



CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
ELYSIAN VALLEY RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA for February 2016
Thursday, February 18, 2016– 6:30 PM
Allesandro Elementary School
2210 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90039

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chung at 6:33 p.m. The meeting produced a quorum with the presence of the following board member:

Andy Chung	Marie Gurule	Allen Anderson (arrived 6:46 p.m.)	Robert Leyland
Ed Colacion	Lupe Fletes	Arturo Gomez	Roman Gomez
Joseph Lovelis	Elena Lovelis	Becky Lee (arrived 7:10 p.m.)	Daniel Torres

2. Andy Chung message:

Andy Chung mentioned that we have about \$35,000 available. Andy Chung reminded all the board members that the next 3 months are crucial. It is important for all board members to be involved in the elections activities. Board members have to hold themselves to the highest standards. We must remain civil during the board session and to move forward in advancing the best interest of the community. We have to work together. There are some people on the board not doing enough. There are 3 vacancies. Let's make sure those vacancies are filled properly.

3. Community Announcements

Lupe Fletes, Elections Chair: "Allesandro and Doris Place elementary principals are allowing Lupe to do a presentation to promote the Elections Activities."

Ed Colacion is urging high school students to run for the board: "The website DONE is user friendly. The new Klub Gym opened on Blake is offering 50% off for enrolling."

Andy encouraged the EVRNC: "CANDIDATE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN THROUGH MARCH 18, 2016!"

Allen Anderson wanted Ceci Dominguez to give us an update on Metrolink.

Glassell Park resident is collecting lemons for a fund raiser.

4. Congressman Adam Schiff's office – **Pamela Marcello**: "Mr. Leahy (CEO of Metrolink) instructed Taylor Yards that the engine repairs stop immediately. Wants to acknowledged Ceci Dominguez and other community members for making this changes. Ladies of the Year: **Ceci Dominguez and Tracy Stone!**"

Molly Taylor, DONE, Elections Administrator: "Registration is now open. She brought her tablet to register candidates."

Tom Soong, DONE: "Two goals of NCs: 1. Make government more responsive.

2. Get people more involve. What are the expectations and responsibilities?"

These are two concepts to think of when representing the community."

City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's office, Field Deputy **Hector Vega**: "City Planning. Feb. 26. Last day to submit your thoughts, ideas for small lot subdivision housing. Added guidelines. 2979 Partridge change zone to Q condition DASH will begin studies late January."

Marie: "Curfew signage is a state mandate"

Mr. Vega: "Trade off 10% affordable housing."

Robert: "Community needs to hear."

5. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: 2016 Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council Elections Committee
 - 5.1 Committee Update: **Lupe Fletes**
 - a. Funding for the February 27, March 12, April 16, and May 14, 2016.
 - b. FUNDING ITEM: for purchase of Flyers, Promotional Materials, Refreshments, Food, Entertainment and Venue Reservation for up to \$3,000.

Marie Gurule: "It's an insurance issue so the park is charging \$500 because of the number of people attending."

Andy: "Liability is required."

Marie moves to fund up to \$3,000 for February 27, 2016 elections event. **Lupe seconded.**

Public comment:

Ceci: "Why aren't we spending on our community? \$16,000! We should do more research."

Gary (resident): "Look into why they are charging for a community event. This is a public event, not a wedding."

Vince Montalvo (community organizer): "Rec Center is publicly owned and the NC should not be charged."

Motion passes 12-0 by roll-call vote

- c. FUNDING ITEM: for the purchase of Flyers, Promotional Materials, Refreshments, Food, Entertainment and Venue Reservation for the March 12, 2016 event up to \$3,000.

Robert moved to approve up to \$3,000. **Lupe seconded.**

Andy: "It's important getting people to these events."

Elena: "This is an important event so supports the proposed amount. This event will provide more food for an increased number of participants."

Andy: "If we spend this amount, we are not spending it wisely. We could be shooting ourselves in the foot. We could be spending it somewhere else."

Marie: "Proposing \$1,500. This is a new venture."

Robert rejects friendly amendment to his motion.

Becky: "Jumper will be a liability."

Robert agrees that the jumper is a liability.

Robert: "Let's not nickel and dime the community. Any money spent on this event is well spent. It's an outreach tool for the community."

Tom: "You don't lose it if you don't use it. The left over money can be allocated to other items."

Motion passes 10-2 by roll-call vote.

Yeas: Andy Chung, Marie Gurule, Roman Gomez, Allen Anderson, Robert Leyland, Lupe Fletes, Arturo Gomez, Joseph Lovelis, Elena Lovelis, Daniel Torres. **Nays:** Ed Colacion, Becky Lee.

- d. FUNDING ITEM: for the purchase of Flyers, Promotional Materials, Refreshments, Food, Entertainment and Venue Reservation for the April 16, 2016 event up to \$3,000.

Marie moved to approve. **Robert seconded.**

Ed will support if it works.

Becky: "We need door to door outreach."

Andy: "Going to the church and other venues."

Robert: "Door to door was effective at the beginning. We got more people in."

Allen: "Can we do it right?"

Andy: "Accountability is important."

Lupe: "We debriefed to discuss what went well and where we can improve?"

Ceci: "Outreach is lagging. I will offer to help. Let's get outreach out there."

Molly: "A lot of good work done. Lean on me. I can help with good ideas. Happy to help and maximize your time."

Alejandro: "Good ideas, but no action".

Motion passes 11-1 by roll-call vote.

Yeas: Andy Chung, Marie Gurule, Roman Gomez, Allen Anderson, Robert Leyland, Lupe Fletes, Arturo Gomez, Joseph Lovelis, Elena Lovelis, Ed Colacion, Daniel Torres. **Nays:** Becky Lee.

- e. FUNDING ITEM: for the purchase of Flyers, Promotional Materials, Refreshments, Food, Entertainment and Venue Reservation for the May 14, 2016 ELECTIONS Event up to \$5,000.00 (discussion and action)

Andy: "We hope it's a big one." Marie moves. Robert seconded.

Ed: "Looking for pro bono."

Motion passes 10-2 by roll-call vote.

Yeas: Andy Chung, Marie Gurule, Roman Gomez, Allen Anderson, Robert Leyland, Lupe Fletes, Arturo Gomez, Joseph Lovelis, Elena Lovelis, Daniel Torres. **Nays:** Ed Colacion, Becky Lee.

6. Standing Committee Reports

Goals for the Standing Committees are to establish meeting dates, committee membership and setting goals for better operation and the future of the committee.

6.1. Finance

- a. December 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report (discussion and action)

Daniel moved. Ed seconded.

Ceci: "Why haven't we met finance committee? When there are, the public will be invited."

Vince: "We need to account where the money has gone. No accountability. What is the money being spent on?"

- b. January 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report (discussion and action)

Daniel moves. Marie seconded.

- c. Neighborhood Purpose Grant Chair/Committee Appointment(s) (discussion and action)

Joe appointed chair, with Elena, Lupe, and Marie appointed as members.

Appointed and ratified.

d. 2014/2015 Grant Follow-ups.

Andy was ratified committee chair on a vote of 12-0.

6.2 Environment and Land Use

a. MOTION: EVRNC to formally request reports on current (real time), ongoing and future projects/permits, and zoning information from the Department of City Planning. (discussion and action)

Land Use Committee moved. Marie seconded.

Allen is asking to receive emails re: to new projects/permits, etc.

Robert: "Monitor how developments come up. LA Times itemizes all projects. Land Use Committee is dropping the ball."

Steve, Tracy: "ZIMAS.org. Navigatelacity.org has all future developments"

Motion Passes 12-0

b. MOTION: EVRNC to formally request zoning information of Elysian Valley Riverside from the Department of City Planning. (discussion and action).

No action.

c. MOTION: EVRNC to formally request left turn signal on Fletcher Drive/Ripple Street (discussion and action).

Alejandro: "We need flashing lights on all Riverside Drive."

Motion Passes 12-0

d. MOTION: Recommendation that EVRNC support the development of a design for the three (3) Rio Vista projects. see: www.larivercorp.com/programs (discussion and action).

Vega: "They filed paperwork through the city. Additional landscaping."

Robert: "Should send to DONE and city attorney.

Elena: "Why did they use those locations?"

Lupe: "How did they chose those locations? Clearwater, that's where the caNays depart."

Steve: "We have partnered with Sotomayor."

Ceci: "Where are the minutes?"

Vince: "You can move."

Alejandro: "We have other bigger problems like the bike paths."

- e. MOTION: Recommendation that EVRNC form a LA RIVER Issues Committee (ad hoc/standing?) (discussion and action).

Robert: "My time was co-opted from Marie. Marie should follow code of civility."

Arturo: "Critiques should be based on fact and not are not a violation to civility."

Allen: "No more committees."

Ceci: "No more committees"

- f. MOTION: Recommendation that EVRNC form a Liquor/Liquor Licensing Committee (ad hoc/standing?) (discussion and action)

- g. Ratification of board members on committee (discussion and action)

Ed, Allen, Roman ratified: 11-1

Becky ratified: 7-5

Robert is against.

Ed: "We advise."

- h. Ratification of community members on committee (discussion and action)

No community members appointed.

- i. MOTION following Spoke's Cafe presentation regarding project questions from the ELUC. MOTION: Recommendation that EVRNC support Spoke Cafe's application for a beer and wine license (discussion and action).

Representative: "They have filed through LAPD it's been reviewed. LAPD is supportive. Liquor is a small part of the restaurant. 283 signatures in support from the community. Will be consistent with commercial zoning. We want to support the active part of the Neighborhood Robert. Candid about selling alcoholic beverages along the LA River. We need more information to be well informed. I recommend we do our research and welcome members to look into it."

Lupe: "Bringing liquor is very dangerous in our community and along the river."

Elena: "Keep it a restaurant. Liquor is a big concern.

Allen: "Not too many cars along the business."

Marie: "Spoke café will be a restaurant. It's on commercial side, not the community side."

Rick: "Parking, safety, traffic. It will be a start to a destination."

Gary: "This neighborhood has changed. You don't want to bring alcohol back."

Vince: "Spanish speaking survey? It will only bring more crime."

Tracy: "I want to walk to a place and have a drink. The restaurant is good for my employees."

Steve: "People drink responsibly at restaurants."

6.3 Outreach

a. Website Posting Process Explanation

b. Social Media Outlets (E-mail, evrnc.com, Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, Instagram, others?)

c. FUNDING ITEM: for purchase of bulletin boards up to \$500.00 to be put up around the neighborhood (discussion and action)

Arturo moved Elena seconded.

Arturo: "We now have a project to promote outreach. Gary and Andy's place. "

Marie: "When, how much? Molly is perfect outreach."

Ceci: "Will it be taken down if the owners disagree?"

Motion Passes

d. FUNDING ITEM: for purchase of mugs, pens and other EVRNC merchandise up to \$2,000.00 (discussion and action)

Marie: "Talk about it."

Arturo moves. Robert seconded.

Marie is against it. "4 years of experience."

e. Ratification of board members on committee (discussion and action)

Outreach Committee:

Lupe: 11-0, Robert: 9-1-1

f. Ratification of community members on committee (discussion and action)

Outreach Committee:

Ceci, Gary: 11-0

7. Public Comment on non-agenda items

Steve: "You should not have voted if you were not aware of all the work that was put in including Sotomayor students."

Frank: "Hire a minute taker"

8. Bids for Neighborhood Council advertisement:

a. 6 issues for \$3,900.00 Community Beacon advertisement space with publication print dates: 03/20/16, 05/15/16, 7/10/16, 09/05/16, 11/01/16.

b. Los Feliz Ledger:

c. Elysian Valley Riverside Newsletter w/ printing (up to \$1,000.00 per 10,000 prints) and delivery service (up to \$900.00 per 10,000 deliveries) for March, April, May and June totaling no more than \$7,600.00, or \$1,900.00 per individual month.

9. Board Vacancy Filling Applications can be found at www.evrnc.com, or requested by email andy.evrnc@gmail.com. (discussion)

10. Filling the Vice Chair Position (discussion and possible action).

Marie: "Let's table. I want to nominate another person. We should table the motion."

The motion to table failed 5-6.

Marie started to interrupt the speakers and ran all over the floor. Marie pushed Elena. Marie argued and was very hostile.

Lupe and Arturo are nominated. Lupe appointed Vice Chair unanimously.

11. Ad Hoc Committee to Amend Bylaws and establish standing procedural rules

Items #8, have to be reheard

12. Bimbo Bakery Project ad hoc committee: Updates/Announcement (discussion and possible action)

a. Updates on the status of actual project, city process, and hearings

b. Updates on old business regarding letter for a moratorium/community impact statement

No Action.

13. Board Member Attendance/Training Review (discussion and possible action)

13.1 Review attendance of all board members Daniel Torres are at 4 or more absences. Their current membership as board members will be considered. (discussion and action)

13.2 Other duties/responsibilities assignment of responsibilities for new/members without any specified duties

No Action.

14. Adjournment 9:52 PM

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