

# Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition

## MINUTES OF THE LANCC GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, November 1, 2014 -- 10 a.m.

### LANCC Officers

Terrence Gomes, Chair  
Fred Mariscal, Vice-Chair  
Connie Acosta, Secretary  
Glenn Bailey, Treasurer

### MEETING LOCATION:

Hollywood Constituent Center  
6501 Fountain Ave.  
Hollywood

## A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Terrance Gomes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Terrance stated if board members are not receiving his LANCC emails, then the NC board rosters are not updated at the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). Send your agendas to [ncsupport@lacity.org](mailto:ncsupport@lacity.org) for submittal to Early Notification System (ENS) posting. Agendas go through a review process at DONE, where they are checked for correct date, and address, etc. before posting.
3. LANCC Representatives present per the sign-in sheet of November 1, 2014:

35 --LANCC members present.	T. Gomes, C. Cleghorn, G. Bailey, D. Selesnick, T. Wilkinson, L. Shaffer, F. Wada, P. Gohel, V. Luke, S. Twining, De Audet, C. Acosta, R. Waller, K. Drapel, H. Keifer, J. Humphreville, B. Galfand, L. Horowitz, P. Nicholas, M. Savage, G. Wilson, L. Grant, T. Gomes, K. Savitt, B. Peppermuller, D. Uebersax, J. Childers, J. D'Antonio, J. Medina, T. Dietlen, R. Guevara, O. Smith, D. Tool, C. Hart, and K. Lamone.
6 -- Presenters	Dorsay Dujon, Ray Verches, Faviola Miranda, Bobby Shriver, Alycia Witzling, CLAW Representative.

## B. PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Make Music Los Angeles --- Dorsay Dujon

#### Who can participate?

"Anyone and everyone can participate," Dorsay said. "Amateurs, students professionals, and established artists are all welcome. Venues such as schools, shops, restaurants shopping centers, historical sites, pocket parks, municipal buildings, and your backyard are welcome to participate."

#### Where do musicians play?

Possible locations for musicians include sidewalks, parks, plazas, schools, courtyards, or community gardens. "Get creative," Dorsay said. "If you want to use some other kind of outdoor location such as a cemetery, bridge, pier, bus or train just write a

proposal and email it to [D.Dujonn@MakeMusicLa.org](mailto:D.Dujonn@MakeMusicLa.org).

For more information and registration go to: [www.MakeMusicLA.org](http://www.MakeMusicLA.org)

## 2. Southern California Gas Company Updates --- Ray Verches

### Update on the progress of Advanced Meters (AMI)

- Purpose: “SoCalGas will be in your area over the next few weeks to upgrade the natural gas meter with an advanced meter communications device. The upgrade will enable you to access more detailed information about your gas usage to better control and manage your energy costs,” the presenter explained.
- Time of upgrade: Monday through Friday 7a.m. to 5 p.m. and will take about 15 minutes to complete.
- Expectations: Residents need not be present and should not expect an interruption to gas services. Until network is fully operational in your area, meter reader will need access to manually read the meter for a few additional months.
- How property-managers can help: Keep the area around the meter clear of any obstructions, plants or shrubs. If you have a locked gate or a dog that prevents access, please call the Advanced Meter Customer Information Center at 1-877-268-6211, Mon –Fri 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. or Sat. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to make access arrangements.

For questions visit: [www.socalgas.com](http://www.socalgas.com) (search ADVANCED)

### Pipeline Safety Enhancement Program (PSEP) for the City of L.A.

The following excerpts were taken from the 11/01/14 PSEP Presentation—**PIPELINESAFETY** by Faviola Miranda.

- **Pipeline replacement**
- **Valve Upgrades**: valves are mechanical devices that control the flow of natural gas through pipelines. Upgrading or retrofitting valves on the pipeline system provides gas control operators to have greater flexibility and shorter response times in the event of an emergency.
- **Economic Impact**: State and local governments are expected to see a \$9 million boost in tax benefits from Pipeline Safety activities in the SoCalGas service area. More than 1,800 jobs will be directly created or retained
- **What is Expected**: Traffic rerouting/Parking restrictions, large trucks and equipment, work-related noise, Possible excavation dust, and/or natural gas order when venting gas.

- **Coordination:** Socalgas will coordinate with the cities and counties on: project details and timing, traffic plans, emergency response plan, permits, and/or community outreach.
- **Community Outreach:** Construction Notification letters, door hangers, city website, outreach to customers and local community neighborhood groups. “Community walks—we project the start and ending,” Faviola said.
- **For more information on Pipeline Safety** visit: [socalgas.com](http://socalgas.com) (search Pipeline Safety) or contact Faviola Miranda, Community Outreach Manager at 213-244-2720 or [FMiranda@semprautilities.com](mailto:FMiranda@semprautilities.com)

### 3. **Candidate for Los Angeles County Supervisor, 3<sup>rd</sup> District**

----Bobby Shriver, Attorney at Law

“Supervisors assume themselves to be ‘little kings’. I don’t have the habit of being a little king,” Bobby said. “If you think that, it is a problem.”

“Local government is defined by people who tell you real stuff. I’m good with finances. I’m not from the status quo. I have worked for all NCs in Santa Monica. We don’t need people from Sacramento to come out and do the local jobs,” Bobby stated. “I organized the lawsuit with American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on behalf of the Homeless Veterans.”

### 4. **MURP Associate, Strategic Development discovery Cube— LA newest museum in the San Fernando Valley ---Alycia Witzling**

The museum is a Discovery Science Center, with hands-on water education activities, that is geared for-- and will provide field trips to-- Kindergarten to middle school students. Non-profit will be hiring personnel.

For more information contact Alycia at [awitzling@discoverycube.org](mailto:awitzling@discoverycube.org) or visit her webpage at [www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org)

Tele: 714-913-5025

### 5. **Barn owl box project --- Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW), a non-profit organization that works to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat in Los Angeles.**

CLAW is asking of you and your neighbors at a quarter mile radius: To Stop using poisons of any kind for rodent abatement. Your immediate neighborhood must be free for at least three months before a box can be placed to prevent your owl from dying because of secondary poisoning from eating poisoned rodents.

Important: NO RAT POISON IS SAFE. By committing to stop using all rodent poisons, your pets, children, wildlife and environment will be safer.

MORE ON BARN OWLS:

- “Just one Barn Owl clutch can consume up to ten thousand rodents a year.
- All a barn Owl needs is a place to stay (a barn owl nesting box).
- Barn Owls are a permanent source of rodent control without pesticides or chemicals.
- The more boxes placed in a community, the greater the odds the owls will find and use them.
- CA vineyards, farmers, and ranchers worldwide rely on barn owls because they produce results for them.

CLAW WOULD LIKE NEIGHBORHOODS TO JOIN TOGETHER TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THESE BIRDS CAN FLOURISH. HELP CLAW PRESERVE THE LITTLE SLICE OF NATURE THAT STILL CLINGS TO SURVIVAL IN OUR HILLS, CANYONS, AND PARKS.

**Urge businesses that sell rat poison to take them off the shelf and stop the sale of this poison. Go to [www.clawonline.org](http://www.clawonline.org) and sign the petition to L.A. City Council.**

Any questions about poisons in your community or Barn Owl Nesting Boxes, contact [info@lawonline.org](mailto:info@lawonline.org)

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6. Planning and Land Use Management --Motion by Paul Koretz regarding the protection of wildlife corridors within their territories which will prevent further injuries and deaths to wildlife and the protection of the remaining open spaces and wildlife linkages that exist. **Refer to Council File 14-0518.**

## C. REPORTS

### 1. Budget Advocates (BA) ---Terrance Gomes, Jay Handal

- There is about \$1.3 billion in funds to hire city personnel but CIO won't release the funds for hiring; If so, we would be able to recruit personnel and get some assistance at DONE.
- There are presently six vacancies in the BA Committee.
- NCs need to agendize a Budget Advocates' spot on Agendas for budget updates.

LADWP -----Tony Wilkinson

“Owens Valley, the department is not going to pay for anything,” Tony announced.

## D. UPDATES

### 1. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners- Len Schaffer

- Next meeting will take place on Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. at Le Conte Middle School.
- City Attorney stated grievance ordinance will be completed by end of month. “I spoke with City Attorney he said he was working on it,” Len reported.

**BONC – Lydia Grant**

- Presented card for LAsstormwater.org
- “Newsletter should have links,” said Lydia

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Westsidethanksgiving.org**

The thanksgiving feast has been a tradition since 1983, sponsored by elected officials, for the homeless and veterans to be held at the VA North Campus. Everyone is welcome. **Volunteers are needed in all capacities.**

Sign up at [westsidethanksgiving.org](http://westsidethanksgiving.org)

**2. 2020 Commission --- one-year anniversary**

There were 13 recommendations. Bring a report card next month.

**3. Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) ---Council File 13-1394**

Motion to forbid in the City of LA the sale of GMO seeds or the growing of plants that are GMO derived or contaminated.

**4. CitywatchLA.com --- Bob Galfand**

**F. ADJOURNMENT: 12:30 p. m.**

Website: [www.lancc.org](http://www.lancc.org) WEB-BLOG (Notices, etc.):

[lanccreports.blogspot.com](http://lanccreports.blogspot.com)

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