

# Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LANCC GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, July 5, 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 Avenue  
Hollywood, CA 90028

## A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Terrence Gomes, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### 2. Terrence Gomes Chair’s Report:

- “I’ve been driving around town and noticed that tourists love to take pictures of city monument sights in Beverly Hills, and the Santa Monica Pier sign. But, I never see them taking pictures of our lowly Los Angeles sign; why are people not coming to Los Angeles? They’re going to the surrounding cities.”
- “We need to get our electives in gear to be able to help make this a great city. We always see more unemployment rate, more of this, more of that. Yet, we’re being taxed more and more but we’re not seeing the services.”
- “We were able to stop the \$4 Billion Bond. It’s not that we’re against great streets the problem is that we have problems with the city’s ability to control and look out for taxpayers’ money.”
- “I’ve been getting a lot of phone calls and emails regarding small lot subdivision, Senate Bill 1818.”

3. **Introductions:** LANCC Representatives and guests introduced themselves.

41-LANCC representatives in attendance.	T. Gomes, F. Mariscal, G. Bailey, C. Acosta, F. Wada, P. Nicholas, J. Wingler, T. Wilkinson, C. Lindenblatt, C. Butler, R. Waller, T. Dietlin, O. Smith, R. Guevara, J. Medina, K. McCowen, A. McCowen, K. Lord, B. Ringuette, S. Ramsawack, D. Madera, B. Chikosi, C. Anyadike-Danes, C. Stull, H. Keifer, I. Spiegel, N. Royal, R. Waller, A. Teran, D. Rockello, E. Lim, G. Wilson, G. Wilson, J. Handal, S. Gold, A. Stent, Y. Ellett, W. Lewis, R. Lewis, J. Humphreville, C. Butler
3-DONE/BONC	S. Box, L. Grant, L. Shaffer
1-Guest	L. Pederson

4. Agenda and Minutes-- review and approval: Minutes have not been approved since January.

### 5. Presentations

- a. Daniel Hackney -- Cancelled.

**b. LA City Ethics Commission Recommendations of Elections Reforms**

--Leila Pedersen, State Policy Coordinator

[www.commoncause.org/ca](http://www.commoncause.org/ca)

The L.A. Ethics Commission is recommending a set of election reforms to City Council and details of the proposed reforms to LA's campaign finance laws. These reforms will most likely be voted on later this summer.

For further information go to **Ethics.lacity.org** refer to "Memo to Ethics Commission of 6/12/14".

- Leila is making a video on the election reforms that are being proposed to City Council.

She can be contacted at [lpedersen@commoncause.org](mailto:lpedersen@commoncause.org)

**6. LEGISLATIVE: Original Motion**

**a. Community Impact Statement:** The XXXX Neighborhood Council supports the CF 13-1478 Motion (La Bonge - Krekorian) relative to the Department of City Planning and City Attorney to evaluate the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance and to revise the Ordinance to ensure that future Small Lot Subdivisions are compatible with the neighborhood. We request the following items addressed to improve the quality of life in the community affected:

1. - requiring front setbacks on all projects
2. - restricting the height in relation to the surrounding properties
3. - requiring private trash collection
4. - following neighborhood character and not allowing homes to be oriented towards neighbors
5. - no roof top decks because of noise and privacy concerns
6. - making front setbacks mandatory
7. - applying the same rules for apartment buildings including increased setbacks with increased height, mandatory open space, guest parking, common trash collection, and common area upkeep.
8. - turning the guidelines into enforceable rules
9. - requiring maintenance agreements for the common areas including driveways, walkways, and landscape.

Sid Gold moved to amend the original motion above and remove item one.
Fred Mariscal seconded the motion.
Vote count was: [23-Yes, zero-No's, and Zero- Abstentions].
Motion to amend passed.

**Amendment-1 of Motion:**

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Sid Gold moved for Motion (6 a.) as amended to be sent to the Neighborhood Councils.
Fred Mariscal seconded the motion.
Vote count was, [22-Yes, 1-No, and Zero-Abstentions].
Motion Adopted.
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Terrance said that he will clean up the language in the motion before sending it out.

**Amendment- Substitute Motion:**

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Peter stated that the NCs should have the option to change, by adding or deleting, the recommendations to serve their stakeholders.

**6. b. Letter to City Council and NC State Representative**

The XXXX Neighborhood Council supports AB 2222 that would change the current law under SB 1818. Adequate and affordable housing is an issue of statewide concern. Yet, the change made to the density bonus law by SB 1818 had the reverse effect and has resulted in fewer affordable units that were built pre-SB 1818 [and] that were proposed to be demolished and replaced may now qualify for a density bonus under the new SB 1818 structure. SB 1818 inadvertently created a loophole whereby developers that propose to demolish pre-SB 1818 buildings are not required to begin the new project with the same number of affordable units. As a result, a new project may result in less affordable units than previously existed on the parcel. This bill addresses the loophole created by SB 1818 and ensures that affordable units are preserved when a development proposes to demolish a site and the new proposal is to replace the outdated structure with a new residential structure by ensuring that the project begins with the same number of affordable units. Additionally, this bill increases the classification of affordability from 30 years to 55 years. This change is consistent with other state and local programs and ensures

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that affordable units remain affordable. AB 2222 will preserve and promote the supply of affordable units for years to come. The XXXX Neighborhood Council requests for your support/ that a motion be made in [City] Council on behalf of AB 2222 to improve quality of life and to close the loophole created by SB 1818.

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab\\_2201-2250/ab\\_2222\\_cfa\\_20140506\\_131240\\_asm\\_comm.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_2201-2250/ab_2222_cfa_20140506_131240_asm_comm.html)

Randy Waller moved to make two motions:

- (1) LANCC to support AB-2222 and send letters to the City Council File 14-0002-S52 and State Representative.
- (2) For Neighborhood Councils to send letter in support of AB-2222 to the City Council File 14-0002-S52.

Randy Waller moved for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition to support AB 2222 and send letters of support to Council File 14-0002-S52 and State Representative; in addition, to send letter to NCs for support of AB-2222 to City Council File 14-0002-S52.
Seconded by Sid Gold.
Vote count was, [21-Yes, Zero-No's, Zero-Abstentions].
Motion Adopted.

## 7. REPORTS

### 1. UPDATE ---Steven Box

- Elections Survey—25,529 voted in NC elections with a sum of 659 volunteers at the voting polls.
- This year the average Community Impact Statements (CIS) were 2 per year per neighborhood council. CISs are very important they serve as our metrics in shaping our city policies.
- 49 NCs have not updated their rosters.
- **Early Notification Services (ENS) – According to new posting policy, NC Boards and Committees MUST submit their NC Agendas for all committees and board meetings to: [ncsupport@lacity.org](mailto:ncsupport@lacity.org)**
- ENS is open Monday through Friday until 4:30 P.M.

### 2. BUDGET ADVOCATES (BAs) REPORT—Jay Handal

- Tuesday, July 8, BAs will have a meeting at 1645 Corinth Ave. 1<sup>st</sup>. floor, west side of building. Meeting starts at 7 P.M.
- Budget Day—Select two people to be Budget Representative Advocates. Send names to [Jay@empowerla.org](mailto:Jay@empowerla.org).
- There are 12 Regions; three BAs will be selected from each region giving us a total of 36.

### 3. BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS- Len Shaffer

For posting Policy click: [http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Neighborhood-Council-Agenda-Posting-Requirements\\_Policy-2014-01\\_Adopted-05-06-141.pdf](http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Neighborhood-Council-Agenda-Posting-Requirements_Policy-2014-01_Adopted-05-06-141.pdf)

- **The New Posting Policy has sanctions if agendas are not posted on website and sent to ENS.** Accordingly, NC will receive an email from DONE to cancel the meeting. Then NC is to contact the city Attorney's Office.

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- Jay Handal moved for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to send all NCs a complete template with verbiage to be inserted into NCs agendas to be in compliance ADA requirements.

Jay Handal made the above motion.	Seconded by Lydia Grant.
Vote count was, [21-in favor; two-Nays; Zero-abstentions].	Motion passed.

- Glenn Baily announced that NCs needed to update contact information in the ADA statement of the agendas.
- Lydia Grant Announced that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) is putting an Ad Hawk Committee to make sure that every NC has a website with all the necessary “tools” and buttons displayed for community and board members to access the DONE’s information.
- The August 5<sup>th</sup> BONC’s meeting will be changed. Check calendar for correct date and time.
- The Public Works Committee is still looking for NC Liaisons to have a connection between LAPW and the community; contact Lydiagrants@lacity.org
- Brown Act change since January 1, 2014. Meeting motions need to have documentation of the names of board or community members who voted on any motion; no longer accepting unanimous vote.

Adjourned: 12:30 P.M.