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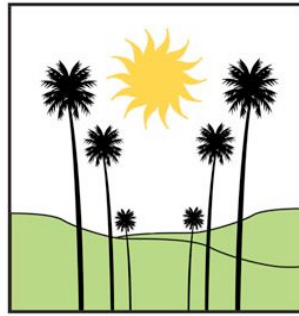
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LA-32 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Board Meeting Held Wednesday, November 4, 2009
El Sereno Senior Citizens Center, 4818 Klamath Place, Los Angeles, California 90032

Attendance: Emiliano Ochoa, Antonio Miguel, Steve Boland, Angelica De la Torre, Melrose Castillo, Ray Gutierrez, Sadra Larsen, Lauren Garcia, Hugo Garcia, Anthony Manzano, Tammy Membreno, Enrique Aguilera, Ruben Chavez, Amed Lopez, Felix Hernandez

Excused Absence – Luis Vega

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 6:08pm
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes: Vote to approve minutes of the General Board meeting held October 7, 2009
APPROVED (with corrections) 9-0-3
4. Welcome to elected officials, staff and guests
 - a. CD14 – **Elephant Hill update, thank you to the NC for Creepy Collis, preview of Winter Wonderland, soccer field in Boyle Heights, meeting with new LA police chief, November 5, 2009.**
 - b. Empower LA: Sarai Molina, Project Coordinator – **thank you for attending Congress of Neighborhoods, update on regional trainings, ethics training requirements**
5. President's Report
 - a. Executive Board meeting held October 28, 2009
 - b. Update - **Meeting with LAPD Traffic Command – President continued to contact officers from that unit. Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 5pm.**
 - c. Ethics Training – **Training is mandatory and needed every 2 years.**
 - d. Committee appointments – **Ruben Chavez appointed to the Budget Committee. Talks held over appointments to Sports & Recreation Committee. Tammy Membreno appointed to the Public Safety Committee.**

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. Petty cash – **no petty cash spent**
- b. Demand warrants – **review of recent transactions**
- c. Credit card transactions
- d. Budget update – **the Board had a frank discussion on the October 28, 2009 letter from the Empower LA General Manager, concerning the revocation of the LA-32 NC's access to neighborhood council funds and the matter of issuing "split payments" via the LA-32 NC credit card rather than demand warrants. After discussion it is clear that our Board and Treasurer understand that this is not an appropriate funding practice and is not to occur again under any circumstances in the future. Steve Boland, Emiliano Ochoa, Hugo Garcia, Anthony Manzano, Lauren Garcia, Enrique Aguilera, Antonio Miguel, Felix Hernandez, Tammy Membreno and Anthony Manzano all weighed in on the matter, asked questions and shared their opinion. President indicated he has been working to resolve the matter with Empower LA but needs to clarify specific instructions in this regard. All documents requested in the October 28th letter were provided to Empower LA Project Coordinator Sarai Molina by Treasurer Sadra Larsen. Ms. Molina stated that she would forward all documents to the Empower LA Funding Team and inform them that we held the aforementioned discussion.**

7. Public Comment

- Dr. Tom Williams (710 status, Maycrest bungalows)
- Don Hornung (road improvement in front of home)
- Ruben Chavez (Stateline)
- Anthony Manzano (Wilson High School)

8. Committee Reports

Ad-Hoc Committee reports:

- a. Budget Committee – **meeting held, committee received business cards, next meeting will be on November 18th, 6pm, LA-32 office.**
- b. Land Use & Development Committee – **meeting held, development near Mackenzie was discussed, as well as Maycrest bungalows. Discussed holding a joint meeting with Public Safety Committee to discuss fencing and lighting issues that relate.**
- c. Arts & Culture Committee – **Committee is still pursuing the idea of a Farmer's Market in the area. Research is still being conducted. Free Movie Friday's is still being planned for 2010. Artist's mixer will be held November 15th at Steven's house to expand the artist's registry.**
- d. By-Laws Review Committee – **Meeting was not held, meeting was called by the committee chair, however, members did not show.**
- e. Public Safety Committee – **No meeting held.**

- f. Environmental & Beautification Committee – **No meeting held.**
- g. Sports & Recreation Committee – **No meeting held.**

Standing Committee Reports:

- h. Membership and Outreach Committee – **Meeting was held. Comprehensive outreach plan for El Sereno was discussed. Update on Creepy Collis by Ruben Chavez.**

9. Old Business:

- a. Mayor Budget Process Report
- b. Election to fill three (3) regional vacancies, two (2) in the Southern region & one (1) in the Eastern region – **Val Marquez voted to fill 1 eastern region vacancy 13-0-0, Pam Marquez voted to fill 1 southern region vacancy 14-0-0, Tom Williams voted to fill 1 southern region vacancy 16-0-0.**
- c. Update: Board Member Plaques - **TABLED**
- d. 2010 Elections - **TABLED**

10. New Business:

- a. Presentation: Metro Express Lanes Demonstration Project: Stephanie Wiggins & Bronwyn Trice – **Presentation made on ExpressLanes proposed by Metro. For more info contact B. Trice at (213) 922-4465 or at triceb@metro.net.**
- b. Presentation: Guardia Ave. Project, Request for Zoning Variance: Lionel Ochoa & Amy Liu – **Presentation made.**

11. Adjourned at 9pm