



**MINUTES OF THE ELYSIAN VALLEY RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 28, 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 **6:40 p.m.** The following Board Members were present and produced a quorum for this meeting:

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| Andy Chung | Steve Appleton | Katie Poltz |
| Jeff Klein | Chad Gordon | (arr. 7:35 p.m.) |
| Marie Gurule | Lali Grewal | Astrid Sykes |
| (left 10:05 p.m.) | (arr. 7:15 p.m.) | Daniel Torres |
| Roman Gomez | Mark Lara | (left 11:40 p.m.) |
| Allen Anderson | Becky Lee | |

Absent: Daniel Paredes, Arturo Gomez

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chung/Klein moved to approve the Agenda.

- a. Unknown Stakeholder expressed anger about the Security Guard at the meeting.
- b. Vincent Montalvo, Stakeholder, stated he believed the proposed Motion for Reconsideration of the Bimbo Project vote was illegal because the Stakeholders had not seen the letter requesting the Motion.
- c. Unknown Stakeholder suggested forming an Ad Hoc Committee to determine whether the Motion for Reconsideration would be proper.
- d. Unknown Stakeholder requested a “breakdown” of the vocabulary used in a Motion for Reconsideration so they could understand.
- e. Unknown Stakeholder again expressed anger about the Security Guard at the meeting.

Motion passed by voice vote 10-1-0. (Noes: Lara)

3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chung 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.
- b. Lee announced that the EVRNC Health Fair would be June 13 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Elysian Valley Rec Center. She reminded the Board Members that volunteers are needed.

- c. 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.
4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2014 MINUTES
Chung/Gurule moved to approve the September 2014 Minutes, as amended. Motion passed by voice vote 8-1-2. (Noes: R.Gomez; Abstentions: Anderson, Lara)
 5. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2014 MINUTES
 Appleton noted one further change on page 3, section 12d, line 1: "voted on" should be "received". **Chung/Klein moved to approve the October 2014 Minutes, as amended. Motion passed by voice vote 7-1-3.** (Noes: R.Gomez; Abstentions: Lara, Lee, Sykes)
 6. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2014 MINUTES
Chung/Gurule moved to approve the December 2014 Minutes, as amended. Motion passed by voice vote 7-1-3. (Noes: R.Gomez; Abstentions: Anderson, Lara, Torres) R.Gomez commented that he would not vote to approve the Minutes because he did not know if the Executive Committee had met.
 7. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 MINUTES
Chung/Klein moved to approve the January 2015 Minutes, as amended. Motion passed by voice vote 7-1-4. (Noes: R.Gomez; Abstentions: Chung, Gordon, Lara, Sykes)
 8. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2015 MINUTES
Chung/Gurule moved to approve the March 2015 Minutes, as amended. Motion passed by voice vote 10-0-2. (Abstentions: Lara, Grewal)
 9. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
Chung/Lee moved to approve the April 2015 Minutes, Regular Meeting, as amended. Motion passed by voice vote 10-0-2. (Abstentions: Grewal, Sykes)
 10. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING
Chung/Gurule moved to approve the April 2015 Minutes, Special Meeting, as amended. Motion passed by voice vote 10-0-2. (Abstentions: Grewal, Sykes)
 11. EMPOWER LA PROCEDURE STIPULATIONS
 - Q1. **Chung/Klein moved to choose "Simple majority vote by board members present and voting, not including abstentions." Motion passed by voice vote 10-3-0.** (Noes: Appleton, Gordon, Grewal)
 - Q2. **Klein/Appleton moved to choose "We (have) a website and will maintain our 5 physical posting places at: (fill in)". Motion passed by voice vote 13-0-0.**
 - Q3. **Appleton/Anderson moved to stipulate that "Appointment will be the Vice Chair." Motion passed by voice vote 13-0-0.**
 - Q4. Mandatory
 - Q5. Mandatory
 - Q6. **Chung/Klein moved to choose "We want self-affirmation voter verification and no online voting." Motion passed by voice vote 13-0-0.**
 - Q7. Not Applicable
 - Q8. Not Applicable
 - Q9. Skipped
 - Q10. **Klein/Chung moved to choose "Yes." Motion passed by voice vote 13-0-0.**
 - Q11. **Gurule/Sykes moved to choose "All board members should take office on July 1st." Motion passed by voice vote 13-0-0.**

12. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF BLAKE AVENUE RIVERFRONT PROJECT
COMMUNITY BENEFITS RESOLUTION, ITEM 9.2, FROM MAY 21, 2015, GENERAL BOARD
MEETING OF EVRNC

Chung announced that the Comment Period had been extended by two weeks.

Anderson/Grewal moved to Reconsider Item 9.2 from the previous meeting. R.Gomez stated that everyone had already had voted their conscience and there had been no transparency in the decision-main process. Grewal responded that the process had been very transparent because the Developer had presented to the Environment and Land Use Committee in public several times over the past year. Lara questioned whether the Motion for Reconsideration was proper because the letter requesting it was not given to the public. Anderson noted that Section 4 of the Bylaws require that the Motion for Reconsideration “must be brought, and the Board’s approval of a Motion for Reconsideration must occur...during the Board’s next regularly scheduled meeting that follows the meeting where the action subject to reconsideration occurred” by “a member of the Board that previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action that was taken by the Board.” There is no requirement that the letter requesting it be added to the Agenda be presented to the public. Chung stated it had been received in accordance to the Bylaws and it was believed best to place the Motion for Reconsideration on the Special Agenda because of the atmosphere of the last meeting.

- a. Vincent Montalvo, Stakeholder, argued that the Motion for Reconsideration was illegal because the letter from Anderson was not provided to the Public.
- b. Tracy Stone, Stakeholder, strongly encouraged the Board to reconsider because mere opposition, absent findings, has no value because the rationale is not included.
- c. Ceci Dominguez, Stakeholder, stated that the Board was adding things to the Agenda without knowing what they were about.
- d. Robert Leyland, Stakeholder, said there was no meeting to set the Agenda and reconsideration was a betrayal of the Community because the City has a poor record with developers.
- e. David Dedlow, Stakeholder, reminded everyone that this was simply a Motion to reconsider the previous action.
- f. David Delatorre, Stakeholder, stated that Legal Aid had been invited to the last Neighborhood Watch meeting.
- g. Lupe Fletes, Stakeholder, said that they believed the EVRNC was the voice of the Community, now it seems like they are going back on their word. This is bullying and illegal.
- h. Unknown Stakeholder urged reconsideration because there were no reasons given for opposition at the last meeting.
- i. Unknown Stakeholder stated that the community took a position to protect their rights and they are being violated.
- j. Ceci Dominguez, Stakeholder, said that the community was opposed to moving forward and the opinions of the old board are blowing back to the new board. They should have a copy of Anderson’s letter.

Chung/R.Gomez moved to table the Motion for Reconsideration of Item 9.2 to a Special Meeting in one week. Motion failed 4-9-0 by roll-call vote. (Yesses: Chung, Klein, R.Gomez, Lara)

Motion for Reconsideration of Item 9.2 passed 11-2-0 by roll-call vote. (Noes: R.Gomez, Lara)

Klein/Gurule then moved to support the Resolution proposed by the ELUC (attached hereto).

- k. Vincent Montalvo, Stakeholder, said that he believes papers were changed and things were negotiated outside of meetings.
- l. Ceci Dominguez, Stakeholder, said that the Item was added to the Agenda.
- m. Unknown Stakeholder, said this is a low-income community and we already said “no”.
- n. Tracy Stone, Stakeholder, suggested noting the opposition but to work on the covenant.
- o. Lupe Fletes, Stakeholder, said she was disappointed in everyone and asked why a letter was so important if the Project was going forward regardless.
- p. David Delatorre, Stakeholder, said people cannot lose sight that the EVRNC Board Members are also volunteers. He will forward a copy of the Neighborhood Watch’s recommendations on the Project to Andy.
- q. Unknown Stakeholder asked if the traffic study would be for the entire neighborhood or just along Riverside.
- r. Unknown Stakeholder asked why it couldn’t just be 50 units.
- s. Unknown Stakeholder said they supported a letter of approval.
- t. Grove Pashley, Stakeholder, stated that they can’t deny development is here; Elysian Valley is lucky that the developers are in dialogue with the Community.

Sykes asked if the traffic study would be community-wide; response, yes. Lara noted that the developer’s liability is \$2m and asked who gets sued in the event of an earthquake; response, those who lease for \$1/year would be required to carry liability insurance. Jerry Newman, representing the developer, stated that it would not be a gated community: it would always be open, always be maintained, and what was commercial would remain commercial. Gurule asked if they would also be updating the sewage lines; response, they would be required to upgrade the sewage if it impacts the City. Grewal asked if the community space could be extended from 10 years; response, it is set at 10 years with 5 year options. Lara asked how much the units would rent for; response, these are homes that will be for sale at market rate.

Motion passed by roll-call vote 9-3-1. (Noes: Chung, R.Gomez, Poltz; Abstentions: Lara)

13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Vincent Montalvo, Stakeholder, said he believed the Motion for Reconsideration was no action because the Agenda does not say “possible action”. Chung stated the Agenda said “Motion” which he believes is self-explanatory, but will confirm with the City Attorney.
- b. Ceci Dominguez, Stakeholder, said the EVRNC must work within its Bylaws.
- c. Lupe Fletes, Stakeholder, accused Gordon of having several NPG applications and then abstaining on development issues.

14. FUNDING ITEMS: NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS

Gordon recused himself for discussion and voting of Items 14a. and 14b. Gurule had left.

- a. Partners of Dorris Place, NPG 1, \$5,000, instruments, presented by Blair Gordon. Stakeholders Ceci Dominguez and Lupe Fletes spoke in favor of granting the full amount. **Chung/Gomez moved to approve \$5,000. Motion passed by roll-call vote 11-0-0.**
(Recused: Gordon)
- b. Partners of Dorris Place, NPG 2, \$3,487.16, instrument storage, presented by Blair Gordon Stakeholder Ceci Dominguez spoke in favor of granting the full amount. The Applicant added that they would place donation plaques on the storage cases. **Klein/Poltz moved to approve \$3,487.16. Motion passed by roll-call vote 11-0-0.** (Recused: Gordon)
- c. Allesandro Elementary School, \$5,000, computers, presented by R.Gordon R.Gordon disclosed he had previously been an employee of the school, but was no longer one. A question was raised whether the computers would remain the property of the school itself or the LAUSD. Stakeholder Ceci Dominguez suggested that the Grants Committee follow-up. **R.Gomez/Chung moved to approve \$5,000. Motion passed by roll-call vote 11-1-0.** (Noes: Gordon)
- d. LAPD BLEND, \$5,000, sports programs
R.Gomez/Lara moved to approve \$2,718.84. Motion failed by roll-call vote 3-8-0.
(Yesses: Chung, R.Gomez, Lara) (Torres had left)
Grewal/Chung moved to approve \$1,500. Motion passed by roll-call vote 11-0-0.
- e. Elysian Valley Garden Council, \$5,000, emergency supplies, presented by David Delatorre
Chung/Grewal moved to approve \$609.42. Motion passed by roll-call vote 11-0-0.
- f. LA Más, \$2,052.11, outreach publications, presented by Helen Leung
Chung/Gordon moved to approve \$609.42. Motion passed by roll-call vote 10-1-0.
(Noes: Lara)

15. LADWP WATER RECYCLING PROJECT

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16. ADJOURNMENT

Chung/R.Gomez moved to adjourn at 12:10 a.m.