

LANCC – July 6, 2013

10 a.m. – 12 noon

The LANCC Steering Committee thanks the over 50 attendees from 41 communities that were present at the LANCC July meeting this past Saturday, following is our report:

GUEST: Mitch O’Farrell

Briefing with newly elected Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell (CD 13) who gave us a brief history of how he came to run for Council Office. Mitch started with his involvement in the Neighborhood Council System as a member of the organizing committee that founded the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council back in 2001. He prepared the NC application and submitted it to DONE. It was the 3rd NC application to be received by DONE. His belief and support of community has only grown since then. This was further cultivated during his ten years of service with Eric Garcetti, first as a Field Deputy and eventually as Director of Special Projects. He looks to community input and collaboration for all of his best projects and will continue to do so as a Councilmember. He considers community activists as serving in “enlightened self interest” for the betterment of our city. He encouraged us to focus with an “attitude of partnership” with the City. Be assertive and constructive. Assert our advisory role. We are the lobbyists for the City of Los Angeles’ neighborhoods.

Dr. Fred Pickel, DWP Rate Payer Advocate

LANCC votes to support Rate Payer Advocate’s recommendation to suspend the FIT-100 program.

Dr. Fred Pickel – DWP Ratepayer Advocate is trying to move back to City Hall. His office location is currently less than accessible. Our DWP base rates have remained the same, however quarterly adjustments are to offset the high rates DWP is paying due to water shortages throughout the state and the higher costs for water treatment that are sometimes necessary. He also gave us a PowerPoint presentation, which is available here:

<http://empowerla.org/ratepayers-advocate-has-good-newsbad-news/>

Dr. Pickel accepts the FIT-50 program but not the FIT-100. As explained in the power point, ratepayers are not getting a fair or reasonable program from DWP on the FIT-100 program. The price that DWP is proposing to pay for solar power under the Feed-in-Tariff is over market by about \$250 million over the next 20 years. For the first 20 megawatts of the 100 megawatt program, DWP is proposing to pay 17 cents per kilowatt hour. This amount declines by 1 cent for the next 20 megawatts to 16 cents, and so on. But when these prices are compared to current

market prices, we are paying \$250 million over market. Dr. Pickel recommends suspension of the FIT-100 program until it can be re-evaluated.

Tony Wilkinson, Panorama City NC, made the following motion:

That LANCC support the Rate Payer Advocate; Dr. Fred Pickel's request that the FIT-100 Program be suspended and support the subsequent reevaluation of the FIT-100 Program as suggested by the Office of Public Accountability. Motion Passed: Yes=29, No=0, Abstain=1. LANCC recommends NCs agendize and do the same.

Jobs~

Jan Perry has been appointed by Mayor Garcetti to head the new department that now includes the Community Development Department (CDD) and the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD). Linda Mims from the Economic Development Dept. says funding from the Dept. of Labor that is available from now until March 2014. LA still has the highest rate of unemployment, and the highest rate of unemployed with college degrees. From the presentation it is unclear where the jobs are, but the EDD acts as a clearinghouse, and can help people find jobs. Questions included how this new department will involve small businesses who are holding back on hiring due to the high cost of doing business in the City, lack of access to capital and commercial real estate. Also, that existing WorkForce Centers lack the ability to serve the high needs and people are turned away when they show up. The programs are being administered through the WORKFORCE Centers more information can be found here:

<http://cdd.lacity.org/employment.html>

Board of Neighborhood Commissers (BONC)

Acting BONC president, Len Shaffer said the BONC is waiting for new commission appointments so BONC can function.

CM Huizar moved forward the Factual Basis Stakeholder definition as presented by the NC Working Group. He recommends support for this motion. Each NC will define factual basis stakeholder positions for their own communities.

The LANCC supports Council File Motion #13-0859 regarding Factual Based Stakeholders from Jose Huizar as presented. Motion Passed: Yes=26, No=0, Abstain=3. LANCC recommends NCs agendize and do the same.

Please see link:

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-0859_mot_07-03-13.pdf

Support Grayce Liu continue as DONE General Manager

Jay Handal addressed concern that new Mayor Eric Garcetti may be considering some one else as the General Manager for the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment and he requested the **LANCC consider the motion to support and keep Grayce Liu as our General Manager.** (Please also see attachment A)

The motion was passed with a unanimous vote from the representatives of 32 Neighborhood Councils present. LANCC recommends NCs agendize and do the same.

DONE/EmpowerLA Updates

NC Funding

Grayce Liu said that after months of planning and meetings, Wells Fargo is unable to accommodate the new funding system for NCs that would include a P-Card and check writing capability. Grayce promises to keep working on ways to expedite NCs to access to their funds. In the meantime, the current US Bank system will be used, as well as, the requirement for submitting Demand Warrants. For more detail information please refer to this link:

<http://empowerla.org/gms-funding-update/>

Note: following today's LANCC meeting DONE held the required training for treasurers, second signers and all board members. If your board members have not completed the training, please make sure they do so before the deadline as they will not be able to vote to approve funding if they have not taken the training.

NC Elections

Glenn Bailey – Plans for NC Elections are underway. Handouts available. Elections will be held Spring 2014. NCs need to appoint an Elections Representative who will be the contact person, along with the Chair.

LANCC Special Election

Election for LANCC Treasurer postponed til August meeting. If you are interested please submit a statement of 250 words or less to lanccoalition@gmail.com

If you any questions regarding the LANCC please do not hesitate to contact us!!
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Meeting was presided over by LANCC President Terrence Gomes, LANCC Co-Chair Glenn Bailey and Alisa Smith, LANCC Secretary alisasmithla@gmail.com

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ATTACHMENT A

a. Support of reappointment of Grayce Liu to the position of General Manager to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Whereas the City of Los Angeles. has elected a new Mayor

Whereas all department heads must re-apply for their positions

Whereas Grayce Liu, appointed interim General Manager on August 2, 2012 and confirmed as permanent General Manager on January 19, 2013 has changed the culture of the Neighborhood Council system since taking the General Manager position

Whereas the Neighborhood Council system is now being managed and moved forward in a positive light

Therefore, The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition moves to strongly request to Mayor Garcetti that Ms. Liu be reappointed as soon as possible to the position of General Manager for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and that he reappoint her a.s.a.p. in an effort to stop any rumor to the contrary, and to allow both staff and elected board members and their stakeholders to continue moving forward with programs and trainings beneficial to the Neighborhood Council system and to fulfill the demands of the Los Angeles Charter.

Moved By Jay Handal- West L.A.