



**Elysian Valley Riverside
Neighborhood Council**
1811 Ripple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90039
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**Special Board Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, January 14, 2021
Zoom Meeting
6:42 PM – 09:25 PM 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	Fund ing Vote Eligible *	Category
Frank Mendoza President	Present	YES	At-Large
Alejandro Palomino Vice President	Present	YES	At-Large
Mark Lara	Present (Left at 9:18)	YES	At-Large
Vincent Montalvo Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Carlos Acevedo	Present	YES	At-Large
Linda Alfaro	Absent	YES	At-Large
Maria Barboza	Present	YES	At-Large
Perla Escobar	(Seated at 6:43 PM)	NO	At-Large
Juan Gallegos	Absent	YES	At-Large
Elsa Palomino	Present (Left at 8:25)	YES	At-Large
Melani Petrushkin	Absent	YES	At-Large
Mark Ramsey	Absent	YES	At-Large
Christina Romero	(Seated at 8:22 PM)	NO	At-Large
Carrie Sutkin	Present	YES	At-Large
Vacant	----	---	At-Large Community Interest
TOTAL: 15	PRESENT 10, Absent 04, Vacant 01		

*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. **President Mendoza called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM.**
2. Roll Call – **Quorum was reached at 6:42 PM.**

EVRNC ITEM 2. Roll Call (6:42 PM)		
Present –08	Absent-04	Excused-00
Mendoza, E. Palomino, Lara, Acevedo, Sutkin, Montalvo, Barboza, A. Palomino	Alfaro, Gallegos, Petrushkin, Ramsey	

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3. Filling of Board Vacancy/ Eleccion de lugares vacantes del concilio (Discussion and possible action/Discusión and possible accion). **Review of stakeholders Perla Escobar and Christina Romero applications to fill two vacant At-Large seats. Perla Escobar and Christina Romero answered questions from board members and stakeholders regarding their interest in becoming members of EVRNC.**

ITEM 3 – Motion to accept Perla Escobar to the EVRNC vacant at-large seat. MONTALVO Second: SUTKIN			
Yes – 08	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent-04
Mendoza, E. Palomino, Lara, Acevedo, Sutkin, Montalvo, Barboza, A. Palomino	None	None	Alfaro, Gallegos, Petrushkin, Ramsey

ITEM 3 (8:22 PM) – Motion to accept Christina Romero to the EVRNC vacant at-large seat. A. PALOMINO Second: ACEVEDO			
Yes – 06	No-00	Abstain-02	Absent-04
E. Palomino, Lara, Acevedo, Sutkin, Montalvo, A. Palomino	None	Mendoza, Barboza	Alfaro, Gallegos, Petrushkin, Ramsey

3. Government official Reports (3 mins per official). **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – John Darnell, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate was in attendance and answered board member questions on items 3(a)-3(d). John Darnell explained to the board that two board approved projects were unable to move forward due to conflicts of interest and stated that he would be open to helping the board with planning a retreat to have further discussion about conflict of interest and processes.**
 - a) Discussion about outreach from the Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council about the 2021 Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council Election. **Currently five candidates**

have registered and four have been certified. The last day to register as a candidate is January 19, 2021 and the election will be held on April 6, 2021.

- b) Discussion about the California Public Records Act and Neighborhood Councils. **John Darnell explained that PRA responses must be made within ten days but it does not mean all documents requested must be given within ten days. If the board receives a PRA request the department and the city will assist in processing the request. Additionally, meetings recorded on the Zoom platform are subject to PRA requests.**
- c) Discussion about the Neighborhood Purpose Grant program in the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system. **John Darnell suggested that the board should consider creating a committee to review NPG applications prior to sending it to the board for approval. A committee can help to ensure that the applications are completed and all the required documentation has been submitted.**
- d) Presentation and discussion by John Darnell, from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, about the Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council bylaws that were amended in November 2020. **Changes have been made to the EVRNC bylaws in November 2020: Age ordinance and the definition of community interest stakeholder.**

4. General public comment on non-agenda items. (2 mins person)

- **Ceci Dominquez, stakeholder – Announcement of an upcoming Metrolink meeting on 1/30/21 via zoom and she encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming EVRNC election.**
- **Sarah Roscone, MRCA – Gave an update regarding the Taylor Yard G2, Paseo del Rio Project in partnership with the City of Los Angeles. The design and remediation will occur simultaneously. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is available for review on the 100 Acre Partnership website: <https://www.100acpartnership.org>**
- **Sarai Jimenez, External Affairs, Outreach Coordinator for The Nature Conservancy – Sarai Jimenez announced that there will be a presentation on the soil sampling analysis that took place in December 2019 during LUC on 01/27/21. Geotechnical work at the Bowtie parcel will be taking place on 01/15/21. The team will be taking two Soil Borings for a geotechnical analysis. The sampling provides physical information regarding soil behavior when they dig it. It will help them in the planning on how the excavation of the wetland will be managed and what kind of equipment will be needed. Any questions contact Sarai Jimenez via email.**

(8:12 PM) Motion to go back to item 3 to fill a board vacancy. E. PALOMINO Second: ACEVEDO			
Yes – 05	No-03	Abstain-00	Absent-04
E. Palomino, Lara, Acevedo, Montalvo, A. Palomino	Mendoza, Sutkin, Barboza	None	Alfaro, Gallegos, Petrushkin, Ramsey
Ineligible – 01 Escobar			

5. Board member comment on non-agenda items. (2 mins person)

- **Board member Alejandro Palomino expressed displeasure with the leadership.**

6. Community Announcements (2 min person)

- **Ceci Dominquez, stakeholder reminded the attendees about the mercadito on 01/15/2021 and expressed frustration with board dynamics during the meeting.**
- **Steven Appleton, stakeholder stated that the board was in violation of the brown act and has not complied with his Public Request Act (PRA) request.**

7. Continued old business

- a) Presentation by developer 3010 Gilroy Owner, LLC 3005-3045 N. Gilroy St and 3017 N. Worthen Ave. **The developer notified the board president via email to inform him that they will not be in attendance to give a presentation.**
- b) Letter on 1993-1995 Blake Street / Restaurant, Alcohol Dispensing Case number: ZA 2019-4826-CUB/ENV 2019-4827 -CE to oppose revised CUB application. (Discussion and possible action/Discusión and possible accion)

ITEM 7 (b) – Motion to approve 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 as written. SUTKIN Second: A. PALOMINO			
Yes – 06	No-00	Abstain-01	Absent-05
Mendoza, Lara, Sutkin, Montalvo, Barboza, A. Palomino	None	Acevedo	Alfaro, Gallegos, Petrushkin, Ramsey, E. Palomino
Ineligible – 02 Escobar, Romero			

- c) 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. (Discussion and possible action/Discusión and possible accion)

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Yes – 04	No-03	Abstain-00	Absent-05
Mendoza, Sutkin, Montalvo, Barboza	Lara, Acevedo, A. Palomino	None	Alfaro, Gallegos, Petrushkin, Ramsey, E. Palomino
Ineligible – 02 Escobar, Romero			

- d) Letter to Council District 13 Mitch O’Farrell on updates for Birkdale Project. (Discussion and possible action/Discusión and possible accion)

ITEM 7 (D) – Motion to approve a letter to Council District 13 Mitch O’Farrell on updates for Birkdale Project as written. BARBOZA Second: SUTKIN

*** MOTION PASSED PENDING THE DECISION OF JOHN DARNELL, NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT ADVOCATE REGARDING PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.**

Yes – 05	No-00	Abstain-01	Absent-07
Mendoza, Acevedo, Sutkin, Montalvo, Barboza	None	A. Palomino	Alfaro, Gallegos, Petrushkin, Ramsey, E. Palomino, Lara, Romero
Ineligible – 01 Escobar			

****Items 7(e) – 11(d) were not addressed due to loss of quorum at 9:18 PM****

e) Discussion and possible action on letter of opposition on Allesandro to:

- **2908,2010,2914 Allesandro- CF DIR. 2019-2630-DB, ENV-2019-2631 EAF**
- **2923 and 2927 N. Allesandro St- CF DIR-2019-3063 DB/ENV 2019-3064-EAF**
- **2957,2961,2965 N. Allesandro St. CF DIR-2019-2776-DB/ENV- 2019-2777-EAF11**

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8. Approval of minutes from:

a) November 11, 2020, b) January 15, 2020, c) February 15, 2020, d) March 11, 2020.
(Discussion and possible action/Discusión and possible accion)

9. Standing Committee Reports: (1 mins for each report)

a) Outreach. b) Community Impact Statement. c) Environment and Land Use, d) Budget and Finance Committee. e) Neighborhood Purpose Grant.

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

a) Film. Animal Services, b) Public Works, c) Grievance Panel, d) Purposeful Aging, e) Resilience, f) Budget representative, g) DWP Representative, h) Homelessness i) Alliance of River Communities (ARC).

11. Funding Items

a) Treasurer report

b) MER

- October 2020, November 2020, December 2020.

c) Funding for up to \$1000.00 for up to 8 banners 2.5ft x 8ft for outreach./ Fondos de hasta \$1,000.00 para la compra de hasta 8 pancartas de 2.5ft x 8ft. (Discussion and possible action/(Discussion and possible action/Discusión and possible accion).

d) Funding for up to \$234.08 for minute taker/fondos de hasta \$234.08 para servicios de captura de minutos. (Discussion and possible action/Discusión and possible accion)

12. Adjournment – **9:25 PM.**

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