Councilmember David Ryu Discretionary Funds Task Force

Special Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 09, 2018—6:00pm Will & Ariel Durant Library, 7140 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046

I. WELCOME

Chair to the Task Force, Anastasia Mann welcomes everyone and called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

7 members present
Anastasia Mann – Chair
Bob Anderson
Richard Bogy – Vice Chair
Nahtahna Cabanes
Ken Fritz
Owen Smith
Julie Stromberg

1 member absent George Skarpelos

III. MINUTES

a. Approve minutes from 9/20/17 meeting.

Motion -- To approve the minutes of the 9/20/17 meeting.

Moved: Bogy Second: Fritz

Vote: Approved unanimously.

b. Approve minutes from 11/14/17 meeting.

Motion -- To approve the minutes of the 11/14/17 meeting.

Moved: Bogy Second: Fritz

Vote: Approved unanimously.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No general public comments

V. COUNCIL OFFICE LIAISON UPDATES

Nicholas Greif, Council District 4 Policy Director

- There is a call for applicants to fill the vacant task force positions, and the deadline for the application period is by the end of January 2018. The application can be found on our discretionary funds task force page at davidryu.lacity.org.
- We are waiting for a transfer of around \$60,000 into our Street Furniture account, so the total will be around \$100,000.

VI. REVIEW LARGE EXPENDITURE REQUESTS (vote for or against recommendation)

a. Toluca Lake Cahuenga & Addison Teaching Garden (\$5,000)

The request for \$5,000 is to fund the fencing, soil testing, and permit fees necessary to turn a fallow empty city owned property into a community garden. This garden will uplift the community through beautification, education, and community service. The food grown in this garden will be donated to the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry.

Motion: To approve \$5,000 to the Netiya + Toluca Lake Garden Club for the creation of the Toluca Lake Cahuenga & Addison teaching garden.

Moved: Fritz Second: Smith

Vote: Approved unanimously.

b. Larchmont Village Security (\$400,000)

The request for \$400,000 is to fund a security service (SSA) to patrol the neighborhood of Larchmont. There has been a spring of crime in the neighborhood from residents experiencing armed robbery, theft, and suspicious activities. Each individual member of the task force provided insight on how to improve neighborhood security without the use of \$400,000 from neighborhood watch programs to utilizing multiple security services subscribed to multiple homes throughout the neighborhood to create a 24/7 security patrol.

VII. RECOGNITION OF 2015-2018 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Councilmember Ryu provided some words of thanks and appreciation.

VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of old or new business, announcements & community updates.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: March 6th, 2018