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EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 21, 2017 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 (6:44 p.m.)

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

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

Sharon: On Berendo there are no street lights. Reports of cars being broken into and man self-reported being mugged.

Gary: Pay-It-Forward Volunteer Band. Looking for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant Application. 7-9 persons bands are formed out of musicians from the community.

Vincent: Union Swapmeet. Gang problem reported near east Vermont and Virgil near LACC. Nabi is a Korean restaurant at the swap meet. There is a college hotel next door.

Damian: From the Church of Scientology. Second neighborhood clean-up report-back. Vons donated food, LAPD had a presence, movie tickets were donated. Recurring Monthly.

Carroll: LACC, beat the rush registration is open. Information on tuition waiving program. LAUSD or charters under LAUSD, full-time student tuition is waived for the first year.

II. Community Reports

A. LAPD Report

No one present

B. Neighborhood Prosecutor (*Andrew Said*)

No one present

C. Budget Advocate Report

None

D. CD13 Report, Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell (George Hakopiants)

Hollywood and Rodney

All-Way Stop

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

No one present

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

No one present

III. Community Voices

A. Thai CDC Update

No one present

B. East Hollywood BID (Jeff Zarrinam)

Jeff dark this month, dark last month.

C. Route 66 BID (Jeff Zarrinam)

Petition phase. Project to Santa Monica between Hoover and Vine. The BID will clean up trash, put in trash cans, tree replacements, side-walk power washing, graffiti removal. Assessment on each property. Must be voted on by property owner.

D. Hollywood / Western BID (Jeff Zarrinam)

E. East Hollywood / Los Feliz Homeless Coalition (Bob)

Homelessness is expanding. LA Times reported that 23% jump in homelessness. Gentrification, NIMBY pushback, development, lack of affordability cited as causes.

F. Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (Jeff Zarrinam)

Had a luncheon w/Kevin doe Leon. Will have a social. Walk of Fame Ceremony honoring a French-Armenian Renaissance man. Getting Christmas decor on Hollywood Blvd, first time in 7 years \$2,000 for installation, removal, and storage for next 5 years. Between Hollywood/Highland to Vine.

Break (Meet & Greet)

Board Members Present: Arasele Torrez, Jeff Zarrinam, Seta Panosian, Meghan Choi, Robb Winer, Lynn Fountain Campbell, Lee Liu, Bob Peppermuller, John Farrace, Shahan Suzmeyan, Ninoska Suarez = **11 Board Members present**

Absent:

Excused: Jenniffer Lee, Mher Keshesian and Maria Malbas

Unexcused: Ishraq Ali and Albert Tsao

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

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

Planning & Entitlement Committee

Desano Pizza is applying for a lot, apparently part of the parking lots zoned residential.

Kaiser is planning a large development.

Berendo is a single-family home that will be redone into 3 stories, into separate buildings.

Former board member's house was illegally torn down, a 1920 craftsman. Demolition without a permit or any filing.

[1223 N Edgemont](#) proposed 13 unit with density bonus. Application in June demolished illegally in May. SNAP. DBS can be contacted. 30-day notification before demolishing. Scorched earth ordinance - can't build anything on the lot.

New projects

Barnsdall project "Los Feliz" 101 apartment units in sub area C.

Hollyhock house - "world heritage site"?

10-unit site, 5 rent controlled units to be demolished

Walgreen for 24hr beer and wine sales

Temple and Hollywood Blvd.

Food 4 Less is being torn down.

SNAP - can't demolish until permits are in place. It used to be a hookah bar.

Gabe Kramer: with Kaiser has a permit with the city. Will have a scoping session soon.

Public Safety Committee

Working on bringing committee more visibility. Collaboration with design and beautification committee for wellness-oriented things. Yoga Classes and Barnsdall. Clean-up on sept 23rd in collaboration with other NCs. Every 1st Monday of the month 7pm. CERT training? Maria is working on it. Community Emergency Response Training.

Design and Beautification Committee

Meet 2nd Wednesday of the month at Desanos Pizza at 7:30 p.m. Going to define a mission statement next meeting. Using LA provided services. Vermont triangle. Murals and tree planting and bike safety. Hollywood United and Los Feliz.

B. Discussion and possible approval of June 19, 2017 Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

Jeff motioned. Seta seconded. 11 yes. 11-0-0. It is unanimous approval.

C. Discussion and possible approval of July 24, 2017 Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

Jeff motioned. Meghan seconded. 11 yes. 11-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

D. Budget Update (Jeff Zarrinam, Treasurer)

1. July 2017 MER

Seta motioned. Rob seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Yes

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

11 yes. 11-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

E. Action Items

1. Discussion and possible action to appoint Thea Kolosseos-Kendis to the Arts & Culture Committee.
Tabled

2. Discussion and possible action to appoint Ninoska Suarez as Co-Chair of the Community Outreach Committee.

Lynn motioned. Ninoska seconded. 11 yes. 11-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

3. Discussion and possible action to appoint Jonathan sharp to the Design and Beautification Committee.
Jeff motioned. Seta seconded. 11 yes. 11-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

4. Discussion and possible action to appoint Michael Atkins to the Design and Beautification Committee.
Seta motioned. Lynn seconded. 11 yes. 11-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

5. Discussion and possible action to appoint Maria Malbas to the Design and Beautification Committee.
Lynn motioned. Jeff seconded. 11 yes. 11-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

6. Discussion and possible action to appoint Areli Morales to the Design and Beautification Committee.
Seta motioned. Jeff seconded. 11 yes. 11-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

7. Presentation by LA Metro regarding Vermont/Santa Monica Station. (Nicole Velasquez)
Tabled

8. Discussion and possible action regarding a request for a Conditional Use Beverage permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption, in conjunction with an existing 1,642 sq. ft. restaurant with 7 parking spaces at 751 N. Virgil Ave. The applicant proposes hours of operation of 10AM to 2AM daily in lieu of the permitted 7AM to 11PM allowed for commercial corners. City Planning Case no: ZA 2017-910-CUB-SPP. Applicant Eric Tucker seeks a CUB and Project Permit Compliance Review under the Vermont/Western Transit Oriented District Specific Plan to sell alcohol within an existing restaurant, with 36 indoor seats and 34 outdoor seats (70 total). The applicant proposes to sell alcohol w/o a food order, to sell fortified wines, and have a "Happy Hour." **NOTE:** This site was formerly reviewed by the NC for alcohol sales under Case #ZA2010-1152-CUB by the prior business owner. Rob went to all churches in the area and talked to 3. Jehovist Witnesses did not get involved. No negative impact. Did get a lot of complaint on noise. Determination came out last month. Jeff motioned. Robb seconded. 9 yes. Arasele and Ninoska abstained. 9-0-2. Motion is approved.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$500 for a note taker for the remainder of EHNC Monthly Board Meetings in 2017.

Seta motioned. Jeff seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Yes

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes
Lynn- Yes
Lee- Yes
Bob- Yes
John Farrace- Yes
Shahan- Yes
Ninoska- Yes

11 yes. 11-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$150 for a joint neighborhood clean-up with LFNC and HUNC. (Design and Beautification Committee)

Ninoska motioned. Jeff seconded.

Arasele- Yes
Jeff- Yes
Seta- Yes
Meghan- Yes
Robb- Yes
Lynn- Yes
Lee- Yes
Bob- Yes
John Farrace- Yes
Shahan- Yes
Ninoska- Yes

11 yes. 11-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve \$2800.20 past due invoice # 296005 for the Nationbuilder Website www.easthollywood.net Year 2016

Seta motioned. Jeff seconded.

Arasele- Yes
Jeff- Yes
Seta- Yes
Meghan- Yes
Robb- Yes
Lynn- Yes
Lee- Yes
Bob- Yes
John Farrace- Yes
Shahan- Yes
Ninoska- Yes

11 yes. 11-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve \$419.00 invoice #381228 for the Nationbuilder Website www.easthollywood.net for July 2017

Seta motioned. Jeff seconded.

Arasele- Yes
Jeff- Yes
Seta- Yes
Meghan- Yes
Robb- Yes
Lynn- Yes
Lee- Yes
Bob- Yes
John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

11 yes. 11-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve \$51.48 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-2

Robb motioned. Bob seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve \$58.33 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-3

Lynn motioned. Shahan seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve \$58.33 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-4

Meghan motioned. Seta seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve \$58.33 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-5

Seta motioned. Meghan seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve \$58.33 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-6

Seta motioned. Robb seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

18. Discussion and possible action to approve \$58.33 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-7

Seta motioned. Meghan seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

19. Discussion and possible action to approve \$75.00 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-20

Seta motioned. Lynn Seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes
Lynn- Yes
Lee- Yes
Bob- Yes
John Farrace- Yes
Shahan- Yes
Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

20. Discussion and possible action to approve \$68.16 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-21
Seta motioned. Shahan seconded.

Arasele- Yes
Jeff- Abstained
Seta- Yes
Meghan- Yes
Robb- Yes
Lynn- Yes
Lee- Yes
Bob- Yes
John Farrace- Yes
Shahan- Yes
Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

21. Discussion and possible action to approve \$70.00 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-22
Lynn motioned. Robb seconded.

Arasele- Yes
Jeff- Abstained
Seta- Yes
Meghan- Yes
Robb- Yes
Lynn- Yes
Lee- Yes
Bob- Yes
John Farrace- Yes
Shahan- Yes
Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

22. Discussion and possible action to approve \$70.00 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-23
John motioned. Robb seconded.

Arasele- Yes
Jeff- Abstained
Seta- Yes
Meghan- Yes
Robb- Yes
Lynn- Yes
Lee- Yes
Bob- Yes
John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

23. Discussion and possible action to approve \$70.00 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-24

John motioned. Ninoska seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

24. Discussion and possible action to approve \$70.00 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-25

John motioned. Seta seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

25. Discussion and possible action to approve \$70.00 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-26

John motioned. Lynn seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

26. Discussion and possible action to approve \$70.00 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-27

John motioned. Lynn seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

27. Discussion and possible action to approve \$58.99 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-28

John motioned. Ninoska seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

28. Discussion and possible action to approve \$61.93 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-29

Seta motioned. Shahan seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Bob- Yes

John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

29. Discussion and possible action to approve \$79.00 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC
Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-30

John motioned. Seta seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Abstained

Seta- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Robb- Yes
Lynn- Yes
Lee- Yes
Bob- Yes
John Farrace- Yes
Shahan- Yes
Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

30. Discussion and possible action to approve \$76.28 Reimbursement payment to Jeff Zarrinam for EHNC Google Email Administration Invoice #2731947235588621-31

John motioned. Ninoska seconded.

Arasele- Yes
Jeff- Abstained
Seta- Yes
Meghan- Yes
Robb- Yes
Lynn- Yes
Lee- Yes
Bob- Yes
John Farrace- Yes

Shahan- Yes
Ninoska- Yes

10 yes. Jeff abstained. 10-0-1. Motion is approved.

IV. New / Old Business

V. Adjournment (8:19 p.m.)

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