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BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
SECONDARY LIBRARY
701 SOUTH CATALINA STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90005

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Carlene Davis, Vice President
Douglas Epperhart
Linda Lucks
Karen Mack
Paul Park
Leonard Shaffer

ABSENT

Daniel Gatica

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

BongHwan Kim, General Manager
Grayce Liu, Senior Project Coordinator
Janet Lindo, Executive Administrative Assistant

CITY ATTORNEY REPRESENTATIVE

Carmen Hawkins, Deputy City Attorney

1. Introduction (5 minutes)

ACTION: Vice President Davis gave the introduction.

2. Call to Order and Commission roll call. (1 minute)

ACTION: Vice President Davis, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Commission roll was called by Janet Lindo, Executive Administrative Assistant. Commissioner Mack arrived at 6:13 p.m.

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3. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2012. (3 minutes)

ACTION: Commissioner Epperhart moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2012, be approved as written.

Commissioner Lucks seconded the Motion.

Vote: Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion passes unanimously

4. 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 two minutes. (15 minutes)

ACTION: Public comments received from: Glenn Bailey, Jay Handal, Ivan Spiegel, and Alexa Teran.

5. Verbal update from a representative of the Office of the Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Neighborhood and Community Services. (10 minutes)

ACTION: None.

6. General Manager's Report (10 minutes)

1. Briefing on Departmental activities.
2. Staffing, budget and other operational matters.

ACTION: The General Manager provided updates in terms of Department activities.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget for the Department and Neighborhood Councils. (20 minutes)

ACTION: None.

8. PUBLIC HEARING: The Commission would like to hear from Neighborhood Councils whether or not Neighborhood Councils should be allowed to opt out of upcoming elections in Fiscal Year 2012-13 and instead have their elections conducted in 2014. (60 minutes)

ACTION: None.

Public comments received from: Charles Lindenblatt, and Ivan Spiegel.

9. Discussion on reports from the Commission's ad hoc committees on: (30 minutes)

1. Establishing a set of standards to guide Neighborhood Council operations and provide a uniform measure of competence for Neighborhood Council officers, board members and volunteers.

(Committee: Park, Chair, Epperhart, Shaffer)

2. Devising and implementing a leadership development program to improve and extend the skills of Neighborhood Council officers, board members and other volunteers.

(This item will be addressed once Item No. 1 is completed)

3. Devising and implementing a citywide publicity and outreach campaign to raise awareness of Neighborhood Councils and encourage participation by stakeholders.

(Committee: Mack, Chair, Park, Lucks)

4. Reviewing the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (Plan) in its entirety and propose amendments to the Plan to eliminate inconsistencies, clarify vague or confusing language, and offer a complete and comprehensive directive for Neighborhood Councils. The desired outcome is a clear and comprehensive Plan that will be more accessible and useful for guiding Neighborhood Councils.

(Committee: Epperhart, Chair, Gatica, Shaffer)

ACTION: None. Agenda Item No. 9 taken out of order, before Agenda Item No. 7.

Public comment received from: Linda Demmers, Jim O'Sullivan, Joseph Riser, and Ivan Spiegel.

10. Recognition and presentation of certificates to Central area Neighborhood Councils reaching their 5 Year Anniversary: East Hollywood Neighborhood Council and Rampart Village Neighborhood Council, and their 10 Year Anniversary: Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council, Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council, Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council, Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council, Mid City West Community Council, P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council. (20 Minutes)

ACTION: The Commission and the Department recognized and presented 10 Year Anniversary certificates Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council and Mid City West Community Council.

11. Discussion with various Central area Neighborhood Council representatives who wish to report concerns, operations, and best practices. Neighborhood Council representatives should complete their questionnaire in advance of the meeting. This matter will last a maximum of 20 minutes and the time will be divided among those representatives wishing to speak. (20 minutes)

ACTION: Charles Lindenblatt, reported concerns regarding Mid City West Community Council.

12. Commission Business – Comment from Commissioners on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (20 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.

ACTION: Comments received from Commissioner Lucks.

13. 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 two minutes. (15 minutes)

ACTION: No public comments received.

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14. Adjourn

**ACTION: Commissioner Epperhart moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.
Commissioner Shaffer seconded the Motion.**

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