

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: A Coalition of Councils General Meeting Agenda

Saturday November 4, 2023 10:00AM

1. Welcome and roll call of Neighborhood Council Elected Representatives.

Meeting called to order by Terrence Gomes at 10:02

2. Approval of October 7, 2023 minutes.

Lydia moved to approve, Burton Hunter seconded

Approved with 15 for, 3 abstaining

3. John McKinney, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and will discuss the zero-bail policy, smash and grab robberies and working with Neighborhood Councils.

As a Deputy DA, has worked for DA's office for 25 years prosecuting full range of crimes. Recent spike in smash/grab crimes has made Los Angeles the capital of US, primarily due to bad policy. The bail system should be based on risk assessment system but a Prop for this was rejected by the voters. Sees smash-grab crime as opportunistic and organized, brazen behavior by juveniles; DA's office understaffed struggling to hire in current climate but needs to change well-intentioned policies so can file charges and prosecute appropriately and protect law-abiding citizens. Need County-wide citation base so officers can know about recent history of people they stop. Also need to look at 24-hour (immediate) court appearances.

John McKinney to e-mail proposed revision to Prop 47 to Terrence for general distribution

4. Discussion and possible action on the Transportation Communication Network (TCN) Program between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

Liz Amsden and Barbara Broide spoke to the issue. It is in conflict with existing plans and regulations, City Council supports and wants to push through by end of the year, Metro wants 5 am to 2 am, industry standard is an 8-second refresh rate when 20-seconds is the minimum safe rate. Issue is as much a problem with the government and City Council of Los Angeles. Another issue is that public comments can only be made in person to City committees, and not everyone is called. PLUM votes on Tuesday and people are asked to contact the Committee members to voice their opinions.

5. Discussion about Office of Compliance / Conflict of Interests / Ethics Laws / City Councilmembers

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-1097_misc_10-04-23.pdf

Lionel supported the concept but agreed with Shelby and Liz that the Ethics commission should handle this rather than spending money on another office. Tony and Glenn felt there was a lack of independence by the existing Ethics commission. Len liked the idea of a body having oversight to be proactive.

6. Report from LANCC's WG4CC committee- Liz Amsden lanccWG4CC@gmail.com

Report by Liz on the restructuring of WG, with responsibilities spread across an Executive Committee, and the coming establishment of a tab on the LANCC website; Doug reported having a good discussion with Jared Rivera in their October 18th meeting, especially with regards to the hiring of a new GM – possibly hold focus groups, and about the frustrations NCs experience with the City's bureaucracy and inconsistency, including conflicting input from the City Attorney, City Clerk and DONE

People can e-mail him directly on issues. Tony suggested copying Jared on e-mails about issues NCs are having with the City.

Motion from the WG4CC LANCC should oppose any changes or amendments to the current language of the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy.

Lydia moved, Tony seconded

Glenn moved to delete the word "should" and David Rockello seconded

Amendment passed with 14 for and 5 abstentions

Motion passed with 13 for, 5 abstentions, 1 no, and 1 recusal

- a. Suggested implementation given that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) is proposing to approve significant changes at their Tuesday, November 7th meeting which does not allow any time to submit a CIS, LANCC is recommending approval of the following language to circulate to individual board members, committee members and stakeholders across the City to individually e-mail BONC at Commission@EmpowerLA.org.
- b. I, (people can choose to give their name and/or specify their connection to the NC system i.e. board member of the xx Neighborhood Council acting as an individual, or as a stakeholder, or from a specific area of Los Angeles), hereby oppose the changes to the current language of the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct as presented in the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners' Proposed Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy dated September 17, 2023, and ask that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners respect my wishes by tabling their vote until all concerns that have arisen have been addressed and revised language agreed upon.

7. Council File Updates: SB 411

SB 411 passed in Sacramento and CF 23-1114 passed City Council on Wednesday authorizing NCs to select if they wish to hold virtual meetings. However, DONE has requested NCs wait on guidance developed by them with the City Attorney, and some NEAs are saying it is a two thirds vote of NC seats which is problematic for NCs who have empty seats.

DONE is claiming that once approved, NCs will need to have another in-person meeting this year which is in contradiction to the office of SB 411's author which advised any prior in-person meeting this year would satisfy this requirement. Other NEAs are saying NCs need to submit a CIS to their Councilmember before they are allowed to meet virtually.

The City Council still has to pass CF23-1113 for funding for necessary equipment.

8. Update from Budget Advocates – Co-Chairs Glenn Bailey/Kay Hartman.
Anyone interested in helping the Budget Advocates in meeting with Departments and preparing its White Paper should contact Co-Chairs Kay Hartman or Glenn Bailey.

9. Update from DONE.

Tabled, no-one present from DONE.

10. Update from BONC

Other than issues previously addressed (Code of Conduct and SB411 implementation), Len Shaffer pointed out that all current Commissioners are previous or present NC members.

11. Update from any other NC regional alliance 5 minutes

Plan Check NC will not be meeting this month due to Veterans Day.

The NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance held its first in-person meeting; it had a virtual component that went well.

The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance is holding a special in-person meeting this afternoon

At the VANC meeting next Thursday, the speakers will be Jared Rivera from the Mayor's office, and Scott Schmerelson of the LAUSD who will attend with the LAUSD head of facilities management to discuss NC use of school facilities for meetings.

12. Announcements 5 minutes

Funding for people inspecting NC meeting space has run out.

13. Adjournment-

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 PM