

MEETING MINUTES
LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COALITION
A Coalition of Councils

625 South Lafayette Park Place
Los Angeles, Ca 90057
October 3, 2015, 10:00AM

1. PRESENTATIONS

1. (Short Term Rentals in discussion upon arrival at 10:30am. A motion was being discussed {about Council File# _____} and a vote passed with 12-yes, 1-no, and 1-abstain.)

2. Discussion of sidewalk vending—conditions, with remedial suggestions such as Revival of the ACE, Administrative Citation Enforcement Program, with an increase of reserve Street Officers that are trained to write ACE citations for violations that need correction in 30-days, or there will be fine issued by the Office of the City Attorney. Other suggestions included confiscation of the illegally used food vending equipment. Undetermined consensus was that we do not want to put some people out of an income, but, per Chairman Gomes, “We want vendors to be legal.”

Chairman Gomes asked for NCs to send email narrations with photos of the illegal activity as soon as possible for a submission to the City Council to support legalization.

2. LEGISLATIVE

1. Since the city does have excess properties, and the NCs are part of the city family, David Rockello made the motion, and the second was by John Lieberman, for the City Council to direct the GSD to identify excess City Property, and to mandate that the vacant unused city space be given to city departments, including to the Neighborhood Councils, and that the GSD report back to the City Council in 90-days. The motion passed with 22-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstain.

2. To address the emergency status of the homeless in Los Angeles, and after discussion of examples of the need, John Lieberman made the motion, and it was seconded by Curt Miller, to ask the City Council for up to \$525 million to be matched by the County of Los Angeles, and the State of California, with the federal government to pick up the balance up to _____ for \$1 billion, (to be used per the Report of the 2006 Blue Ribbon Commission). The motion passed with 22-yes, 2-no, and 0-abstain.

(If my math is correct, the \$525 million, matched by the County and the State will total \$1,678,000,000.00. So—I am not sure where the Federal funding comes in, if we wanted a billion dollars for the problem of the homeless. And we did not discuss whether this funding is for one year, or for every year for an undesignated length of time for the homeless.)

3. The motion was made by David Rockello, and seconded by Sid Goldman, to request the City Council to direct the GSD to identify all available City property to be used for the homeless transitional housing. Motion passed with 19-yes, 0-no, and 1-abstain.

3. REPORTS

1. Grayce Liu, presented an EmpowerLA SPIRIT AWARD Certificate of Appreciation to Terrence Gomes for his dedication and accomplishments with troubled NCs. Terrence Gomes and Jay Handal had worked very hard to help some 59 of the 96-NCs that had had funds frozen for not filing their Monthly Expense Reports to DONE.

2. Stephen Box stressed that the process is open now for the 35 NCs choosing to use online voting, and that registration can now begin. He said a document of some 75 tools and strategies for the upcoming elections and outreach will be sent out shortly to every NC, with suggestions for digital outreach, analog outreach, social media outreach, and for special spaces such as bus benches, bus shelters, banners, etal. The contact for online voting will be Lisa Cahan Davis. (She is part of Studio City NC, but I do not have any contact info for her.)

3. Budget Advocates are busy. Jay Handal has resigned as the Co-Chair of Budget Advocates to be the Administrator of the NC Elections 2016. There will be a new Co-Chair of the Budget Advocates selected and named at the next meeting of the Budget Advocates.

4. Lydia Grant spoke about the September BONC Awards banquet and ceremony, and plans for an even better event for 2016.

5. Tony Wilkinson spoke about how a DWP rate increase is complex because, that increase was approved for July 8th, (2015), and how the ordinance for this increase has to be reviewed by the Rate Payer Advocate, and his report about that ordinance will be issued between November 20th and December 4th, 2015, after which, his report is submitted to all the 96-NCs for their review and response within a 60-day time frame.

6. Mike Wong, the new Director of Policy at DONE introduced himself. He especially mentioned the need for more Community Impact Statements.

7. Adjournment about 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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