



**Elysian Valley Riverside
Neighborhood Council**
1811 Ripple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90039
Website: www.myevrnc.com

**Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Zoom Meeting
6:44PM – 09:54PM Meeting
(DRAFT)**

Regular Meeting Location:
2nd Wednesday, 6:30pm
Dorris Place Elementary School
2225 Dorris Place
Los Angeles, CA 90031

(MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Frank Mendoza	President Present	YES	At-Large
Alejandro Palomino	Vice President Present	YES	At-Large
Mark Lara	Secretary Absent	YES	At-Large
Vincent Montalvo	Treasurer Present	YES	At-Large
Carlos Acevedo	Present	YES	At-Large
Linda Alfaro	Absent	YES	At-Large
Shawyon Aminirad	Present	YES	At-Large
Juan Gallegos	Absent	YES	At-Large
Marie Barboza	Present	YES	At-Large
Elsa Palomino	Present (Left at 7:52PM)	YES	At-Large
Melani Petrushkin	Present (Left at 7:52PM)	YES	At-Large
Mark Ramsey	Absent	YES	At-Large
Sarah Williams	Present	YES	At-Large-Community Interest
Carrie Sutkin	Present	YES	At-Large
Vacant	---	--	At-Large
TOTAL: 15	PRESENT 10, Absent 4		

*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken;
X=expired

1. Call meeting to order. **EVRNC President, Frank Mendoza called the meeting to order at 6:44PM.**

2. Roll Call - **Quorum was reached.**

EVRNC ITEM 2. Roll Call (6:44PM)

Present -10	Absent-04	Excused-00
Mendoza, A.Palomino, Montalvo, Acevedo, Aminirad, Barboza, E.Palomino, Petrushkin, Williams, Sutkin	Lara, Alfaro, Gallegos, Ramsey	

3. Government official Reports (3 mins per official). **No government officials were present. Presentations were rescheduled to the December General Board Meeting.**

- a. John Darnell EmpowerLA / DONE will provide updates regarding recent changes to Neighborhood Council bylaws, which include the definition of stakeholder, minimum voting age, and age for board members to serve. (10 mins and Q&A 5 mins)
 - b. LA Sanitation update on Blake Street sewer repair project. (10 mins and Q&A 5 mins)
4. General public comment on non-agenda items. (2 mins person). **No Public Comment.**
5. Board member comment on non-agenda items. (2 mins person).
Carrie Sutkin: There is an opportunity to share city information, discuss housing and food insecurity with neighbors while they are out walking on the path. She asked what are the procedures and requested that the board to consider it and added that while board members are out they would wear face coverings and practice social distancing.
Vincent Montalvo: The city is not promoting in person gathering's and there are restrictions. He stated that the board can ask DONE at the next meeting about in person communications with the community.
Shawyon Aminirad: Sidewalks are crumbling and breaking down and are in need of repair. He informed the board that for the last month he has been compiling a list of addresses where sidewalks are in disarray and submitting request for repair with the city.
6. Community Announcements (2 min person). **No community announcements.**
7. Standing Committee Reports: (2 mins for each report)
- a. Outreach. **Committee Chair, Alejandro Palomino informed the board that the committee held a meeitng and he received a few comments from stakeholders, Lee Sanchez and Steve Appleton. He sent a report/minutes to the board and he is aware that there was a typo in the minutes which did not reference the time that Linda Alfaro left the meeting. The committee discussed some of the items on the agenda and the outreach plan was sent to the board. He anticipates that the board has read it and inquired if the board members have any questions or concerns. Unfortunately, there was no time allotted for Q& A's. The EVRNC post card was discussed in committee and a detailed report on the post card will be made later on the agenda and he hopes that the board can make a decision on design tonight.**
 - b. Community Impact Statement. **Co-Chair, Vincent Montalvo stated that the committee did not meet this month.**
 - c. Environment and Land Use. **Committee Member, Carrie Sutkin informed the board that the committee met and went over old cases. The committee reviewed and finalized previously drafted letters which were forwarded to the board for approval and she expressed confusion as to why the items appeared under new business on the agenda.**
 - d. Budget and Finance Committee. **Co-Chair, Vincent Montalvo stated that the committee did not meet.**
 - e. Neighborhood Purpose Grant. **Co-Chair Alejandro Palomino gave the committee report in the absence of the Grants Committee Co-Chair, Mark Lara. The committee held a joint meeting with the Outreach Committee. Both Chairs were present however, no NPG's were submitted. EVRNC President, Frank Mendoza added that stakeholder, Steve Appleton made a recommendation that NPG information and grant amounts should be posted on the EVRNC website in order for non-profits and other organizations would be made aware that NPG's were available. Additionally, the contact information for the NPG committee and how to submit a NPG should also be posted.**

8. Liaison Reports: (2 mins for each report)

- a. Film. **Film liaison Alejandro Palomino stated that filming is increasing in the neighborhood and film crews continue to violate ADA guidelines by blocking driveways and parking directly on sidewalks. Alejandro Palomino is in the process of drafting a letter to inform FilmLA, CD13 and film crews to make them aware of the community concerns and that they can not block the public right a way. The letter will be forwarded to the board for approval at the next meeting of the board.**
- b. Animal Services. **No report.**
- c. Public Works. **No report.**
- d. Grievance Panel. **No report.**
- e. Purposeful Aging. **President Frank Mendoza attended the meeting however he did not complete a written report therefore no report was given.**
- f. Resilience. **No report.**
- g. Budget representative. **No report.**
- h. DWP Representative. **EVRNC Board Representative, Vincent Montalvo did not attend the meeting. EVRNC President, Frank Mendoza reported that the application period for Covid relief ended on 11/15/2020.**
- i. Homelessness. **EVRNC Homelessness Liaison, Vincent Montalvo attended the online meeting hosted by DONE but he was unable to give a report. Carrie Sutkin commented that there seems to be a potential food shortage and would like information on the matter.**
- j. Alliance of River Communities (ARC). **EVRNC Board Representative, Vincent Montalvo reported that there was a October meeting and he was unable to attend. The November meeting was canceled due to the holiday.**

9. Funding Items

- a. Treasurer report. **Treasurer, Vincent Montalvo shared the zoom screen of the City Clerks Office Funding Portal Dashboard. President Mendoza inquired if there is a deadline on spending the encumbered funds. Treasurer, Vincent Montalvo responded that the encumbered money needs to be spent before the end of the fiscal year. Board member Carrie Sutkin inquired about the funds for Neighborhood Purpose Grants and Board member Maria Barboza asked if some of the NC funds can be used to sponsor a community clean up.**
 - Budgeted Amount \$57,493.00
 - Expenses \$857.48
 - Outstanding \$12,493.00
 - Net \$44,142.52
 - Encumbered \$15,493.00
- b. Funding up to \$1.00 for credit card transaction fee for 1-year of web hosting and domain name renewal from ICDSOFT for www.myevrnc.com. (Discussion and possible action)

ITEM 9 (b)- Motion to pay the credit card transaction fee for 1-year of web hosting and domain name renewal from ICDSOFT for www.myevrnc.com in the amount of \$0.94 . MONTALVO Second: WILLIAMS			
Yes – 09	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent-05
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10. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on the creation of 2021 elections ad-hoc committee with 2 outreach committee members and two board members in conjunction with EVRNC Outreach Committee. **Motion to create the 2021 Elections Committee. WILLIAMS Second: AMINIRAD. Discussion: President Mendoza nominated two outreach committee members, Shawyon Aminirad and Linda Alfaro and two board members, Carrie Sutkin and Sarah Williams. Sarah Williams declined. During discussion a second motion was made to continue this item for further discussion. No action was taken on the first motion.**

ITEM 10 (a) – Motion to continue this item for further discussion to the next board meeting of the EVRNC. MONTALVO Second:ACEVEDO			
Yes – 07	No-00	Abstain-01	Absent-06
Mendoza, A.Palomino, Montalvo, Acevedo, Aminirad, Barboza, Williams		Sutkin	Lava, Alfaro, Gallegos, E.Palomino, Petrushkin, Ramsey

*** Board members E. Palomino and Petrushkin left the meeting at 7:52PM.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on 2021 Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council election information worksheet. **Sections two, three, four and five on the election worksheet were discussed and individual motions were taken on each section before a final motion to approve was made on the election worksheet.**

ITEM 10 (b) – Motion to insert in section 2 on the the EVRNC election information worksheet the start time 11:00AM and the end time 7PM. A.PALOMINO Second: MONTALVO			
Yes – 07	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent-06
Mendoza, A.Palomino, Montalvo, Acevedo, Aminirad, Barboza, Williams, Sutkin			Lava, Alfaro, Gallegos, E.Palomino, Petrushkin, Ramsey

ITEM 10 (b) – Motion to insert in section 3 on the the EVRNC election information worksheet the Drop Box location Dorris Place Elementary School and the alternate location Elysian Valley Recreation Center. A.PALOMINO Second: SUTKIN			
Yes – 07	No-01	Abstain-00	Absent-06
A.Palomino, Montalvo, Acevedo, Aminirad, Barboza, Williams, Sutkin	Mendoza		Lava, Alfaro, Gallegos, E.Palomino, Petrushkin, Ramsey

ITEM 10 (b) – Motion to insert in section 4: NC ELECTION BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION: the contact information for President Mendoza as the “Election Committee Chair” and the contact information for the Outreach Chair, A.Palomino as the “Secondary Contact” and to leave section 5: TRANSLATIONS blank on the the EVRNC election information worksheet. MONTALVO Second: ACEVEDO			
Yes – 07	No-00	Abstain-01	Absent-06
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ITEM 10 (b) – Motion to to approved the EVRNC election information worksheet as written. MONTALVO Second: ACEVEDO			
Yes – 08	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent-06
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- c. Discussion and possible action on letter opposing Los Angeles City council file 20-1044 Land Use reform / High Value Projects mover Nury Martinez second Mitch O’Farrell.

ITEM 10 (c) – Motion to Approve the letter as written and to allow a 72 hour window to allow board members to make grammatical edits. A.PALOMINO Second: ACEVEDO			
Yes – 08	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent-06
Mendoza, A.Palomino, Montalvo, Acevedo, Aminirad, Barboza, Williams, Sutkin			Lava, Alfaro, Gallegos, E.Palomino, Petrushkin, Ramsey

- d. Discussion and possible action on Community Impact Statement opposing Los Angeles City council file 20-1044 Land Use reform / High Value Projects mover Nury Martinez second Mitch O’Farrell.

ITEM 10 (d) – Motion to approve a Community Impact Statement opposing Los Angeles City council file 20-1044 Land Use reform / High Value Projects mover Nury Martinez second Mitch O’Farrell. MONTALVO Second: ACEVEDO			
Yes – 08	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent-06
Mendoza, A.Palomino, Montalvo, Acevedo, Aminirad, Barboza, Williams, Sutkin			Lava, Alfaro, Gallegos, E.Palomino, Petrushkin, Ramsey

- e. Discussion and possible action on letter to MRCA regarding stakeholders concerns of loud noise and late-night use of buildings at marsh park. Requesting that MRCA attend December 9, 2020 general board meeting.

ITEM 10 (e) – Motion to approve the letter addressed to MRCA staff Joseph T. Edmiston, Brian Balauf and Sarah Rascon adding the return contact email address of the EVRNC President Frank Mendoza. SUTKIN Second: ACEVEDO			
Yes – 08	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent-06
Mendoza, A.Palomino, Montalvo, Acevedo, Aminirad, Barboza, Williams, Sutkin			Lava, Alfaro, Gallegos, E.Palomino, Petrushkin, Ramsey

- f. Discussion and possible action on a letter on 1993-1995 Blake Street / Restaurant, Alcohol Dispensing Case number: ZA-2019-4826-CUB/ENV 2019-4827 -CE to oppose revised CUB application. **Item continued. President Frank Mendoza continued the remaining items 10(f) – 10(j) on the agenda to the next meeting of the governing board without objection.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting. MONTALVO Second: ACEVEDO			
Yes – 08	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent-06
Mendoza, A.Palomino, Montalvo, Acevedo, Aminirad, Barboza, Williams, Sutkin			Lava, Alfaro, Gallegos, E.Palomino, Petrushkin, Ramsey

- g. Discussion and possible action on a letter to Congressmen Adam Schiff and City of Los Angeles requesting an update on funding and status of maintenance on arrundo and non-native plant removal projects in the LA River. **Item continued.**
- h. Discussion and possible action on letter to Council District 13 Mitch O’Farrell on updates for Birkdale Project. **Item continued.**
- i. Discussion and possible action on letter of opposition on Allessandro condos / apartments.
- 2908,2010,2914 Allessandro- CF DIR. 2019-2630-DB, ENV-2019-2631 EAF
 - 2923 and 2927 N. Allessandro St- CF DIR-2019-3063 DB/ENV 2019-3064-EAF
 - 2957,2961,2965 N. Allessandro St. CF DIR-2019-2776-DB/ENV- 2019-2777-EAF
- j. Discussion and possible action on design of EVRNC post card being created by Women Center Creative work. **Item continued.**

11. Adjourn- **Meeting was adjourned at 9:54PM.**

Next Regular Meeting of the Elysian Valley Riverside
Neighborhood Council

Wednesday December 9, 2020 at 6:30PM

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Respectfully Submitted,
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For Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council