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## BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 - 3:00 P.M. CITY HALL, 10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE CENTER ROOM 1050, 200 NORTH SPRING STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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These minutes state who attended the meeting and the actions taken. For more detailed information, the full audio is online at [EmpowerLA.org](http://EmpowerLA.org).

1. Introduction (5 minutes) Commission President Shaffer presided over the meeting.
2. Call to Order and Commission roll call (1 minute) Meeting called to order at 3:06 p.m.

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Leonard Shaffer  
Joy Atkinson  
Lydia Grant  
Josh LaFarga  
Olivia Rubio  
Karen Mack (arrived at 3:10 p.m.)

### ABSENT

Eli Lipmen

There was a quorum of 4 Commissioners

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3. 3:10p.m. 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/2012/03/02-12-15_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: Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2/12/15, and 7/7/15.**

VOTE	Mover	Mack	Second	Grant
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Atkinson	x			
Grant	x			
Lipmen				x
LaFarga	X			
Mack	X			
Rubio	X			
Shaffer	x			
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>			
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carries</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Fails</b>	

4. 3:15 p.m. Verbal updates from representatives of the Mayor and Los Angeles City Council. (10 minutes).

**Public Comment**

None

5. 3:15 p.m. 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**

Jay Handal

6. 3:20 p.m. 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).

Wayne Dog  
Glen Bailey  
Antonia Ramirez

7. 3:29 p.m General Manager's Report. (10 minutes)
  1. Briefing on Departmental activities.
  2. Staffing, budget and other operational matters.

Leyla Campos – Senior Project Coordinator  
Mike Fong – Senior Project Coordinator

New staff is settling in and we are working to reorganizing the Department work to provide better services

- Additional \$5k in Neighborhood Council funding has gone through and will be split into the remaining 3 quarterly allocations beginning on Oct. 1st.
- Request for Public Works liaisons from the NCs for the Clean Streets Initiative, which will launch at the Congress on the 26th.
- Request for Animal Services liaisons from the NCs to assist with their strategic planning in October and for continued dialogue with Animal Services
- Election and Grievance Town Hall on Saturday, Sept. 12th to finalize the Election Manual and challenge remedies, which will be handled by the Grievance Panels
- We will be partnering with City Clerk on September 22nd to provide education on voter registration in general and also on the Neighborhood Council system for the National Voter Registration Day at 9 community colleges

**Public Comment**  
Glenn Bailey

8. 3:42 p.m. 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**  
Glenn Bailey  
Wayne Dogg  
Dale Wilcox

**ACTION: No Action**

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9. 4:00 p.m. **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**

Theodore Thomas – President of Park Mesa Heights  
Wayne Dogg  
Antonia Ramirez  
Glenn Bailey

**ACTION: No Action**

10. 4:30p.m. 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).

Discussed and took action later in the meeting.

11. 4:15p.m. Discussion and possible action in relation to the distribution of August Commission Newsletter. (15 minutes)

**Public Comment**

None

**ACTION: No Action**

12. 4:20p.m. **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

**ACTION: No Action**

13. 4:25p.m **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>

**Public Comment**  
 Glenn Bailey  
 Wayne Dogg  
 Antonia Ramirez  
 Theodore Thomas

**ACTION: No Action**

14. 4:40p.m. 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

Commissioner Grant leaves room at 4:40p.m.

15. 4:40 p.m. Commissioners revisited Agenda item #10

**ACTION: Motion to select Sylmar Neighborhood Council for the Region 1 EmpowerLA Awards**

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	LaFarga
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Atkinson	X			
Grant				X
Lipmen				X
LaFarga	X			
Mack	X			
Rubio	X			
Shaffer	X			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carries</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Fails</b>	

Commissioner Shaffer recused 4:47p.m.

**ACTION: Motion to select North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council for the Region 2 EmpowerLA Awards**

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	Rubio

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Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson				
Grant	x			x
Lipmen				x
LaFarga	x			
Mack	x			
Rubio	x			
Shaffer			x	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carries</b>		<b>Fails</b>	

Commissioner Shaffer returns 5:00p.m.  
 Commissioner Mack recused 5:00p.m.

**ACTION: Motion to select Westlake South Neighborhood Council for the Region  
 3 EmpowerLA Awards**

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	Shaffer
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson	x			
Grant				x
Lipmen				x
LaFarga	x			
Mack			x	
Rubio	x			
Shaffer	x		x	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carries</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Fails</b>	

Commissioner Mack returns 5:07p.m.  
 Commissioner Rubio recused 5:07p.m.

**ACTION: Motion to select Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council for Region 4  
 EmpowerLA Awards**

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	LaFarga
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Atkinson	x			
Grant				x
Lipmen				x
LaFarga	x			
Mack	x			

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<b>Rubio</b>			<b>x</b>	
<b>Shaffer</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carries</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Fails</b>	

Commissioner Rubio returns at 5:15p.m.  
 Commissioner Atkinson recused 5:15p.m.

**ACTION: Motion to select Mid-City West Neighborhood Council for Regions 5 EmpowerLA Awards**

<b>VOTE</b>	<b>Mover</b>	<b>Shaffer</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Mack</b>
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Atkinson</b>			<b>x</b>	
<b>Grant</b>				<b>x</b>
<b>Lipmen</b>				<b>x</b>
<b>LaFarga</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Mack</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Rubio</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Shaffer</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carries</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Fails</b>	

Commissioner Atkinson returns at 5:25p.m.

**ACTION: Motion to select West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council for Region 6 EmpowerLA Awards**

<b>VOTE</b>	<b>Mover</b>	<b>Atkinson</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Mack</b>
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Atkinson</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Grant</b>				<b>x</b>
<b>Lipmen</b>				<b>x</b>
<b>LaFarga</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Mack</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Rubio</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Shaffer</b>	<b>x</b>			

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<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carries</b>		<b>Fails</b>	

Commissioner LaFarga recused room 5:30p.m.

**ACTION: Motion to select Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council for Region 7 EmpowerLA Awards**

<b>VOTE</b>	<b>Mover</b>	<b>Atkinson</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Rubio</b>
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Atkinson</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Grant</b>				<b>x</b>
<b>Lipmen</b>				<b>x</b>
<b>LaFarga</b>			<b>x</b>	
<b>Mack</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Rubio</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Shaffer</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carries</b>		<b>Fails</b>	

Commissioner LaFarga returns at 5:32p.m.

16. 5:40p.m. 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)

Wayne Dogg

17. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at: [5:50p.m].

**ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting**

<b>VOTE</b>	<b>Mover</b>	<b>Shaffer</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>LaFarga</b>
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Atkinson</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Grant</b>				<b>x</b>
<b>Lipmen</b>				<b>x</b>
<b>LaFarga</b>	<b>x</b>			



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<b>Mack</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Rubio</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Shaffer</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carries</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Fails</b>	