



**MINUTES OF THE ELYSIAN VALLEY RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 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.

A. COUNCILMAN MITCH O’FARRELL, CD13

Councilman O’Farrell spoke briefly to the Community. He congratulated Board Member Lee on the success of the Health Fair. He noted that the Comment Period for the Q conditions would close on June 29. He has further presented a motion in Council to study down-zoning. Presently, the height limit is 45’ but if a developer provides affordable housing they qualify for a “density bonus” under SB 1818, which allows them to go higher. The motion presented would limit the height to 30’ which would reduce heights in LA, even with the density bonus. They are also looking to revise the small lot subdivision codes so that there is less displacement. He further noted that no permits have been issued for the Bimbo Project.

Further, O’Farrell announced that he wants to “green” the asphalt median on Riverside at Gale. CD13 has the funding to do it. CD13 would like to partner with EVRNC for that and “enhanced infrastructure commitment financing” for the LA River. CD13 is also looking to create a Traffic Management Plan for Elysian Valley that would discourage bad uses and circulation, and better protect its residents. Finally, he had submitted a Community Block Grant request for Phase 3 of the Street Lighting but funds are limited so he is looking at other funding mechanisms. It may take time to figure those out.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chung at **6:59 p.m.** The following Board Members were present and produced a quorum for this meeting:

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| Andy Chung | Roman Gomez | Chad Gordon |
| Jeff Klein | (arr. 7:16 p.m.) | Becky Lee |
| Marie Gurule | Steve Appleton | Daniel Torres |
| (left 8:37 p.m.) | Arturo Gomez | |

Absent: Allen Anderson, Lali Grewal, Mark Lara, Katie Poltz

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chung/Klein moved to remove Item 21 – Motion to create Board Member Ethics Review Ad Hoc Committee – from the Agenda.

- a. Robert Leyland stated there was a strong Community concern that this Committee needed to be created. Chung responded that its removal from the Agenda was recommended by the City Attorney.
 - b. Vincent Montalvo, Stakeholder, stated he believes the City Attorney's role is "advisory only".
Motion passed by voice vote 7-0-1. (Abstention: A.Gomez)
Appleton/Gurule moved to table Item 13 – LADWP Water Recycling Project – until its representatives could be present. Motion passed by voice vote 6-2-0. (Noes: A.Gomez, Gordon)
Chung/Gurule moved to Approve the Agenda as Amended. Motion passed 9-0-0. (R.Gomez had arrived at 7:16 p.m. and participated in this vote.)
3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Ceci Dominguez, Stakeholder, announced the Seniors would be holding a 4th of July Potluck at the Rec Center on June 30 at 11:30 a.m.
 - b. Robert Leyland, Stakeholder, announced that he is promoting the movement to boycott and oppose kayaking in the LA River.
 - c. Unknown Stakeholder, representing "Frogtown", announced there would be an upcoming meeting re "gentrification" but provided no dates or times.
 4. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
None further.
 5. EVRNC HEALTH FAIR EVENT
Lee reported that the event was a success. There were over 70 attendees and approx. 30 people received health screenings. Ten organizations had participated, and there was a band, art for the kids, etc.
 6. BUDGET REPRESENTATIVES (2)
Chung asked if there were any Board Members or Stakeholders who would be interested in serving. None received. **Chung/Gurule moved to reappoint Susan Reimers as EVRNC Budget Representative. Motion passed by voice vote 9-0-0.**
 7. APPROVAL OF JUNE 21, 2015 MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
Chung noted that "President Appleton" should be changed to "Chair Chung". Stakeholder Ceci Dominguez noted that "Gloria Bera" should be changed to "Gloria Mora". **Chung/Lee moved to approve the June 21, 2015 Minutes, Regular Meeting, as amended. Motion passed by voice vote 9-0-0.**
 8. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2 2015 MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING
Chung noted that "President Appleton" should be changed to "Chair Chung". **Chung/Klein moved to approve the June 28, 2015 Minutes, Special Meeting, as amended. Motion passed by voice vote 7-2-0.** (Noes: R.Gomez, A.Gomez)
 9. DONE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET APPROVAL
Torres presented the Proposed Budget. Ceci Dominguez, Stakeholder, asked why there had been no committee meeting to discuss this. Torres responded that the figures were based on the current year's Budget. Appleton further noted that it is merely a framework for how the money is spent and that each actual spending item is brought before the EVRNC Board and Community throughout the year. Vincent Montalvo said the Budget needs to be tabled because there was no meeting and it is a Brown Act violation. Appleton responded that Torres timely prepared the Proposed Budget, it was duly Agendized, and there is, therefore, no Brown Act violation.
Chung/Torres moved to approve the DONE 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion passed 9-0-0 by roll-call vote.

10. DONE 2015-2016 BIG PLAN/GOALS FORM
Chung stated no motion appeared to be necessary to approve the Big Plan. No further discussion.
11. FUNDING ITEMS – REIMBURSEMENTS TO BOARD MEMBERS
 - 11.1 **Chung/Appleton moved to reimburse Klein in the amount of \$149.83 for copying/printing expenses at FedEx.** Vincent Montalvo, Stakeholder, stated he wished to see the receipts ahead of the vote. **Motion passed 8-0-0 by roll call vote.** (Recused and out of the room: Klein; upon return, Klein stated that the receipt would be promptly forwarded to Gurule)
 - 11.2 **Chung/Appleton moved to reimburse Torres in the amount of \$1,515.10 for advancing costs for the SonicClear Recording Software.** Gurule stated that she had the receipt in hand. **Motion passed 8-0-0 by roll call vote.** (Recused and out of the room: Torres)
12. CITY ATTORNEY TRAINING SCHEDULE
Chung stated that the Training would be a separate meeting either before or just after the next Board meeting.
13. LAWDP WATER RECYCLING PROJECT
Withdrawn. See Item 2 above.
14. FUNDING ITEMS – ALLOCATION OF REMAINING FUNDS (\$4,571.66)
Chung reported that the remaining funds were due to the office space contract not yet having been approved by the City and going into the next Fiscal Year.
 - 14.1 **Chung/Gurule moved to approve up to \$2,400 for Elysian Valley Rec Center Summer Camp scholarships. Motion passed by roll-call vote 9-0-0.**
 - 14.2 **Chung/Appleton moved to approve up to \$500 for summer snacks and beverages at the Elysian Valley Rec Center. Motion passed by roll-call vote 9-0-0.**
 - 14.3 **Chung/Appleton moved to approve up to \$1,600 for the Elysian Valley Seniors Club. Motion passed by roll-call vote 9-0-0.**
15. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
 - a. Blair Gordon, representing POD, thanked the EVRNC Board for its generous support at the last meeting.
 - b. Unknown Stakeholder asked everyone to join the “Fight Against Gentrification” but provided no dates or times.
 - c. Vincent Montalvo, Stakeholder, stated he saw that no documents had been translated and therefore he believed it was a violation of the Brown Act and other laws.
 - d. Robert Leyland, Stakeholder, questioned why Items that were agendized at the Executive Committee meeting had been deleted when they could still be discussed.
 - e. Luis Sanchez, representing the Community Beacon, suggested EVRNC buy more pages in the newspaper.
 - f. Susan Reimers, Stakeholder, reported that Cirque du Soleil will be performing several shows a day for over a month at Dodger Stadium in the off-season and it may impact Elysian Valley traffic.
16. RECONSIDERED MOTION: Bimbo Bakery Project
Chung/Klein moved to reconsider the motion “that EVRNC urges the Zoning Administrator and City of Los Angeles to not approve the tract map and submitted project unless a covenant is attached to the Project naming the specific Conditions for Approval.” Chung then read the Conditions for Approval (attached hereto).

- a. Alex Gallo, Stakeholder, questioned why, if EVRNC has no authority, why is it being discussed. He believes that some EVRNC Board Members have a financial interest.
- b. Robert Leyland, Stakeholder, asked why CD13 was here so often on this Project.
- c. Vincent Montalvo, Stakeholder, stated that unless there was 15% affordable housing, it should be tabled.
- d. Lupe Fletes, Stakeholder, said that some gates have been locked preventing access to the LA River.
- e. Damon Robledo, Stakeholder, stated that subdivision is not “by right”; consideration of the Project has already happened.

Motion passed 6-2-0 by roll-call vote. (Noes: Chung, R.Gomez) (Gurule had left for evening.)

A.Gomez, thereafter, requested that another Motion for Reconsideration be agendized for the next meeting claiming he knowingly voted on the prevailing side so that he could so move.

17. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

17.1 Budget & Finance

Torres/Chung moved to approve the May 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report in the amount of \$1,789.79. Motion passed 8-0-0 by roll-call vote.

17.2 Environment & Land Use

Appleton reported that there had been no meeting.

17.3 Outreach

A.Gomez reported that the Community Walk had been a success and they will look to do it again bi-monthly.

17.4 Grants

Chung reported that all the Grants had been submitted and two checks – to LA Más and Allesandro School – had already been delivered.

18. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

18.1 Displacement

A.Gomez reminded everyone that the Comment Period for the DWP Project closes June 26 and the Q Conditions June 29. There is concern about the displacement of artists due to rising rents; this will affect the Art Walk.

18.2 Website

Chung reported in Poltz’s absence that EVRNC will need to pay a fee soon and it will be agendized for the next meeting.

18.3 Office

Chung again reported that EVRNC cannot negotiate the contract; DONE must. So it looks like it will be within the next Fiscal Year.

19. EVRNC BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE REVIEW

19.1 Astrid Sykes

She has had job obligations. **Appleton/Chung moved to vacate the seat held by Astrid Sykes. Motion passed 8-0-0 by voice vote.**

19.2 Daniel Paredes

Paredes submitted his resignation. No motion considered.

20. Q CONDITIONS – EVRNC/ELUC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPT. OF PLANNING

Appleton stated that he is willing to take the lead.

- a. Unknown Stakeholder stated that, because of the drought, he would like to see water reclamation incorporated into the Q Conditions (i.e., toilet-to-tap).
- b. Robert Leyland, Stakeholder, thinks EVRNC should request a 45-day extension.

- c. Alex Gallo, Stakeholder, thinks height should be restricted but wait for the study before making any decision.
 - d. Cindy Eubach, Stakeholder, stated that, regardless whether they are flawed, the Q Conditions will go a long way to limit density.
 - e. Unknown Stakeholder agreed with Eubach, adding that SB 1818 overrules local law.
 - f. Vincent Montalvo stated there should be a study, in context.
21. MOTION RE BOARD MEMBER ETHICS REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE
Withdrawn. See Item 2 above.
22. ADJOURNMENT
Klein/Chung moved to adjourn at 10:01 p.m.