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BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS REVISED - SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017 - 6:00 P.M. LOCATION: NORTH VALLEY CITY HALL 7747 FOOTHILL BLVD., TUJUNGA, CA 91042

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. The amount of time for each agenda item is to be determined by the Chair at each meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration. If multiple speaker cards are submitted on one agenda item, preference will be granted to members of the public who have not spoken previously during the meeting, either during general public comment or on another agenda item.

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. [6:27] Introduction (5 minutes)
2. [6:30] Call to Order and Commission roll call (1 minute)
3. [6:31] 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. [6:35] 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: Walter Hall spoke on Items 11 & 12.

5. [6:41] Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 2/7/2017. (Click on the link to view a copy of the document.) <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/02.07.17-Draft-Minutes-Board-of-Neighborhood-Commissioners-Meeting.pdf> (3 minutes)

Public Comment: None

Action: Motion to table to next meeting.

VOTE	Mover	Darett-Quiroz	Second	Sinclair
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz	X			
Sinclair	X			
Wehbe	X			
Total	4			
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

6. [] Commemoration of 15 year anniversary of the certification of the West Hills Neighborhood Council and Pacoima Neighborhood Council. (20 minutes)

Public Comment: ITEM NOT HEARD

7. [7:39] Discussion with various North Valley 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. 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.) <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Best-Practices-Questionnaire.pdf> (20 minutes).

Public Comment: None

8. [7:41] Verbal updates from representatives of the Mayor, Los Angeles City Council, and other City representatives. (10 minutes).

Public Comment: Brian Gavidia, from Mayor’s office gave update.

9. [7:40] 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: Verbal update given by Joanne Yvanek-Garb.

10. [7:47] 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: Ziggy Kruse – HSDNC violating BONC policy re: minute posting. Lisa Sarkin – Spoke regarding lack of Commission enforcement of minutes posting policy.

11. [] General Manager's Report. (10 minutes)
- a. Briefing on Departmental activities.
 - b. Staffing, budget, elections and other operational matters.
 - c. Subdivision policy.
 - d. Interdepartmental budget request for emergency preparedness

Public Comment: ITEM NOT HEARD

12. [6:44] Discussion and possible action to approve a Motion to send a letter to the Mayor in support of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's multi-departmental budget item of \$192,000 in the 2017-2018 city budget. The budget item will cover the cost of 2 staff members for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and 2 staff members for the Emergency Management Department and related expenses to draft a disaster preparedness plan. Upon passage of the agenda item, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners President shall draft a written communication to the Mayor reflecting the Board's approval of the motion. The Draft will be reviewed at the next Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting. (10 minutes)

Public Comment: Cindy Cleghorn – Where is \$192k coming from?
Pat Kramer – Spoke in support of allocation of \$192k.
Bob Brostoff – Spoke in support of \$192k allocation.

Action: Motion to send a letter to the Mayor in support of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's multi-departmental budget item of \$192,000 in the 2017-2018 city budget. The budget item will cover the cost of 2 staff members for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and 2 staff members for the Emergency Management Department and related expenses to draft a disaster preparedness plan. Upon passage of the agenda item, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners President shall draft a written communication to the Mayor reflecting the Board's approval of the motion. The Draft will be reviewed at the next Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Wehbe
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz	X			
Sinclair	X			
Wehbe	X			
Total	4			
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	

13. [6:56] Discussion and update regarding Department of Neighborhood Empowerment election report. (10 minutes)

Public Comment: Lisa Sarkin – Frustration with online voting and lack of documentation.
 Judy Price – Frustration with online voting.
 Cindy Cleghorn – general comment on NC structure and uniqueness.
 Bob Brostoff – Budget allocation of 20% for elections and ability to rollover funds. Dan Brin – support bob’s comments in regards to funds, and express frustration with online voting.
 Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Frustration with online voting.

14. [] Discussion and possible action regarding Board of Neighborhood Commissioner’s Newsletter. (10 minutes)

Public Comment: ITEM NOT HEARD

Action:

VOTE	Mover		Second	
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstention	Absent
Total				
Motion	Carries		Fails	

15. [] 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.

Public Comment: ITEM NOT HEARD

16. Adjourn at: 7:54 due to loss of quorum.

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 March 7, 2017 at 6:00pm – Location TBD: Central Area
- Regular Meeting on March 20, 2017 at 1:00pm., at City Hall, 10th Floor Conference Center, Room 1050, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Regular Meeting on April 4, 2017 at 6:00pm – Location TBD: West Area

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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