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REGULAR MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Monday, October 17, 2022 at 1:00 PM

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1. [1:08 PM] Introduction.

2. [1:15 PM] Call to Order and Commission Roll Call.

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Atkinson	X	
Lipmen (arrived at	X	
Shaffer	X	
Darett-Quiroz (left at 2:25pm)	X	
Wehbe		X
Regalado	X	
Jennifer Valdivia	X	

3. [1:16 PM] Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting for 9/19/22

Action: Commissioner Atkinson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 09/19/2022. Commissioner Darret-Quiroz seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey, "Nury Martinez-De Leon" (aka "Goat Puppet").

Commission Comment: None.

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	Darret-Quiroz
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen	X			

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Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz	X			
Wehbe				X
Regalado	X			
Jennifer Valdivia	X			
Total	6	0	0	1
Motion	Carries			

4. [1:22 PM] Multiple Agenda Items Comment. Comments by members of the public who want to speak on multiple agenda 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. / Commission Comment: None.

5. [1:23 PM] General Public Comments. Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two minutes.

If a Neighborhood Council has submitted a Neighborhood Council Resolution or Community Impact Statement on a matter that is <u>not</u> listed on this agenda, the designated Neighborhood Council Representative may speak during General Public Comments.

Public Comment: Jennifer Goodie, Josh Nadel, "Nury Martinez-De Leon" (aka "Goat Puppet"), Glenn Bailey, Jamie York, "Nury Martinez-De Leon" (aka "Goat Puppet"), Kalani Whittington.

Commission Comment: None.

6. [1:39 PM] Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 [Government Code Section 54953(e)]. Determination in accordance with AB 361 [Government Code Section 54953(e)(3)] that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and state or local officials have imposed recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Commission and neighborhood council board and committee members to meet safely in person and state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

<u>Action</u>: Commissioner Shaffer made a motion to move findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361. [Government Code Section 54953(e)(3)]. Commissioner Atkinson seconded. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: None. / Commission Comment: None.

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VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Atkinson
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen	X			
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz	X			
Wehbe				X
Regalado	X			
Jennifer Valdivia	X			
Total	6			
Motion	Carries	0	0	1

a. Verbal Update on Department Recommendations to amend the Brown Act.

D.O.N.E. Representative – General Manager Raquel Beltran gave update on this, noting that she worked with Mr. Soong, Director of Policy & Government Relations, Commission President Regalado and Vice President Atkinson and submitted recommendations on this to the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, as it relates to possible Brown Act amendments that could be considered by the Legislature through advocacy through the Mayor's office. She also responded to concerns brought up by public comment.

Public Comment: Josh Nadel, Cindy Cleghorn, Kalani Whittington, "Nury Martinez-De Leon" (aka "Goat Puppet") was called but did not respond.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Lipmen, Commissioner Shaffer.

Of note, Commissioner Atkinson noted that this is going through legislation to the State Legislature as we can't do anything on a local level regarding the Brown Act until it's acted upon by the State of California.

7. [2:01 PM] Discussion regarding City Council leadership

D.O.N.E. Representative – General Manager Raquel Beltran gave opening comments.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Shaffer, Commissioner Lipmen, Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Valdivia, Commission President Regalado.

[Commissioner Shaffer noted that Commissioner Darrett-Quiroz was no longer present at 2:25 pm.]

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Public Comment: Jamie York, Josh Nadel, "Nury Martinez-De Leon" (aka "Goat Puppet"), Jennifer Goodie, Glenn Bailey, Bruce Wilson, Kalani Whittington, Karen Waters, Lydia Grant, Gary Fordyce, Call In User_1.

- 8. [2:51 PM] Verbal Updates Regarding Congress of Neighborhoods [Deferred pending arrival of Chair.]
- 9. [2:51 PM] Verbal Updates Regarding Budget Advocacy. Reports on neighborhood council budget outreach and advocacy efforts.
 - a. Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates: Budget Advocate Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie asked the Commission President to acknowledge D.O.N.E. Representative, General Manager Raquel Beltran, who provided her initial general update on this.

Budget Advocate Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie gave update on the Budget Advocates' work with regard to the City Budget, in preparation of producing a white paper regarding the proposed budget, noting that Budget Reps and stakeholders of NCs are helping and any who care strongly about any particular department(s) still have time to get involved. Reach out to them at info@budgetadvocates.org to get involved.

Budget Advocate Kay Hartman gave further update.

b. Budget Tribunes: Josh Nadel gave update including but not limited to their proposal of having a fun educational Budget & Services Day event sometime in April.

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey who is also a Budget Advocate added to Co-Chair Goodie's report that the next Budget Day is Saturday June 17, 2023; and that City Departments need to submit budget proposals by November 18th to have input from stakeholders and neighborhood councils. Public Comment was also given by Call-In _1.

Commission Comment: Commission President Regalado, Commissioner Atkinson.

- 10. [3:01 PM] Verbal Updates from the Office of City Clerk regarding the Neighborhood Council Funding Program: Representatives from the Office of the City Clerk's Neighborhood Council Funding Division Tabled
- 11. [3:03 PM] Presentation of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Survey Results

LANCC Representatives: LANCC Current Chair Terrence Gomes and Lydia Grant from STNC (whom Mr. Gomes noted was here in the absence of Liz Amsden, Chair of the Working Group, who was unable to attend) gave report on the survey they conducted. LANCC@EmpowerLA.org and asked that the Commissioners have an ongoing dialogue on their agenda and possibly form a committee or subcommissioner to look recommendations to improve the department.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Shaffer.

Public Comment: Jamie York, Karen Waters, Glenn Bailey, Jennifer Goodie, Doug Epperhart.

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12. [3:31 PM] General Manager's Verbal Report.

Department Administration, Neighborhood Council engagement, civic leadership, innovation, policy and government, staffing and budget, City policies and governance, and exhaustive efforts.

a. Introduction of new Department staff

D.O.N.E. Representative, General Manager Raquel Beltran named the following individuals who joined the department and provided a brief summary on them: Daniela Martinez, Project Assistant, Socorro Galindo, Project Assistant, Cecilia Elmange, Accounting Clerk Trainee, Montiel Ayala, Part-Time Senior Election Assistant, and Doris Zang, CPA (not present today).

GM Beltran also provided overall updates including but not limited to update from the Mayor regarding the proposed budgets, which are due on 11/18. She spoke on the City's participation in the California Great Shakeout, on Awareness & Engagement efforts with Director Angie Aramayo who will be joining us at our next meeting as to what the department is doing in this area. She noted that candidate filing opens the weekend after Thanksgiving, with Directors Holman and Aramayo. She mentioned Session III of Civic U, will schedule Session IV an open Q&A session for the participants; providing opportunities for NC Youth Reps, through the Youth Development Department, and discussed the Workplace Violence workshop, which will be done again, 09/29 workshop on incoming new presidents and co-chairs, on leadership re: Trainings, finishing up the trainings being developed on race and equity and gender identity, which they hope to be up on Cornerstone by November.

b. Verbal update regarding the implementation of the Digital Communications Policy DONE Representative: Anne Marie Holman, Director of Communications, gave update on this new policy, aka NC Social Media Policy, which she described as to its breadth and noted the next steps. She notd that the Commission will evaluate the policy as to the first six months and decide if refinements are needed, likely during meeting April 2023. She asked that anyone listening, NC leaders, Commissioners, and EmpowerLA send questions to feedback@empowerla.org so they can address those.

c. Verbal update regarding <u>CF 21-0407</u>, <u>CF 22-1070</u>, and <u>CF 22-1146</u>.

D.O.N.E. Representative, General Manager Raquel Beltran gave update on these Council Files.

CF 21-0407 Re 2021 elections

CF 22-1070 Re Empower Virtual Governance info report & plans.

<u>CF 22-1146</u> Re Motion by Raman/Koretz to provide a report on various aspects of the CIS portal, including processing of CISs in the past; sent to ITA Committee and to General Services.

Formal Positions of Neighborhood Councils that have submitted Community Impact Statements and Resolutions to the Commission relating to agenda items 12 (b) & (c) Community Impact Statements

Commission President Regalado opened the floor to NC Representatives with CISs on 12 a & b to make themselves known on two occasions during this item, and there were no raised hands.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Lipmen. Commissioner Shaffer asked questions of Ms. Holman and General Manager Raquel Beltran.

DONE Representatives: Ann Marie Holman, Director of Communications and GM Raquel Beltran

[At this point, it was noted that there is an error on the date of the next meeting below, as November 6th is a Sunday, and the next meeting takes place on November 1st 6:00pm.]

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Public Comment: "Ron Herrera-Cedillo" (aka "Goat Puppet"), Josh Nadel, Glenn Bailey, Jamie York, Keren Waters.

13. [4:15 PM] Discussion and possible action relative to approving <u>letter to City Commissioners</u> regarding the CIS process.

Commissioner Lipmen presented this item, noting that he had written the letter per the previous discussion and meeting regarding some Community Impact Statements (CISs) to Commissions being lost.

Action: Commissioner Lipmen made a motion to approve the letter to the City Commissioners on behalf of the BONC in regard to the CIS process, and introduced two changes: The first change would be in the third paragraph, second sentence, where it says "Our Board of Neighborhood Commissioners agendizes public comment on CISs separate from general public comment and comments on multiple agenda items" add "as CISs are considered separate from individual public comments." In the next sentence where it says "The amount of time allowed for public comment is at the chair's discretion." Add a semicolon at that point and then say "five minutes is typical, but best practice is it should not be any less than the time allotted to the public for their comment on an agenda Item." Commissioner Atkinson seconded.

The commissioners proof read, discussed and provided additional corrections to the letter. Motion was then approved to include the additional corrections.

Commissioner Comment: Commissioners Shaffer, Commissioner Valdivia. Commissioner Lipmen, Commissioner President Regalado, Commissioner Atkinson.

City Representatives' Comment: General Manager Raquel Beltran, Thomas Soong, Director of Policy & Government Relations and City Attorney Elise Rudin, from the Office of the City Attorney

Commissioner Shaffer provided additional minor corrections including a period, and a plural "s" stricken.

Commissioner Valdivia noted the 4th paragraph that Commissioner Shaffer was on, 3rd line, remove "would" change to "are."

GM Beltran encouraged on 2nd line, to indicate that while the department is doing "their" due diligence to work with you to ensure it is received; assuming it is the CIS; it is emphasizing we are working with them to ensure the CISs are received. GM Beltran discussed the problem with the set up and noted the CIS system requires two contacts, and which two emails they want CISs sent.

Commission discussed the time sensitive nature of this letter, and need to get the letter out to the current commissioners.

Commissioner Shaffer noted the 2nd Para, beginning "as you may know," third sentence, the word "board commissions" there is an upside down exclamation point that should just be a period.

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He continued that the next para down, 5th line, where it says multiple agenda items, should have a period after items, and in the paragraph that starts, "Recently we became aware" 5th line down, it says "elected officials within city charter-volunteers, the "s" should be gone, should say volunteer countless hours.

Thomas Soong added and Chair Lipmen confirmed that the third paragraph regarding multiple agenda items and the matter of time allowed for public comment at the Chair's discretion, is the section where he wanted to add a couple sentences for clarification.

D.O.N.E. General Manager Beltran asked Commissioner Lipmen for clarification that this letter goes to every commissioner. City Attorney Rudin noted that the mark discussed above is a <u>footnote</u> and is correct. Commissioner Lipmen noted it is a footnote to the administrative code and belongs there.

Public Comment: "Ron Herrera-Cedillo" (aka "Goat Puppet") had raised his hand but it was noted that his time had expired. Jamie York and Jennifer Goodie spoke. Josh Nadel's hand was raised but time had expired.

Commissioner Lipmen will have the corrections made on letterhead for signatures and distribution.

VOTE	Mover	Lipmen	Second	Atkinson
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen	X			
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz				X
Wehbe				X
Regalado	X			
Jennifer Valdivia	X			
Total	5	0	0	2
Motion	Carries			

- **14. Commission Business.** Comment from Commissioners on matters within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.
 - a. Brief announcements on Commissioners' own activities.

 Commissioner Shaffer noted that Commissioner Wehbe is on holiday and when she gets back they will get

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active again on the Code of Conduct final version.

Commissioner Atkinson provided follow up to the workshop she did at the Congress re anti-bias training.

- b. Requests for future agenda items.
- c. Ask staff to research issues and report back to the Commission at a future time.

City Representative: Attorney Elise Rudin noted that caller "Ron Herrera-Cedillo" (aka Goat Puppet) used up his time for public comment.

Public Comment: Call-In User_1, Sharon Brewer, Keren Waters, Kathleen Edwards.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Shaffer

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Commission President Regalado adjourned the meeting at 4:53 PM, welcoming the new staffers and thanking for all the staffers.

• Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 6 (sic) [the first Tuesday of the month: Tuesday November 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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 Regular Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041875556

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