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*Meeting Minutes of the Elysian Valley-Riverside Neighborhood Council Meeting—  
Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.*

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1. Roll Call/Call to Order-- 6:34 pm

*Present unless otherwise noted*

- a. Roman
  - b. Arturo—Absent
  - c. Lupe
  - d. Joe
  - e. Frank
  - f. Gloria
  - g. Adrian
  - h. Robert—Absent
  - i. Gary
  - j. Luis
  - k. Jesus—Arrived Late at 6:50 pm
  - l. Vincent
  - m. Alejandro
  - n. Elsa
2. Community Announcement (1 min per person)
- a. Adrian Morales: April 8<sup>th</sup> Spring Event sponsorship needed to buy supplies
    - i. Arts, crafts, eggs, spoon race
  - b. Elena Loveless: New shopping center opening this week—corner Nule and the river
    - i. Clothing, coffee shop, hair salon, bar
  - c. Spokesperson for Jessica Salans campaign: progressive nonpartisan candidate, March 7<sup>th</sup> election
    - i. Housing for homeless—housing first
    - ii. Affordable housing—against measure S
    - iii. Cementing status as sanctuary city
    - iv. More information available at [Salans2017.com](http://Salans2017.com)
3. Government Officials' Reports (2-5 min per person)
- a. Hector Councilmember from Mitch O'Farrell's office
    - i. Distributed monthly report provided to councilmembers and available to public
    - ii. Filming concerns
      1. Lack of parking, citizens don't have advance notice, etc.
      2. FILMLA representatives meeting—agreed to be better with him in the future
      3. Economic boost, good jobs

4. Encouraged everyone in attendance to come to him with any future concerns (general or specific)
  5. Comment from Elena Loveless: filming happened on her street, and they fed everyone on the street every days they were there.
- iii. Metrolink meeting coming up
    1. Concerns with noise and engine. Please call 213-452-0400 with any concerns. If they don't answer, please email and copy Hector.
    2. In conversation with Metrolink regarding funding for a mulch wall on the other side of the river to absorb noise.
    3. Will inform the public of the status at the next meeting
  - iv. Tension with work happening with Army Corps contractor
    1. Bike path closed 7 am to 4 pm Monday—Friday
    2. There have been reports of offensive comments on the path between bikers and contractors.
    3. Reminder to stay off the path from 7-4 M-F
- b. Questions and comments from the public/board:
- i. Alvaro (public): What is the status of the Bimbo site?  
Hector: last information received in March last year. Will update the board when he has more information
  - ii. Joe (board): New roundabout—how many accidents?  
Hector uncertain. Promised to look into those data and get information back.
  - iii. Gary (board): Why are we catering to cyclists not from here? Could we add speed limit signs?  
Hector: No speed limit signs since bikes don't have speedometers. Working on getting signage to make people aware of entry points, aware to slow down
  - iv. Gloria (board): Ripple was closed with no warning.  
Hector: DWP currently doing work. Silver Lake Reservoir was drained. Working on refilling it. Were trenching, excavating. Asked board and public to let him know questions, complaints
  - v. Joe (board): Signage that says "No Parking M-F" is not taken down. This is resulting in people parking in "No Parking" Zones on the weekends in areas that are close to the "No Parking M-F" signage, assuming that the signs are for the whole street, rather than just the specified area.
  - vi. Lupe (board): Citations issued at all since we've updated the regulations on the bike path?  
Hector: Doesn't have the record of that. Will bring that to the next meeting
  - vii. Gloria (board): Senior club ladies are often startled from the bikers yelling directions (e.g. "On your left") as they bike past. Adrian added that there are people who don't speak English, and it must be even more confusing for them. Hector thanked them for the concern and says he's working on having people on the same page.
4. Filling of board vacancies (2 spots) – (discussion and possible action) (1 min per person)

- a. Alvaro Mora: would like to join the board, lone voice a few years ago and can get more accomplished with this council. Been in the neighborhood many years
  - i. Joe: What is it you want to do?  
Alvaro: Start with Outreach committee. Would not like to stretch himself
  - ii. Mr. Rodriguez: Asked for his background and what he would like to accomplish?  
Alvaro: Outreach committee—wasn't able to have a meeting as previous chair would never call a meeting. President wouldn't stop talking and it was hard to get things done.
  - iii. Lupe: For the sake of transparency, asked him to disclose he's Gloria's husband
  - iv. Motion by Joe nominating Alvaro Mora to the Elysian Park Neighborhood council, Second by Adrian. Voice Vote at 7:06 p.m.: Unanimous 12 in favor
  - v. Because ethics training was previously completed, he was able to join the board immediately—not able to vote on funding yet until additional training completed.
5. Approval of minutes for the month of January 2017 (copy attached) (discussion and possible action) (1 min per person)
  - a. No public comment
  - b. Lupe: Suggested to add the date: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, also stated that November 2016 minutes are still not available. Roman mentioned that those are coming
  - c. Motion by Frank to approve the minutes for month of January 2017, Adrien seconded: Voice Vote at 7:04; 10 yes, 2 abstain, 0 no; Motion passes
    - i. Alejandro, Elsa abstained
6. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports for January 2017 (attached) (discussion and possible action) (1 min per person)
  - a. Expenditure Reports made available to board members and public.
  - b. Lupe gave a rundown of line items
  - c. Board discussed how to reconcile some of the funds that were used in the previous year
    - i. Dan Thompson is a non-board member. He provides support, technical assistance, orientation, etc., for the 96 neighborhood councils. Suggested to connect tomorrow with Martha to figure out how to get this reconciled
  - d. Gloria made a motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure report for January 2017, seconded Adrian
  - e. Roll call vote at 7:16pm, 11yes, 0 no, 2 ineligible, 2 absent; Motion passes
    - i. Roman - yes
    - ii. Arturo-absent
    - iii. Lupe- yes
    - iv. Joe-yes
    - v. Frank- yes
    - vi. Gloria-yes
    - vii. Adrian-yes
    - viii. Robert-absent
    - ix. Gary-yes

- x. Luis-yes
- xi. Jesus- ineligible pending additional training
- xii. Vincent-yes
- xiii. Alejandro-yes
- xiv. Elsa-yes
- xv. Alvaro-ineligible pending additional training

7. Committee Reports (discussion 3 min/person)

- a. ELUC—Vincent presenting
  - i. Alcohol and land use: working on tracking who has liquor licenses, making sure that any violations of those licenses are available to the general public
  - ii. They are currently working to design an application for developers to give them maps, land views; this information would be brought to the board for review
  - iii. Mitch O’Farrell is proposing for us to add the “revitalization of Los Angeles river”
  - iv. They are working on discussing filming in Elysian valley and it’s issues with Mitch O’Farrell’s office
  - v. Asked Carey for a written development proposal. The proposed development would sit on Fletcher and Casitas Streets.
- b. Outreach—Met yesterday; Vincent presenting
  - i. Council needs to take a position if the candidates’ forum is going to happen. There will be a vote on funding flyers later. If we cannot fund the flyers the event cannot happen. Only one
  - ii. May 20, 2017: Community Appreciation event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - iii. Design on paper, not digital. President can send it back to committee for review
  - iv. Roman: If possible, please move the meeting earlier so that it can be on the next day. They may have to go onto the following month’s agenda
- c. Bylaws—Did not meet this month

8. By laws Amendments to Article V (discussion and possible action) (1 min per person)

- a. Arturo is spearheading council’s project to make by-laws more readable, grammatically correct, etc.,
- b. Board members received copy of by-laws.
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt to update Article 5 (copies available to the board and public)
- d. No public comment
  - i. Alvaro—Duties and powers needs to be more specific so that it reads “Advise city council” and “distribute the yearly grant funds” Roman commented that this information is available in other sections of the by-laws
  - ii. Frank—There aren’t that many changes. Some of the additions are made were not made in time for the committee to actually discuss them. Will not be voting yes.
  - iii. Alejandro—regarding “Censure—Section 8” changes are too harsh, and difficult to read. Advocating that there should have to be a warning before action is taken. Roman commented that censure is actually what happens after a

warning that happens within the board meeting. Vincent--The censure is voted on with the board.

- iv. Vincent—Would feel more comfortable if Arturo was here to discuss the additions
- v. Adrian—made a motion to send this back to committee for discussion, second by Lupe
- vi. Voice Vote at 7:43 p.m. 12-1-0 pass

9. Appointment to ELUC and outreach Committees vacant seats (one spot for each committee) (discussion and possible action) (1 min per person)

- a. Outreach current members: Gloria, Gary, Vince. Possible appointees: Alvaro, Alejandro,
  - i. Alejandro was already a member as a community stakeholder
  - ii. Alvaro past member of the outreach committee for two years
  - iii. Roman makes a motion to nominate Alvaro as co-chair to the outreach committee
  - iv. Public comment:
    - 1. Elena Lovelis agrees with the appointing Alvaro
    - 2. Mr. Rodriguez: What are they wanting to get done?  
Alvaro: put current events on the website almost like a newspaper and will publicize it
  - v. Board discussion:
    - 1. Vince: as co-chair, we need a lot of help in computer skills. Need to be able to create documents, flyers, etc. Asking the board to consider candidates that have those skills.
    - 2. Lupe: Alvaro's previous service on the board and specifically in the outreach committee shows that Alvaro was a good public servant
  - vi. Voice Vote 7:52 pm. 11-2-0; Motion passes
- b. ELUC current members, Adrien, Frank, Vincent. Possible appointees: Alejandro
  - i. Public question:
    - 1. Mr. Rodriguez: What would you like to see done?  
Alejandro: Get more involved into the environment and land use committee
    - 2. Mr. Rodriguez: What expertise do you have in land use issues?  
Alejandro: Been involved since 2011 in gentrification, been educating himself about how city hall works, would like to use this position to educate himself more.
  - ii. Board discussion: None
  - iii. Vote: 7:54 p.m. 12-0-0 Vote passes

10. Appointment of Liason to City of Los Angeles Animal Control Agency (discussion and possible action) (1 min per person)

- a. Vince made a motion to appoint Alejandro as liason to the City of Los Angeles Animal Control Agency; second Adrian
- b. Board discussion:

- i. Gloria: asked for a clear description of what this would require
    - ii. Vince: Direct line of communication between Animal Control. He will also be able to get some training from the city, which he would be required to update the board on.
  - c. Voice Vote at 8:00 p.m. 13-0-0; motion passes
- 11. Funding up to \$200 for flyers for the Candidates Forum for February (discussion and possible action) (1 min per person)—Vincent presenting
  - a. No advertisement of any candidate
  - b. Rec center confirmed the date as of the 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Have to give equitable time for all candidates. It may have to be only a 10 minute event.
  - d. Another option to co-sponsor with Echo Park, Silver Lake, Atwater Village on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - e. Roman: A lot of money for something that's in 5 days and have only one candidate
  - f. Vince: If the vote is to cancel this, he can send an email to cancel it with Salan's staff, as she is the only candidate that has RSVP'ed.
  - g. Public comment:
    - i. Candidates forum on February 16<sup>th</sup> in CityOne
    - ii. Elena Lovelis: she has heard comments that the public wanted to see who actually shows up and cares about Elysian Park, even though it's smaller. It's a chance to talk specifically about what matters to Elysian Park
  - h. All CB-13 candidates have been invited
  - i. Board comment
    - i. Alvaro: if we go with the other neighborhood councils, how do we know that everyone will be able ask any questions. It could be more informal if it's done here.
    - ii. Gloria: Jessica cares to show up in our neighborhood. Why wouldn't we want to hear her?
    - iii. Gary: We could miss out to hear what everyone else was on the ballot. It doesn't hurt to hear what they have to say and make their own candidate. However, it's a chance to let us know what we want.
    - iv. Jesus: Cost/benefit: High cost, only one candidate coming. Let's use the funds for something more important, that would benefit the community more. Would prefer co-sponsoring
    - v. Alex: I would like to hear what all the candidates have to say.
    - vi. Lupe: A suggestion to use half-sheet flyers to cut the cost in half.
    - vii. Alvaro: Actions speak louder than words. If we knuckle down to people who don't come to our forums, we're setting a precedent that the candidates that don't have to come.
  - j. Vince: motion to fund up to \$200 for flyers, Alejandro seconds
  - k. Roll call vote at 8:18 pm. 2 yes, 9 no, 2 ineligible, 2 absent; motion fails
    - i. Roman -no
    - ii. Arturo-absent
    - iii. Lupe-no

- iv. Joe-no
- v. Frank-no
- vi. Gloria-yes
- vii. Adrian-no
- viii. Robert-absent
- ix. Gary -no
- x. Luis-yes
- xi. Jesus-ineligible
- xii. Vincent -no
- xiii. Alejandro-no
- xiv. Elsa-no
- xv. Alvaro—ineligible

12. Funding request up to \$250

- a. Board comment:
  - i. Vince: this was approved last month.
- b. Roll call vote at 8:20 p.m.—0 yes, 11 no, 2 absent, 2 ineligible
  - i. Roman -no
  - ii. Arturo-absent
  - iii. Lupe-no
  - iv. Joe-no
  - v. Frank-no
  - vi. Gloria-no
  - vii. Adrian-no
  - viii. Robert-absent
  - ix. Gary -no
  - x. Luis-no
  - xi. Jesus-ineligible
  - xii. Vincent -no
  - xiii. Alejandro-no
  - xiv. Elsa-no
  - xv. Alvaro—ineligible
- c. Motion fails

13. Funding up to \$100 for locksmith to remove and replace lock (discussion and possible action) (1 min per person)

- a. A lock at the storage center had a key broken off into it. This item was agendaized at that time. Since then, Roman helped resolve the issue by purchasing a lock.
- b. Lupe: When things are reimbursed, they need to be voted on to get reimbursed
- c. Vince: This may have to be put onto the next month. We should get an invoice
- d. Frank mentioned that even though the price was lower than \$100, since it was agendaized as “up to \$100,” so we do not need to decline this and re-agendaize for a lower amount.

- e. Point of Information from Roman: Tom has the key. Alejandro has an additional key since he has been actively moving things into the storage space
  - f. Roman leaving 8:28 pm since this would be to refund himself
  - g. Motion by Vince to refund Roman up to \$100 depending on the amount of the receipt he presents, Adrien second
  - h. Roll call Vote at 8:29 pm; 7 yes, 3 no, 1 recused, 2 ineligible, 2 absent; motion passes
    - i. Roman -recused
    - ii. Arturo-absent
    - iii. Lupe-yes
    - iv. Joe-yes
    - v. Frank-yes
    - vi. Gloria-yes
    - vii. Adrian-yes
    - viii. Robert-absent
    - ix. Gary -no
    - x. Luis-yes
    - xi. Jesus-ineligible
    - xii. Vincent -yes
    - xiii. Alejandro-no
    - xiv. Elsa-no
    - xv. Alvaro—ineligible
  - i. Roman re-entered the room and resumed the meeting
  - j. Alejandro returned the key to Roman
14. Funding up to \$250 for Outreach supplies (pens, bankers box, file folders, sheet protectors, a case/500 per ream of white sheets, dividers, 3 ring binders) (discussion and possible action) (1 min per person)
- a. Motion Gloria, Alex: increase amount to increase funding to \$325.
  - b. Voice Vote: 8:31 pm. Motion passes
  - c. Vince: the recorder will help us keep accurate records and make them available to the public quickly
  - d. Buying these in bulk so that everyone can use
  - e. Need to make copies of meeting minutes and outreach documents.
  - f. Public comment:
    - i. Mr. Rodriguez: is there an ongoing list of inventory list in the units
      - 1. Vince: The list has not been found yet. They are working to update this by finding it in the box of records. Not sure what exactly is in that record, but we will be updating that.
    - ii. Lovelis: recorder would help save money by not having to have a minutetaker
      - 1. Vince: According to the Brown Act, a minutetaker would still be required.
  - g. Board comment:
    - i. Roman: found a recorder in inventory and presented it. It would save us \$90 to not use it



- ii. Vince: is there a place to put this on the website? The recorder that we're looking at has a transcription element with it. It may be imperfect, but it will save time
      - iii. Lupe: text to speech makes your job quicker and easier.
    - h. Lupe makes a motion to fund outreach supplies up to \$325, Alex seconds that motion
    - i. Roll call vote at 8:43 p.m., 10 yes, 0 no, 2 ineligible, 1 indisposed, 2 absent
      - i. Roman -yes
      - ii. Arturo-absent
      - iii. Lupe-yes
      - iv. Joe-yes
      - v. Frank-yes
      - vi. Gloria-yes
      - vii. Adrian-indisposed
      - viii. Robert-absent
      - ix. Gary -yes
      - x. Luis-yes
      - xi. Jesus-ineligible
      - xii. Vincent -yes
      - xiii. Alejandro-yes
      - xiv. Elsa-yes
      - xv. Alvaro—ineligible
15. Funding up to \$500 for treasurer supplies (discussion and possible action) (1 min per person)
- a. Lupe: these funds would last five months. Need to have the physical copies and doesn't want to have everything electronic. It's safer overall.
  - b. Public comment:
    - i. Elena Lovelis: I agree
  - c. Board comment:
    - i. Alejandro: Recommend that when they make copies, please use 100% recycled paper
  - d. Joe makes a motion to fund up to \$500 for treasurer supplies, Second Gloria
  - e. Roll call vote at 8:48 p.m., 11 yes, 0 no, 2 ineligible, 2 absent; motion passes
    - i. Roman-yes
    - ii. Arturo-absent
    - iii. Lupe-yes
    - iv. Joe-yes
    - v. Frank-yes
    - vi. Gloria-yes
    - vii. Adrian-yes
    - viii. Robert-absent
    - ix. Gary-yes
    - x. Luis-yes
    - xi. Jesus-ineligible
    - xii. Vincent-yes

- xiii. Alejandro-yes
  - xiv. Elsa-yes
  - xv. Alvaro—ineligible
16. Funding up to \$150 to refreshments for next month’s meeting(discussion and possible action) (1 min per person)
- a. Public comment:
    - i. Elena Lovelis supports it
    - ii. Jessica’s campaign supports refreshments
  - b. Board comment:
    - i. Alejandro would like to recommend to take into consideration vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, etc.
  - c. Gloria made a motion to fund up to \$15 for refreshments for next month’s meeting, Seconded by Alejandro
  - d. Roll call vote at 8:43 pm 11 yes, 0 no, 2 ineligible, 2 absent; motion passes
    - i. Roman -yes
    - ii. Arturo-absent
    - iii. Lupe-yes
    - iv. Joe-yes
    - v. Frank-yes
    - vi. Gloria-yes
    - vii. Adrian-yes
    - viii. Robert-absent
    - ix. Gary -yes
    - x. Luis-yes
    - xi. Jesus-ineligible
    - xii. Vincent -yes
    - xiii. Alejandro-yes
    - xiv. Elsa-yes
    - xv. Alvaro—ineligible
17. Public and Board Comment on Non-Agenda items (1 min per person)
- a. Public comment
    - i. Jessica Salan’s campaign: I appreciate being invited. Jessica would like to make sure that she is available to the citizens. Feel free to contact with questions
    - ii. Lovelis: App called NextDoor Chris Rodriguez, who is personally attacking the board to say that they are anti-restaurant and pro measure S
    - iii. Mr. Rodriguez: That was my wife that made that comment on the NextDoor. It’s not factual that she was attacking the board, but that she is making an informational claim.
  - b. Board Comment
    - i. Alejandro: We all have our own views and opinions and it should be respected. Attacking each other is not acceptable. There is a new STOP sign on Marsh street, which he had been working hard and waiting a while to see

- ii. Gloria: Phone number for noise that the railroad track is making 213-452-0400, Phone number for film la: 213-977-8600, DASH really close to having buses for this area.
- iii. Lupe: Begin did get paid for. Deadline to submit the dates of the meeting. Suggests to have outreach move to the second or third week to make convenience
- iv. Jesus: Start planning ahead for the general election. We should invite them as soon as possible. Start thinking of dates. Let the other councils know that we want to have it here.

Adrian left meeting early at 8:59 p.m.

18. Adjournment (discussion and possible action)

- a. Vincent motion to adjourn, Joe seconded
- b. Voice vote 9:02 p.m., 12-0-0, unanimous.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.