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EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES Monday, March 19, 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

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

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment employee Lorenzo Briceno introduced the board members. President Torrez asked the public to make comments on items not on the agenda.

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

Carol is a Dean at LACC. Community event next Tuesday. Can use volunteers and interns. Want EHNC to be involved. Speaker will be Emiliana Guerela to get students involved. Can hold EHNC meetings at LACC.

Stakeholder: March 9th 4 a.m. bar bill to go out to Senate that passed in committee 8-2. Was wondering how our neighborhood council thinks this will impact our area. President Torrez suggested the public safety committee.

Samantha Danner – Los Feliz East Hollywood Coalition, Homelessness coalition working on project on an access center sites available for different homelessness, safe parking. Looking for any open parking lots. Want to show where people can access different resources, including clinics. Get involved and visit

Meghan Choi arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Board President Torrez called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum of 9.

CLA- Direct benefits of access center, can serve them meals. Can receive mail and see a case manager. Can hold job fairs. Think about supporting the center. Can use as an emergency center temporary.

Comment: Wondering what we can have as a good turnout. What they can have.

Daniel- Love the idea of homelessness. Are on DSA commission.

Tiffany and Lisa- Divisionary program, minor offenses, jury of high school students. If they fall through are clean. PESA works with local high schools for Armenian genocide, with less Armenian population.

II. Community Reports

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

Working with cleaning up properties and keeping secure.

Partnered up with Armenian Youth Federation on March 17th to clean up Little Armenia. They sponsored the event.

The Hollywood/Vine cross walk, west leg, will happen in early June.

Cahuenga Library safety. There is drug use, discarding of needles and graffiti. Met with LAPD and bureau of library. Will install succulents to deter people from going there. Funded by LA Library. People are jumping into the alley. Will be done in the next 2-3 months.

Came up with safety assessment with LAPD for Barnsdall Park.

Local plots, center of lot, community space. Office supported it financially. Are working with the LA Garden council.

Automated restroom on Vermont/Santa Monica. Worked with LAHSA. Spot was identified. Security work the area. People are being captured in the data base to help get them off the streets.

Electric vehicle sharing program. Have 4-5 cars. Pilot with Blue LA, partnership with high parking issues. Drop it off at charging station, launching in April.

Speed bump applications are closed. No more applications will be accepted. Will tell us which were accepted in East Hollywood.

Are looking for permanent supportive housing in CD 13, specifically Hollywood. Are looking for places to establish shelters. CD 13 is the 3rd highest council with homelessness.

Tracy asked if there is a way to get hospitals locally to fund some of the issues. Old Northeast station has been standing there.

- E.** City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti
- F.** Assembly District 43 Report, Office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Seamus Garrity

III. Community Voices

A. Thai CDC Update

B. East Hollywood BID (Jeff Zarrinam)

Their meeting is tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. at the Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital. 2 new medians on south Santa Monica. Redesigning their website. Redesigned logo, unveiling new signage on trash cans and banners, artwork. They will discuss Vermont triangle and homeless report.

C. Route 66 BID (Jeff Zarrinam)

Today had a steering committee call, every 2 weeks. 40% of petition signed. They need 50%.

D. Hollywood / Western BID (Jeff Zarrinam)

Dedication for the new improvements on Hollywood/Western, on Gamercy Place. Hollywood Village dedication will be at 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

E. Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (Jeff Zarrinam)

March 31st, last day of chamber. Went to DC. Focused on homelessness and housing. Visited Veteran Affairs, HUD and other homeless non-profits. April 12th is the installation of the new board at the Sheraton.

Tracy asked about the trash cans. Jeff said about 30 installed along Vermont. They are black and bolted on the ground, to Edgemont.

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

Kat Kim is the VP of EHLFC. Have deputies from council and Sheila Khuel. Next month their meeting will be in mid-April.

Had a hygiene kit primarily in Los Feliz. Made 300 and made donations from homeless. Need hygiene items for LAUSD K-12th. Will have menstrual hygiene drive for students. If you have ideas, you can contact her.

Education army to update the community. Areas with more engagement. Kenmore, from Fountain & Santa Monica.

Jorge lives down the street. Was involved in EH. Through services, someone got help. Criminalizing housing is not good.

Would like EHNC to attend around 7 p.m. at Our Mother of Our Council.

Break (Meet & Greet)

Board Members Present: Arasele Torrez, Jeff Zarrinam, Meghan Choi, Seta Panosian, Ninoska Suarez, Maria Malbas, Lynn Fountain Campbell, Lee Liu and Shahan Suzmeyan. **We have a quorum of 9 board members.**

Absent excused board members: Jennifer Lee, Mher Kesheshian, Robb Winer, Albert Tsao, Bob Peppermuller and John Farrace

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

A. Committee Report

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

Community Outreach:

Spoke about better way of communication. Did outreach to EH Farmer's and to be part of the Thai New Year Festival.

Public Safety:

Maria missed last meeting. Program rolled out by Mayor Garcetti. Community resources and will have hydration. Visit resiliencecities.org

Had discussion about traffic in EH.

Planning & Entitlements:

Their next committee meeting will be on March 29th. Gave list of projects. SNAP for project next to Cahuenga Library.

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 January 29, 2018 Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

Jeff motioned. Seta seconded. 9 yes. Lee abstained. 9-0-1. Motion is passed.

G. Budget Update (Jeff Zarrinam, Treasurer)

1. November 2017 MER

Seta motioned. Jeff seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Seta- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

Maria- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Shahan- Yes

9 yes. 9-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

2. December 2017 MER

Seta motioned. Jeff seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Seta- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

Maria- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Shahan- Yes

9 yes. 9-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

3. January 2018 MER

Seta motioned. Lynn seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Seta- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

Maria- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Shahan- Yes

9 yes. 9-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

4. February 2018 MER

Seta motioned. Lynn seconded.

Arasele- Yes

Jeff- Yes

Meghan- Yes

Seta- Yes

Ninoska- Yes

Maria- Yes

Lynn- Yes

Lee- Yes

Shahan- Yes

9 yes. 9-0-0. It is a unanimous approval.

H. Action Items

- 1. Discussion and possible action** to appoint Anwar Torres as the EHNC Student Representative.

Anwar Torrez wants to increase awareness of this neighborhood council. Los Angeles City College students should be more aware. The council might be able to hold meetings there.

Jeff motioned. Ninoska seconded. 9 yes. 9-0-0. It is unanimous approval.

- 2. Discussion and possible action** to appoint Armen Makasjian as the EHNC Tenant Representative.

Tabled

- 3. Discussion and possible action** to appoint Ninoska Suarez as the EHNC Corresponding Secretary.

Jeff motioned. Lynn seconded. 9 yes. Anwar abstained. 9-0-1. Motion is approved.

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

Jeff motioned. Seta seconded. 9 yes. Anwar abstained. 9-0-1. Motion is approved.

- 5. Discussion and possible action** to appoint Lynn Fountain Campbell as a committee member of the EHNC Community Outreach Committee.

Jeff motioned. Seta seconded. 9 yes. Anwar abstained. 9-0-1. Motioned is approved.

- 6. Discussion and possible action** to appoint Jennifer Lee as a committee member of the EHNC Community Outreach Committee.

Lee motioned. Lynn seconded. 9 yes. Anwar abstained. 9-0-1. Motion is approved.

- 7. Discussion and possible action** to approve up to \$1,000 for materials and services to co-sponsor a Hollywood Senior Services Luncheon in 2018.

The board discussed co-sponsoring a senior luncheon with several community groups. The board decided that more details are needed (location, food vendor and date) before funds are allocated.

- 8. Discussion and possible action** to approve up to \$250 for EHNC Board lanyards.

Jeff motioned. Seta seconded. Anwar abstained. 9-0-1. Motion is approved.

- 9. Introduction** by Little Tokyo Service Center about themselves and their organization. (Debbie Chen)

Tabled for April

V. New / Old Business

Ninoska Suarez announced that Kristina Smith, web designer, is working on the council nation builder website. Many use wordpress. Nation Builder was created as a political platform.

VI. Adjournment (8:25 p.m.)

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