



**MINUTES OF THE ELYSIAN VALLEY RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016
ALLESANDRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM
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.

Prior to the meeting being called to Order, DONE Independent Election Administrator briefly reminded everyone that EVRNC neighborhood council candidate filing begins on January 30 and the Election is May 14, 2016.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chung at **6:39 p.m.** The following Board Members were present and produced a quorum for this meeting:

Andy Chung
Marie Gurule
(left 8:40pm)
Roman Gomez
Allen Anderson
Ed Colacion
Lupe Fletes
Arturo Gomez
Becky Lee
(arr. 6:40pm)
Robert Leyland
Elena Lovelis
Joe Lovelis
Katie Poltz
(left 7:15pm)

Absent: Mark Lara, Daniel Torres
Resigned: Jeff Klein

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chung/Poltz moved to approve Agenda. Leyland had reservations approving the Agenda because funding the Community Beacon was not included. Leyland admitted that he has written for the Community Beacon. A.Gomez commented that not having a debate on funding the Community Beacon undermines why EVRNC is here. R.Gomez stated the Item had been presented properly to the Executive Committee. Gurule noted that there were issues with the Community Beacon that caused the Executive Committee to consult with the City Attorney and they were advised not to put it on the Agenda at this time. Chung stated it was merely tabled. Stakeholder Vincent Montalvo charged that only two people made the decision and even the L.A. Times doesn't credit stories. Leyland charged that he had not had an opportunity to speak.

Motion passed 10-1-0 by roll-call vote. (Noes: Leyland)

3. REVIEW/APPROVAL DECEMBER 2015 GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Fletes noted some minor changes to Item 9.1. The change will be made. Leyland stated he had not had time to review the Minutes. **Leyland/Fletes moved that the Minutes be available within 7 days after the meeting.** Stakeholder Vincent Montalvo stated he believed the Minutes should be available within 24 hours of the meeting. Meeting Assistant Susan Reimers stated that full time work and other obligations could prevent a 7-day turn-around, let alone 24 hours. Chung noted that the meeting was being recorded and they would be uploaded to the website immediately. **Motion passed 6-5-1 by roll-call vote.** (Noes: Gurule, Anderson, Colacion, Lee, Poltz; Abstentions: Chung) **A.Gomez/R.Gomez moved to approve the December Minutes.**

Motion passed 12-0-0 by roll-call vote.

4. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Fletes announced there would be a "Meet Your Neighborhood Council" event on January 30 from 10am-1pm at the Rec Center.
- b. Astrid Sykes, Stakeholder, announced that the LA Beautification Team was giving away free trees in CD13. The trees are indigenous and drought-resistant. Contact her for more information.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None presented

6. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REPORTS/UPDATES

- a. Gina Chavon, Senior Lead Officer for Northeast Division, announced that it would be holding a Homeless Forum on March 17. They will be holding a Grand Opening of the Division's new building in either June or July.
- b. Hector Vega, CD13 Field Deputy, distributed his monthly report which included a map from the Army Corps of Engineers showing where barriers would be placed along the L.A. River in Atwater. He reminded everyone to let him know if they needed a clean-up or beautification on their block.

7. PRESENTATION BY TRACY STONE: WATER MEASURES ON THE UPCOMING CA BALLOT

8. BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE/TRAINING REVIEW

8.1 *Attendance Review for Board Members*

Chung reported that he had attempted to contact Lara several times and received no response. He also reported that Torres has had conflicts with his work schedule but is a second-signatory and has been preparing EVRNC documents from home. **A.Gomez/R.Gomez moved to remove Torres from the Board.** Stakeholder Alex Gallo said that if everyone worked from home, no one would attend meetings. Stakeholder Bob Berg, and several others, noted that there was

training involved to be a second-signatory, and that it was coming close to the end of the term and the period when EVRNC provides NPGs to community groups; EVRNC would be shooting itself in the foot by removing Torres. **Motion failed 4-7-0 by roll-call vote.** (Yeas: R.Gomez, Fletes, A.Gomez, Leyland) **Gurule/Leyland moved to remove Lara from the Board. Motion passed 9-1-1.** (Noes: Fletes; Abstentions: Colacion)

8.2 *Training Certification for Board Members*

R.Gomez asked everyone to forward their addresses and phone numbers to him to send to DONE. Leyland has not yet completed his funding training.

8.3 *Other Duties and Responsibilities*

None presented.

9. PRESENTATION BY SUSAN REIMERS: ANNUAL HOMELESS COUNT

Reimers announced that she has been tapped as a Deployment Site Coordinator and the Homeless Count would take place in the area on the evening of January 28 and although volunteers are no longer needed in Echo Park and Elysian Valley they are still needed in other areas.

10. DONE: 2016 EVRNC ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

10.1 Fletes again announced that there would be a "Meet Your Neighborhood Council" event n January 30 at 10am at the Elysian Valley Rec Center.

10.2. **Gurule/Anderson moved to approve up to \$1500 for the purchase of Flyers, Promotional Materials, Refreshments, Food, and Entertainment for the January 30, 2016, event. Motion passed 9-0-0 by roll-call vote.** (Ineligible: Leyland; out of room: R.Gomez)

10.3 Fletes reminded Board members that she will need volunteers for the January 30 event.

11. NON-AGENDIZED MOTIONS

a. **A.Gomez/R.Gomez moved to place on the next meeting's Agenda the allocation of \$3900 for advertising in the Community Beacon. Motion passed 8-3-0 by roll-call vote.** (Noes: Gurule, Anderson, Lee)

b. **E.Lovelis/A.Gomez moved to place on the next meeting's Agenda to replace Susan Reimers as the Minute-keeper. Motion passed 6-4-0.**

c. **Chung/Anderson moved to move Item 12 (13) before Item 11 (12). Motion failed 5-6-0.** (Yeas: Chung, Gurule, Anderson, Colacion, Lee)

12. BIMBO PROJECT: MORATORIUM LETTER REVISITED

Leyland reported that the Bimbo Project has been approved by City Council and he proposed a Board Resolution which included stating the Project would, among other things, be out of scale with the EV community, would induce high-density development, exacerbate gentrification, displace residents in favor of the white, Anglo-Saxon power elite and "hip" outsiders.

Leyland/R.Gomez moved to place the item on the following month's meeting agenda. Motion passed 7-1-1. (Noes: Lee; Abstentions: Colacion)

13. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None presented.

14. CIVIC UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

None presented.

15. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE LIAISON

None presented.

16. BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Applications can be found at www.evrnc.com.
17. ADJOURNMENT
Chung/Leyland moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.