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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

PECK PARK RECREATION CENTER
MEETING ROOM
560 NORTH WESTERN AVENUE
SAN PEDRO, CA 90732

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1. Introduction (5 minutes)

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

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meetings of November 6, 2014, and November 10, 2014, and the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2014. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.) (3 minutes)
http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/11-06-14_draft_SPECIAL-MEETING-MINUTES1.pdf
http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/11-10-14_draft_SPECIAL-MEETING-MINUTES.pdf
http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/11-17-14__draft_REGULAR-MEETING-MINUTES.pdf

4. Verbal updates from representatives of the Mayor and Los Angeles City Council. (10 minutes)

5. Discussion by the Commission on Best Practices on leadership within the Neighborhood Council system including possible guest speaker, Captain III, Gerald Woodyard, Los Angeles Police Department. (10 minutes)

6. 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)

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

8. Discussion regarding the limited staff and resources currently faced by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment ("Department") and possible suggestions that the City may implement to assist the Department, including but not limited to hiring additional Department staff. The Commission may take possible action on this item, including but not limited to conveying its written recommendation to the City, delegating the authority of the Commission to specific Commissioners to speak with certain identified City Officials on behalf of the Commission, and/or a report from the Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Commissioners Lydia Grant-Chair, Victor Medina, and Joy Atkinson). (30 minutes)

9. Discussion with various Harbor area Neighborhood Council representatives who wish to report 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. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.) (20 minutes)
http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/BEST-PRACTICES-QUESTIONNAIRE_03-19-14.pdf

10. Discussion and possible action to increase participation at City Hall meetings by allowing callers to call in to the Commission meeting via City telephone. (10 minutes)

11. Discussion and possible action scheduling a board retreat. (10 minutes).

12. 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.

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 three minutes. (15 minutes)

14. Adjourn

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 Monday, December 15, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., at City Hall, 10th Floor Conference Center, Room 1050, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- Regular meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, **canceled**.
- Regular meeting on Monday, January 19, 2015, **canceled.**
- Regular meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2015**,** location to be determined.

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.

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS:
"In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners in advance of their meetings, may be viewed at the office of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, located at City Hall, 20TH Floor, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, by clicking on the Department's Web site at http://www.EmpowerLA.org or at the Commission meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Janet Lindo, Executive Administrative Assistant, at (213) 978-1551 or via e-mail: janet.lindo@lacity.org."