



**MINUTES OF THE ELYSIAN VALLEY RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 Chair Chung at **6:40 p.m.** The following Board Members were present and produced a quorum for this meeting:

Andy Chung	Roman Gomez	Arturo Gomez
Jeff Klein	(arr. 7:25 p.m.)	Mark Lara
Marie Gurule	Allen Anderson	Becky Lee
(left 9:15 p.m.)	Steve Appleton	Katie Poltz

Absent: Chad Gordon, Lali Grewal, Daniel Torres

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Chung/Gurule moved to amend, advancing Items 7 and 8 ahead of Item 3 in order to accommodate the schedule of CD13’s Field Deputy Adam Bass. Motion to amend passed 9-0-0 by voice vote. Chung/Gurule moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion passed 8-0-1 by voice vote.** (Abstaining: A.Gomez)

3. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

a. CD13 Field Deputy Adam Bass reported that the proposed Q Conditions were heard and unanimously passed by the City Planning Commission on August 13. It is next to go before the City Council’s Planning & Land Use Committee, then the full City Council. CD13 will notify EVRNC and the Community when those dates have been set.

CD13 has recently instructed LADOT to move forward with pavement markings along all the improved entrances along the Pedestrian and Bike Path, and will update the Community when the installation will occur.

CD13 is partnering with Elysian Valley Neighborhood Watch on the Median Improvement at Gail/Riverside. It will be sent to them for initial input and suggestions in September or October, with a community meeting scheduled to finalize the design in the weeks shortly thereafter.

Finally, Bass announced that Councilman O’Farrell would be hosting a Councilman in Your Corner and Neighborhood Walk on August 29, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Representatives will hold office at the Frog Spot, 2825 Benedict St., while Councilman O'Farrell walks door-to-door.

Gurule mentioned to Bass that there had been a vehicle on the Pedestrian and Bike Path and asked what to do if it happens again; Bass responded that that is illegal and suggested that Northeast Division Senior Lead Officer Gina Chovan be contacted immediately. She can be reached at 213.793.0760. He noted that there are two unsecured entrances to the Path that are *not* City property and that CD13 is reaching out to the owners. Chung asked if CD13 was still accepting suggestions re the Path or if it was too late; Bass responded that LADOT had made recommendations to the Planning Commission based on its dictates and they had to move forward but they will always accept further recommendations. Klein asked if there were any additional monies in the budget for the Path; Bass responded that LADOT had already spent what there was but they will find more so "start drawing".

4. Q CONDITIONS STATUS UPDATE

See Item #3 above.

5. REVIEW/APPROVAL JUNE 2015 GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was noted that the date at the top was incorrect. **Chung/Gurule moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Motion passed 9-0-0 by voice vote.**

6. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chung announced that he has been given a DVD of the Elysian Valley Rec Center Summer Program. See him if you would like to see it. Also, he mentioned that Councilman O'Farrell would be walking door-to-door in Elysian Valley while his staff holds office hours at the Frog Spot on August 29, from 9:30-11:30.
- b. Ceci Dominguez announced that CD1 Councilman Gil Cedillo is hosting a Latin Jazz Festival at Sycamore Grove Park on August 22 and 23 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- c. Susan Reimers announced that CD13 was co-hosting with Film LA and Echo Park Improvement Association a screening of the classic film CHINATOWN at Echo Park Lake on August 29 at 8 p.m. Free snacks would be available.

7. OROS STREET TREE CUTTING BY FREEWAY ENTRANCE

Poltz reported that the trees were removed over the July 4 weekend. She learned that the responsible agency was CalTrans, which approved a rain water filtration system there several years ago. The trees will not be re-planted, causing an issue with the sound barrier. She has personally started a Petition to extend the sound wall. Appleton added that there were two sections on Riverside that were also harmed and asked that they be added to the Petition.

8. POSSIBLE DASH TRANSIT LINE IN ELYSIAN VALLEY

EVRNC is collaborating with the Elysian Valley Neighborhood Watch in efforts to bring a DASH line to Elysian Valley. Presently, there is no funding but they have been told it could be found. They were advised to forward possible routes, noting that they cannot overlap those of Metro's 96 or 603. Gurule added that they need to show there would be 30 riders per hour. Anderson said there would be a workshop to plot the map.

9. DISCUSSION OF Q-CONDITIONS UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Chung added that the Report has been uploaded to the EVRNC website. Anderson thought it was amazing that it had been a unanimous vote and encouraged everyone to show up at or write letters prior to the next hearings. The City's Planning & Land Use Committee is tentatively scheduled to hear it on or about October 8. Appleton added that, though there had been some changes from what EVRNC had submitted, it deserved to be commended for starting the ball rolling.

A.Gomez asked how the new Q Conditions would impact the projects currently under construction; Chung responded that they would not apply until if and when they are approved by the City Council. Ed Brostoff, Stakeholder, suggested that EVRNC ask for a sooner meeting because he was already being told by developers that they were “bad” restriction. Robert Leyland, Stakeholder, read a statement he had made to the Planning Commission supporting passage of the proposed Q Conditions.

10. BUDGET REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT: BECKY LEE  
**Chung/Appleton moved to appoint Lee as EVRNC’s second Budget Representative. Motion passed 10-0-0 by voice vote.**
11. BIMBO PROJECT UPDATE  
There has been no contact by the City re the Bimbo Project. Appleton has reached out to the developer.
12. NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR TO AD HOC COMMITTEE  
Chung stated he has two ideas in mind: either a block party or a Town Hall where the Community can interact with officials outside of the meetings. Unknown Stakeholder suggested using Marsh Park. Robert Leyland, Stakeholder, felt the community should not be celebrating when it is “on fire”. Ceci Dominguez, Stakeholder, agreed with Leyland to the extent the monies should not be spent on officials, nor on Neighborhood Purpose Grants, but on the Community so people can get to know each other. Chung will be the point person for the Event.
13. PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE PATH SAFETY SUGGESTIONS FROM EVRNC TO LA CITY  
**Chung/Gurule moved to send a letter to the City re EVRNC recommendations for the Path.** Appleton had suggested widening the Path. Anderson stated the rules and laws should be established first. Klein recommended taking the angle that it is a Public Health & Safety issue. Ceci Dominguez, Stakeholder, asked who had written the letter (Chung) and suggested reviewing past Minutes of meetings and incorporating the issues that have come up over the years and the recommendations that have been made. Unknown Stakeholder suggested contacting the LA Bicycle Coalition because they have published guidebooks for safe cycling and has an established relationship with the City. Robert Leyland, Stakeholder, noted there was no representative for the wildlife. The Owner of Spoke Bicycle Café offered to host an educational event there. **Motion passed 10-0-0 by voice vote.**
14. LETTER TO MCRA REQUESTING THE UPKEEP/MAINTENANCE OF THE PARKS IN ELYSIAN VALLEY  
Anderson presented a letter requesting that MCRA upkeep/maintains the parks in Elysian Valley. Poltz suggested it be more explicit about getting the neighborhood kids involved in the clean-up. Karin Flores, associated with Friends of the LA River, said that the Junior Rangers are under a separate department and they have a lot of land to care for. **Chung/A.Gomez moved to send the letter. Motion passed 10-0-0 by voice vote.**
15. LETTER TO LA CITY REGARDING LA RIVER MASTER PLAN AND FRANK GEHRY  
Chung stated that no information is yet available. *Tabled.*
16. LETTER TO CD13/LA CITY REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF STREET LIGHTING IN ELYSIAN VALLEY  
Chung stated this required more information and requested a list of streets. *Tabled.*
17. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
  - a. Leticia \_\_\_\_, Stakeholder, reported that there was a traffic problem on Blake, requesting that they install speed bumps. They had put up stop signs but a local kid has a habit of running into the street. Also, the street is “broken”; i.e., it has deep cracks and holes.

- b. Karin Flores, representing Friend of the LA River, announced that the Audubon Center at Debs Regional Park is being revitalized and is seeking volunteers. It requires 7 hours of training. There will also be a Bird Walk on August 29 at 9 a.m. at Marsh Park.
- c. Carrie Yu, Stakeholder, asked that discussion on the support for Zebulon Restaurant be agendaized for the next meeting.
- d. Robert Leyland, Stakeholder, stated that next month would be too late to comment on Zebulon.

18. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

18.1 Finance

- a. **Chung/Gurule moved to approve the June 2015 Monthly Expenditures Report in the amount of \$9,420.26. Motion passed 10-0-0 by roll-call vote.**
- b. **Chung/Gurule moved to approve the July 2015 Monthly Expenditures Report in the amount of \$15,225.29. Motion passed 10-0-0 by roll-call vote.**
- c. **Chung/Gurule moved to approve the Amended 2015-2016 Budget because each Neighborhood Council was granted \$5,000 more, making the total \$37,000. Motion passed 10-0-0 by roll-call vote.**

18.2 Environment & Land Use

Appleton reported that the Committee had not met since the last Board meeting.

18.3 Outreach Collaterals

No expenses were presented at this time. *Tabled.*

19. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

19.1 Displacement

[None presented?]

19.2 Website, future expense for subscription to Nationbuilder

[None presented?]

19.3 Office Space Update

Gurule reported that the City is reviewing the Contract and has assigned the matter "Case #9012 – Admin EVRNC Office Space".

20. TWO BOARD VACANCIES: NOMINATIONS AND ACTION

There were several candidates vying for the two Board vacancies. Each candidate made a statement and questions were asked of them by seated Board members. Stakeholder Ceci Dominguez and Meeting Assistant Susan Reimers then proctored the vote, with each seated Board member voting aloud for two candidates. The two candidates with the highest number of votes were thus seated to the Board.

<b>Lupe Fletes</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Ed Colacion</b>	<b>5</b>
Kristoff Buhl	3
Joseph Loveless	3
Gilbert Castillo	1
Iching Fineblatt	1
Alex Gallo	1

21. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

See Chung if interested. *Tabled.*

22. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION: RIVERFRONT PROJECT AKA BIMBO PROJECT FROM EVRNC's JUNE 2015 GENERAL BOARD MEETING

**A.Gomez/R.Gomez moved to Reconsider the vote taken at the June 2015 Board meeting.** Robert Leyland, Stakeholder, stated that the vote should be Tabled until the next meeting.

Vincent Montalvo, Stakeholder, also stated it should be Tabled because more research needed to be made on the covenants. Chung stated that, according to the Bylaws, a Motion for Reconsideration must be addressed at the next Board meeting and could not be Tabled. **Motion failed 4-5-0 by roll-call vote.** (Noes: Klein, Anderson, Appleton, Lee, Poltz) **No Further Action.**

23. ADJOURNMENT

**Chung/Klein moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.**