



## **Minutes**

### General Board Meeting August 2, 2017

1. Welcome (6:04pm)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. **General Public Comments:**

- Troy Carbajal: Ascot hills challenge invitation. New medals to give out this year. 20 more slots open for the race.
- Paul McLey: from the Shakespeare center, asking the board for support on a grant for event in September.
- Laura Cherkas: from the LA derby dolls, asking to participate in their health fair. Request that LA 32 provide funding for flier and promotional materials, (and beverages?) also consider opening the senior center on date of event to host it there.
- Micky Jackson: asked for more transparency, checking if her items are on the agenda.
- Wendy Carrillo: announcement of running for state assembly on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, presented herself. Also asked for outreach so that more people are aware of this election.
- Mark Legassie: introduced fliers on natural disasters with helpful tips. Asks for a (gas pipe line presentation) spot on the next agenda to inform people on important information.
- George Cabrera: encouraged the public to take a look at the Community Beacon newsletter new issue.
- Jackie Monterosas: from East La Community Corporation, introduced the affordable housing programs at ELAC. Requests 15 min to speak during item 9. She also introduced a new Land trust program.

#### **5. Presidents Report:**

- Filling vacancy for Land Use committee  
Potential candidates from public:

- Jacob Ally: ex air force interested in land use committee... also resigned bc hes not from 90032
- Richard Acosta: always involved with land use committee, communicates with 240 neighbors?
- David Chacon: 2<sup>nd</sup> year civil engineering student at Cal State LA. Lives in the east region.

David Chacon appointed into land use committee.

- Beautification committee: stays as is

Arts and culture: asking for a new stakeholder member, President Manzano removes Michelle Corzantes from chairing the committee.

**Board Discussion:** Anthony Manzano explains that he wants to appoint a chair position, Michelle: explains that she did not step down from the position as a clarification.

Marcia Guzman: encourages Anthony to reconsider his decision

Hugo Pacheco: agrees with reassigning the chair for Arts and Culture committee. Also states that the board should have 21 members, but the board only has 15.

Marcia Guzman: announcement on upcoming election

Ad Hoc Voter committee: Cynthia self nominates for the committee position

Sani Abdul-Jabbar: resigns from Ad Hoc Voter committee

Marcia nominates Jackie to fulfill vacancy, Jackie accepts to be in the Voter Engagement committee

**Board Votes** (12-0-1) for Cynthia Sandoval, (12-0-1) For Jackie Carrillo

Jackie Carrillo accepts fulfilling chair position of committee.

Moving on to new business #1

**1. Discussion and possible action to fill in vacancy for West Region Seat:**

Board approval for Anita Bacharte to fulfill new west region position:

**Board vote (11-0-2) approved.**

**2. Discussion and possible action to fill in vacancy for Vice President seat:**

- Marcia nominates Hugo Pacheco, second by Sani Abdul-Jabbar
- Jackie nominates Anita Bacharte ,
- Hugo nominates Jackie Carrillo second by Kathy Leal (Hugo resigns)

Anita Bacharte introduces herself- homeowner in El Sereno, thanks Jackie Carrillo for being involved in the community.

Jackie Carrillo introduces herself- neighborhood council board member who is willing to keep serving the community as Vice President with the help of her fellow colleagues

**Tabulation vote :**

- 1 vote for Anita from board
- 13 votes for Jackie from board

public/stakeholder vote: 6 votes for Anita / 19 votes for Jackie

**32 total votes for Jackie , now new Vice President of LA-32 NC.**

**3. Discussion and possible action to fill in vacancy for Second Signatory seat:**

Michelle Corzantes nominates Cynthia Sandoval for Second Signatory, Cynthia accepts.

Cynthia Sandoval comments on why she accepts: because she has been to a lot of funding orientations and believes she is prepared for the position.

**Board votes ( 11- 0 - 0) Cynthia becomes Second Signatory**

**Board member announcements:**

- Tom Williams: wanted to put items #18 and #19 together
- Cynthia Sandoval: sorry for not enough copies, did not expect such a large turn out. Not enough paper at her disposal.
- Anthony Manzano : plays at Griffith park, and announced Askot Park 6:30pm camp fire event, to hear stories on Friday.
- Cynthia Sandoval: yesterday we had the National Night Out, presented brochures that were given at the event.
- Jose Luna: announcement on posting more information regarding the homelessness situation in the community on the neighborhood website.
- Congressional Representative: Roberto announced he just received his cards if anyone is interested in contacting him.
- City Council District 14 member: Update from CD14 thanked the NC for the National Night Out. Also, announced movie night on Sept 30, at 7:30pm - dog friendly. At El Sereno Park.

Closed item 6.

**7. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the General Board meetings of June and July.**

Motion by Hugo Pacheco and second by Jackie Carrillo to postpone the minutes for General Board meeting of September.

- no public comments or board discussion

**Board votes (12-0-0) minutes will be moved to next month.**

**8. Treasurers Report:**

- Michelle Corzantes (treasurer) speaks: clarifies that all monthly reports are on the website and printed documents, anything the public needs to see regarding funding they can be shown with proper documentation. Michelle states she is up to date with funding. NC funding system provided screenshots on the website and emailed them to the board members and the stakeholders of LA-32. Monthly funding report for June will not be available till September, for July all NC are not allowed to see the reports. Because the reports and bank statements are not available Michelle cannot give an exact number of expenditures. She also explains how a payment request procedure is done. Thorough presentation on projection on LA-32 NC expenditures:
- **Board questions:**  
Hugo Pacheco clarifies his past confusion.

Cynthia Sandoval amends to move items #18 and #19 , Hugo Pacheco seconds (#6 and #7 from new business)

**Board votes (10-0-1) Amendment moves.**

**6. Stakeholder Initiative: Motion that LA-32 NC shall send a letter to the City Planning requesting a full Environmental Impact Report on the proposed development – Rosa de Castilla Apartments at 4208 E. Huntington Dr., Los Angeles, Ca 90032 (CPC-2017-507=CDB-CU and ENV-2017-508-EAF).**

**comment cards:**

- Jacqueline monterosas: speaking on behalf of the planning department, explaining the project does not anticipate any impacts. The projects are classified below the level of significance.
- Yolanda Garcia: submitted petition, the new project is a big concern to the public that's why the petition was signed. Asks board to send a letter to city planning to provide a more thorough EIR
- Dawn luaren: stakeholder that supports the request of the EIR. Claims the quality of life of residents will be affected
- John : resident claim the developers have claimed that evruthing was fine. And that people from the project were claiming that they were members of the community.
- Gabriel garbal: claims he supports the project because it supports affordable housing, and the people should support it to alleviate the homelessness problem in LA
- Cindy: resident working for a non profit clinic, claims that the voices of the non commercial residents. She states she supports affordable housing, but not for a development that is not doing things the right way.

**Board members discussion:**

- Hugo Pacheco: withdraws from debate because he is a real estate broker in the area and does not want to violate the ethics training.

- Tom Williams: Explained the difference between an Environmental Impact Report and a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

**Board votes to send letter (11-0-1) motion passes**

( new business #7 )

**7. Discussion and possible action that the LA-32 Neighborhood Council Board oppose the proposed residential Project at 4208 Huntington Drive unless amended. (Land Use Committee recommendation)**

Tom Williams : the board will oppose the project unless that it is amended in the future.

**comment cards:**

- Salihah Muhammad: member of the public in favor of EIR.
- Wali Muhammad: In favor of affordable housing, for veterans. Speaking for people that do not speak for themselves.
- Dawn Lauren: stakeholder; not in favor of 90 units, she would support it if it was less units. She is concerned with the kind of hazards that can occur. She also claims there will be high traffic congestion.
- Jaqueline Monterosas: claims there is a change in the project, instead of 90 units it went down to 85 units. Now more room for one bedroom and studio apartments. Work towards bringing a commercial tenant. Clarified rent prices. Wanted the people to consider the people that can easily become homeless. This project is a way of providing affordable housing.
- Alison Zavala: New Directions member, inviting the board to housing sites relating to the issues of the people like parking.
- Richard Acosta: claims the community is over saturated to have the new apartments. He also claimed the people are concerned about their private safety because of the mental instability low income housing tenants consists of.
- Yolanda Garcia: claims the Rosa de Castilla Apartments development are not following the zoning ordinance of the area. Also believes the area of the development is too dense to house more people.
- Peter: in favor of supporting the less fortunate, but he believes it affects the residents of the neighborhood more. Claims Los Angeles has plenty of land.
- Aliana: resident of El Sereno supports the project “beautiful opportunity.” Claims the project will be providing beneficial services for the people.
- Jaqueline Monterosas: clarifies it was a total of 167 letters from the public supporting the development of the development.

**Board discussion: no comments**

Anthony Manzano: introduces the stakeholder consensus.

- stakeholders vote for the opposition with a show of hands.

Jose Luna: voting makes him uncomfortable in this given situation, suggests bringing in someone from the project to present and clarify on issues.

**Board votes. (4 – 0 – 8) motion does not pass.**

Item closes

(Old business on Agenda)

**9. Discussion and possible action that LA-32 NC must take the following actions of grievance number 77, which was LA-32 NC ByLaws Article VIII Section 1. A 1 was violated:**

New Vice President Jackie Carrillo will be in charge of choosing a panel committee for the Grievance Committee.

Michelle Corzantes moves motion forward, Cynthia Sandoval seconds motion

Bruce and Yolanda (stakeholders) agree to be in the panel

Aaron Ostrom and Michelle Corzantes agree to be in panel (board members)

New Grievance committee decides they will have a meeting on Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 3:00pm.

Brief discussion.

Jose Luna excuses himself from meeting.

Aaron Ostrom: clarifies email received from Thomas Soong from EmpowerLA earlier today regarding agenda items #10 and #11.

Items #10 and #11 get removed from agenda, they are invalid according to EmpowerLA

**12. Discussion and possible action that LA-32 NC purchase ink for the two LA-32 NC printers, print paper of 10 boxes of 10 reams inside each box, index monthly dividers, masking tape, paper clips, golf pencils. Fund up to and not to exceed \$1,000.00 (Recommendation from the Executive Committee, to be taken from operational expenses category)**

**discussion and possible action:**

Jackie Carrillo moves motion forward, Karina Cruz seconds motion

**Public comments:** none

**Board discussion:**

Cynthia Sandoval: she did not have enough materials for agendas today.

**Board votes. (8-0-1)**

Jackie Carrillo creates motion to hear item #5 from New Business next.

Board votes (8-0-2)

**5. Discussion and possible action that LA-32 NC pay the balance of \$150.10 to La Cocina for the additional food at the July 20<sup>th</sup> Coffee with Cops event (Membership & Outreach Committee Recommendation)**

Jackie Carrillo moves motion forward, Cynthia Sandoval seconds.

**Public comments:** no comments

**Board discussion:**

Hugo Pacheco: thinks it would be wrong to not pay the bill. He had to pay out of his pocket one time. Doesn't think the treasurer should be able to reach out for financial help.

Cynthia Sandoval: gives background on Coffee with Cops event.

**Board votes ( 8-0-2) motion passes.**

**Meeting lost quorum at 9:53pm from two board members stepping out.**