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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-APPROVED

Monday, April 15, 2019 1:00 PM

LOCATION: City Hall, 10th Fl. Conference Room 1050
[200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012](#)

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1. [1:06 PM] Introduction (5 minutes)
2. [[1:08 PM] 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
Vo-Ramirez	X	

2:31 PM Commissioner Darett-Quiroz left the meeting.

3. [1:09 PM] Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of 3/28/19. [\[Board of Neighborhood Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes 3.28.19-DRAFT\]](#)

Public Comment: Wayne from Encino

Action: Move to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of 3/28/19

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

4. [1:10 PM] Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 4/2/19. [[Board of Neighborhood Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes 4.2.19-DRAFT](#)]

Public Comment: None

Request was made to correct Mr. Bob Gelfand’s name on agenda items 7, 12, and 13.

Action: Move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 4/2/19 as amended

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

5. [1:13 PM] 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

6. [1:14 PM] 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

7. [1:15 PM] Verbal updates from representatives of the Mayor, Los Angeles City Council, and other City representatives. (10 minutes).

Public Comment: None

8. [1:16 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).

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Glenn Bailey provided updates for the Budget Advocates

Public Comment: Wayne from Encino

9. [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)

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey (accept document "[West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness](#)"), Wayne from Encino.

10. [1:36 PM] Update and discussion on the Neighborhood Council Funding by the Office of the City Clerk. (10 minute)
- Clarification on giveaway spending policy, rules & limits
 - Clarification on rollover policy and rules

Melvin Canas, (NC Funding Supervisor), updated the Commission on the Neighborhood Council Funding Program. See [Neighborhood Council Funding Program document](#)

Public Comment: Wayne from Encino, Eric Preven

11. [2:42 PM] Update and discussion on the 2019 Neighborhood Council Elections by the Office of the City Clerk. (10 minute)

Christopher Garcia, (City Clerk Elections), updated the Commission on the 2019 Neighborhood Council Elections. All candidate filing periods are now closed.

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey, Eric Preven

12. [3:05 PM] General Manager's Report. (10 minutes)
- Briefing on Departmental activities.
 - Staffing, budget, elections and other operational matters

Grayce Liu, General Manager, update the Commission on Mayor Budget which will be released by 4/20/19, Idea Scale is a proposed project with ITA for stakeholders to present ideas for improvements, and funding has been granted for one staffer to work on this.

Mike Fong, Director of Government Policies, updated the Commissioners on the Homelessness Fair on 4/20 at Grand Park from 9 am - 1 pm, and a screening of The Advocate will be on 4/30/19 at 6:30 pm at the Deaton Auditorium. Mary Kim recently left the Department to go work at LAWA.

Public Comment: Eric Preven

13. [3:10 PM] Discussion and possible action regarding training for the neighborhood council board members. Discussion may include creating policies for mandated leadership and conflict resolution for board members and candidates. It may also include request to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for arrangement of standardized trainings as outlined by Administrative Code 22.801(h).

[Administrative Code: 22.801](#) Duties of the Department.

The Department shall: (h) arrange training for department staff and neighborhood councils'

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officers and staff, such as training in leadership, cultural awareness, dispute mediation, civics, communications, equipment utilization and any other training necessary to achieve the goals set forth in [Section 22.809](#)

Public Comment: Eric Preven, Glenn Bailey

14. [3:13 PM] Discussion and possible motion regarding whether the Commission should appoint an ad hoc committee to consider a policy establishing a uniform process for the censure and removal of Neighborhood Council board members. Reasons for establishing a policy would include openness, fairness, a proper degree of procedural due process and provide consistent guidelines to Neighborhood Councils when enforcing provisions of their bylaws and other applicable policies regarding proper conduct of board members.

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey

15. [3:16 PM] Discussion and possible action on Bylaws Amendment and Board Structure Change for the Westlake South Neighborhood Council. Westlake South Neighborhood Council is requesting to modify their Board structure by:
1. Decreasing the board size from 15 seats to 9 seats; and
 2. Changing the composition of the board structure as described in their proposed amended bylaws

[\[Westlake South NC Proposed Bylaws Amendment Packet\]](#)

Mario Hernandez (Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate), and Grayce Liu (General Manager), presented the item for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Move to **FIND** the Westlake South Neighborhood Council’s request to change their Board structure and Boundary Adjustment is consistent with the principles governing a Certified Neighborhood Council’s purpose and operations per Article VI, Sections 2 (a) (iii), and 3 (c) of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils; and **APPROVE** the change to the Westlake South Neighborhood Council’s bylaws.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Wehbe
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen				X
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz				X
Wehbe	X			
Regalado				X
Vo-Ramirez	X			
Total	4			3
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

16.[3:31 PM] Discussion and possible action on Bylaws Amendment and Board Structure Change for the Westlake North Neighborhood Council. Westlake North Neighborhood Council is requesting to modify their Board structure by:

1. Decreasing the board size from 15 seats to 9 seats; and
2. Changing the composition of the board structure as described in their proposed amended bylaws

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Public Comment: None.

Action: **FIND** the Westlake North Neighborhood Council’s request to change their Board structure is consistent with the principles governing a Certified Neighborhood Council’s purpose and operations per Article VI, Section 3 (c) of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils; and **APPROVE** the change to the Westlake North Neighborhood Council’s bylaws.

VOTE	Mover	Wehbe	Second	Vo-Ramirez
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen				X
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz				X
Wehbe	X			
Regalado				X
Vo-Ramirez	X			
Total	4			3
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17. 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.

18. [3:35 PM] Adjourn

Action: Move to adjourn

VOTE	Mover	Vo-Ramirez	Second	Wehbe
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen				X
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz				X
Wehbe	X			
Regalado				X
Vo-Ramirez	X			
Total	4			3
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.)*

- Regular Meeting on May 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm – Westchester Senior Center, 8740 Lincoln Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Regular Meeting on May 20, 2019 at 1:00 pm – City Hall, 10th Floor, Rm 1050, 200 N. Spring St, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Regular Meeting on June 4, 2019 at 6:00 pm – South LA TBD
- Regular Meeting on June 17, 2019 at 1:00 pm – City Hall, 10th Floor, Rm 1050, 200 N. Spring St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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.

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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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