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EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 16, 2018 6:40 PM

Armenian Youth Center

1559 N. Kenmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027

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I. Welcome and Introductions

A. Call to Order (6:40 p.m.)

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

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

Lorezo Briceño congratulated EHNC Board for completed exhaustive efforts and getting out of it.

Samantha- still suggesting homeless SELA sites to be used for homeless resource centers. Empty lots and areas for a clinic and other services.

Melanie- City Attorney's homeless crime. Intervention for people who are homeless domestic victims.
Visit: helplacrimes.org. They also have an app.

LAPD LGBTQ open house is on May 3rd from 4-8 p.m. Chief Grimala at Hollywood Station.

Josh- With union. On Santa Monica and Normandie, have 15,000 carpenters in the South West Carpenters Union, with wages and health care. Jonathan is with him as well.

Sara- PAYSA Teen Court divisionary program with youth.

II. Community Reports

- A.** LAPD Report
- B.** Neighborhood Prosecutor (*Andrew Said*)
- C.** Budget Advocate Report
- D.** CD13 Report, Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
- 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

III. Community Voices

A. Thai CDC Update

Program Director Elson Trinidad presented. From 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., will have Town Crawl Festival this coming Sunday between Normandie and Western.

On April 25th will have Thai Food History at 6 p.m.

Twice a week have the EH Farmer's Certified Market from 3-7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

B. East Hollywood BID (Jeff Zarrinnam)

Organization of 100 property owners. Take care of trash and clean-up. Tomorrow meeting at 3:30 p.m. at the Hollywood Hotel. Redoing marketing, materials and website. Replacing banners down Vermont.

Tracy said there is an ancient trash can in front of the True Realization by bus stop, by Kaiser.

C. Route 66 BID (Jeff Zarrinnam)

New proposed BID, Hoover through Vine. Clean-up streets, trash cans, power wash and take care of trees.

D. Hollywood / Western BID (Jeff Zarrinnam)

They are in the petition phase. Will take care of Hollywood Village.

E. East Hollywood / Los Feliz Homeless Coalition

Nothing to report.

F. Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (Jeff Zarrinnam)

There was a meeting with Mayor Garcetti to discuss homelessness plan. Tents, Trash and thefts, \$20 million to be distributed throughout the city council districts. The area around these shelters would be an encampment free zone. Concerned Neighbors and SELA are two organizations that are also trying to positively deal with the homelessness crisis and help improve their lives.

Meeting will be on Wednesday, at Mother of Our Council at 7 p.m.

Presentation by Little Tokyo service center. The center has been around since 1979. Once served primarily Japanese speaking seniors. Now the center provides small business and child care services. Serve about 30,000 people annually. Develop affordable housing. There is a proposed project in the neighborhood council district. Vermont Santa Monica Metro station. 66,000 square feet. Ground floor commercial space. Above that, 50 percent permanent supportive housing with wraparound services onsite. Currently discussing the number of units. There would be an onsite service provider. The other 50 percent would be

affordable housing. There may be subterranean parking. Site was in part chosen due to proximity for domestic violence services.

Break (Meet & Greet): 7:50 p.m.

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

Board returned from break at 8:08 p.m.

Board Members Present: Arasele Torrez, Jennifer Lee, Jeff Zarrinam, Seta Panosian, Ninoska Suarez, Robb Winer, Maria Malbas, Lynn Fountain Campbell, Lee Liu, Albert Tsao, Bob Peppermuller, John Farrace, Shahan Suzmeyan, Anwar Torres, Meghan Choi. **We have a quorum of 14 board members.**

Board members excused: Mher Kesheshian

Board members unexcused: Meghan Choi

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:

Presentation on Transit Oriented Communities.

Community Outreach:

First Wednesday at Cahuenga Library. Discussed farmers market participation and Thai festival. Secretary Suarez reviewed mission statement.

Public Safety:

Talked about senior services luncheon that is on hold. Conversation about cleanup on Santa Monica Blvd. Activities with Hope church. Los Angeles Fire Department is going to start Community Emergency Response Team training. It will begin on Tuesday, May 1, 7 p.m. and will be seven weeks.

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

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

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

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

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

Jeff Zarrinam motioned to approve the March minutes. Seta Panosian seconded. 13 yes. Anwar abstained. 13-0-1. Motion is approved.

G. Budget Update (Jeff Zarrinam, Treasurer)

1. March 2018 MER

Seta motioned. Jennifer seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jennifer- Yes

Jeff- Yes

Seta- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

Rob- Yes

Maria- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Albert- Yes

Bob- Yes

John- Yes

Shahan- Yes

Anwar- Abstained/ineligible

13 yes. Anwar abstained. 13-0-1. Motion is approved.

H. Action Items

1. Discussion and possible action to appoint Samantha Gordon Danner as the EHNC Tenant Representative.

Seta motioned. Ninoska seconded. 13 yes. Anwar abstained. 13-0-1. Motion is approved.

2. Introduction by Little Tokyo Service Center about themselves and their Organization. (Debbie Chen)

Done earlier post committee updates.

Moved up action item 4

Discussion and possible action regarding Lynn Fountain Campbell's resignation from the EHNC Community Outreach Committee.

Jennifer motioned. Seta seconded. 13 yes. Anwar and Samantha abstained. 13-0-2. Motion is approved.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the Thai New Year application and fee waiver.

Seta motioned. Jennifer seconded. 13 yes. Anwar and Samantha abstained. 13-0-2. Motion is approved.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding bi-monthly newsletters.

Seta motioned. Jennifer seconded.

Board discussed when to have newsletters come out and how many. Members also discussed content for the council website.

13 yes. Anwar and Samantha abstained. 13-0-2. Motion is approved.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding possible content for EHNC Website and newsletter.

Have calendar page, background of us, suggestions or comments to change it, and services.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding EHNC badges for outreach purposes.

Neighborhood Council Badges Board discussed purchasing name badges for outreach and identification purposes. Board noted that they are representatives elected by their community. Stakeholders were concerned about the efficacy of name badges.

Seta motioned to table. Jennifer seconded. 13 yes. Anwar and Samantha abstained. 13-0-2. Motion to table is approved.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding letter to LA County regarding possible fee increase of public health permit/licenses.

Fee Increase to Board discussed the fee increase but did not feel it had enough information to introduce a resolution on it.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding community complaints about 4845-4859 Fountain Avenue.

Board discussed finding out the laws that are being broken; and then possibly contacting the correct person with jurisdiction over the area where infractions are occurring.

Lynn moved to coordinate with Jeff Zarrinam on a letter and/or resolution to entities with jurisdiction over the permit violation, which would be brought before the board at the next meeting. Shahan seconded the motion.

13 yes. Anwar and Samantha abstained. 13-0-2. Motion is approved.

V. New / Old Business

VI. Adjournment (9:49 p.m.)

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