborhood block captains in case of emergencies.

West Hills

West Hills has developed a multifaceted communications program that includes a professionally written and designed monthly electronic newsletter that covers the full of activities of the West Hills NC and also has recently redesigned its website featuring events, agendas, minutes, public documents, and contacts.

Woodland Hills – Warner Center

The Woodland Hills – Warner Center NC has produced and developed a Neighborhood Council newsletter of 20 pages which is distributed to over 34,000 households and businesses including many stakeholders in the community.

Commissioner Darett-Quiroz provided update.

Action: Motion to accept EmpowerLA Awards Ad Hoc committee recommendation for Reseda Neighborhood Council to receive EmpowerLA Award.

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

Note: Commissioner Shaffer recused himself and left the meeting.

North Valley – 5c

Northridge West

Northridge West NC collaborated with the Division of Urban Forestry to remove dying trees on the Tampa Median and also partnered with Northridge Sparkle to install a drip system to help save additional trees.

Sunland Tujunga

The STNC beautification committee worked for two years to paint over 20 Department of Transportation boxes transforming these boxes with beautiful artwork.

Sunland Tujunga

The STNC board created a Youth Advisory Council committee to elevate the voices of youth in the community to promote more participation in local government issues.

Commissioner Darett-Quiroz provided update.

Action: Motion to accept EmpowerLA Awards Ad Hoc committee recommendation for Northridge West Neighborhood Council to receive EmpowerLA Award.

VOTE	Mover	Lafarga	Second	Darett-Quiroz
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	

Harbor – 5a

Central San Pedro NC

The Central San Pedro NC has created an ad hoc committee on LGBT+ allies which has worked to address so many issues and including many stakeholders in the community.

Coastal San Pedro

The Coastal San Pedro organized Trunk or Treat & Santa’s Holiday Express which were two projects that involved many members of the community.

Coastal San Pedro

The Holiday Express sleigh tour project including constructing a sleigh from scratch and allowing children to visit with Santa encouraged many stakeholders to participate in this holiday event.

Harbor City

The Harbor City NC partnered with all four schools in its service area to ensure that the voices of parents and students were being heard in Harbor City and in community.

Harbor Gateway North

The Harbor Gateway North NC is committed to making the community more liveable and sustainable and included projects such as clean-up days, environmental justice work, and hosting CERT training for stakeholders.

Harbor Gateway North

The Harbor Gateway North NC participated in the Clean Streets Initiative including coordination of clean-ups and also worked on environmental justice issues by partnering

with CD 15, AQMD, and Building and Safety including many stakeholders in the community.

Northwest San Pedro

The Northwest San Pedro partnered in helping organize Trunk or Treat providing fun activities for the community to enjoy and worked to keep the town clean and safe.

Northwest San Pedro

The Northwest San Pedro NC organized various events bringing the community together including the 5th Annual Pathways to Employment conference, 2nd Annual Movie at Peck Park, Candy Cane Lane, and native plant educational event.

Northwest San Pedro

The Northwest San Pedro NC organized a water bottle campaign to help preserve the environment.

Commissioner Darett-Quiroz provided update.

Action: Motion to accept EmpowerLA Awards Ad Hoc committee recommendation for Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council to receive EmpowerLA Award.

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

Note: Commissioner Lafarga recused himself and left the meeting.

West Los Angeles – 5g

Bel Air Beverly Crest

The Bel Air Beverly Crest NC promotes citizen participation in government and makes government more responsive to local needs by encouraging citizen participation through various committees including Emergency Preparedness, Land Use, and Outreach.

Mar Vista

The Mar Vista Community Council recognized the importance of viewing issues through the prism of how they will impact the needs of older adults in the community and created a speaker issues addressing the needs of the diverse community of seniors.

Palms NC

In the last 8 months, the Palms NC has engaged many stakeholders including through increased voter engagement, significant rise in social media engagement followers, new strategic road map with City Hall, and holding developers accountable to the community.

South Robertson

The South Robertson Neighborhood Council has created a Digital and Computer Literacy program in partnership with Microsoft, the Robertson Branch Public Library, and Soro, Inc. to creat free and local access to basic and intermediate computer literacy courses.

South Robertson

The South Robertson Neighborhood Council organized a Homelessness Town Hall to educate the community about the homelessness crisis and to help them understand the plight of those experiencing homelessness.

Venice

The Venice NC has developed a number of innovative programs to address homelessness and public safety and has increased voter participation in NC elections.

Commissioner Darett-Quiroz provided update.

Action: Motion to accept EmpowerLA Awards Ad Hoc committee recommendation for South Robertson Neighborhood Council to receive EmpowerLA Award.

VOTE	Mover	Lafarga	Second	Darett-Quiroz
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Shaffer	X			
Atkinson	X			
Darett-Quiroz	X			
Lafarga	X			
Lipmen				X
Sinclair				X
Wehbe	X			
Total	5			
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

6. [4:13] 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: Tamar Rosenthal, President of ASNC provided commentary on ASNC Subdivision election.
 Linda Valencia, Treasurer of ASNC provided commentary on ASNC Subdivision election.
 George Campos provided commentary on SRNC Subdivision election and submitted letter on behalf of Little Tokyo Community Council.

7. [4:26] Adjourn

Action: Motion to adjourn

VOTE	Mover	Lafarga	Second	Darett-Quiroz
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Shaffer	X			
Atkinson	X			
Darett-Quiroz	X			
Lafarga	X			
Lipmen				X
Sinclair				X
Wehbe	X			
Total	5			
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

Future Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Meetings (INFORMATION ONLY)

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- Regular Meeting on April 4, 2017 at 6:00pm – Location TBD: West Los Angeles
- Regular Meeting on April 17, 2017 at 1:00pm., at City Hall, 10th Floor Conference Center, Room 1050, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Regular Meeting on May 2, 2017 at 6:00pm – Location TBD: South Valley
- Regular Meeting on May 15, 2017 at 1:00pm., at City Hall, 10th Floor Conference Center, Room 1050, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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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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