



**MINUTES OF THE ELYSIAN VALLEY RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015  
ALLESANDRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
2210 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, LOS ANGELES 90039**

The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by President Appleton at **6:45 p.m.** The following Board Members were present and produced a quorum for this meeting:

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| Andy Chung       | Allen Anderson    | Mark Lara     |
| Jeff Klein       | Steve Appleton    | Becky Lee     |
| Marie Gurule     | Arturo Gomez      | Katie Poltz   |
| (arr. 7:00 p.m.; | Chad Gordon       | Daniel Torres |
| leave 8:00 p.m.) | (Leave 9:30 p.m.) |               |
| Roman Gomez      | Lali Grewal       |               |

Absent: Daniel Paredes, Astrid Sykes

**2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Irene \_\_\_ of Preventive Health Services of Arroyo Vista Community Clinic announced that the Clinic would be providing a Mobile Health Clinic at the EVRNC Health Fair on June 13. She also spoke briefly of other services that the Clinic provides.
- b. Gloria Bera, Stakeholder, reported that her grandchildren were not accepted into Summer Camp and there are no programs for seniors, either.
- c. A.Gomez announced that R.Gomez had been inducted to the CA Scholastic List.
- d. Chung announced that the last day to submit Public Comments on the Bimbo Project is May 27.
- e. Cesar Ochoa, Owner of new restaurant Salazar’s, announced they are looking to start staffing and hiring and invited job-seekers to submit their resumes.
- f. Susan Reimers, EVRNC Budget Representative, announced that the Neighborhood Council Budget Day was scheduled for June 27 at City Hall, 7:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to learn about the City’s Budget process.
- g. Jennifer Deines, Stakeholder, announced there would be a Q Conditions open house and meeting on June 9, beginning at 5 p.m., at Dickerson. The Comment Period will close on June 10.

3. EVRNC HEALTH FAIR EVENT  
Ad Hoc Committee Chair Lee announced that the Health Fair date was confirmed for June 13 at the Elysian Valley Rec Center, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. There will be a mobile clinic offering health screenings, raffles, snacks, and activities for kids.
4. REVIEW OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Klein noted that, per an earlier EVRNC decision, the Ad Hoc Committee on Displacement should not include the words “Gentrification.” Approval of Minutes was Tabled.
5. CHAIR’S REPORT  
Chung stated that he has spoken to Board Members who have attendance violations. He will also soon be addressing location issues.
6. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
  - a. Adam Bass, CD 13 Field Deputy, was not present. His contact information is 213.207.2011 or [adam.bass@lacity.org](mailto:adam.bass@lacity.org).
  - b. Gina Chovan, LAPD Senior Lead Officer, reported that there had been an uptick in break-ins and reminded everyone to close their doors and windows. Northeast Division’s new station will have its Grand Opening in August. She may be contacted at 213.793.0760.
7. EMPOWER LA PROCEDURE STIPULATIONS
  - a. Unknown Stakeholder asked how they would verify telephone voting; response, don’t know.
  - b. Ceci Dominguez, Stakeholder, re Article 8 and posting in 1 place, not everyone has access to a computer and they really need the postings in all 5 locations.
  - c. Vincent Montalvo, Stakeholder, believes these Stipulations open the way for fraud.
  - d. Unknown Stakeholder from Koreatown advised EVRNC should not rubberstamp the Stipulations, esp. Item 9.
  - e. Unknown Stakeholder said the people who don’t show up are being backstabbed.

R.Gomez asked when the Procedure Stipulations had been received and how important was it. Chung stated it had gone out to everyone a few days earlier and needed to be turned in by June 1 otherwise the defaults would be in force and could possibly disenfranchise some in the community. Appleton noted that there had been quite a bit of discussion on the Stipulations at the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meetings and their reasoning was available online ([empowerla.org](http://empowerla.org)), so everyone can look at those previous discussions. **Klein/Appleton moved to Table further discussion to a Special Meeting.** Motion passed 12-0-0 by voice vote.

8. LADWP WATER RECYCLING PROJECT
  - a. Jennifer Deines, Stakeholder, stated that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was still in the draft stage which provides the Community an opportunity to ask questions. She understands there are three new route options, which are not under the Bike Path or going straight for Dorris. They have not yet disclosed the geological report and other studies are also missing.
  - b. Susan Grant, Principal of Dorris Place School, said that no effort had been made to contact the school or the parents about the Project. The noise from construction will distract the children and she also has concerns that the construction would damage the school.
  - c. Unknown Stakeholder, said they are trying to stop this recycled water Project.
  - d. Unknown Stakeholder, said that it was announced at the Environment and Land Use Committee meeting that the pipeline would not disturb the Bike Path.
  - e. Ceci Dominguez, Stakeholder, asked the EVRNC Board if it would stand with Principal Grant because she’s the expert.

- f. Robert Leyland, Stakeholder, said they needed to spare the public money and school children from this Project.

Chung stated that he agreed that there should be a consensus of the Community and that it would be agendaized for the next meeting for further discussion and possible action. Appleton pointed out that there was a lot of technical information which should be presented in a balanced way. Poltz suggested that DWP be present.

9. BIMBO BAKERY PROJECT

9.1. *Status Report on Bimbo Bakery Project's Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration*

Environment & Land Use Committee Chair Appleton announced that the *Declaration* is 199 pages long and has been uploaded to the EVRNC website.

**Various Attendees Disrupted the Meeting. Chung called a Recess at 8:10 p.m. The meeting was re-called to order at 8:20 p.m.**

9.2. *Environment & Land Use Committee (ELUC) Recommendation*

Appleton reported that the Project Developer had presented to the ELUC several times over the past year. The Project was now half the size it could be by right and made appropriate plans for adaptive re-use. The ELUC had also negotiated the Project Developer's intentions to incubate locale businesses, pay for an area-wide traffic study and lease Community Space for \$1 per year.

R.Gomez questioned who the Project benefitted, adding that the Board Members who vote to endorse the project will be admitting they have a financial interest and a clear conflict of interest. **R.Gomez/A.Gomez moved to Table the Item. Motion failed 2-10-0 by roll-call vote.** (Yesses: R.Gomez, A. Gomez)

Appleton presented the ELUC Recommendation, a *Resolution* in support of the Project. (A copy of which is attached hereto.)

- a. Several Unidentified Stakeholders spoke in opposition to the Project.
- b. Unidentified Stakeholder, an Urban Planner, suggested changing the wording on the *Resolution* to state that EVRNC "opposes the Project *unless...*"
- c. Robert Leyland, Stakeholder, stated he supported Tabling the matter because the CEQA Report had not yet been completed and the conflicts of interest should be reviewed.
- d. Tracy Stone, Stakeholder, said she was just as scared as everyone else about new development but that the Community was at risk of losing any benefits if they did not speak with developers and help to impact the projects.
- e. Cindy Eubach, Stakeholder, said that her property – the Lofts and Community Garden – would be the most affected. The ELUC worked very hard in her interest. She worries that not having any say on development would have a greater deleterious effect on Elysian Valley.

**Appleton/Klein moved to pass the Resolution proposed by the ELUC with the language modified by friendly amendment to include the recommendation from the Urban Planner, "opposes the Project *unless..*" Motion failed 3-8-1 by roll-call vote.** (Yesses: Klein, Appleton, Grewal; Abstention: Gordon)

**A.Gomez/R.Gomez moved to draft a letter to the City Council of Los Angeles, the Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, and the City Department of City Planning to oppose the construction of the Bimbo Project. Motion passed 8-3-0.** (Noes: Anderson, Appleton, Grewal)

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Tracy Stone, Stakeholder, stated that artists and artisans who had worked in the area are now being displaced. They had been paying 50 cents per sq. ft. but are now being charged \$2.00 per sq. ft. She suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee on Displacement add this group to its list.
- b. Unknown Stakeholder expressed anger that the Community has no legal representation against developers.
- c. Laura Ugalde, Stakeholder, wants EVRNC to work on a Traffic Study with CD 13.
- d. Ceci Dominguez, Stakeholder, said that a neighbor wanted a copy of the Agenda translated into Spanish. R.Gomez said that he will translate them going forward.

11. BEER GARDEN MND, CEQA

Chung reported that the hearing had passed. No action needed at this time.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 FINANCE

**Torres/Chung moved to approve the April Expenditure Report in the amount of \$3,500.27. Motion passed 11-0-0.**

13. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Displacement Committee

A.Gomez reported that the Committee did not meet this month. They will add the artists to the next Agenda.

13.2 Website

The website is up and running: [www.evrnc.nationbuilder.com](http://www.evrnc.nationbuilder.com)

13.3 Office Space

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has a process for leasing that must be followed. The documents are being reviewed.

14. ADJOURNMENT

**Chung/Klein moved to adjourn at 10:03 p.m.**