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REGULAR MEETING - APPROVED

Monday, December 19, 2022 at 1:00 PM
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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY.

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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. Members of the public who want to speak on multiple agenda items for up to five (5) 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 Comment.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment, unless the presiding officer of the Board decides differently.

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Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statements and Resolutions Pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819, a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution. If the Neighborhood Council would like to be heard on its CIS or resolution at a Commission meeting, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or Resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission’s website.

If the CIS or Resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission’s agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative will have an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council’s formal position. In the Chair’s discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. If the CIS or Resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council Representative may speak during General Public Comments.

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- 1. [1:05 PM] Introduction.**
- 2. Call to Order and Commission Roll Call.**

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Atkinson	X	
Regalado	X	
Shaffer	X	
Valdivia	X	
Wehbe	X	

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting for 11/21/22

Action: Commissioner Atkinson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 11/21/2022. Commissioner Shaffer seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: *[Goat N. Santa Goyem was called several times & didn't respond.]* Kalani Whittington.

Commission Comment: None.

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	Shaffer
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Regalado	X			
Shaffer	X			
Valdivia	X			
Wehbe	X			

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- 4. [1:25 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. *[Goat N. Santa Goyem was called several times but did not respond, and, City Attorney Elise Ruden noted that the speaker who is going by the name of Goat appeared to be having some technical difficulty and that he has been called several times.]* No other hands were raised.

Commission Comment: None.

- 5. [1:28 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 not listed on this agenda, the designated Neighborhood Council Representative may speak during General Public Comments.

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey, Marianne King, Goat N. Santa Goyem, Jennifer Goodie, Kalani Whittington, Josh Nadel, and Steve Slutzah.

Commission Comment: None.

- 6. [1:43 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.

Action: 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: Goat N. Santa Goyem, Kalani Whittington, and Glenn Bailey.

Commission Comment: None.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Atkinson
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent

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Atkinson	X			
Regalado	X			
Shaffer	X			
Valdivia	X			
Wehbe	X			
Total	5	0	0	0
Motion	Carries			

7. [1:51 PM] Discussion and possible action to approve the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners’ meeting dates for Calendar year 2023 (Rule 3) [2023 BONC proposed meeting dates](#).

D.O.N.E. Representative: General Manager Raquel Beltran.

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney Representative: City Attorney Elise Rudin.

Action: Commissioner Shaffer made a motion that Rule 3 of the Commission’s Rules of Order be amended to conform to the proposed meeting schedule as attached to this agenda. Commissioner Atkinson seconded.

Amendment #1: Commissioner Shaffer noted that August 1st as the date of National Night Out, following which he amended the above motion, **to amend Rule 3, with the exception of the August 1st date, and to strike the August 1st date**. Commissioner Atkinson accepted and seconded that motion. Following comments from the public, a vote was taken and the amendment was approved.

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey and Kalani Whittington.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Shaffer.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Atkinson
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Regalado	X			
Shaffer	X			
Valdivia	X			
Wehbe	X			
Total	5	0	0	0

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Amendment #2: Commissioner Atkinson moved to **amend the date of 01-16-2023 to the date of Tuesday 01-17-2023 at 1:00 PM** for that board meeting. Commissioner Shaffer seconded, noting that it is within the 30 days. City Attorney Rudin noted, that the 01-16 meeting currently listed as a “Regular Board Meeting” would then be a **“Special Board Meeting” on 01-17**. Following public comment, a vote was taken and the amendment approved.

Public Comment: Goat N. Santa Goyem and Josh Nadel.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Atkinson and Commissioner Shaffer.

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	Shaffer
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Regalado	X			
Shaffer	X			
Valdivia	X			
Wehbe	X			
Total	5	0	0	0
Motion	Carries			

Final Motion as Amended was approved.

VOTE	Mover		Second	
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Regalado	X			
Shaffer	X			
Valdivia	X			
Wehbe	X			
Total	5	0	0	0

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8. [2:11 PM] Verbal Updates from the Office of City Clerk and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment regarding the 2023 Neighborhood Council Elections. Representatives from the Office of the City Clerk’s Neighborhood Council Election Division and the [Department of Neighborhood Empowerment](#).

LA City Clerk’s Election Division Representative: Michael Lektorich. Mr. Lektorich gave a detailed update; for information on the elections go to <https://clerk.lacity.org/clerk-services/elections/nc-elections>, and for questions on the elections, contact: clerk.electionsnclacity.org or 213-978-0444.

D.O.N.E. Representative: Ann-Marie Holman, Director of Communications for D.O.N.E. Ms. Holman shared a slide show with her presentation.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Shaffer and Commission President Regalado.

Public Comment: *[Goat N. Santa Goyem was called but didn’t respond.]* Glenn Bailey, Kalani Whittington, Josh Nadel, Kay Hartman, and Jennifer Goodie. *[Goat was called again but did not respond.]*

9. [2:36 PM] Verbal Updates from the Office of City Clerk Funding Division Representatives from the Office of the City Clerk’s Neighborhood Council Funding Division

City Clerk NC Funding Division Representative: Melvin Canas.

Mr. Canas noted that they are done with the year-end report; roll-overs have been processed and NCs have been communicated with; rollovers and approvals for special funds are now shown in in the public dashboard. He provided statistics on the work of the Department as to the funds used by NCs.

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey.

Commission Comment: None.

10. [2:47 PM] Verbal Updates Regarding Budget Advocacy. Reports on neighborhood council budget outreach and advocacy efforts and update on CF 11-1020(s3). Council File Title: Neighborhood Council Funding Program / Budget Advocates / Term Substitution / Budget Advocacy / Los Angeles Administrative Code / Amendment

D.O.N.E. Representative: General Manager Raquel Beltran

GM Beltran noted that the ordinance amendment related to this council file is now up on the Council File Management System and that she was happy to respond to any questions.

a. Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates:

Budget Advocates Co-Chair, Joanne Goodie, gave an update including but not limited to reference to Council File

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22-0600-S99 Title: Motion No. 38 / General Purposes, note that there is a Budget Advocates vacancy, contact www.budgetadvocates.org and that she and Budget Advocate Co-Chair Kay Hartman met with DONE reps, GM Beltran, & will be tentatively scheduling a town hall mid-February.

b. Budget Tribunes:

Budget Tribune Representative, Josh Nadel, had no report, noting a lack of meetings in December.

Formal Positions of Neighborhood Councils that have submitted Community Impact Statements and Resolutions to the Commission relating to agenda item 10.

Public Comment: *[Goat was called but did not respond.] Sharon Brewer. [Goat was called again but didn't respond.]*

Commission Comment: None.

11. [2:58 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.

D.O.N.E. Representative: General Manager Raquel Beltran

- a. Update on [Department Budget](#)
- b. [General Manager EVG Update](#)

GM Beltran gave a detailed report, including but not limited to note that that they have completed a project to create an Implicit Bias, Gender Expression, & Gender-Identity Training that was called for in connection with Council File 20-0990 – Title: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training / Anti-Bias Training / Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Members. The training will be uploaded to Cornerstone, however, is not yet mandatory, pending determination of the City Attorney & City Council. She thanked the LGBTQ+ members of the NC community who worked closely with them, Dr. Shaun Harper and staff who helped create that training, and USC Race and Equity Center.

Public Comment: Josh Nadel, Call-in User 2, Sharon Brewer, and Goat N. Santa Goyem.

Commission Comment: None.

12. [3:18PM] Discussion and Possible Action to approve a letter of support for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment’s proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 budget. [Draft letter of support.](#)

Action: Commissioner Shaffer moved to approve this letter as written (after having struck the word “system” in the 2nd to last paragraph). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wehbe. Commissioner Shaffer added only that today’s date be current. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: Goat N. Santa Goyem Josh Nadel

Commission Comment: Commissioner Shaffer.

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	Wehbe
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Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Regalado	X			
Shaffer	X			
Valdivia	X			
Wehbe	X			
Total	5	0	0	0
Motion	Carries			

13. [3:26 PM] Verbal Update on Code of Conduct Ad-Hoc Committee

Commissioner Shaffer thanked the Neighborhood Council Advice Division (NCAD) of the LA City Attorney’s Office. He noted that Commissioner Wehbe and he have had a meeting and have another coming up. He hopes they’ll have a working document to submit to the NCs after the first of the year.

Public Comment: Mr. Goat was given one additional minute following a brief disagreement about his time left; however, he did not take it.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Shaffer.

14. [3:30 PM] Verbal Update on Commission Rules Ad-Hoc Committee –

Public Comment: None.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Shaffer noted that he & Commission President Regalado will schedule.

15. [3:31 PM] Commission Business. Comment from Commissioners on matters within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.

- a. Brief announcements on Commissioners’ own activities.
- b. Requests for future agenda items.
- c. Ask staff to research issues and report back to the Commission at a future time.

Commission Comment: Commission President Regalado, Commissioner Wehbe, Commissioner Shaffer, Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Valdivia. Comments included but were not limited to Holiday Wishes and link to the VANC recording referred to earlier in the meeting at www.Vanc34.org (34 NCs are in the Valley).

D.O.N.E. Representative: General Manager Raquel Beltran. GM Beltran thanked Commission President

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Regalado and all the Commissioners and staff for their hard work, as well as the City Clerk's and City Attorney's office and all NC leaders.

Public Comment: Goat, Josh Nadel, and Kalani Whittington.

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.)*

Adjournment: Commission President Regalado adjourned the meeting at **3:51 PM** until next year.

- Regular Meeting on January 3, 2023 at 1:00 PM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041875556>

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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