

Elysian Valley/Riverside Neighborhood council minutes

6:38 – call to order by Ramon Gomez, President

Roll Call – 10 Present, 4 Absent

Roman Gomez – present

Arturo Gomez – p

Lupe Fletes – p

Joe Lovelis – p

Frank Mendoza – p

Gloria Moya – p

Adrienne Benitez – p

Robert Leyland – a

Gary Rogokos – P

Luis Rosales – P

Andrew Wang – p (late)

Jesus Garcia – p

Vincent Montano – p

Elsa Palomino – p (late)

6:39 – community announcements

Phyllis – LA homeless service authority

LA Homeless count Jan 24-26

Here to ask council to partner with Atwater Village Council for count

Ramon Gomez directs her to contact homeless liaison, expresses enthusiasm for partnership

Jessica Salans – candidate for congressional district

Rolando – representing Kenneth Aguilar for District 34 US Congress

D. Kane – America's Healthy Kids

Asking partnership for kids & family fitness event

Left cards/fliers for Outreach Committee

6:51 – Gov officials reports

LAPD Officer Gina Paialii – 30 days report. 4 reported incidents. Partnering with Las Memorias LGBTQ organization & hosting an immigration town hall on January 18th.

Public questions:

-Homeless population underneath bridge

Hector Aveda – Councilman O'Farrell's office. Proposing community clean up Jan. 11-18th

Public comments:

- alleyway off of Queen st. near freeway in disrepair, request for community cleanup

7:17 Approval of minutes

November – not submitted

October – not approved

December – Approved

Roman calls for motion to approve December minutes.

Joe seconds.

No public comments.

No board discussion.

10 approved

3 abstentions

-Adrienne Benitas, Lupe Fuetes, frank Mendoza

7:21 - Lupe presents November 2016 & December 2016 expenditure reports.

Arturo moves to approve monthly expenditure: November 2016

Gloria seconds

Public comments: copy of report requested and given

Roll call Vote

Roman -y

Arturo - y

Lupe - y

Joe - Y

Frank - y

Gloria - y

Robert - n/a

Gary - y

Luis - y

Andrew Wang - a

Vincent - y

Elsa - y

Jesus - a

11 Y: 2 Abstentions: 1 Absent

Arturo moves to approve December expenditure report

Gloria seconds

Roman - y

Arturo - y

Lupe - y

Joe - y

Frank - y

Gloria - y

Adrienne - y

Robert - n/a

Gary - y

Luis - y

Andrew - a
Jesus - y
Vincent - y
Elsa - y

13 y: 1 abs

7:27 – Alejandro Palomino requesting signage

Lack of proper pedestrian access on Rosanna St. leads to incident of pedestrian/automobile collisions
Community created makeshift stop signs to combat
Residents of Rosanna St. wish to formally ask council to add stop signage to prevent future accidents or fatalities

Roman Gomez personally supports a personal letter sent to councilman O'farrell's office to improve health and safety of Elysian Park residents and adding signage on Rosanna St.
Arturo moves to approve letter of recommendation
Gloria seconds

Board discussion:
-Gloria acknowledges importance of
-Gary suggests adding speed bumps
-Joe requests an investigation of area

vote to approve: unanimous 13 – 0

7:36 – item 7: postponed

7:36 – item 8: Carrie Sutkin
Proposal for county to come and widen bike path to add safe walking trail for pedestrians
No action taken

7:51 - item 9: funding board supplies up to \$220
Lupe made request for computer case up to \$220 including tax

Arturo motions
Adrienne seconds

Roll call vote:

Roman - y
Arturo - y
Lupe - y

Joe - y
Frank - y
Gloria - y
Adrienne -y
Robert - n/a
Gary - y
Luis - a
Andrew - y
Jesus - inel
Vincent - y
Elsa - y

11 yes: 1 abstain: 1 absent: 1 ineligible

item passes

7:59 – item 10: Removal of Elsa Palomino

Per bylaws if a board member has more than 4 absences they are subject for removal – Elsa has 7

Arturo moves

No second, no motion to move Elsa. Board discussion.

Arturo moves again

Gloria seconds

Elsa responds: she is committed after personal issues prevented

If Elsa is to stay, a translator is considered

Board discussion:

-Gloria wonders about habitual absences

-Adrienne brings up Elsa's personal problems

-Vincent brings up bylaws, representation of Spanish speaker & importance of community. Suggests tabling motion.

Arturo withdraws motion, retracts withdrawal

Arturo reintroduces withdrawal of motion, Roman accepts.

Arturo motions to move decision to next meeting

Adrienne seconds

Gloria lone opposition

8:08 – Filling vacancy left by Leticia

Alejandro Palomino expresses interest in running for vacancy. 25 year resident of neighborhood has attended every meeting for last 5 years.

Arturo brings up Alejandro's involvement with committees and how his relationship would change as a board member. Alejandro expresses his commitment to both, will join whichever. Lupe references his commitment to neighborhood council.

Roll Call Vote:

Arturo - y
Lupe - y
Joe - y
Frank - a
Gloria - a
Adrienne- y
Robert - n/a
Gary - y
Luis - y
Andrew - y
Jesus - y
Vincent - y
Elsa - y
Roman - y

11 yes: 2 abstain: 1 absent

8:20 – ballot measure CD-13 candidates forum for \$250

Ramon calls for motion
Arturo moves to approve
Joe seconds

Discussion about increasing cost to hire translator for event. Vote on original item.

Motion to approve \$250 for refreshments

Roman - y
Arturo - y
Lupe - y
Joe - y
Frank - y
Gloria - y
Adrienne - y
Robert - n/a
Gary - y

Luis - y
Andrew - y
Jesus - inel
Vince - y
Elsa - y

12 yes: 1 ineligible: 1 absent

8:30 – item 13

Arturo introduces item. Bylaws committee approved unanimously to clarify bylaws

Arturo motions to approve
Lupe seconds

5 against
Lupe
Luis
Frank
Vince
Adrienne

2 Abstentions
Gary
Andrew

6 For
Roman
Arturo
Joe
Andrew
Elsa
Jesus

Motion fails b/c doesn't meet 2/3rd present vote necessary

8:46 – item 14: potential Elysian Valley farmer's market

Jesus presents for discussion
Farmer's market to create small economy for neighborhood

Board discussion:
Gloria brings up question of transporting people, Jesus suggests outreach committee drafts proposals

8:55 – committee reports

Outreach Committee – not enough people informed to hold meeting. Christmas event was well attended. Senior event went off smooth.

Land use – no meeting held.

Community impact statement – email received from Dunn, Arturo and vince meet to come up with impact statement.

Bylaws committee – board rejected article 5. Arturo wants to express importance of issue, wants board to revise rules to leave lasting impact

9:01 – public comment

Lila Roberts – asking for outreach to help with go-fund-me for Ryan Coreas, 19 y.o. struck down by a hit and run

Kenneth Mejia – Congressional district 34 candidate

Request to fund a class for computer literacy

9:12 – Arturo motions to adjourn, Joe seconds
motion passes unanimous

Meeting adjourned