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BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

Tuesday, August 07, 2018 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Boyle Heights City Hall

[2130 East 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033](#)

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A member of the public wishing to speak on more than one agenda item at a single meeting shall limit his or her remarks to a total of five (5) minutes per meeting. 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.

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. [6:18] Introduction (5 minutes)
2. [6:22] Call to Order and Commission roll call (1 minute)

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Atkinson	X	
Lipmen		X
Shaffer		X
Darett-Quiroz	X	
Wehbe		X
Regalado	X	
Avakian-Koroghlyan	X	

6:25pm Commissioner Shaffer arrived

6:49pm Commissioner Wehbe arrived

3. [6:23] 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. [6:23] 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. [7:48] Verbal updates from representatives of the Mayor, Los Angeles City Council, and other City representatives. (10 minutes).

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Public Comment: None

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6. [6:24] Discussion with various East 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 [[Best Practices Questionnaire](#)]). 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: Jose Orozco Pelico regarding no WIFI access at Boyle Heights City Hall

7. [6:27] 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: Jose Orozco Pelico

8. [6:28] 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: Raymond Yu has concern regarding homelessness (see [letter](#))

9. [6:32] General Manager's Report. (10 minutes)
 - a. Briefing on Departmental activities.
 - b. Staffing, budget, elections and other operational matters.

Provided update on report back for the Neighborhood Council Reform and the Subdivision, Pilot of online voting for the 10 neighborhood council who are interested -Cost is \$250,000-\$100K for vendor and \$150K for city clerk staffing, the Welcome Home Neighbor Project. Miry's List project for refugees, Neighbor Hood Council Liaison, recent council motions

Public Comment: None

10. [6:38] Discussion and possible action on Bylaws Amendment and Board Structure Change for the PICO Neighborhood Council. PICO Neighborhood Council is requesting to modify their Board structure by **decreasing their total Board size** from members by:
 1. **Decrease** Board size from 24 to 22
 2. **Establish** quorum as 12
 3. **Eliminate** 2 At-Large Representative seats
 4. **Transform** the two Representative of Business seats to At-Large
 5. **Transform** the two Education Representative seats to At-Large
 6. **Transform** the three Service/Non-Profit Organization Representative seats to At-Large
 7. **Transform** the one Representative of Persons employed by a Business seat to At-Large
 8. **Transform** the one Senior Citizen Representative, aged 55 or older seat to At-Large

9. **Transform** the one Youth Representative seat to At-Large
10. **Transform** the one Community Interest Representative seat to At-Large

The Department recommends that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners:

1. **FIND** the PICO Neighborhood Council’s request to change their Board structure consistent with the principles governing a Certified Neighborhood Council’s purpose and operations per Article VI, Section 3c of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils; and
2. **APPROVE** the change to the PICO Neighborhood Council’s bylaws.

[\[PICO Bylaws Application packet with Department Report\]](#)

Public Comment: None

Action: Move to:

1. **FIND** the PICO Neighborhood Council’s request to change their Board structure consistent with the principles governing a Certified Neighborhood Council’s purpose and operations per Article VI, Section 3c of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils; and
2. **APPROVE** the change to the PICO Neighborhood Council’s bylaws.

VOTE	Mover	Darett-Quiroz	Second	Avakian-Koroghlyan
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen				X
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz	X			
Wehbe				X
Regalado	X			
Avakian-Koroghlyan	X			
Total	5			
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

11. [6:48] Discussion and possible action on providing recommendations for [Council File #18-0467](#) - “Neighborhood Council System Reforms.” The Commission is seeking input from Neighborhood Councils and the public on the following issues:
 - a. Amending the [City Charter Article IX](#) to change the name of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to Neighborhood Councils Department (NCD), Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to Neighborhood Councils Commission (NCC) and phasing out the use of the term/branding “EmpowerLA”.
 - b. Amending the [Los Angeles Administrative Code](#) to remove or redefine community interest stakeholder and recommending specific additional definitions by ordinance of eligible voters and board members of Neighborhood Councils, such as student or

- parent/guardian of a student.
- a. Amending City Charter Article IX [Section 901.d](#) and [904.f](#) to remove any reference to “selections” and clarify that Neighborhood Council Board members will be elected.
 - b. Adjusting Neighborhood Council bylaws to ensure equitable distribution of Board seats.
 - c. To establish uniform minimum age for voting and board membership.
 - d. Adopting policies for training of Chairs and Vice-chairs of Neighborhood Council land use committees.
 - e. Adopting policies to allow rollover of funds in a non-cumulative maximum of \$10,000 in any given fiscal year.
 - f. Amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code to remove the expiration of the ability for Neighborhood Councils to accept in-kind or monetary donations.
 - g. On costs and other implications of holding same day city wide Neighborhood Council elections.
 - h. To develop a process to assist Neighborhood Councils to access shared space in city facilities as envisioned in [Council File 16-0298](#).
 - i. To develop an ongoing compendium of best practices generated from Neighborhood Councils and periodically share with all Neighborhood Councils.
 - j. To develop a single points of contact between Neighborhood Councils and city departments.

Public Comment: Jason Gallegos, Jose Orozco Pelico, Daisy Chavez, Peter Ma, Helen Kim, Wayne from Encino, Herman

12. [7:26] Discussion and possible action to define the types and duration of contacts necessary to constitute “substantial and ongoing participation for a community interest stakeholder” as authorized under the [City's Administrative Code Title 28, Article 2, section 22.806\(b\)](#)

Under [Administrative Code section 22.811\(a\)\(2\)](#) a “community interest stakeholder” is defined as a person who affirms a substantial and ongoing participation within the neighborhood council’s boundaries and who may be in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, nonprofit and/or religious organizations.

The purpose of this hearing will be to gather input from the public and Neighborhood Council members for suggestions on how to identify the types and duration of contacts needed for “substantial and ongoing participation” that a community interest stakeholder must have in order to participate in the Neighborhood Council system.

Public Comment: Wayne from Encino and Herman

13. [7:46] Commission Business - Comment from Commissioners on subject matters within the Board’s jurisdiction. (15 minutes)
- a. Comment on Commissioners’ own activities/brief announcements.
 - b. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights/ask staff questions for clarification.
 - c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Commission at its next meeting and direct staff to place on the agenda.
 - d. Ask staff to research issues and report back to the Commission at a future time.

Commissioner Atkinson request ethnic breakdown of staff of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Public Comment: None

14. [8:05] Adjourn

VOTE	Mover	Darett-Quiroz	Second	Avakian-Koroghlyan
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen				X
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz	X			
Wehbe	X			
Regalado	X			
Avakian-Koroghlyan	X			
Total	6			
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

Future Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Meetings (INFORMATION ONLY) *(Please note: The items listed below are tentative and may be subject to change. You are encouraged to visit the City's website at www.lacity.org to view Commission agendas and [subscribe](#) through the City's Early Notification System Subscription page to receive the Commission's agendas via email.)*

- Special Meeting on August 15, 2018 at 6:00pm – New Open World Academy, 3201 W. 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90010
- Regular Meeting on August 20, 2018 at 1:00 pm – City Hall, 10th Floor Conference Center, Room 1050, 200 North Spring St, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Regular Meeting on September 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm – Stonehurst Recreation Center, 9901 Dronfield Ave., Sun Valley, CA 91352
- Regular Meeting on September 17, 2018 at 1:00 pm – City Hall, 10th Floor Conference Center, Room 1050, 200 North Spring St, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Regular Meeting on October 2, 2018 at 6:00 pm – TBD

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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.

EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES:

If you challenge these agenda items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence on these matters delivered to this agency at or prior to the public hearing. California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6 governs the time in which a party may seek judicial review of this determination. Under that provision, a petitioner may seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5 only if the petition for Writ of Mandate pursuant to that section is filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final.

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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