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## EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES Monday, May 21, 2018 6:30 PM Armenian Youth Center 1559 N. Kenmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027

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### I. Welcome and Introductions

#### A. Call to Order (6:48 p.m.)

#### B. Opening Remarks/Welcome Address *Arasele Torrez, President*

#### C. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Please limit to two minutes per speaker.)

1. Home Feeding Program Pastor said average 30 meals per week. Have security cameras and pick up trash.
2. Single mom takes 3 children for a meal and takes kids to sports.
3. Youth program. Lady works there and has eaten out from the program.
4. Volunteer for 1.5 years, works in the kitchen.
5. Alvin- Product of the streets and is a veteran. Donates his time with the assistance. Has 5 years of sobriety.

6. Food program, got enough to eat because of the food program volunteers.
7. Brob Wallis ran youth program for 10 years. Moved out as a poor college student. Kids who have gone through a lot. Adopted one 7 years ago.
8. Yang- Was thrown in the jail system. In 2011 released from jail. Got fed twice a day. In October, has been out 4 years and has given back. Feeding program showed compassion.
9. Andre- Feeding hope to people. Help those that go through tough times.
10. Michael- Product of EH. Incarceration and released 5 years ago. Spiritual faith but also diner
11. David- New to this experience. Volunteered for his first time last week.
12. Tracy- Thankful to everyone for showing up. Has been in the neighborhood for 22 years. Does not see enough done to help more interaction with the community at large with how various issues have been dealt with. Respect the seniority.
13. Amanda- 4 kids, hit bottom of the barrel. Told her about the food program. Was on it for 6 months and volunteers every week for 3 and a half years.
14. Carlos- Edgemont/Sunset, Self-Realization. Appreciates everyone but concerned about the community impacts. More homeless are going as an epicenter, have had to increase their security, due to drug use and for the to not sleep on their grounds.
15. Ben- Lived/worked, corner of Edgemont. Lived on the street in the car. Hope support changed his life. See homeless on every block. Works at Hope, active on decreasing encampments and make sure no one sleeps around. Want resources.
16. Miranda- Was on the streets. Got a real sense of community. The homeless are everywhere. They are also people. Has gotten to know them as people.
17. Sydney Cooper- Has been there 20 years. Meets a lot of kind of kids. Her kids work there.
18. John- Said 1 out of 8 has food insecurity. People do not have enough food. Food program is part of the solution.
19. Mauren- Is a resident for 4 years as a professional. Hope helped her get back on her feet and volunteers with them. Do community outreach at La Escuela Para Los Niños and neighborhood clean-ups.
20. Sam- Volunteer at Hope Feeds.
21. Joanna- 13 years part of congregation. Get treated with dignity. They sit down with people. There are camps everywhere.
22. Emma- Lives in Los Feliz but volunteers with them.
23. Jeremiah- Is a volunteer at the program. Students from GCC came to help. Know the people as friends.
24. Janette Kim- A board member on LF Board. Lives on Edgemont.
25. Good thing that they are being fed but wondering what is happening between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. Need to find a balance. Maybe get more security to help more people out there that feel the same.
26. Kat- Understands concerns and homelessness has increased from last year. Agrees that there needs to be

communication, to create a balance/bridge together.

James- At Hope since 1998. Has seen homelessness and poor people. Need to have some compassion.

Frank began volunteering in 2008.

## **II. Community Reports**

### **A. LAPD Report**

Northeast Hollywood to Santa Monica. Homelessness is a big issue. Come from other states and cities. She talks to some of the neighborhood people. Hollywood and Hillhurst is her area. Work with Sanitation. They are going to help with the procedure. They have been helpful. Some areas are private property and have assisted them. Crime statistics are similar from the past year to this year. Many of the thefts are due to shoplifting. The officer's email is [32128@lapd.online](mailto:32128@lapd.online).

### **B. Neighborhood Prosecutor (*Andrew Said*)**

Gabrielle is a Neighborhood Prosecutor. Address only crime.

### **C. Budget Advocate Report**

### **D. CD13 Report, Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell**

George Hakopiants- 1. Traffic safety Hollywood/Western, asphalt to enhance, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Monday-Friday.

New lighting was installed around elementary schools. Lights will hopefully dissuade criminal activity. Ties in with Cahuenga Library safety improvements.

Madison Avenue Community Garden- Trust for public, will break ground in December.

Office has worked with LAHSA for sharp needle kiosk. A sharps needle disposal kiosk was installed by the Vermont/Santa Monica station. Pit spot to use restroom with 2 security guards onsite, and the department of sanitation maintains it.

Clinton/Berendo recent got stop signs a month ago.

Black bins installed in commercial area, done this in EH. Contact is there is an overflow. Working with Department of Sanitation.

Councilman's clean team helps to clean up fallen palm fronds.

### **E. City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti**

### **F. Assembly District 43 Report, Office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Seamus Garrity**

### **G. LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Fernando Morales**

There are outreach teams that are going out to connect homeless with services. At the past board of supervisors meeting, money was allocated for rapid response, affordable housing, outreach. Triage teams are also funded. [fmorales@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:fmorales@bos.lacounty.gov) The board asked how funds are getting distributed in terms of geography. Morales will try to get breakdown by SPA area that encompasses council.

## **III. Community Voices**

### **A. Thai CDC Update**

### **B. East Hollywood BID (Jeff Zarrinam)**

Doing cleaning of their website. Looking for a construction in July. Might start medians then.

### **C. Route 66 BID (Jeff Zarrinam)**

Doing outreaching.

### **D. Hollywood / Western BID (Jeff Zarrinam)**

Are at about 46-47% for petition phase. If one more property signs, the BID will move forward.

### **E. East Hollywood / Los Feliz Homeless Coalition**

Nina went to the last meeting. The Little Tokuo Center presented. Pastor from Hope attended. They have a survey for scouting.

## F. Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (Jeff Zarrinnam)

Neighborhood council members and city planners are discussing the Hollywood Community Plan update. Some want to have a joint forum on the plan. Heroes of Hollywood Luncheon on May 31st 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Break (Meet & Greet)

## IV. Meeting of EHNC Governing Board - Public is welcome and encouraged to stay

**Board members present:** Arasele Torrez, Jennifer Lee, Jeff Zarrinnam, Seta Panosia, Ninoska Suarez, Mher Kesheshian, Robb Winer, Lynn Fountain Campbell, Bob Peppermuller, John Farrace, Shahan Suzmeyan, Samantha Gordon Danner and Meghan Choi. **We have a quorum of 13 board members.**

**Excused board members:** Maria Malbas

**Unexcused board members:** Lee Liu, Albert Tsao and Anwar Torres

### A. Committee Reports

a. Executive	b. Planning & Entitlement	c. Outreach
d. Arts & Culture	e. Community Health	f. Youth & Education
g. Budget & Finance	h. By-laws	i. Business & Econ. Development
j. Public Safety	k. Design & Beautification	l. IT

### Arts & Culture

Approved minutes. Finalized their mission statement. Get themselves known. Want to do flyers at library and performances at schools. Want East Hollywood to be part of an arts festival.

### Community Outreach

Met for outreach materials.

### Public Safety

Did not have quorum.

**B. Discussion and possible approval** of August 21, 2017 Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

**Tabled**

**C. Discussion and possible approval** of October 4, 2017 Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

Jeff motioned. Rob seconded. 9 yes. Seta, Lynn, Nina and Rob abstained. 9-0-4. Motion is passed.

**D. Discussion and possible approval** of October 16, 2017 Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

**Tabled**

**E. Discussion and possible approval** of November 20, 2017 Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

Seta motioned. Shahan seconded. 9 yes. Seta, Lynn, Nina and Rob abstained. 9-0-4. Motion is passed.

**F. Discussion and possible approval** of March 19, 2018 Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

**Tabled**

**G. Discussion and possible approval** of April 16, 2018 Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

**Tabled**

**H. Discussion and possible approval** of April 30, 2018 Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

**Tabled**

**I. Budget Update** (Jeff Zarrinam, Treasurer)

1. April 2018 MER

April 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report Zarrinam gave a summary of expenses. Commitments include Extra Space storage. Board asked about Facebook expenses.

Set motioned. Jennifer seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jennifer- Yes

Jeff- Yes

Seta- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

Mher- Not present in room while voting took place

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Bob- Yes

John- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Samantha- Yes

Meghan- Yes

12 yes. 12-0-0. It is a unanimous approval of voting members present.

## **J. Action Items**

### **Moved up action item 5**

**Discussion and possible action** regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) up to \$5,000.00 for Help Activate Youth, Inc., for purposes of planning a multi-week after school training workshop for Youth in East Hollywood.

Promised zones. Art going to the Promised Zone Area. Place or group of people. Are asking for culture. Had 500 questionnaires. Chose the top 50 that were chosen top cultural sites. Online resource mapped out with cultural sources.

**9. Discussion and possible action** regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) of approving up to \$3,000 for the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles to print copies of their neighborhood guide for supportive housing.

Kat is with the League of Women Voters. FAQs with supportive housing. About \$1.15 for each.

Put logo on the back. Is part of SELA and other events. \$2,600 with EHNC Logo.

Nina motioned to approve with condition that IRS letter and PDF format are submitted to Jeff. Seta seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jennifer- Yes

Jeff- Yes

Seta- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

Mher- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Bob- Yes

John- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Samantha- Yes

Meghan- Yes

13 yes. 13-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

**8. Discussion and possible action regarding** a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) sponsorship of up to \$1,000 for The Barnsdall Art Program for a free art workshop in East Hollywood.

It was supposed to be up to \$2,500. Sheila is a CEO of the Barnsdall Art Program. Every Sunday have families come.

**Tabled**

**1. Discussion and possible action** to appoint Jennifer Lee as the Co-Chair of the EHNC Public Safety Committee.

Meghan motioned. Shahan seconded. 13 yes. 13-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

**2. Discussion and possible** appointment of the 2 EHNC Budget Representatives for the 2018-19 years.

Jeff motioned to appoint himself and Seta. Rob seconded. 13 yes. 13-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

**3. Discussion and possible action regarding** the creation of an ad hoc committee on Homelessness.

Samantha suggested it. Looked at homeless accounts. Over 1,500 in Hollywood. It is an important issue.

Nina motioned. Samantha seconded. 13 yes. 13-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

**4. Discussion and possible action** to appoint a second co-signer for EHNC Card.

**Tabled**

**6. Presentation** by the Metro's Vermont Transit Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Rail.

**Tabled**

**10. Discussion and possible action** to approve up to \$5,000 for outreach material purchase of flashlights, EHNC bags, pens, and water bottles, T- shirts and other outreach materials.

Jeff motioned. Lynn seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jennifer- Yes

Jeff- Yes

Seta- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

Mher- Not present in room while voting took place

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Bob- Yes

John- Yes

Shahan- No

Samantha- Yes

Meghan- Yes

11 yes. 11-1-0. Motion is passed by voting members present.

**11. Discussion and possible approval** of up to \$500 for EHNC Board

Member badges.

Seta motioned. Samantha seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jennifer- Yes

Jeff- Yes

Seta- Yes

Ninoska- Abstained

Mher- Not present in room while voting took place

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes  
Bob- Yes  
John- Yes  
Shahan- No  
Samantha- Yes  
Meghan- Yes

10 yes. Shahan voted no. Ninoska abstained. 10-1-1. Motion is passed by voting members present.

**12. Discussion and possible approval** of up to \$500 for EHNC Board

Member Name tags.

**Taken off agenda, not voted on.**

**13. Discussion and possible approval** of up to \$550 for EHNC Board

Member Collar Polo T-shirts.

Seta motioned. Robb seconded.

Arasele- Yes  
Jennifer- No  
Jeff- Yes  
Seta- Yes  
Ninoska- No  
Mher- Not present in room while voting took place  
Robb- Yes  
Lynn- No  
Bob- No  
John- No  
Shahan- No  
Samantha- No  
Meghan- Yes

5 yes. Jennifer, Ninoska, Lynn, Bob, John, Shahan and Samantha voted no. 5-7-0. Motion is not passed by voting members present.

**14. Discussion and possible approval** of up to \$200 for EHNC

Board Member business cards.

Jeff motioned. Rob seconded.

Arasele- Yes  
Jennifer- Yes  
Jeff- Yes  
Seta- Yes  
Ninoska- Yes  
Mher- Not present in room while voting took place  
Robb- Yes  
Lynn- Yes  
Bob- Yes  
John- Yes  
Shahan- No  
Samantha- Yes  
Meghan- Yes

10 yes. Shahan voted no. 10-1-0. Motion is passed by voting members present.

## **V. New / Old Business**

Samantha wants us to have a special board meeting before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **VI. Adjournment (9:39 p.m.)**

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