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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015-1:30 P.M.

**CITY HALL, 10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE
ROOM 1070, 200 NORTH SPRING ST.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

The full audio of this meeting is available on www.EmpowerLA.org under Commission - Agendas and Meetings.

1. Introduction (5 minutes) - Vice President Leonard Shaffer presided over the meeting.
2. Call to Order and Commission roll call. (1 minute) – Meeting called to order at 1:34 pm.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Leonard Shaffer
Joy Atkinson
Lydia Grant
Victor Medina

ABSENT

Karen Mack
Eli Lipmen
Olivia Rubio

There is a quorum with 4 Commissioners.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2015. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.) (3 minutes)
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5IXPZyZZiLIZEhZb2VSZFowUUE/view?usp=sharing>

ACTION: Approve minutes of February 3, 2105 regular meeting.

VOTE	Mover	Grant	Second	Atkinson
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Grant	X			
Lipmen				X
Mack				X
Medina	X			
Rubio				X
Shaffer	X			
Total	4	0	0	3
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

4. Verbal updates from representatives of the Mayor and Los Angeles City Council. (10 minutes)
5. 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)

Pete Nicholas
 Thad Johnson
 Glen Bailey
 Clarissa Stewart
 Ann Job

Anthony Manzano
 Darlene Atkins

6. General Manager's Report. (10 minutes)
 1. Briefing on Departmental activities.
 2. Staffing, budget and other operational matters.
7. Discussion and possible action on the LA-32 Neighborhood Council's bylaw amendment application requesting the following board structure change: a reduction in LA-32's board size from 21 Board members to 15 board members by reducing the number of region directors from 4 to 3 and by reducing the number of At Large seats from 4 to 2. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.) (10 minutes)
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5IXPZyZZiLIYIN5R3FSY0N6TTQ/view?usp=sharing>

Public Comment

Anthony Manzano
 Hugh Pacheco
 Scott Johnson
 Marlene Fonseca
 Pete Nicholas

Angela Duarte
 Reuben Chavez

ACTION: Move to table this item until the next meeting.

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	Medina
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Grant	X			
Lipmen				X
Mack				X
Medina	X			
Rubio				X
Shaffer	X			
Total	4	0	0	3
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

8. Discussion and possible action by the Commission approving Resolutions to enter into contracts/agreement and delegate to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment the ability to finalize and execute the following contracts/agreements on behalf of the Commission: (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.) (10 minutes)

Public Comment

Marissa Stewart
 Jim Summers
 Glenn Bailey
 Pete Nicholas

- Professional Services Contract – DONE-Union Bank, National Association – Amendment 1.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5IXPZyZZiLIU1hINXIGUGFKcHc/view?usp=sharing>
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5IXPZyZZiLISUJlcmtYaFVhczg/view?usp=sharing>
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5IXPZyZZiLibVpVcjhsdEM0akU/view?usp=sharing>

ACTION: Move to approve the Union Bank contract extension to cover April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

VOTE	Mover	Grant	Second	Medina
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Grant	X			
Lipmen				X
Mack				X
Medina	X			
Rubio				X
Shaffer	X			
Total	4	0	0	3
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

- Professional Services Contract – DONE- EveryOne Counts On-Line Voting System. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5IXPZyZZILiYVQyclRxcjllZTg/view?usp=sharing>
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5IXPZyZZiLb3BJNDNQMS1BMVU/view?usp=sharing>

ACTION: (Voted on after item 12) Move to table this item until the next meeting.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Medina
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Grant	X			
Lipmen				X
Mack				X
Medina	X			
Rubio				X
Shaffer	X			
Total	4	0	0	3
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

9. Discussion and possible action supporting a letter from the Department to the City Council requesting that the Congress/Budget Advocate account be split into two separate accounts. (10 minutes)

Public Comment

Marissa Stewart
 Jim Summers
 Glenn Bailey
 Pete Nicholas

ACTION: Commission should write BONC should write a letter of support for the Congress of Neighborhood Council and the budget advocates with accounts separated and capped at \$100,000.

VOTE	Mover	Grant	Second	Medina
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Grant	X			
Lipmen				X
Mack				X
Medina	X			
Rubio				X
Shaffer	X			
Total	4	0	0	3
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

10. Discussion regarding the proposed ordinance that establishes Neighborhood Council Regional Grievance Panels (CF 15-0067). Possible action by the

Commission includes but is not limited to taking a position with respect to the proposed ordinance and/or making suggestions or recommendations regarding the proposed ordinance and possible action approving a representative to orally communicate the Commission's position or a draft letter to be sent to the Education and Neighborhoods Committee and City Council on this matter. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.) (10 minutes)

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0067>

ACTION: Authorize Commission President to communicate the Commission's support for the proposed grievance program.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Atkinson
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Grant	X			
Lipmen				X
Mack				X
Medina		X		
Rubio				X
Shaffer	X			
Total	3	1	0	3
Motion	Carries		Fails	X

11. Discussion regarding the proposed ordinance that establishes Neighborhood Council Database for Public Use. Possible action by the Commission includes but is not limited to taking a position with respect to the proposed ordinance and/or making suggestions or recommendations regarding the proposed ordinance and possible action approving a representative to orally communicate the Commission's position or a draft letter to be sent to the Education and Neighborhoods Committee and City Council on this matter. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.) (10 minutes)

http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Draft-Ordinance_NC-Database-for-Public-Use_01-13-15.pdf

Public Comment

Marissa Stewart
 Pete Nicholas

ACTION: Authorize Commission President to communicate the Commission's support the adoption of this ordinance.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Atkinson
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Grant	X			
Lipmen				X

Mack				X
Medina	X			
Rubio				X
Shaffer	X			
Total	4	0	0	3
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

12. Discussion by the Commission identifying outstanding policy recommendations from the Regional Panels, e.g., subdivision of Neighborhood Councils, prioritization of the policies that should be addressed by City Council and possible action approving a letter on these policies and their priorities to the Education and Neighborhoods Committee and City Council. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.) (10 minutes)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5IXPZyZZiLlelFDZ21OYINXY0k/view?usp=sharing>

Public Comment

General Jeff

ACTION: Authorize Commission chair to send a letter outlining 17 Commission recommendations plus the 4 deemed most important.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Medina
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Grant	X			
Lipmen				X
Mack				X
Medina	X			
Rubio				X
Shaffer	X			
Total	4	0	0	3
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

Quorum Lost – Commissioner Medina left.

13. 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.

14. 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)
15. Adjourn – at approximately 4:15 pm