



Minutes

General Board Meeting June 7, 2017

1. Welcome (6:00pm)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. **General Public comments:**
 - Bruce Wilson suggested that the public and board members review the “LA-32 Standing Rules” posted on the LA-32 website do to previous disruptive behavior like speaking over other people. He also wished for the board to consider making a motion to reach out to councilman Huizar and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to see if they can install more traffic signals and stop signs to avoid reckless speeding by drivers and more car accidents.
 - Manny Hernandez: asked if there were minutes taken of the Executive Committee meeting. He was bothered with the late attendance to the meetings of some board members. He also made comments that the General Board Meetings have been dysfunctional in the past.
 - Micky Jackson: would like the board to write a letter to City Hall to suggest more involvement of the public in the General Plan workshops being held for the city of Los Angeles, because they are only accessible through invite.
 - Paul McLey: invited LA-32 to a present a project on McBeth at the Lummus House in September, hosted by the Shakespeare Center and informed the public on summer jobs for youth at the Shakespeare Center.
 - Richard Acosta: suggested a recommendation letter regarding the renaming of Veterans Square. He also wanted more attention brought to the shootings happening in El Sereno, and the safety, measures that should be taken.
 - George Cabrera: presented the new issue of the Community Beacon.

(President Manzano excused himself from meeting, Vice-President Miguel Vargas took over the meeting)

- **Public Comment:** Jacob Morales would like the board to help address the incomplete renovations due at El Sereno Park. He also mentioned the need to take action regarding safety due to the active gangs in El Sereno.

Michelle Corzantes requests motion to move item #7 of the agenda out of order to be heard next. Second by Jackie Carrillo. Everyone on board in favor. Motion passes.

7. Presentations:

- Thomas Soong was asking for the attendance of 1 or 2 representatives of LA-32 to attend a meeting with free provided breakfast.
- Juan the Park director invited the public to be a part of the Summer Night Lights (SNL) summer program at the park, where there is available sport teams for the youth. Informed that the sports sign up for the Fall will be open in July.
- Member of the Fire Department encouraged the public and the board to review the procedures needed for CPR.
- Richard Acosta public comment on safety outreach for the public regarding fireworks
- Manny Hernandez public comment on funding for a fireworks safety banner.
- Susanna Lopez representative for Councilman Huizar announced business meeting. She also announced the fireworks show at El Sereno Park.
- Richard Acosta public comment on lack of public outreach.
- Manny Hernandez public comment on why the fireworks show is not on the 4th of July.
- Jose Hernandez announced his new position as case manager and welcomed the public to contact his office for any questions.

6. Presidents Report:

- a. Filling out vacancies for the South Region
 - Stephanie Escobar South Region stakeholder nominated herself to fill in vacancy for the South Region. She presented herself as an Urban Planner undergraduate student familiar with the El Sereno area interested in serving the community and being an asset to the board.

Open vote in favor of Stephanie Escobar. Majority in favor. Stephanie Escobar takes the seat as Recording Secretary.

Motion by Cynthia Sandoval to move forward the minutes for March, April, and May. Second by Perla Flores. Motion moves.

- no public comments.

- **Board Discussion:** Amendment on item #8 with second. No public comments.

Majority vote to amend item #8.

Motion to approve the minutes for General Board Meeting of March 1, 2017 and May 3, 2017. Moved by Jackie Carrillo, and second by Tom Williams.

No public comments, and no board discussion. Majority votes rules.

5. Board Discussion:

- Tom Williams: Issues with Next Door vlogs, It is an ethical violation for more than one board member to participate in the vlog.
- Hugo Pacheco: comments on community board representation at government functions, and how the bylaws mention it should be the President.
- Jackie Carrillo: announces that sports and rec have already met.

9. Treasures Report regarding LA-32 finances:

Treasurer Michelle Corzantes presents the monthly report for May 2017. Operational expense = \$264. Outreach expense = \$540. A total of \$804 was spent for the month of May 2017.

Jackie Carrillo makes motion to move forward with the approval of the May 2017 financial report. Second by Karina Cruz.

Thomas Soong comment on funding.

Manny Hernandez public comment questioning the expenditure on hospitality.

Hugo Pacheco comment on April financial report.

Michelle Corzantes explains the report expenses with available receipts and explained the delay of Jose Lunas' reimbursement money and why it will not appear on the previous monthly financial reports.

Vote on the approval of the May 2017 Financial Report. (8-0-2) Approved.

10. Discussion and possible action related to electing a new Recording Secretary:

Public comments on the new Recording Secretary Stephanie Escobar.

- Member of the public states the board should keep the new secretary due to the need of the board.
- Stakeholders vote for the new Recording Secretary, majority vote rules (7).

Cynthia Sandoval moves motion to nominate Stephanie Escobar as new Recording Secretary. Second by Perla Flores.

No more public comments nor Board discussion on item.

Open vote. (9-0-2) Motion passes.

11. Discussion and possible action that LA-32 NC approve an NPG in the amount of \$1,963.00 for the Cal State La- emergency Preparedness equipment:

Michelle Corzantes makes motion to move forward with the approval of a \$1,963.00 NPG. Second by Cynthia Sandoval.

Michelle Corzantes makes amendment to change the amount from \$1,963.00 to \$1,000.00.

Public comments: Member of the public asks what the NPG will be spent on. Another public member asks what is the obligation for funding the NPG.

Board Discussion: Hugo Pacheco disagrees with reducing the amount requested for the NPG. Tom Williams objects the funding for the NPG at all.

Board votes for the amendment by Michelle Corzantes. (9-1-0) Amendment passes.

Public Comments: Several members of the public concerned with how funding the NPG will benefit the neighborhood of LA-32.

Board Discussion: Michelle Corzantes explains the fiscal year has not ended therefore there is still room to provide funding. Hugo Pacheco does not agree with spending money just because. Tom Williams explains Cal State University of Los Angeles lack of support for LA-32 Neighborhood Council. Jackie Carrillo comments on how the NPG funding

Vote for funding of \$1,000.00 (8-0-2) Motion passes.

As creator of items 12 and 13 Michelle Corzantes withdraws these items from the meeting.

Miguel Vargas moves item to table items 12 and 13.

Hugo Pacheco calls point of order on why the motion cannot be heard.

Public comment: Member of the public suggest the board does not create a motion so that the meeting can continue without the items.

Miguel Vargas makes motion to withdraw item 12. Second by Jackie Carrillo. Board votes on tabling item 12. Majority vote rules.

No motion to move forward with item #13. Item dies.

14. Arts & Culture Committee:

a. Action-Motion that LA-32 NC Co-Sponsor with CD14 Council Member Jose Huizar's Annual Firework Show on June 24, 2017 at El Sereno Park at 5pm, Fund up to \$1,414.00.

Motion to approve by Aaron Ostrom, second by Jackie Carillio.

Public Comments: Manny Hernandez believes LA-32 should not vote for the motion.

Board Discussion: Michelle Corzantes explains the funding request was sent after the deadline for event funding on June 1st.

No motion to move forward with item #14. Item dies.

15. Action: Discussion and possible action for ByLaws Amendment and reaffirmation to increase Board Structure from 15 Board members to 21 Board members (board voted 11-04-2015)

No motion to move forward with item #15. Item dies.

16. Motion: Discussion and possible action to approve the LA-32 NC ByLaws Amendments per recommendation of the LA-32 NC ByLaws Committee.

No motion to move forward with item #16. Item dies.

17. Action: Discussion and possible action that LA-32 authorize Outreach Committee to oversee and implement the change date, time, location, and \$1,000 funding for the approved LA-32 NC 15 year Anniversary event and cancel the date of May 20, 2017. 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

No motion to move forward with item #17. Item dies.

18. Action: Discussion and possible action that LA-32 NC host the LA-32 NC 15 year Anniversary on June 22, 2017, location TBA. Fund up to and not exceed \$2,500.00 for music, food, decoration, picture album, or like.

No motion to move forward with item #18. Item dies.

19. Motion: Discussion and possible action related to formally requesting the City install "No trespassing signs around Elephant Hill"

Motion moved by Tom Williams, second by Kathy Leal.

Public Comments: Member of the public believes this is a step forward to have safer streets and prevent off-roading.

Board votes on item. (10-0-0) Motion passes.

20. Discussion and possible action to authorize LA-32's LUC chair to submit public comments to the board of Public Works, related to Black Walnut trees being removed from Eastern/Lombardy Hill.

Motion moved by Cynthia Sandoval, second by Tom Williams.

Public Comments: Manny Hernandez claims it is the law to protect the black walnut trees. Bruce Wilson suggests not to hold an investigation. Another member of the public stated that the trees are protected.

Board Discussion: Hugo Pacheco wants to know if two trees can be planted as replacement for one removed black walnut tree. Tom Williams comments on this question.

Board votes on item. (10-0-2) Motion passes.

Jackie Carrillo creates motion for LA-32 NC to discuss the possible action on the needs of proper acceptance of motions that are brought forward at the Executive Committee in preparation for the General Board Meeting on the New Business section of the next General Board Meeting Agenda. Second by Michelle Corzantes.

Public comments: Stakeholder asked for more transparency with the public, so that the people are aware of these issues. Tommy Soong clarifies that the Executive Committee sets the agenda and the President creates the Agenda.

Board Discussion: Hugo Pacheco asks for clarification on new motion.

Board votes on motion. (9-0-2) Motion passes.

22. Discussion and Possible action that LA-32 NC fund up to \$70.00 for 1k business cards for the Board Director Aaron Ostrom. Funds to be taken from this fiscal year 2016-2017 Operation category.

Michelle Corzantes motions amendment to add Board Director Stephanie Escobar and to increase the amount of the funding to \$150.00. Second by Jackie Carillo.

Public comments: Manny Hernandez does not agree with the increase.

Board Discussion: Hugo Pacheco asks if the LA-32 NC credit card will be used for this expense.

Board votes. (10-0-1) Amendment passes.

Board votes for item #22. (10-0-1) Item passes.

- 23. Motion that LA-32 NC purchase branding items for upcoming LA-32 NC events, not to exceed \$1,000.00 from Executive Committee funds.**

Motion moved by Cynthia Sandoval, second by Perla Flores.

Michelle Corzantes creates amendment to increase the funding from \$1,000.00 to \$1,847.20. Second by Jackie Carrillo.

Public Comments: Manny Hernandez asks for more transparency on agenda items.

Board Discussion: Michelle Corzantes explains this is the best use of the remaining budget. Jackie Carrillo requests for writing pens. Cynthia Sandoval mentions the list there is of needed office supplies.

Board votes on amendment. (7-2-1) Amendment passes.

Public comments: Manny Hernandez asks if there are usable items in storage instead of spending money.

Board Discussion: Hugo Pacheco believes there are other funding items that need to be taken care of.

Board votes on item. (7-2-1) Item passes.

- 24. Motion that LA-32 NC approve the 2017-2018 budget packet that is due to Empower LA July 1, 2017. Packet includes strategic plan fiscal year 2017-2018, budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, NC outreach survey for fiscal year 2017-2018, and NC self-assessment for the fiscal year 2015-2106.**

Board comments: Michelle Corzantes informs funds can be frozen if the board does not approve the 2017-2018 budget packet. Board members exchange questions on the budget packet.

Board votes. (10-0-0) Item passes.

- 25. Motion that the LA-32 NC Board oppose the Vista/El Sereno project (APCE-2015-2048) and CEQA- Mitigated Negative Declaration (ENVI-2015-1918-MND) and recommends that the LA-32 Board oppose the proposed project unless amended and supported by a more adequate, complete CEQA document and public involvement.**

Board Discussion: Tom Williams explains the lack of planning and preparation of the project.

Motion moved forward by Tom Williams, second by Jackie Carrillo.

Public comments: Stakeholder states that there is too little information available regarding the new project. Another member of the public stated that there are many other residents of the area that oppose the new project.

Board votes. (8-0-0) Item passes.

- 26. Motion and Possible action for LA-32 NC to support and appoint Public Safety Committee members; Jose Luna and Angela Duarte, as LA-32 NC liaisons and alternate liaisons respectively, to the Hollenbeck Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB).**

Motion moved forward by Hugo Pacheco, second by Jackie Carrillo.

Board votes. (8-0-2) Item passes.

Motion to prolong meeting to 9:15pm by Jackie Carrillo, second by Cynthia Sandoval.

Board votes. Majority rules. Motion passes.

- 27. Motion that LA-32 NC host a Coffee with Cops, Thursday July 20,2017, at La Cocina 4989 Huntington Dr., LA, Ca 90032. Time 2:00 pm to 5:0pm. Funds not exceed \$250.00 for coffee, pastries, snacks, beverages, and food.**

Motion moved by Cynthia Sandoval, second by Karina Cruz.

Public comments: Manny Hernandez believes funds should be granted to first responders not cops.

Board votes. (9-0-0) Item passes.

- 28. Motion: Discussion and possible action for the LA-32 NC Board approve the expenditure of \$750.00 to fund a National Night Out event(s), in August 2017, within the boundaries of the LA-32 NC area. Funds to be used by the Public Safety Committee for the purchase of a LA-32 NC National Night Out Banner, Public safety information literature as well as the purchase of food and refreshments for the event.**

Motion moved by Jackie Carrillo, second by Cynthia Sandoval.

Public comments: Manny Hernandez questions whether the amount of funding is enough.

Michelle Corzantes creates amendment to add the date of the event (Tuesday August 1,2017) onto the item. Second by Karina Cruz.

Board Discussion: Michelle Corzantes explains National Night Out is a national holiday, therefore it would be pleasant if LA-32 NC could also be a part of the Nation wide event. Hugo Pacheco explains many communities celebrated the event last year but LA-32 NC did not.

Public comment: Manny Hernandez suggestion that event be held at Veterans Square.

Board votes. (9-0-0) Item passes.

Motion to prolong meeting 15 more minutes by Jackie Carrillo. Second by Karina Cruz.

Board votes. Majority rules. Motion passes.

- 29. Motion that LA-32 NC co-sponsor with Councilman Huizar for Annual Movie Night at El Sereno Park, August 5th to purchase snacks, and drinks up to and not exceed \$400.00.**

Motion moved by Jackie Carrillo, second by Karina Cruz.

No public comments.

Board votes. (8-0-0) Motion passes.

- 30. Motion that LA-32 NC co-sponsor with Aztlan Athletics for September 23, 2017 5k Ascot Hills Challenge. Purchase of snacks, fruit, granola bars, bottled water, Gatorade, small cups, ice, up to and not exceed \$500.00.**

Motion moved forward by Karina Cruz, second by Jackie Carrillo.

Public comment: Manny Hernandez asks who is the group.

No board discussion.

Board votes. (8-0-0) Motion passes.

- 31. Motion that LA-32 NC co-sponsor with ESCA for the Annual El Sereno Dia de Los Muertos event on October 21, 2017 at 3:00pm – 10:00pm. Location: Huntington Dr. & Portola.**

Motion moved forward by Jackie Carrillo, second by Karina Cruz.

Public comments: Manny Hernandez asks what is ESCA? Also suggest November 1st as the date for the event.

Board Discussion: Cynthia Sandoval states the organization chooses the event date not LA-32 NC.

Board votes. (8-0-0) Motion passes.

- 32. Motion that LA-32 NC host their 2nd Annual Halloween Event. Date: October 31, 2017. Location: La Cocina 4989 Huntington Dr. Los Angeles, Ca 90032. Time: 3:00pm-7:00pm. Fund up to and not exceed \$500.00, for chocolate bars, candy, Halloween pails “or like” to be given away to children.**

Motion moved forward by Perla Flores, second by Hugo Pacheco.

Public comments: Manny Hernandez does not agree with the giving away of candy/sweets to the children, he suggests a healthier alternative would be better.

Board Discussion: Miguel Vargas and Hugo Pacheco agree with Manny’s statement.

Board votes. (8-0-0) Motion passes.

- 33. Motion that LA-32 NC host their 2nd Annual Movie Night with Santa Claus event. Date: December 15, 2017. Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm. Location: El Sereno Senior Center, 4818 Klamath Place, Los Angeles, Ca 90042. Fund up to and not exceed \$500.00 for children’s holiday movie, popcorn, beverages, snacks, and giveaways to children.**

Motion moved forward by Jackie Carrillo, second by Perla Flores.

Public comment: Manny Hernandez is unhappy with the amount of the fund.

Board Discussion: Michelle Corzantes explains why this item is separated from item #32.

Board votes. (8-0-0) Motion passes.

- 34. Motion that LA-32 NC fund up to and not exceed \$650.00 for 10k fliers (5k fliers for the LA-32 NC 2nd annual Halloween event and 5k fliers for the 2nd annual Movie Night with Santa Clause.**

Motion moved forward by Jackie Carrillo, second by Perla Flores.

Public comment: Manny Hernandez wants the meeting to adjourn.

Board votes. (8-0-0) Motion passes.

Comment: Thomas Soon suggest the board follows the grievance process.

Motion to Adjourn by Hugo Pacheco, second by Miguel Vargas. Meeting ends 9:30pm.

