

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition
A Coalition of Councils General Meeting
Saturday Jan 10:00AM

MOTIONS

5. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) that when and if the Valley Generation plant is decommissioned, the land occupied by the plant will be repurposed for public recreational use and green space. [CF 20-1463](#)

a. Moved by Sid, Seconded by David Rockello – after discussion item tabled until February meeting.

6. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) that council file CF 20-0147 be amended to limit emergency powers of the Mayor to 30 days. Furthermore, any renewal will require a vote of approval from LA City Council. The amendment of the current emergency Mayoral order would take place 30 days after approval of this amendment.

a. Moved by Sid Gold, Second by Lydia Grant: Fails, 5,9

7. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) that resolves to support recommendation of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council that the City of Los Angeles re-open the West Valley Animal Shelter as a fully functional **Municipal** animal shelter. [CF 20-1114](#)

a. Moved by Sid Gold, Second by Glenn Bailey. Passes 12/0/2

LANCC Meeting Notes JANUARY 2, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Adriana De La Cruz

1. Call to Order – 10:07 AM

2. President Report – Terrence Gomes

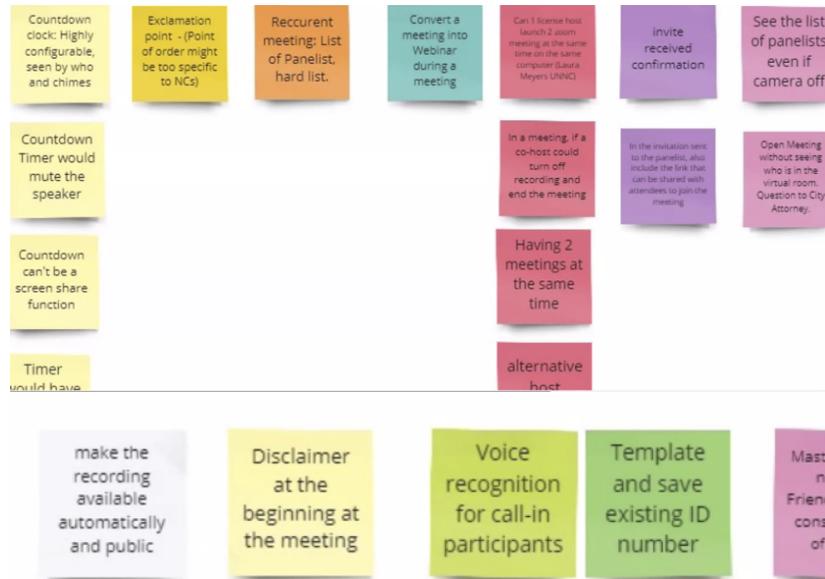
3. **Guest Speaker** ALEX HELOU LA Bureau of Sanitation – See Zoom recording listed on the LANCC website for that presentation

Question: Lydia Grant – airline grade fuels can be sold to generate profit – this is the type of technology we should look into this – alternative methods of recovery as opposed to landfill – the cost of using alternative methods – Alex – second challenge aside from the cost – the environmental community challenged us regarding these alternative recycling methods – emissions are low and the materials can be used as building materials. Opposition from environmental groups. Also the LAND use space FISHER TROPE. Several companies right now to see if these can be placed in LA county. We put an RFP for three companies that applied and where we can place these facilities. One system can handle to offset the cost of other regions. Charles Lindenblatt- bulky item pickup – 16 stairs up on the second floor old TVs and monitors in my 16 floor unit apartment and need help with curbside – to go inside we need to get a waiver

– they did not want sanitation to be liable – also to bring stuff out it was more work than we were allowed to do – comes down to liability. Things happen in the house or accused of missing items – risk management – concerned. Jack – are there any reports that are available to us – everything is in draft form (regarding a future RFP request). Cheri Derohanian – some environmental groups are opposed what specifically are they opposed to here in Los Angeles? Alex – we put environmental groups with green party – environmental justice protest – truck traffic and emissions from these facilities and the placement of this plant in underprivileged community. Issue is that there is emissions but in Japan and Germany you see stack of waste energy facility and people recapture the heat emitted to reheat nearby swimming pools – by recapturing what is being emitted. The emissions small amounts. Brandi D’Amore – illegal dumping issues in the street – what is the city doing to prevent this and are you currently working at the neighborhood alliance sustainability alliance – Alex would be more than happy to work with the alliance. Regarding the dumping of sofas and mattresses that wind up getting taken to homeless encampments – they can use the LA 311 application. What the city can do is more PSA for this, it is the responsibility of the stakeholder to pick this up. It is recommended they bring it to the curb on their collection day. Sid Gold – alternatives – Alex – cost more money. Liz Amsden – more fines for illegal dumping – need to address this – in addition why doesn’t the city charge for smaller garbage can sizes and charging less for this for those that do not have as much garbage. Alex – we do have a smaller size bin at the same price as the larger one – you have 60 gallon basic and can go up to a 90 gallon which cost more. Regarding the price we still have to send the truck and fixed cost of the employee and the mechanic and the system – we can discuss at the next increase – some cities on the east coast – where you buy the trash bag and you pay for the bag and you put it on the curb by purchasing the bag. Sometimes there has been illegal duplication of the bag sold on the black market and the city does not collect for this – very difficult to do. There has been some discussion of picking up food which is wet one week and the dry other trash the next week. Various methods to do this – shared costs among stakeholders. We need to decrease the amount of waste. Alex says I agree with you. Open to suggestions on how we can do it – the city is open to it. David Ubersax – goat eating Christmas trees – the diff between food waste and separate paper and plastic – is the composting diff from that dumped in the black bin – Alex – it does not reach the temp 107 degrees as opposed to what commercially is done methane gas released in the plant. The question about the land fill, is made up of layers – they recover the methane release to create electricity from it – these landfills are so massive and wide it can still be a challenge to capture all methane. Glenn – received an email Laurie Kelson Encino NC – the cans need to be returned to the driveway the steep and rain – Encino placement of the bins back in the driveway as opposed to the curb as cans wash away during the rain. Glenn – didn’t see the economics of the green bin on your presentation – can you give us an update on resale and any income. Alex – tons of material each year – about 85% is done by other private companies’ waste management \$40-45 per ton is the cost to process this the remainder – 10-15% is given away free of charge – as opposed to other counties who charge \$5 a ton for green material. We do not pay – we have sites throughout the city where compost is available for stakeholders for free. Terrence – tipping free is divided into the trash – we second fee is the green waste – the third is the recovery facility – we run about 60 million dollars a year and that goes up year to year – we receive our revenue from the LADWP, and we get our share from that bill. Jack Humphreville – some of that fee ends up with the City Council – slush funds. Alex – we pay \$1 per ton of the black bin waste goes to the council office. There a fee at CD 12 in that goes into a community fund.

4. ZOOM Improvements – Glenn Bailey – Improving ZOOM for NC’s summary report of that meeting. There was a meeting on Wednesday, with Raquel Beltran and her staff, after we received information that they were going to request with ZOOM corporation to see if there could be improvements based on the needs of the NC system (city of Los Angeles). They will be having a meeting the 3rd week of January to go over some ideas. The comments that were made by NC’s since we started the process in May filtered through Julien Antelin and Semee Park at DONE. There was a zoom meeting and the Zoom recording for that is a link for that zoom meeting to discuss this. Right now we will go to the input that was received prior to the meeting and then we will share information that was captured at this meeting on Wednesday. Will post on

the LANCC website of the input session. Here is an example of what was discussed. Send an email to Glenn for the chat of this meeting, in addition you can email any suggestions to Feedback@LACITY.ORG – Questions comments and concerns please send to DONE. Please include your suggestion in the Chat that will be shared to DONE.



5. **Board of Neighborhood Commissioner** LEN SHAFFER gave an update on the social media policy that will be discussed at Board of Neighborhood commissioners meeting. This policy is going to be reviewed the second week in February, in addition to ongoing public comments at their meetings. I would like to see some comments as to how the proposed policy can help with attendance and contribution with social media. Although there have been negative comments about this policy. Those are the kinds of things I would like to see coming in for the commissioners to consider. We just had a New Year's celebration virtually at some NC's. We want to make the NC's use of social media that does not violate some public meeting requirement that has been discussed previously in 2006/7 and then again in 2013 when we had a plan review in a working group. Perhaps it's time to take this up again given the new attendance in on line meetings. Please give your comments and submit a community impact statement from your NC and present it to BONC. Another zoom comment session may be scheduled independently by DONE sometime this month. Questions: Brandi D'Amore – protest in section 9. Len – there is no way the commission can overturn sections that mention in including people from twitter feed comments. If you use your private social media account that mentions any information regarding your office or NC, then that you could not exclude comments there as that may now be considered and official post. Brandi – you will be receiving a letter from my NC about this after our January board meeting. Len – the items that come before your general council, when comments were posted on a post in a private setting prior to public discussion – cannot show favoritism which may disqualify a board member when this comes up at a future meeting. As an elected board member you cannot express it (despite you feeling it a personal opinion) is something we need to revise and talk about. Please put the word “resolved” before the motion that makes it official from your NC. Cheri Derohanian – what is the deadline for comments on the policy. Len Shaffer – you can make any comments during public comments at any meeting regarding the policy. Conrad Starr – nuance of “liking” a comment on social media can be interpreted in various ways. Lou Caravella – micromanagement of neighborhood councils and free speech issues that will come up. My central San Pedro NC already has a social media policy – I would like to see that there are no infringement on free speech – although I feel restricting it more will cause a backlash. Len – this proposed policy was presented to BONC in its current form. It was presented by Empower LA not the developed by BONC, this policy was in part in reaction to alleged gross conduct by some NC board members from stakeholders,

hoping there would be some policy developed to address these concerns. Len – once again there may be other ways to address these issues and that is something that will be discussed when it is brought up for discussion that will take place later in February. Len – there are comments in the chat – the members Empower LA and a city attorney advisory group and some ITA city members who developed this document. Rachael Rose – can we get more than a few minutes other than general comments. LEN – if an NC has filed an CIS submitted to the clerk to be send to BONC that will get the official NC rep to speak to the CIS up to 5 minutes. More time is up to the BONC chair and the amount of time is extended based on how many stakeholders raise their hand for discussion. Rachael Rose Luckey– we need guidelines not updates. Len – I agree that NC’s should be independent –BONC can recommend/best practices, it’s helpful when a policy is set in place for all NC’s – when advice such as this is given, then when it is not followed then there can be a way to resolve any issues. As with any DONE policy, there is a resolution process which can be supported when there is a violation to policy (such as would be should a social media policy be in place). For example, the code of conduct policy is not recently being enforced by the department (EMPOWER LA aka DONE) – and they have recently sent out notices for exclusion of some board members for violations, even though this policy has been in place for some time now. LEN – if we give one person more time in speaking on this at a BONC meeting, then we need to give the same time extension to others – By Neighborhood councils not doing so, they can make themselves vulnerable to a Brown Act violation that can lead to potential civil action. One thing that is being looked into with this social media policy, has to do with potential city liability – from board members at NC’s in regards of certain things. Each board member is supposed to act in accordance to the scope and duties of your office and if you go out of that realm each Board member may be held personally liable. So yes this is worth discussing. Laura Meyers – this is not how I feel DONE should be spending time and money on this policy. When this pandemic is over, and the stay at home orders go away – we will return to in person meetings and not necessarily on any zoom meetings. So I have concerns about a Zoom policy that DONE may work on a policy for that. We are trying to engage our stakeholders and as time goes on, we will need to look at a policy depending upon the times. I do agree with LEN that the city is responsible with what we do and that is a place to focus on that falls under the code of conduct. Len – regarding the brown act to neighborhood councils when we used to meet at the LA City college – there is nothing in the brown act that says zoom cannot be used for public comment at meetings – there was nothing that said it needed to meet in person – if they were remote meetings – the remote location – we can still allow people to attend remotely after the stay at home orders are lifted. Terrence – regarding my NC website – we wanted to know if we were compliant with federal and state law. Len – I can understand that and will make a note of it. One of the reasons for flexibility – is the inquiries that had to be made – changes rapidly as it changes tomorrow. Glenn – I just wanted to point out that the information session – went about two hours – the recording of the chat and zoom will be on the website – the next round table discussion in scheduled this month.

Here is the link to the Zoom recording of the December 16th Digital Media Policy Information Session.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/yMvK2i92DxwZAOKvsMRGYqilsJCnkcMd0fKIUBpdP-bidpTJr7jmoVvFr3_ddBIViIHVOwAMc65miGab.6E6mnXUY6O4YIP51

Here is the link to the Chat from the December 16 Draft Digital Media Policy Information Session:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/131WMdnpzRx3igLpDrRdOYAhpKnQsrsp_DvSQ7xgMtsM/edit

6. **Elections** – NC elections, certain regions have opened up for candidate filing – information what experiences they have so far. Region 5 closed on Dec 28th and Region 6 closes on Thursday. Questions: Brandi – we got a lack of support on outreach and this is now the second time Region 5 was going first, and due to the holiday season, we feel there will be lack of stakeholder participation in registering for a mail in ballot. We are afraid that when the stay at

home order are lifted – there may have people back out for mandatory in person meetings as opposed to remote meeting participation that is more friendly. Norma Chavez – I am a new member that started in NOV as the chair of the elections committee and feel unsure how to meet target deadlines, but I would like clarification on the function as the chair. Is there one to one training? What am I supposed to do to support the candidates – would like City Clerk assistance. GLENN – for the election technical side of things can be directed by the city clerk office and that assigned election administrators. We can share with you their contact information. Upcoming meeting for Elections Chairs, Outreach Chairs, or whoever you think will work on the 2021 NC Elections. Wednesday . January 6th from 5:30pm-7:00pm
<https://forms.gle/DgJGvYcnByTcB91T9>

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sid Gold – RESOLUTION request to suggest we submit a LANCC – Community Impact statement (CIS) on the upcoming City Council motion directing the LADWP – on how the valley generating station can possible be shut down in a way that does not disrupt the power supply. The motion is that if the recommendation for shut down does goes through – if we can reclaim the space for the benefit of the public. Norma Chavez – we would like more green areas to open a park and ask that it be maintained. There will be a roundtable discussion on this sometime in January. Liz Amsden – use part of the land for the recycling plant discussed by the LASAN rep for use. Terrence – discussion on the motion. (MOTION) exact language of the motions at LANCC meetings will be included on the website as a separate summary report.

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C. (MOTION) reopening of the West Valley Shelter. Sid Gold – turning over this to a nonprofit rather than continued operation by the city. We request that this continue to be used as a city animal shelter. Not word for work the motion – amend – fully functional “municipal” animal shelter. Sid agreed to the change not sure if we need to vote on this as an amendment. Glenn seconds.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1114>

D. Congress of Neighborhoods meets at 1:30pm this afternoon, meets the first Saturday of the month.

E. Liz Amsden – Budget Advocate report. Need to get your input to the budget advocated regarding the city budget cuts. Need more budget advocates in Region 1, 4, 7, 9, 11 and 12. The budget advocate website is www.budgetadvocates.org If you haven't been receiving reports from your designated budget advocate please let us know. The information on who has been designated to your NC can be found on the website.

7. Announcements

A. Sid Gold – concerned about the City Attorney at his executive powers for a future LANCC meeting.

B. PLAN Check meetings next Saturday at 10 AM.

8. Adjournment 1:18 PM