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BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015 - 1:00 P.M. CITY HALL, 10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE CENTER ROOM 1050, 200 NORTH SPRING STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

These minutes state who attended the meeting and the actions taken. For more detailed information, the full audio is online at EmpowerLA.org.

1. Introduction (5 minutes) - Commission President Mack presided over the meeting.
2. Call to Order and Commission roll call (1 minute) - Meeting called to order at 1:11 pm.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Mack (left at 4:10 pm)
Shaffer
Lipmen
Rubio
Grant (arrived at 1:15 pm)

ABSENT

Atkinson
Medina

There was a quorum of 4 Commissioners.

3. [1:15 pm] Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2/12/15, 7/7/15. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.) (3 minutes) https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/02-12-15_Commission-Special-Meeting-Minutues.pdf
<https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/BONC-Meeting-JULY-7-2015-Draft-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>

Public Comment - None

ACTION: Approve Commission minutes from February 12, 2015 as amended with Commissioner Medina noted as the Nay vote for Item 5.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Grant
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson				X
Grant	X			
Lipmen			X	
Mack	X			
Medina				X
Rubio			X	
Shaffer	X			
Total	3		2	2
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

ACTION: Approve Commission minutes from July 7, 2015 as amended with Commissioner Rubio not listed as late to the meeting.

VOTE	Mover	Lipmen	Second	Grant
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson				X
Grant	X			
Lipmen	X			
Mack	X			
Medina				X
Rubio	X			
Shaffer	X			
Total	5			2
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

4. [1:20 pm] Verbal updates from representatives of the Mayor and Los Angeles City Council.(10 minutes). – No representative

Public Comment - None

5. [1:20 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).

Jay Handal, Co-Chair of Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

Public Comment - None

6. [1:26 pm] 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).

Ron Ziff Ivan Spiegel
Glenn Bailey

7. [1:36 pm] General Manager's Report. (10 minutes)
 1. Briefing on Departmental activities.
 2. Staffing, budget and other operational matters.

Grayce Liu, General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
-Neighborhood Council Town Hall, Saturday, 7/25/15, 12 pm – 4 pm at the Hollywood Constituent Center, 6501 Fountain Ave.
-Neighborhood Council new funding allocations going through with quarterly amount of \$9250
-Personnel updates – going through interviews for vacant exempt positions
 -Monique Collins and Amber Meshack have promoted to different depts.
 -Deputy City Attorney Alois Phillips has started a new assignment
-Request for Proposals for Temp Services will go out in the next month and will be expanded to include Neighborhood Council specific needs, such as funding support, capacity building and parliamentarian needs

Public Comment - None

8. [1:44 pm] Discussion and possible action on City Council President Herb Wesson's motion CF 15-0524 on Neighborhood Council system issues related to: increasing Neighborhood Council speaking time, language in Community Impact Statements, Neighborhood Council rollover policy, and the Donations ordinance. And the Departments report on this matter. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document) <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Council-President-Herb-Wessons-Motion.pdf>. And the Departments report. <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/DONE-CF-15-0524-and-15-0389-Report-Back-062215.pdf> (15 http minutes)

Public Comment

Jill Banks Barad Glenn Bailey
 Jay Handal Ron Ziff

ACTION: Move to table until next meeting.

VOTE	Mover	Grant	Second	Shaffer
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson				X
Grant	X			
Lipmen	X			
Mack	X			
Medina				X
Rubio	X			
Shaffer	X			
Total	5			2
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

President Mack moved agenda item #14 up to accommodate board members.

14. [2:45 pm] **PUBLIC HEARING:** - Discussion and possible action on MacArthur Park Neighborhood Council0389-Report-Back-062215.pdfuage in Community Impact Statements, Neighborhood Council rollover policy, and the Donations amentarian needsding the Budget Advocates is available at ontact single organization who may serve on the board. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document) <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/MPNC-Bylaws-Adjustments-Application-2015-completed.pdf> <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/FINAL-MPNC-BSC-BONC-7-7-15.pdf> (5 minutes)

Amber Meshack, Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst, made presentation, which did not support the MPNC’s requested change because it would likely lead to another loss of quorum issue due to the specificity of the seats and would not assist them in their meeting operation issues. Recommended having the Department continue working with them and because their elections are not until 2018, they can still come back for a board structure change at a later time.

Public Comment

Marguerita Hernandez, MPNC board member, via an interpreter

ACTION: Move to deny the MacArthur Park Neighborhood Council’s bylaw amendment application.

VOTE	Mover	Grant	Second	Rubio
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson				X
Grant	X			
Lipmen	X			
Mack	X			
Medina				X
Rubio	X			
Shaffer	X			
Total	5			2
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

President Mack called for a recess from 3:07 p.m. to 3:19 p.m. Skipped agenda item #9 as it is a repeat of agenda item #12.

- [3:20 pm] Discussion and review the updates on the nominations and possible selection of the 2015 EmpowerLA award recipients. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document) <http://empowerla.org/ela-awards2015/> (20 minutes).

- Staffer wasn't available so moved on to #11.
- Returned to item at 4:15 pm and Stephen Box, Director of Outreach and Communication, stated that applications are thin and encouraged more submissions.

- [3:21 pm] Discussion and possible action in relation to the distribution of August Commission Newsletter. (15 minutes)

Commissioner Grant requested to add a save the date for the Congress and the September 11, 2015 Neighborhood Council EmpowerLA and volunteer appreciation event.

Public Comment - None

ACTION: Motion that Commissioner Lipmen will work with the Department to complete the survey for the newsletter and distribute to Neighborhood Councils.

VOTE	Mover	Lipmen	Second	Grant
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson				X
Grant	X			
Lipmen	X			
Mack	X			
Medina				X
Rubio	X			
Shaffer	X			
Total	5			2
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

Commissioner Mack returned back to agenda item #9 as it was not a duplicate.

- [3:26 pm]**PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to provide further clarification for the Neighborhood Council Stakeholder definition regarding the term “substantial and ongoing” for the Community Interest Stakeholder, including providing a request to City Council to delegate the authority to the Commission to further define the duration, time and types of contacts that would satisfy “substantial and ongoing.” (20 minutes)

Public Comment

Joseph Riser Ivan Spiegel
 Glenn Bailey

ACTION: Motion to table this item.

VOTE	Mover	Lipmen	Second	Grant
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson				X
Grant	X			
Lipmen	X			
Mack	X			
Medina				X
Rubio	X			
Shaffer	X			
Total	5			2
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

12. [4:07 pm] **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to provide further clarification for the Neighborhood Council Stakeholder definition regarding the term “substantial and ongoing” for the Community Interest Stakeholder. (20 minutes)

Public Comment – None

Commissioner Mack struck agenda item #12 as a duplicate of item # 9.

13. [4:09 pm] **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action on how to address violations to the Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document) (20 minutes). <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Neighborhood-Council-Board-Member-Code-of-Conduct-Policy.pdf>

Commissioner Lipmen stated the Ad Hoc Committee met, but is still working on it.

Public Comment – Glenn Bailey

ACTION: No action taken.

Commissioner Mack stepped out of the meeting at 4:10 pm, and Commissioner Shaffer presided over the meeting.

14. [4:12 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.
 5. Update on 2015 LA Congress of Neighborhoods

Returned to agenda item #9 for staff update.

15. [4:17 pm] 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) [list name and position of any speakers]

Jose Felix Cabrera via an interpreter

16. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting

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