

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: A Coalition of Councils

Minutes from Meeting of Saturday March 2, 2024

1. Call to order: 10:02 (DWP meeting running over)--
[previously decided to add motion with regards to CF 15-0389-S2, see below after #5]
2. Comments from Candidates on the March 5th ballot: None
3. Update Reports from LANCC's WG4CC committee: Mihran Kalaydjian not being present, it was reported that the Working Group will resume regular meetings this month and to please resend requests sent in the past month when asked.
4. Update from Budget Advocates – Written reports are distributed at beginning of every month and posted on their website <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/>. Jack Humphreville addresses City finances in addition to updates on Budget Advocate events. There will be a forum on the City's budget, tentatively on Saturday, April 27th. CF 24-0600 should open this month, and NCs that want to submit comments on the upcoming budget can start posting CIS when it does.

The first in-person Budget Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th at City Hall and will include elections of a new slate of BAs. All NCs are encouraged to have elected or appointed two Budget Representatives prior to then who can be nominated and vote. Current Budget Reps do not need to be reappointed unless at the election of their NC.

Further discussion on the City's budget falling into the red due to their passing unbudgeted salary increases. The CAO floated possible increase in taxes that will need to be passed by the voters.

Discussion on illegal immigration and homelessness, costs of which spread across many departments.

5. Update from DONE – No-one present
 - a. General discussion on the City Clerk Election Working Group.
Glenn Bailey heard from the Senior Election Administrator in the City Clerk's office that they are finalizing plans for a Work Group to discuss issued and draft an Election Handbook on the administration of the elections (usually 3 month process) after which they will take comments on the draft, probably 3-4 months in total. Outreach is the responsibility of DONE. There should be an update at the next LANCC meeting.
 - b. Exhaustive efforts and meeting quorum.
Kyle Cadman of the Olympic Park NC brought up the issue of loss of quorum and denial by DONE of policies to help remedy. He has reached out to City Attorney but has not heard back. Discussion included concerns about the lack of oversight of DONE as well as accountability; there are now 8 NCs in EE, and another 6 have had their funds frozen. In the last elections 38 or 39 NCs did not have enough candidates to have an election.

Added item on CF 15-0389-S2

This calls for DONE, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to explore the feasibility of granting community councils the same privileges as those afforded to neighborhood councils. Discussion, including consensus that 'privileges' must be must clearly defined before moving forward.

Terrence Gomes moved to approve the following with Tony Wilkinson seconding:

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) OPPOSES Council File 15-0389-S2 granting community councils the same privileges as those afforded to certified neighborhood councils under Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819. Instead, we recommend that community councils should follow the current procedures on how an area can become a certified Neighborhood Council.

Approved with 21 for, 1 opposed, no abstentions and 1 recusal.

6. Update from BONC Len Shaffer 5 minutes

- a. Ask the Commish – Next BONC meeting has been moved to March 4th from March 5th due to primary election. The hazard mitigation plan is coming out soon – hopefully later this month, identifying and planning for hazard mitigation in emergencies, and will allow City to apply for grants to prevent serious impact as well as for FEMA post disaster grants. There will be 2 virtual public meetings, one on a Saturday afternoon, the other a weekday evening. The public will also be able to post comments to the website.
- b. Code of Conduct – This can be downloaded and is for committee members as well as board members. They will no longer have to redo every two years, but everyone, even those who recently did so, are required to acknowledge the new Code before June 3rd. If not, people will be given 30 days to complete or face suspension.
- c. ABLE – Board and committee members will also have to complete the gender bias training by June 3rd, however, DONE still needs to figure out how to allow those who are not board members access to Cornerstone since the City Council did not address funding when making it mandatory.

Issue raised about confusion due to DONE's lack of responses also clarity/confliction of responses – i.e. on meeting outside neighborhood, process of enforcing certain trainings, etc.

Need for consistency from DONE and City Attorney and that opinions be in writing and circulated to everyone

7. Update from any other NC regional alliances

Congress of Neighborhoods meets today @ 1:30, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83796467421A>. They are looking for volunteers

VANCC's March 14th meeting <https://vanc34.org/> will be addressing the 405/Sepulveda Pass corridor
PlanCheckNC's next meeting is on Saturday, March 9 on Zoom; info at <https://plancheckncla.com/>

8. Announcements

Contact Kyle Stone@lacity.org if having problems accessing training

People interested in pursuing virtual meetings may want to check out Pacheco's AB 817 at:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB817

CEMO's 1st Community Assembly is on Thursday, March 14th from 9 am-3 pm at the LA Trade-Tech College; People can register at <https://climate4la.ticketleap.com/cemo-assembly-mar-2024/> (comment on if restricted to just South LA as many other parts of the City are also suffering from the same issues)

9. Meeting adjourned at 12:49