

DRAFT MINUTES

Neighborhood Council
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PACOIMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Regular Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday March 15, 2022 • 6:30 p.m.

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

Board member Fannie Long guided the Council to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Call to order

A public meeting of the Pacoima Neighborhood Council was convened on March 15, 2023 via Zoom webinar and called to order at 6:34 p.m. President Khan presided as moderator.

b. Roll Call by President Kahn:

1	Mikayeel Khan, President
0	Charles Nelson, Vice-President
1	Mireira Moran, Secretary
1	Anna Justice, Treasurer
1	Camila Castaneda, Boardmember
1	Fannie Long, Boardmember
1	Jessica Urquiza, Boardmember
0	John Hernandez, Boardmember
0	Josue Guajan Orellana, Boardmember
0	Rebecca Long, Boardmember
1	Reuben Garcia, Boardmember
1	Michelle Miyomoto-Galvan, Board member
8	Directors were present and a quorum was not attained. The meeting continued as an informational only session.

2. **COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

(Representatives from government offices, Police Department, and community-based organizations. *Up to (5) minutes per report, the Chair has the authority to adjust if necessary, to equal time limits*)

- a. California Congressional District 29
Congressman Tony Cardenas
Field Deputy: **Lilia Monterrosa**

Congressman Tony Cardenas shared his updates with the Council:

- Congressman Cardenas stated that his focus is on continuing representation in the Northeast Valley with securing funding and watching the budget, and that he has served 10+ years;
- The Reduction Bill Act was a challenge while maintaining necessary functions such as school buses, The Boys and Girls Club, neighborhood legal services, and many other organizations;
- The high school art competition has been maintained and is available for 445 students;
- The office is available for many services including; social security, immigration, pass port assistance and renewal, and IRS concerns;
- Please continue to contact my office with concerns, 818/221-3718;
- Please continue to support Senator Alex Padilla with his efforts to improve the infrastructure of our roads and his assistance in the community during COVID, promoting vaccinations and many other services.

Board member Garcia stated that Congressman Cardenas has been very instrumental for our community.

Alyssa Carrillo stated her support of Congressman Cardenas and his support of our youth community.

- b. Los Angeles City Council District 7
Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez
Field Representative: **Esther Mares**

Ms. Mares updated the council on the following:

- There are sand and sand bags available for pick up for storm preparation at Fire stations 24, 74, 75, 76, 98; or through the Bureau of Street Maintenance at 9301 Wentworth Street in Tujunga or 7747 Foothill Boulevard;
- Summer Night Life has returned. David Gonzales and Humphrey Parks are hiring youths ages 17-25 for summer jobs;
- Thursday March 23rd at 9:30 a.m. is job faire at LA Mission College with a free resume workshop;
- March 25th at 9:00 a.m. will be a free backyard 5 gallon shade tree

give-away available to LADWP customers provided by Pacoima Beautiful at City Hall;

- April 1 at 10:00 a.m. will be a blessing of animals and vaccinations at Orcas Park, 11127 Orcas Avenue.

Lionel Mares was recognized to speak and stated his support of Councilperson Rodriguez activities and inquired about memorial services for P52. Mr. Mares expressed his concern regarding political lobbyist identifying themselves during the public process.

c. Los Angeles Police Department, Foothill Division
Senior Lead Officers Steve Nunez and Officer Diana Figueroa

Officer Nunez provided a crime update:

- There has been a 40% reduction in crime with 60 less crimes than last year at this same time. Our numbers are going down;
- There is extra patrol around the parks and graffiti is decreasing. Thank you Board and community members for providing information and areas of concern.

Officer Figueroa highlighted provided an update:

- Graffiti is decreasing and the gang detectives are identifying individuals;
- 311 is a good resource for assistance if no immediate police assistance is required;
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Treasurer Justice asked for an update on the shooting that took place last night at Target. Officer Figueroa stated that she did not have details and will update the Board at a later date.

Officer Figueroa is available for assistance and provided her contact information to be: 36838@lapd.online and ph# contact to be 818/634-0685.

Lionel Mares was recognized to speak and spoke on the lack of police trust in the community and the assessment of mentally challenged individuals. Mr. Mares also spoke on catalyst converter thefts that are increasing. Mr. Mares also requested an update on the shooting next to Kohl's. Officer Figueroa stated that the police are here for the community and to assist and please feel comfortable requesting services. There is a program called Circle for the mentally challenged and it is making an impact. We are working on an etching program to discourage thefts and will update the Board when a date is determined.

d. LAPD Community Safety Partnership
Senior Lead Officer **Luis Garcia and Nancy Escobar**

No Action Taken.

e. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate **Raul Preciado**

Mr. Preciado updated the Council on the following:

- Thanks to all who canvassed the Pacoima area announcing the upcoming election deadlines, and filing deadline;
- March 20th is the final candidate information session and last day to file an application;
- Vote by mail ballot requests begin April 4th and close May 15th;
- Vote at the polls is June 3rd.

Lionel Mares was recognized to speak and stated his support to promote community involvement and volunteered his assistance.

f. California State Assembly District 39
Assemblywoman Luz Rivas
Field Representative; Jessica **Guzman**

Ms. Guzman updated the Council on the following:

- The Assembly's Office is available to assist on EDD, DMV, Caltrans, and any other state agency concerns;
- March 18th is the Caltrans community clean up and all are invited to attend. Please participate in the legal disposal of large bulky items as this discourages illegal dumping on the highways;
- March 22nd is the virtual health workshop on tenant protection and housing rights;
- March 25th is the Pacoima Beautiful urban garden workshop for an opportunity to learn about spring gardening with fruits and vegetables;
- The new legislation session has begun for District 43 with the focus on AB799 that pertains to the homeless accountability act;
- The middle class tax refund began distribution in October 22nd and the final distribution was January 2023. Status reports are available at 818 504-3911.

Lionel Mares was recognized to speak and stated his support and availability as senate bills are of his interest.

g. LAUSD Board of Education Board Member Kelly Gonez
Field Deputy **Maria Flores**

No Action Taken.

- h. Office of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Ruth Bass,
Field Deputy **Michelle Vergara**

No Action Taken

- i. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Third District
Supervisor Lindsey Horath
Field Deputy:

No Action Taken.

- j. California State Senate District 20
Senator Caroline Menjivan
District Representative: Katherine Castrejon

Ms. Castrejon updated the Council on the following:

- Senator Menjivan is supporting 16 bills;
- This Saturday in Panorama City there will be a series of coffee with Caroline, please come out and share your concerns and assist her in her legislative packets;
- March 25th, is an emergency prepared faire at Pierce College, please plan to attend;
- March 31st is the Cesar Chavez march and Senator Menjivan will be speaking around 11:00 a.m.;
- The senator is offering internships at the Van Nuys office for communications and press secretary assistant. Please visit the website for applications at www.senate.ca.gov/senate_job and share with anyone who might be interested;
- Ms. Castrejon will forward to President Khan, flyers and materials to share with Board members.

Lionel Mares was recognized to speak and requested flyers to review.

- k. Region 1 Budget Advocate
Kevin Davis

No Action Taken

- l. Community Hospital Lead, Olive View Hospital
Brenda Yanaz, Community Relations Lead

Ms. Yanaz updated the Council on the following:

- Ms. Yanaz shared her new appointment to Community Relations Lead. Olive View Hospital will assist the community as acting as a liaison between the community and the hospital;
- Mr. Yanaz stated that she will be attending meeting to keep the

- council informed and is available for assistance;
- Olive View is hosting a weekly Friday Farmers Market, from 9:00 – 2:00 p.m., rain or shine to provide fresh food, and booths displaying jewelry and other items of interest, and encouraged all to attend. If anyone is interested in becoming a vendor, there is a procedure with the Farmer’s Market manager;
- There is also a produce distribution on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, walk up and drive through.
- Please become involved in Olive View activities, as an antiracist community diversion program was launched in December with the goal to identify systemic racism in the health system;
- Ms. Yanaz stated that a tour of the hospital is underway.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s jurisdiction (Up to two (2) minutes per speaker, the Chair has the authority to adjust, if necessary, to equal time limits).

Jose, Pacoima Baseball League asked for an update on the annual budget and available funds. President Khan requested Mr. Jose’s email address and he will forward his concerns to an outreach committee.

Alyssa Carrillo, tree people and tree ambassador stated her desire to increase the tree canopy and water conservation and voiced her concerns to the council. She can be contacted at acarrillo@treepeople.org

Lionel Mares was recognized to speak and stated that SB411 advocates for in-person meeting.

Ph# CBW-NHS was recognized to speak and spoke about free classes called Hope to Assist that guides individuals in their desire to purchase a home with payment assistance. There is also assistance and free foreclosure prevention assistance available at NHS.LA county.org.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE /MOTIONS/UPDATES:

Treasurer Justice stated that a quorum has not been attained.

Raul Preciado, Done Representative, stated that the informational portion of the meeting has concluded and voting on funding items cannot take place without a quorum.

President Khan adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. as no further action can take place. President Khan stated that the April monthly meeting will be in-person at the Pacoima Glen Oaks Community Center 11243 Oaks Blvd, next to Food for Less.

- a. Motion/Discussion/vote for the approval Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER's) for: January 2023 by Anna Justice. (5 Minutes).
- b. Motion/Discussion/vote for the approval Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER's) for: February 2023 by Anna Justice. (5 Minutes).
- c. Motion/Discussion/vote for the approval of February 2023 minutes. By Apple One (5 Minutes).
- d. Motion/Discussion/vote for the approval of February 2023 minutes. By Apple One (5 Minutes).
- e. Motion/Discussion/vote for the approval of November 2023 minutes. By Mireria Moran (5 Minutes).
- f. Motion/Discussion/vote on reimbursement to Anna Justice for water and snacks for the neighborhood watch meeting. My card was canceled and reissued due to fraud. I haven't received a new card yet. By Anna Justice (5 Minutes)

5. BOARD MEMBER AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President's Report

Vice-president's Report

Treasurer' Report

Secretary's Report

Outreach Committee – Announce Upcoming Meeting Date

Public Health and Safety Committee – Announce Upcoming Meeting Date

Arts & Culture Committee – Announce Upcoming Meeting Date

Bylaws Committee - Announce Upcoming Meeting Dates

Housing, Economic Development and Land Use Committee – Announce Upcoming Meeting

Youth and Education Development Committee

Board Member Comments/Announcement

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Khan made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.