

December 5, 2020

LANCC meeting

Respectfully submitted by Adriana De La Cruz

Motions

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 - a. Amendments and votes
 - i. Amendment by Miho Murai/Terrence Gomes to strike David Ryu language
 1. Moved Terrence, Seconded by Adriana De La Cruz
 2. Votes: 14-1-1
 - ii. Miho Murai moves to trim sentence, moving key point to previous, with Glenn Fordyce second
 1. Votes: 14-2-1
 - iii. Final vote: 15-0-2
 - b. Updated and approved language:
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c. Amendment by Sid withdrawn to become new Motion: Tabled until January

i. LANCC recommends that LA CITY Ethics review the present conflict of interests involving family members of elected and other officials and recommend changes.

3. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) is concerned that despite the fact that Los Angeles is facing a \$700 million "budget gap" this year, our cash starved City has managed to overlook the current leaseholds that nonprofits hold for \$ one dollar a year. This practice of offering City property to nonprofits for \$ one dollar at below market rate is gifting of taxpayer funds and could be considered illegal. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) requests that the CAO and Controller identify all City owned properties that have current contracts, expired contracts, or Council Files that allowed a nonprofit (tenant) to occupy a City owned property and what the tenant is paying. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) requests that Council member Krekorian, Chair of Budget and Finance, create a Council File to review all identified properties and to direct GSD (or other department with authority) to assess the current market rate to lease those properties. At the same time, GSD should also evaluate the properties for best and possible use for possible homeless housing.

LANCC Meeting Notes

1. Commenced 10:03A

2. Announcements

a) Len Shafer – Emergency Preparedness program December meeting cancelled for the holidays, will resume in January

b) Glenn Bailey – the video for the homelessness liaison from Ron Galpern is in the West Valley Alliance website

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3. Presentation by Streets LA – Adel Hagekhalil, Martin Schlageter, Elis Lee, Lance Oishi, Teresa Villegas.

STAP - Street Transit Amenities Program summary power point slide show *insert here

4. The current year contract expires at the end of 2021. The request for investigation of proposals (which they will see by February). In the interim there will be dialog between the community and the department. The program goals are to provide shade, and self-sustaining. The widening of the sidewalk, providing something we can all be proud of. The revenue received will be invested into this same project. 96 percent of current transit shelters are older than ten years, other more. Add at least 3 thousand (existing 1,800) looking to add 1,200 more.

Long term contract. Create a smart digital network. Advertising will include opportunities.
Digital advertising technology.

A safe and sustainable

Q&A

Conrad: a backup battery for the days there are shade – emergency hub

Tony W: current locations are chosen for large area traffic not enough cars driving by – repurpose existing one for transit need then auto traffic as a place to put them – digital access – already there – functionality – two fiber optics cables instead of one – so you can have one for WIFI and another for the display – separate power system

Adel H: shade access, working with metro, highest transit use and highest heat which was based on this which is how the 1,800-shelter number was calculated

Jack H: Thank you Adel that you are one of the better managers and bad they cut your budget. Discretionary funds, how much of the revenue will be going to the discretionary funds as opposed of the program

Adel H: in the past the revenue of 6 million annually was shared between discretionary funds and general funds. Wish to create a separate fund and not into the discretionary funds hopefully the City Council will agree.

Commissioner Villegas: Experience of the transit user coupling that with cool streets we started a year and a half. Increase shade opportunity and add on's to expand the experience of our transit users. We will take these things into consideration when we identify those areas that are just community based and we can get your contribution, so we get feedback as to where you think it is best.

Len Shafer: regarding the data collection, will it be automatic and anonymized, and will it be an opt in and opt out feature. What about the chip in persons phones and make sure we do not share with law enforcement.

Adel H: How many people went in and went out. The city has a data code of ethics aside from the mandatory privacy regulations. Prop 24 privacy provisions and CA regulations on privacy. It will only be indicated how many persons entered and exited on the time. We will include all the safeguards into the contract and take it under consideration.

Liz Amsden: Sanitation lost but the BSS gained you are doing a great job I concur with Jacks earlier comments. You mentioned cost issues, if you make these wifi hubs, like the idea that you are sharing this with other city departments.

Adel H: we need to provide multi-layer with other departments sidewalk improvements and adding trees and sustainability. We can talk about its further Liz and I am trying to see if we can create an oasis for stakeholders but also at a pocket park (parklet) if we can fix the street, sidewalk and make it a more welcoming place for those in need

Serj Danielian: will there be cameras there for later police perusal for any crime

Adel H: I would like to help passengers feel safe, but at the same time we should like to keep that security and are looking into this possibility and any contraindications to help secure the privacy of stakeholders who use our facility

Sid Gold: put something together for the next meeting a formal recommendation to submit to the department

Lauren Buisson: huge target of vandalism once a new one went up, how much of this will be built into this program, vandalism, there may be a challenge with the possibility of misuse of the transit shelter as well

Adel H: will invest and look into evaluation of regular maintenance, we maintain shelter cleaning 4 times a week and installed hand sanitizers, we are going to have further discussion and hope to have enough revenue to address any vandalism and a quick response by our workers

Laura Meyers: appreciate this conversation with community leaders. How can we remove or move some transit furniture. In our NC we are not happy with where some of these are located now, and also what is the method to be able to communicate with which person in the department, before we improve existing locations, where can we determine where placement is a good location. We have passed resolutions from United Neighborhoods, concerns over street lighting. We are not wanting to wait; we need the stop moved in the next few months. Who do we communicate you.

Adel H: we in the city government are here to serve you, if you have a specific community concern, we want to help you. We are creating an interactive map on the website to identify where are the existing shelters, we have done analysis on use but also that is helpful to you, so you can zoom into your neighborhood to see where this is going to be placed. Really was hard for us to not be able to force our previous contractor to move location 1 to 2. The future flexibility to this contract.

Commissioner Villegas: Having this dialog one year out is helpful. I do want to let you know we are coordinating this effort with LA DOT and METRO. Your comments you want to take a look at is vital and we welcome that.

Lance Oishi: the coordination of bus stops and coordinating infrastructure with other city departments, if you want to contact us and reach out to us, we can facilitate that, we can take away the bus stop and metro can no longer have the bus stop there.

Elis.Lee @Lacity.Org is the contact information for immediate needs.

David Garfinkle: concerns about digital display for traffic disturbances. I take the bus downtown and the digital display would be distracting.

Adel H: we have to have a balance. Technology has minimized and adjusts to the ambient light and the frequency of change will be analyzed and a create a balance from disturbance and benefit.

Q: Miho Murai - from audience look into the consequences of the display for ADA stakeholders that are autistic which can create some disturbances

Ade; H; We will take this into consideration

David Ubersax: Winnetka NC, some of these are turning into seating for this enterprise of street vendors – what about some planters in place to keep on Sherman Way in front of a Walgreens to stop this – explore if this can be a possibility and is it allowed – how to determine legal street vending and illegal street vending is a challenge

Adel H: the board of public works allowed for it and it is a permitting process and needs some conditions that board established t*insert this here – vending is legal and what we do not want from the vending law for enforcement – for those that are encroaching or causing (5608 municipal code - is being considered – for those will give you a link this ordinance is looking at finalizing this right now) policy for adding planters and also for those vendors not abiding by the

law (MASON ST and SHERMAN WAY), caddy corner a mile away is a DASH line to justify a submittal of a large TOC ordinance Sidewalk vending ordinance – our PLUM committee is a case in point

GLENN BAILEY – so I know that the business improvement districts have primary say where they maintain and place as opposed to NC'S there are a number of these bids, before any decisions are made, that we make sure there is communication and coordination between both bids, that we have chosen and we see these bids (NC's) before we get them

TERRENCE GOMES: why isn't the dept recommending building on the TOC be charged a fee and we can take these to build shelters which can be placed can be built in in where they are needed. The benefit are getting benefits and they are not contributing and why are we not adding a fee for them to pay for other areas. Maybe where there is

Adel H: will ensure that a good investment is being made, location where there is high transit use – shelters which will be located – reinvesting back to make our community better – minimize impact on the general fund and will take this comment into consideration and look into it

Terrence: we will get a formal recommendation to you

Second Presentation:

Thomas Soong – Outreach Director

Raquel Beltran – General Manager

RB: very excited on the new election process and we are all looking into the trailblazing system vote by mail and how best to conduct outreach. Deadline candidate deadline, the second deadline to get application deadline, and third to submit your ballot . Newsletter and monthly profiles included an ELECTION STRATEGY PLAN.

TS: It has been a challenging difficult year and thank you for all the contributions you have made with your NC. In terms of the outreach strategy plan. There was a challenge of the budget cuts and part of that we had 30,000 for the elections which we gave back with the understanding that the 456K the city clerk had set aside this for the upcoming 2021. This being an all vote by mail election, how can we reach the unhoused, how will we get their general awareness plan. We were ahead of the game, when we moved this to the general council, from these 4 feedback sessions we looked at this feedback as well as some of the successes of the – we got the 456K to move forward with a vote by mail, we came into these funds 3 weeks ago access. In 2016 we did a 5 million impressions using social media and digital ads. We will be getting out the vote. The working with trusted partners. In this age in getting the word out – working with diff community groups. Regarding the councils – the trust with govt is a challenging issue – so we are going to work with “trusted community partner” working with 20 nonprofits groups and 10 with young adult (30 yrs and under) and 7 organization s that reach the unhoused as well. Feedback with elected offices and also the NC's as to which are the best. Working with some vendors that are helping us with a broader regional use, phone bank and text. Vendors with bigger broad reach. How do we get our word out as well – what are NC's and how to do this. Because elections are on 12 cycles – why doesn't DONE do a mass mailer – insert a water bill LADWP run for candidacy instead of every door direct mail, city families and

use elected official data basis as well. Working with now are paid. Partnerships and you. We have been doing meetings 101 strategy with election chairs with each NC. In addition, ANN MARIE HOLMAN are providing eblasts to NEXT DOOR and trusted 3rd party engagement. Candidate information session as well – this afternoon – eight candidate information session – channel those to those session. We have one today from 3-5 and one on DEC 12th. And a couple others during the week. This is a broad summary ongoing plan, partnerships.

CONRAD STARR: thanks for the zoom rollout – thanks for the best tool for the zoom as my NC webmaster and secretary- will the candidate statement be printed out in the packets and the transition session mass swearing in in July and would that be the end of existing officer term. We had secret ballots in 2019.

Thomas Soong: the printed ballots and translation of candidate statements – just for the members here there is a relationship we have with the city clerk division; they do these items – we do outreach – the swearing in on July 1st

RAQUEL: good to hear the positive, the swearing in ceremony, have begun to get feedback on if this is a good idea – already looked at some NC have already shared their perspective – last Monday, work group created by city clerk is scheduled for a future time. Have as yet made a decision on this. Good reasons to do it but concerned having a process – same participants – all understand their responsibility – handbook and leadership orientation program – will take time as each NC leader are elected to do so – candidate affirmation form is one of the 1st steps in all of that – effective July 1st they have resources available and training – rolling leadership trainings happen more than once – the NC's that have their NC's earlier – the last in June will have less time but also have to do mandatory training. Also embrace that the philosophy that there can't be an amical transition. Those elected in March can be invited can attend for being stakeholders and their discussion and that is okay. Will continue to consult on the subject. The office elections will be determined over zoom. Officer elections within each NC were done by secret ballot. The info session is repetitive it's the same so that if a candidate can get in and not finish the session the other times can help them get the full idea with the repeating sessions despite overlap with other conflicting meetings. We have persons participating despite not being associated with regions 5 and 6

Tony W – the selection of officers cannot be a secret ballot – it goes against the brown act. Regarding the newly elected board members were empowered as of the certification as of the ballot. The NC's have always been official as of certification – the seating of the board has always been ceremonial – disenfranchisement for those waiting until July 1st. Those remaining in office can spend their funds prior to July 1st. with limited resources the same is staggering election by region, limited training resources a lot easier to train in batches cannot train everyone at once – support to train as candidates are certified.

Glenn Bailey: for those NC's that do not directly elect their officers each NC bylaws says half of the board is seated that the election of officers will occur at that time – the election of officer is a problem in some NC's and DONE has to keep up with this that make sure it gets done. Do want to say that next weekend overlaps with PLAN check NC which has a new city planning initiative, can we move these? Region 5 6 and region 7. Eblast where all the candidates and voters letting them know these regions are now open for candidate filing. Each week as each region opens up should Eblast previous candidates who ran before but did not win. Appreciate the city-wide Next-Door advertising.

Thomas S: regarding the scheduling for candidate, we will look for conflicting dates for city wide events as well .

David Ubersax: if you hear a good questions and those questions would be great to capture during the candidate introductions – in regards to limited budget and use of partners nonprofits – important to have transparency - more than that for the NC expenditures on elections – because we are part of the city partners – also for those partners who have helped collaboration in traditional media such as daily news – if that is part of our budget or not and use it and not leave it unspent – those nonprofit partners can be given to be given on a regional basis for traditional media partner within each NC – as an idea (list of those selected for transparency). Every dollar spent partnered – we have standards as stewards – tends to be city wide without government – tendency to go with nonprofits without that caliber of transparency – steer you to some of the partners we see out here – emergency nonprofits – we have a food distribution and showers for the unhoused and this list came from integration from our council member

Raquel: when I think about transparency anticipate working directly with each NC which community-based organization is not going to get a contract, capacity to do this kind of work in a meaningful way, deliverables with those that meet the need. One for example some are having a knock down fight with an NC – not a good idea.

Thomas Soong – keep in mind we are going to use partners – 37 organizations are not going to be the only ones – who are the nonprofit in the areas – the city clerk funding – also the NPG recipients also those that received funding from an NC – west valley alliance with triple H – looking for diff nonprofit groups as this service provider to collect ballots etc. – city wide homeless alliance feature – identify these third parties

Lydia Grant – concerned about the use of nonprofits – where is the money going is there going to be a contract in place so they cannot receive funds for this – nonprofits cannot receive money from NPG from NC's in that region – so these nonprofits cannot stack their own candidates in these areas for their own benefits. I need someone from the dept to talk to the superintendent of schools that can be included in any LAUSD food distribution. Have two school board members and would like to know if we can work directly.

Raquel: regarding LAUSD contact thanks we will be there in the talks. We cannot include we can include certain information; we are moving away to include in those contracts regarding deliverables, certain candidates and votes (target numbers) for elections for a variety of reasons we may not end up asking this. Model we are using in election strategy plan using the best practices, LADWP big partners like this can do large-scale outreach, the second tier is consultants that can use mediums that reach people such as text messaging, which bridges the digital divide, with three messages. The first a blast – looking at proposals. Including the LAUSD, may charge us. Community based partners come in after that. The 14-17 old's in this process – looking at equity and diversity.

Tony : concerned the department doesn't have enough time with these nonprofit contract – doing the right thing and we have a mandate to improve the diversity of our boards – nonprofit helps to do this with candidates – if we delay with this – we should not be tying the GM hands and there should be a diff way – candidate support agreements – DONE standard here's how to be a candidate – can be provided by a local non-profit and could be open to any candidate it would dilute their running their own candidate – invitations to their diverse set of people – like

to see the department be unrestricted and doing this as quickly as possible – there is another set of nonprofits the city clerk is working with –

Raquel – we have meeting set up some may need approval by BONC, and some will need approval by city attorney and city council who is not in session until January – so we are trying to expedite these contracts.

Lou Caravella – nonprofits may be looked at that contract with other ground not just within an NC – in terms of any other seating elected officials later in July, for sure even if it allowed in the spirit of the law – with all of the pandemic the less disruption the better – seating elected officials. If that's going to happen there should be input by the NC's. With consultation made clear that is important – what is so special about it. This would ease the amount of each NC.

David Rockello: do not have a lame duck session” – as soon as the election is certified the next meeting, they install their new board members as opposed to the delay. Also how are the voters going to get a ballot – why don't we use public radio. Languages in Latino sessions in advertising. Ads that are placed in other formats – bulletin boards – no matter how long we have been doing this. Do not want to have a round robin and this is a second election cycle that region 5,6,7,8 are the first to go – holiday curse no one will sign up in December.

Laura Meyers – concerned giving money to nonprofits how are they going to help and influence – just disenfranchised most nonprofits because they do not have street addresses – which is the new rule a nonprofit to participate at a year already a physical address at least a year in this.

Not going to offer them money you will help others to get word out more efficiently to those already signed up with them – why wouldn't we ask all nonprofits for free to send out to their networks – we all support them – believe they should not get monetary compensation for a task they may be willing to do so without payment. Target certain nonprofits we are leaving out – but not including religious institutions. In terms of city-wide stuff. Health council.

Thomas: partnerships not putting all our outreach if they fail or succeed there goes our election – its okay – NPG's because you give them funds can they do these blasts – we can do both not just paid to do so.

Raquel: who do you work with already based on your relationship. There's no enough money to hire all – there are some you already mentions some we want to know. We know there are those that need support – community partners are the best way to do. 456K to do this kind of outreach is not a lot of money for a city this size we are going to have to be strategic as humanly possible – we are just going to have be positive and be helping each other every step of the way

Lauren Buisson – what is the city's mandate undocumented residents – we have been very lack in doing this and in my NC in Echo Park – how do we reach this minority voters – we have nonprofits who reach out directly district 5 in NC in echo park – for example – CHIRLA – which I represent – let them out to them – another service provider – struggle to get this – my community plan published in English – need to reach the Latino stakeholder – language justice more universal approach. Translation services – how to do outreach to our immigrant neighbors – need to create a safe space free from discrimination or a xenophobic environment

Raquel: all NC's are expected to include all segments of their NC work every day (in theory) recognizing that NC's have their own challenges this practice is for the extend possible – reaching to county wide regional task force that have been meeting for 15 years that is supported by the California community foundation. Inform them of the process and spread the

word through their network. Has to be trusted and there are reluctant participants in the census – undocumented stakeholders have been hesitant to participate already – so to help them feel safe then they can feel safe to cast their ballots.

Thomas song; thanks for the feedback

Nina Royal: encourage our utilities to include in the bill and public service announcements

Raquel: again we do plan to do with the LADWP

Terrence: those that are already registered to vote in local elections in the city of Los Angeles why are they registered to vote and need to register again in the NC election cycle – people who are already registered can be sent out information for use

Raquel - municipal elections – establishment of stakeholder status is a requirement

Katherine McNenny: how do we establish nonprofit is eligible for consideration – so an unsheltered person can get a letter to verify stakeholder status?

Raquel: a nonprofit is able to provide a letter for affirmation purposed for an unhoused person can qualify – look at the city handbook

Len Shafer; confusion with a person who qualified as a community interest stakeholder – that has been at a physical location for a period of one year as opposed to a person who lives within an NC – for clarification

Gary Fordyce: undocumented can vote and run for board in an NC – since we have youth members who are documents under 18 and cannot vote on funding cannot vote in funding – and yet we have adults undocumented that can vote and spend money as they wish

Len Shafer – lives votes or owns property was an inclusive definition

Tony W: that's the beauty of the system – sales tax – and can vote on how they can pay – we make no distinction at all

Liz Amsden requested for consideration as a Budget Advocate – ETHICS COMMISSION – make sure they have the funds to protect our interest. feels we need to make it very clear funding given to the ethics department needs to be clear that our funding helps to our way of life – adding 0.33 percent to the city's budget – which will track the elections but also to have staffing to pursue more egregious offenses and train people that they cannot get around the system – also those City council members that did not participate more in the HUIZAR situation.

Terrence Gomes moves the motion.

Sid Gold – expanding nepotism laws to include other relatives like cousins' in-laws etc. – amendment added -

Miho – strike out comments of David Rhu comments are subjective – Terrence Gomes seconded this

Tony – if we can make two separate motions

Lauren B: find the rules first without double checks – also change of ethics rules part of grounds for censure – easily accessible – on the department – not comprehensive – really be interested in the second part

Terrence: will work with the GM put on the website on this

Miho: would also strike out where it says in a year where ... strike that part out “to keep the 16 should be not too much to ask” – Gary Fordyce seconded

Tend to have things where it's not contestable, the factual can be ignored if it's the way you produce it – if we take the entire sentence makes sense. After that we can .033 percent...(violation of the ethics rule should be censure and grievance accountable)

Len Shaffer: I facilitate the emergency preparedness alliance how to serve the underrepresented community – 4th Saturday of the month – The Brown Act has been suspended in regards to in person meetings – there is nothing in the brown act to promote zoom sessions including your board members listening in remotely will be able to participate if NC's wish to expand their stakeholder report. Filing form 700 form available that controls Fair Political Practices Act that holds accountable civil and criminal activity. Provision for one-time exemption – for board members so they would not need to fill out the form – which held up due to what you have to disclose on that – we are subject to the act although we do not have to fill out the form 700. To reiterate that NC's can host a hybrid meeting – once the stay at home orders are lifted – those board members will be required to attend meetings in person – however zooming this meeting as well can encourage participation from stakeholders- provided that the board is also viewing this session online to be able to hear and address any stakeholder questions/ and or comments.

Miho Murai – question addressed to Len Shaffer about an outstanding grievance
Len Shaffer – replied in suggesting she contact the GM directly

Liz Amsden –Budget Advocates – solicit input from the NC's, read a statement aloud. *insert that here – budget advocate statement. Vacancies in Regions 1,7,9,12 – see website BUDGETADVOCATES.ORG – please reach out to us.

Nina Royal – suggest LANCC take on a stronger position cannot survive losing this many officer – of which we may not get back. Crime will be at an all-time high.

Terrence – for next month taking review for all budget cuts for next meeting – FSR – in the link.

Announcements – none

Adjourned 1:24pm

Future meeting JAN 2nd at 10A