

# LANCC

**Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition**

## DRAFT MINUTES

President: Terrence Gomes  
Vice President: Glenn Bailey  
Secretary: Daniel Wiseman  
Treasurer: Alisa Smith

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April 6, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

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111 North Hope St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90028

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 10:07 am by LANCC President, **Terrence Gomes**
  
2. **PUBLIC INTRODUCTIONS of PARTICIPANTS and GUESTS** All present were asked (voluntarily) to sign-up on the sign-up sheets and to state their names and affiliations..
  - a. **Officers present:** Chairman **Terrence Gomes**  
Vice Chair **Glenn Bailey**  
Secretary **Daniel Wiseman**  
Treasurer **Alisa Smith**
  - b. **Special Guests:** a. Stephen Box for Grayce Liu (DONE)
  
  - c. **TOTAL PARTICIPANTS:** 53 by nose count
  
3. **SECRETARY's REPORT:**
  - a. **As usual, the MINUTES of the last, (March 2, 2013) MEETING were emailed and copies provided for review, here, today. Written and Public Comments will be received and the minutes are considered CORRECTED & APPROVED.**

4. **REVIEW & APPROVAL of TODAY's AGENDA**

a. **Two Motions from HANC will be considered, if there is time, at the end of the meeting.**

5. **SPECIAL REPORT** of the Ad Hoc Committee on **BYLAWS REVIEW**

(composed of Alisa Smith, Bob Gelfand, Glenn Bailey,, Tony Wilkinson and Jay Handal)

**Alisa Smith** provided Draft "C" (an amalgamation of old and new BYLAWS) of the LANCC Proposed By-Laws. Draft "B" was emailed on April 3, 2013. She said that it is recommended that a "final" Draft be created, [accepted and forwarded to the NCs, giving them 60 days to consider and comment. Amendments/revisions/changes may be submitted by 4/27 for By-Law Committee \(BLC\) to review... so as to be proposed for final approval at the June Meeting.](#) The goal is to create a "final" draft (Draft D) which shall be presented for approval by 2/3rd vote of the participants at the June 1st LANCC meeting.

If you or your NC have suggestions, modifications or comments on these ByLaws ...

CONTACT: Alisa Smith ([alisasmith@gmail.com](mailto:alisasmith@gmail.com))

Ms. Smith requested a motion to the effect that we ACCEPT this Draft and FORWARD IT TO ALL NC Boards for their amendments and approvals and returned for consolidation into a final draft to be considered, here, at our June Meeting. This would give the NC Boards 60 days to submit their responses.

There was an **MOTION** (Handal/Wilkinson): ...that this Draft "C" of the ByLaws should be referred back to ByLaws Committee which will receive all proposed changes and then provide a more final draft before sending it to 95 NCs. The motion failed to pass:

**AYES: 11, NAYES: 14, ABSTENTIONS 0 – The MOTI ON was NOT APPROVED.**

The original suggestion was reframed into a **MOTION** (Shaffer/Bailey) to publicize Draft "C" and to request that the NCs respond within 60 days so as to allow final consideration at the June 2013 LANCC Meeting. The motion passed:

**AYES: 17, NAYES: 8, ABSTENTIONS 0 – The MOTI ON was APPROVED.**

**A copy of the DRAFT "C" (version) of the Proposed LANCC ByLaws is appended, here:**

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**By-Laws for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition  
(LANCC)**

(UPDATED: April 2, 2013)

(PROPOSED DATE OF APPROVAL: June 2013)

The Neighborhood Councils of the City of Los Angeles do hereby create this Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) to provide a more effective voice for the residents of Los Angeles, to create a more effective system of Neighborhood Councils, in order to facilitate communication with each other and City Government, and to fulfill the rights and responsibilities under the Los Angeles City Charter as follows:

**Los Angeles Ordinance No 174006** states that the goals and objectives of the Neighborhood

Council system (**System**) include:

*Promoting and facilitating communication, interaction and collaboration among all neighborhood councils regarding their common and disparate concerns; and  
Fostering a sense of community for all people to express ideas and opinions about their neighborhoods and their government.*

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## Article 1. MISSION AND STRUCTURE

### Section 1. Mission Statements

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition may:

- 1) Provide opportunities for Neighborhood Councils (NCs) to communicate with each other on issues of common interest, including citywide issues, regional issues, and local issues with citywide or regional implications.
- 2) Meet on a monthly basis, and develop committees as needed
- 3) Develop and maintain expertise on Los Angeles City issues
- 4) Provide assistance to NCs regarding elections, bylaws and grievances
- 5) Educate NCs about how to effectively bring issues before Los Angeles City Government
- 6) Educate the public and City government about NCs.
- 7) Establish a structure to report the positions taken by NCs on Los Angeles City issues
- 8) Take positions on significant issues and communicate them to the public, NCs, and to the City of Los Angeles

### Section 2. Core Principles

- 1) The LANCC is intended to enhance the ability of Certified NCs to have their voices heard on issues affecting their neighborhoods and the City of Los Angeles
- 2) All NCs will be provided a full and equal opportunity to participate in the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition.
- 3) Each NC may participate in the LANCC to the extent it is willing and able; when an NC chooses to participate, it will be on an equal basis with all other participating NCs.
- 4) The LANCC will be open to the public and inclusionary in its organization and its operations.
- 5) The LANCC will abide by all applicable federal, state, county and city constitutions, laws, ordinances and regulations.

### Section 3. Structure

**3.1 Officers:** The following officers will be elected by the majority present at the January meeting to serve for a term of one year:

**Chair**  
**Vice Chair**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**

**3.2 Steering Committee:** The LANCC Steering Committee shall support the LANCC Officers by being present and advising on the LANCC operations and focus of the LANCC mission. The LANCC Steering Committee may be comprised of Representatives from the following Neighborhood Council-focused Organizations, Alliances and Committees:

CityWatch/media  
The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBA)  
Congress of Neighborhoods

DWP-MOU  
DWP-Advocacy Committee  
Plan Check NC  
The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment  
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC)  
NC Regional Alliances such as:  
Valley Alliance of NCs (VANC),  
Harbor Alliance of NCs (HANC),  
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC),  
North East Los Angeles Alliance of Councils (NELALAC),  
North East Central Alliance (NECA),  
South LA Area Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC),  
etc.

The individuals representing the above listed groups shall be acknowledged and recognized by the Executive Committee and kept track of in the Minutes of the LANCC, in keeping with common practices of the NC System.

## **Article 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Section 1. Officers:** All officers shall assist in setting LANCC agendas and keeping track of City of Los Angeles and NC issues.

The LANCC Standing Rules shall further specify the Chair and Vice Chair duties and responsibilities

- a. Chair:** The LANCC Chair shall preside over meetings
- b. Vice Chair:** The Vice Chair The LANCC Vice Chair shall preside over meetings in the absence of Chair
- c. Secretary:** The Secretary will be responsible for administrative functions of LANCC:
1. Track all pending motions/issues before LANCC
  2. Keep Master Calendar
  3. Disseminate information/reports to NCs, governmental entities and media
  4. Responsible for communications and outreach as directed by the Steering Committee
  5. Supervise website
  6. Maintain e-mail distribution lists

**d. Treasurer:** The Treasurer is responsible for any LANCC funds and shall providing regular financial reports to the Officers and Steering Committee

If applicable; the Treasurer oversees any 501c3 Nonprofit Organization that the LANCC uses as its fiduciary agent

## **Section 2. Regional Alliance Representatives**

- a. Regional Alliances shall be represented on the Steering Committee. They may present reports **(and offer recommendations)** at the LANCC monthly meetings
- b. Regional Alliances may report on issues significant to their regions, and they may submit motions for LANCC to consider
- c. Regional Alliances shall designate their representatives to the Steering Committee as they see fit, and inform the LANCC Officers if a formal designation is made

## **Section 3. Neighborhood Council Representatives**

- a. The LANCC, as a Coalition of Neighborhood Council Representatives, is the authority that oversees the actions of this organization.
- b. The NC Representatives have the authority to oversee the planning, the scheduling, the funding, and operations of the LANCC.
- c. The LANCC shall create and approve Standing Rules that shall govern the operations of the LANCC.
- d. The requirement for voting at a LANCC meeting by an NC Representative is a communication from the President/ Chair of the NC Board to the LANCC Chair (or other officer who may be designated for that purpose) stating the name(s) of the stakeholder(s) that may represent his/her NC.
- e. There may be more than one delegate from an NC present at LANCC monthly meetings, but only one delegate from any NC may vote on a LANCC motion.
- f. Town Hall meetings called by LANCC shall be exempt from this one voter per NC rule.
- g. All NC Representatives shall sign in to the LANCC meetings.

## **Article 3. AMENDMENT OF THE LANCC BY-LAWS**

### **Section 1. Amendment of the By-Laws**

- a. Anyone may propose an amendment to these By-Laws
- b. All amendments shall be submitted in writing at a LANCC meeting, where a vote by a simple majority of those present will move the proposed amendment to the next LANCC regularly scheduled monthly meeting and placed on the agenda.
- c. At the following monthly meeting a two-thirds vote will be required to pass any amendments to these By-Laws.

## 6. **TOPIC: A MOTION to include a NC member on the LA2020 Commission**

**Jack Humphreville** introduced this topic. He said that the LA2020 Commission is an Ad Hoc Committee proposed by Council President Herb Wesson to investigate the City's financial issues. He described the 12 Members as a very "down-town-centric" group with "too many lawyers" and people who (both) "rely on the City's Purse" and "provide the bulk of Candidate campaign donations." He suggested that LANCC make a presentation to the LA2020 Committee and ask for a "seat at the table."

**Whereas** the City of Los Angeles is facing a financial crisis as a result of a continuing Structural Deficit, a projected \$1.1 billion budget deficit over the next four years, unfunded pension liabilities of \$11.5 billion, and a deferred maintenance requirement of over \$10 billion;

**Whereas** LA 2020 (is an Ad Hoc Commission, created by City Council, CF #xx-xxxx, and) was established as an independent commission to "review how the City of Los Angeles can help grow the economy and jobs, attract business investment and industry, and create fiscal stability for the City...";

**Whereas** the twelve appointed members (and one alternate) do not represent a cross section of the City;

~~**Whereas** the charter authorized 95 Neighborhood Councils to represent a vast cross section of the City, its many communities, and its voters; (replace with following Charter-specific language (red).~~

**Whereas** the Charter, in order to "...promote more citizen participation in government..." (Article IX, Section #900), "...created a citywide system of NCs" (Article IX, Section #900) whose members (stakeholders) are (at a minimum) "...everyone who lives, works or owns property in the area ..." (Article IX, Section #906a(2)) ... and that these NCs must "...reflect the diverse interests within the area (Article IX, Section #906a(3). These NCs are intended to serve all areas of the City and they "...present to the Mayor and Council a... list of priorities for the City budget..." (Article IX, Section #909).

**Whereas** the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates have been advising the Mayor on budget priorities for the last seven years and have developed a thorough working knowledge of the City's budget and financial needs;

**Whereas** the Neighborhood Councils are an excellent vehicle to communicate with the citizens of Los Angeles;

**Therefore, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition demands that a representative of the Neighborhood Councils be appointed as a full member to the independent LA 2020 commission.**

After due deliberation, including review and discussion of the "Whereas" arguments and accepted modifications of the original wording, this **MOTION** was moved and seconded (Wilkinson/Wiseman)

**AYES: 31, NAYES: 0, ABSTENTIONS: 0 – The MOTION was **APPROVED.****  
**(UNANIMOUSLY)**

7. **TOPIC: A MOTION to include a non-voting member of the Neighborhood Councils on City Committees and Commissions**

**Jay Handal** introduced this topic. He said that, in the last 3 years, we have been asking for a “seat at the table” and we have now been granted presentations at the Mayor’s Regional Budget Day (Spring 2011), NCBA Presentations before City Council and, lately, the Audits Committee and B&F Committee. This move would be a real recognition of the Mayor and City Council of the relevance of the Neighborhood Councils to our City’s Governance. This would provide the NCs with the “real time” Early Notification, guaranteed in the Charter and Plan, and participation in the development and timely dissemination of information on “important issues.”

**Whereas** the City Council continues to ignore the Neighborhood Councils in decision making,

**Whereas** the City Council has NOT devised a credible system to inform the Neighborhood Council System on items of concern, in a timely manner,

**Whereas** the City Council continues to deride Neighborhood Councils for not weighing in on issue

**Therefore, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition demands that the City Council and the Mayor Immediately open a non-voting seat for a Neighborhood Council member on all City Council (Regular and Ad Hoc) Committees and Commissions to be elected by the Neighborhood Councils.**

An **AMENDMENT** to the above **MOTION** was proposed to add the words: “... that the City create a Charter Amendment to effect this Motion.”

The Amendment failed:

**AYES: 1, NAYES: overwhelming (ALMOST UNANIMOUS), ABSTENTIONS: 0**

After due deliberation, including review and discussion of the “Whereas” arguments and accepted modifications of the original wording, this **MOTION** was moved and seconded (Handal/Wiseman)

The motion passed (**UNANIMOUSLY**):

**AYES: 33, NAYES: 0, ABSTENTIONS 1 – The MOTION was APPROVED.  
(ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY)**

8. **REPORT: EmpowerLA Stephen Box**

a. **Taken from the EmpowerLA REPORT of 04-05-2013** - Grayce asks us to “look forward:”

- Learn about upcoming, “important” Council Files and prepare to comment on them, earlier.
- Review FY2012-2013 NC Funds for current year use (unused funds will be “swept”).
- Upgrade your BYLAWS, as necessary, and begin outreach (solicit candidates, early notices, etc.) and other preparations for your 2014 Elections
- The GOLDHIRSCH FOUNDATION is planning to fund 10 proposals for \$ 100,000 each. 279 Proposals have been made already, including:

[CicLAvia](#) is the largest cost-free and car-free event in the United States and is nothing short



of a revolutionary approach to helping Angelenos get connected to LA and to one another.

[LAWalks](#) contends “The future of the city is walking. Redesigning our cities for walkers & walking will help make our cities places where people want to be.

[LAOpenAcres](#) proposes to create an online mapping and social networking tool for transforming thousands of acres of vacant land in Los Angeles into vibrant, public green spaces!

[DontWasteLA](#) wants to generate tens of thousands of good green jobs in the City of Los Angeles by 2050 and improve the quality of thousands of existing jobs, all while contributing to a cleaner environment.

[Go Vote](#) for the projects that you think will shape the LA story and build the [LA2050](#) of our aspirations! You have until April 17 to vote on what is GOOD for LA2050!

- Council Members Joe Biscayne and Mitch Englander are reactivating their (\$ 3 billion) Bond Street Repair Issue. It was side tracked after the NCs objected to the Council Members’ failure to seek comment and support from the NCs before rushing it through City Council and onto the ballot. They seem anxious to make presentations at NC Board and Alliance (including LANCC) Meetings and have scheduled the following Public Hearings:

Harbor – April 8 – **Port of Los Angeles Admin. Building at 425 S. Palos Verdes St.**

Valley – April 16 – **Van Nuys City Hall, 14410 Sylvan St.**

West LA – April 23 – **West Los Angeles Municipal Building, 1645 Corinth Ave.**

South LA – April 25 – **location tba**

Eastside – April 30 - **location tba**

- b. Steve Box continued the report by described the new, City Council File (CF # ) which will (1) establish “checking accounts: for NCs and (2) create a fund where NCs could deposit funds for the Congress of NC’s expenses
- c. Mr. Box directed our attention to the “right-hand panel” on the [EmpowerLA.org](#) weekly report. Many **DEADLINES**, meetings, activities of interest are listed there.
- d. PLUM Committee is pushing a MURAL MANAGEMENT Motion and reports are that NCs are not weighting in on this issue. This is an example of how motions may get pushed past the NCs and are “easily” passed by City Council.
- e. NC BYLAWS REVISIONS necessary to adjust for the 2014 Elections are due. Do the NCs know what they must do? Do the NCs know how the 2014 Election are to be run? Managed by City Clerk? By DONE? By NCs? Town Hall vs. “formal elections?”

9. **BONC REPORT – Leonard Shaffer (Commissioner)**

**BONC’s PLANS to REWRITE the NC “PLAN” and to REDEFINE a “STAKEHOLDER” (including the “FACTUAL BASED STAKEHOLDER.”**

A meeting was held on January 24 , 2013, attended by many NC Leaders

- a. 3 committees have been established to work in 3 LARGE regions
- b. Orphan Areas.
- c. The **reconsideration of the Factual-based Stakeholder takes a Plan ordinance**.  
There are a wide spectrum NC Stakeholders views. At the extremes, there are some, including one City Council Member, who would like to see it changed to (only) "...lives, works or owns property..." and ...at the other extreme... there are those who would encourage the participation of literally everyone.

Irrational concern persists for the possibility of special interest groups of one-time participants "taking over" a NC's Elections or Board Composition. These people do not realize the need to attract such large numbers of people to NC meetings and elections that no such "special interest groups" can prevail in deliberations or voting.

- d. April 15 is "National Volunteer's Week" ... recognition plaques may be given out in City Council.
- e. If you have input for BONC, send it to [janet.lindo@lacity.org](mailto:janet.lindo@lacity.org)

10. **PRESENTATION – DIGITAL SIGNS IN LOS ANGELES** (Second Round) by Aaron Green (the Afriat Consulting Group ([aaron@afriat.com](mailto:aaron@afriat.com)) and David Gershwin (David Gershwin Consulting ([david@davidgershwin.com](mailto:david@davidgershwin.com)) of the **SIGN-UP LA Campaign** ([signupla.com](http://signupla.com)), representing the interests of CBS and Clear Channel Outdoor billboard companies gave their side of this issue.

Last month, LANCC heard Eric Shabsis of the **TAKE-THEM-DOWN Campaign** ([www.takethemdown.org](http://www.takethemdown.org)) representing the **Summit Media Corporation** spoke in opposition to the existence of certain digital signs. He told us that this is only one of over 20 lawsuits regarding digital or "supergraphics" billboards.

Mr. Green and Gershwin's presentation, slide show and handouts focused on the idea that:

- a. The economic products of billboard signs are increased sales for the advertisers and jobs.
- b. Our City needs to craft a policy for the fair and reasonable use of digital signs which brings in City Revenue. Other cities have.
- c. Members of SIGN-UP LA include the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, VICA and a number of cultural and charitable groups. It is notable, however, that their handout, their introduction and their slide show did not say, at first or directly, that both CBS and Clear Channel are principal members of SIGN-UP LA. Further, they had to be asked, specifically, before they told us that the majority of SIGN-UP LA's funding comes from Clear Channel.
- d. These two companies, the ones most effected by this legal action, "gave" \$ 6 million worth of advertising space over the "last several years" to charitable, cultural and non-profit groups. These Public Service Announcements (PSAs) are created at the request of local businesses and government entities. They are displayed, prominently, in their materials. The speakers could not tell how much time is dedicated to these PSAs or how often they" appear on a given location repeat.

Mr. Gershwin wants to get this issue out of the courts and he prefers a legislative solution. He said that digital signs can put up “emergency messages” faster and in more locations than static billboards and other methods. He believes that the sign companies and the City of Los Angeles can benefit, financially, from negotiated revenue-sharing arrangements. Mr. Green reported that the numbers of signs (especially those along major streets) has decreased from 24,000 to 5,000 and that there are only 97 digital signs, now. These changes occurred in association with mergers of small companies into larger companies and other “market-based” factors.

There are digital signs in CD2, CD3, CD4, CD5, CD10, CD11, CD12 and CD13. Therefore, East L.A., Central L.A., South L.A. and the Harbor areas do not have digital signs.

In response to a suggestion that the billboards be taxed, Mr. Gershwin said that advertising is a form of “Free Speech” and, therefore, is not taxed.

Jay Handal proposed a **MOTION**, seconded by Steve Twining: LANNC will not support signupLA.com unless and until signupLA.com turns off their signs and comes to the table in an open and transparent manner to negotiate an effective L.A. City digital sign ordinance.

(Note: the following vote count was taken from the approximately 30 remaining NC participants.)

**AYES: 25    NAYES: 5    ABSTENTION: 3    - The MOTION was APPROVED.**

**SECRETARY’S NOTE:** According the L.A. City Attorney, “In 2009, the court ruled that more than 100 signs of the CBS and Clear Channel Outdoor Company (most of them in Hollywood and West L.A.) were permitted under an illegal 2006 settlement, a “poison agreement.” After CBS and Clear Channel exhausted their administrative opportunities, the final appeal of the law suit between Summit Media LLC (a smaller billboard company) vs. the City of Los Angeles (with CBS and Clear Channel as “real parties in interest”) has been settled on March 21, 2013 in the favor of Summit. CBS and Clear Channel said they would shut down the effected billboards on Apr

16. **PRESENTATION from the PLANNING DEPARTMENT** by Clair Bowin and Matthew Glesne ([Claire.bowin@lacity.org](mailto:Claire.bowin@lacity.org) and [matthew.glesne@lacity.org](mailto:matthew.glesne@lacity.org)) present three updated proposals; each with a handout.
- a. Mr. Glesne presented the **HOUSING ELEMENT**, intended to “provide greater housing opportunities to residents” ... including prescribed amounts of affordable housing for low-income families. This is a State-required program with specific time lines. Los Angeles is required to show how they will create 82,008 new units between 2013 and 2021 with 57% of them affordable to low and moderate income households. A Public Release of the Proposal will be available, soon, with public hearings, forums and workshops in the summer. For more information: ( <https://sites.google.com/site/lahousingelement/> ) These policies do not change existing Community Plans or Specific Plans.
  - b. Ms. Bowin presented the **MOBILITY ELEMENT**, “revamped from the 1999 Transportation Element to reflect the policies and programs ... a full range of options (carpooling, driving, public transportation, walking and bicycling) ... for their mobility needs (local and cross-town trips.” The Planning Department is requesting our input which may be included in their Environmental Impact Report. Again, there will be public hearings, forums and workshops,

etc. For more information or to submit materials: ( [my.la@lacity.org](mailto:my.la@lacity.org) or 1/213/978-1194)

- c. The **HEALTH & WELLNESS CHAPTER** is a new addition to the Planning Departments activities. It “elevates health as a key priority in making growth and development decisions ... guidelines to make L.A. a healthier place to live, work and play.” The (policy) document will use planning-based tools such as transportation, land use, open space and environment standards ... not basic health concepts ... as they may impact major health concerns such as obesity, heart disease & mental health.
- d. **PRESENTATION: “OVERTURN CITIZENS UNITED”** by Mary Beth Fielder (co-founder of the **MONEY OUT-VOTERS IN (MOVI) COALITION** ([info@moneyoutvotersin.org](mailto:info@moneyoutvotersin.org)) Ms. Fielder spoke of Proposition “C” on the May 21 Ballot, a measure to review the status of corporations as “persons” under the law. These issues are related to the Supreme Court decisions in Buckley v. Valeo and Citizens United v. FEC. These decisions facilitate a policy that allows corporations (large businesses, unions, etc.) to make donations to political campaigns, sometimes as PACs, sometime in the names of their employees or members. Proposition “C” sets local policy to call for a U.S. Constitutional Amendment to deny these large organizations these opportunities. MOVI suggests that these large organizations are having a dominant and generally unfair influence on local and nationwide elections, therefore, local, state and national political decisions.

**17. REPORT: NC BUDGET ADVOCATES REPORT – Jay Handal 10 min.**

- a. The Budget Advocates met with Mayor Antonio Villaraigoza on February 27, 2013.
- b. A list of 16 items is ready to incorporate into this year’s White Pages.
- c. They will present to the City Council, soon.

**18. TOPIC – A MOTION from the HARBOR ALLIANCE of NCs (HANC) regarding MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS (MNDs) was presented by Bob Gelfand: “...the LANCC:**

- 1. REQUESTS that, in accordance with Charter Sections #900 and #907, City Council direct the Planning Department to develop a system for providing a copy of all Draft MNDs to the affected Neighborhood Councils, and
- 2. Extend the 20-day minimum review period to at least 60 days.

After discussion, this MOTION was put to a vote of the participants present.

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0 The **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY).**

**19. TOPIC – A MOTION from the HARBOR ALLIANCE of NCs (HANC) regarding DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS (EIRs) was presented by Bob Gelfand: “...the LANCC requests that, in accordance with Charter Sections #900 and #907, City Council establish a 90-day minimum review period for all Draft EIRs unless this time is waived by the impacted Neighborhood Council(s).” After discussion, this MOTION was put to a vote of the participants present.**

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0 The **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY).**

## 20. LIGHTNING ROUND - PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. **BILL MURRAY** introduced us to the **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ADULT SURVIVORS OF CHILD ABUSE** and said that this April is the 30<sup>th</sup>, annual Child Abuse **AWARENESS MONTH**. He briefly described some of his personal experiences as a sexually abused child and how others, like him, need to be more aware of the problem and involved in the resolution of this problem. One in four girls and one in six boys are sexually abused before age 18 ... less than 10% ARE REPORTED ... and many more children experience physical and emotional abuse events. All of these events may produce profound changes in the child's development and, as an adult, the person's mental health. Mr. Murray offered to bring presentations to all groups.
- b. Cindy Cleghorn invited all to the next PlanChek Meeting, Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am at the Hollywood Community Center. She also said that plans for the September 2013 Congress of NCs is under way. She invited all to participate. She asked us to take the message to our NCs and to include a funding item for the Congress in our FY2013-2014 NC Budgets.

## 21. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Chairman Terrence Gomes announced the Council President Herb Wesson has been confirmed to appear at our May Meeting. He will present many issues and promised to answer many questions.  
Proposals.
- b. Daniel Wiseman announced:
  - #1 – TODAY, April 6, 2013 from 8:30 am to 4 pm  
North East Los Angeles **(NELA) DAY OF SERVICE**  
South West Museum
  - #2 – BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Monday, April 6, 2013 @ 2:00 pm - City Hall  
Dept Animal Services response to the **ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION ENFORCEMENT (ACE)** Program as amended by the City Attorney (CF #10-0085-S1)  
“Closure” of Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA/LA) issues  
(CF #12-00114-S7)
  - #3 – Status of the **CLEANUP at SANTA SUSANA FIELD LAB** with the staff from the Department of Energy, Boeing and NASA will be available to answer questions.  
on Wednesday, April 6, 2013, 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM  
Grand Vista Hotel, 999 Enchanted Way, Simi Valley, CA 93065

22. **TOPIC: PREPARATIONS for NEXT MEETING**

3 min.

a. SUGGESTED TOPICS

- Council Members Buscaino and Englander have already been invited to present material on the "Repair the Streets" Bond Proposal
- Council Member Krekorian (Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee) has been invited to discuss the City Budget and the effect of the rejection of Measure "A" (the half-cent tax increase)

b. SUGGESTED SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

- c. DATE & LOCATION: Saturday, March 4, 2013 @ 10:00 am  
Hollywood Constituency Center

23. **ADJOURNMENT – 1:45 pm**

1 min.

DRAFT