

Neighborhood Council

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PACOIMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, August 18, 2021— 6:30 PM

1. WELCOMING REMARKS: (5 minutes)

- a. Call to order. Meeting begins at 6:40 pm. Mikayeel Khan asks Reuben Garcia to lead in the pledge of allegiance.
- b. Board member Roll Call.

Members present:

Elisa Avalos
Anna Justice
Mikayeel Khan
Camila Castaneda
Reuben Garcia
John Hernandez
Fannie Long
Rebecca Long
Mireira Moran
Josue Guajan
Daniel Venencia
Charles Nelson

Members Absent:

Jessica Urquiza

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: (5 minutes for each)

(Representatives from government offices, Police Department, and community-based organizations)

a. California Congressional District 29 Congressman Tony Cardenas

Field Deputy: Michelle Vergara.

Not Present.

b. California State Senate District 18 Senator Bob Hertzberg

District Representative: Eveline Bravo-Ayala.

Not Present.

c. Los Angeles Police Department, Foothill Division

Senior Lead Officers Adriana Munguia and Steve Nunez

Officer Steve Nunez, Pacoima is doing very well. Officer states there is a decrease in crime and they are in the negative numbers. Officer Nunez is negative 12% decrease in crime officer Munguia is negative 12% decrease in crime. There have been search warrants for Marijuana grows in residential areas. There was a whole house full of Marijuana. No one lives in houses and windows are closed with aluminum foil and that is what they have been doing lately with narcotics officers. There is still a struggle with the homeless issue but there will be soon enforcement to place individuals in homes and getting rid of vehicles that are not properly used. As long as someone is dwelling in a vehicle, there can be nothing done to impound the vehicle. An RV does not have to be registered. Individuals can only be cited but not impounded. There are also concerns of a young woman on San Fernando Rd. and Van Nuys who uses substances and tries to get into people's car. Officers cannot forcefully transfer them to mental health. There are some criteria to meet and a process to get mental health support and possible medication.

d. Los Angeles Police Department Foothill Division

Community Safety Partnership Sergeant Ojeda

At the opening of Hansen Dam a homeless individual threw a rock at vehicle. There was an investigation, and the individual was taken into custody. There is a decrease in property and violent crime. We are #2 in the city for decrease in crime. There is a community carnival to benefit the foothill station in the Labor Day weekend hosted on Van Nuys and Glenoaks where the Pacoima Neighborhood Council will have the opportunity to have a table to represent in the community.

e. Los Angeles City Council District 7 Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez

Field Representative: Susana Carmona

The Sylmar recreation center is open Monday through Saturday and there is a Pfizer and J&J vaccine for those who have not received the vaccine yet. There is a movie night at Hansen Dam in the aquatic center. Community clean up August 28th, if there is an interest to participate contact the office at (818)485-0600. CSP with the park there will be a movie night at David M Gonzalez, DWP will be at the park and are gathering community feedback. Councilwoman was able to partner with LA Family Housing and gave over 200 backpacks to families who reside in hotels, all the children going back to school were able to obtain supplies. Partnership with Khalsa Care August 6-7 giving 600 backpacks to students in the district. Grant to help fund small businesses, applications will begin in September and you can find information in office located in San Fernando and Van Nuys. August 10-11 the office will conduct a clean up on San Fernando Rd. and Montague. Citation workers got rid of encampment due to hazard.

**f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate
Adriana Cabrera**

Here after being out after a few weeks due to losses in her family. Reminds the board of events such as CIVIC university where the mayors office gives opportunity to go and

learn how city hall works. They are trying their best to the program is 9- minutes via zoom beginning 9/09 at 6:00 PM the second session 9/23 at 6:30 PM and the third is on 9/30. Congress of neighborhood councils 9/05 at 8 AM. More information is located at www.empowerla.org. April 1, 2022 will be the Bylaw amendment deadline.

g. LAUSD Board of Education Board Member Kelly Gonez

Field Deputy: Esmeralda Marcial
Not Present

h. California State Assembly District 39 Assemblywoman Luz Rivas Field Representative:

Miguel Morales, new field representative and has the pleasure to be representing the community of Pacoima. Introduces himself toward the board and community and explains that he helps constituents with any state issues. The office is collecting backpacks to distribute to the community. Child care resource center is in partnership with Luz Rivas regarding the collection of backpacks. His contact information is Miguel.morales@asm.ca.gov.

i. Office of Los Angeles Mayor Mayor Eric Garcetti Field Deputy: Caroline Menjivar.
Not Present

j. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
Field Deputy: Brenda Yanez

Extends condolences to President Elisa Avalos for her loss. COVID-19 updates. After many months of low transmission, there is a sudden surge. According to the CDC, indicators and thresholds for community transmission L.A county transmission is high and hospitalizations have increased. Unvaccinated individuals are becoming ill vs. those who are fully vaccinated against the Delta variant which is highly easily transmitted. As of 8/10/2021, 0.4228% of fully vaccinated people in L.A county have reported to be ill. Masks will be required in all events such as car shows, sporting events regardless of vaccination status. There will be an update for the general public when and if to receive booster shots. There will be free teeth screening, MEND will be giving away PPE and Dr. Shirley Webber will be present to provide voter education. There will a food distribution on 8/20/2021 at Brand Park from 9 Am-12 PM. Feel free to contact the office for any concerns or questions. (818)901-3831 or email at byanez@bos.lacounty.gov.

k. Region 1 Budget Advocate

Not Present

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (10 minutes)

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).

- Gabriel from Climate Resolve. He wants to let everyone know that they are running a program for free trees to plant free trees in the home or on the street. Cityplants.org to find the program.
- Marvin Rodriguez sees compassion and leadership coming from the community. Offers condolences to President Elisa Avalos. He is a parent and teacher at LAUSD. Marvin is also a candidate for LAUSD school. Expresses how kids will be the future of our community. This year there will be an increase in funding for schools. There will be more funding for social and emotional support. Funding will provide for curriculum that is both culturally and socially responsive for the communities the school serves. Marvin recognizes Haddon's Mariachi and Folklorico. Money should be there for schools to thrive. The district is talking about student centered funding. The issue with that is if there is constant allowing of bringing Charter schools and some schools will close. We have to pay attention to public education.

4. OFFICER, COMMITTEE, BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (10 minutes)

President's Report

This Saturday we will be tabling at the pop up vaccination. Whoever would like to show up is welcome. Thanks every board member for everything they do.

Vice-president's Report

Wants to thank 3 people, Reuben Garcia who sent an agenda item on time, Charles Nelson who is new but is so nice and pointed out an email he missed, and finally Josue Guajan for attending as many events and is still waiting for committee meeting dates for stakeholders.

Treasurer's Report

We did not get \$10,000 but we did get a rollover of \$5,870.96.

Secretary's Report

Not Present.

Outreach Committee – Announce Upcoming Meeting Date

Josue Guajan apologizes for not having a set meeting date. He is looking forward to have a meeting this upcoming month. He will send an agenda for outreach soon. He is currently working on flyers for vaccination sites.

Arts & Culture Committee – Announce Upcoming Meeting Date

Daniel Venencia established to meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month and will provide reports on Wednesday for Vice President Mikayeel Khan. They did have a meeting where they will present a mural.

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

No set meeting. Mikayeel Khan will send an email to the board.

Youth and Education Development Committee.

Planning to have monthly meetings the first Monday of every month at 6:30 PM. If there are any ideas or things to contribute, please feel free to reach out to Camila Castaneda or any member of the committee.

Public Health and Safety Committee – Announce Upcoming Meeting

Date.

Reuben Garcia states his meeting will be held every 2nd Wednesday of the month and will soon determine the time per committee member's availability. Reuben suggests to make our own PNC events, no other agencies included and the PNC will serve their community with our own activities.

Board Member Comments/Announcements.

Rebecca Long would like to agree with Reuben regarding PNC community activities.

Presentations (10 minutes each presentation):

- April Lindh, Manager of Major Gifts at Chrysalis. (10 Minutes).
Not Present.
- Sharmiya Odeh, Community health worker for Dignity Health Northridge. (10 Minutes)

Alma Huerta Extends deepest condolences to President Elisa Avalos for her loss. Alma is a program coordinator at the center dignity health Northridge hospital. She is here to talk about COVID education. She is thankful to have the opportunity to speak. Their COVID outreach team is here to give information to communities to encourage them to get vaccinated and eliminate any misinformation as well as addressing any concerns. They can provide materials and incentives depending on the type of event. Give out PPE kits that contain masks, wipes, hand sanitizers. She also wanted to talk about a program starting soon in partnership introducing a count to help provide any basic emergency needs to families impacted by COVID-19 with prepared meals for those isolated for testing positive. Always open to collaborations and thanks everyone for their time.

5.ADMINISTRATIVE/MOTIONS/UPDATES:

- a. Motion/Discussion/Vote for the approval of the July 2021 MER by Anna Justice. (5 Minutes).

Reuben Garcia Motions.

Rebecca Long Seconds the motion.

Webcorner \$150 for the whole month.

Elisa Avalos votes yes

Reuben Garcia votes yes

John Hernandez votes yes

Anna Justice votes yes

Mikayeel Khan votes yes

Fannie Long votes yes

Rebecca Long votes yes

Mireira Moran votes yes

Daniel Venencia votes yes

Charles Nelson votes yes

Josue Guajan votes Yes

Item “a” passes.

- b. Motion/Discussion/vote for approval of the roller funds of 5870.96 to go to General Outreach. by Anna Justice. (5 Minutes).

Fannie Long Motions.

Anna Justice Seconds the motion.

Charles expresses interest in getting an insight and placing money where the focus is such as a vision statement and what we want to do within a 12 month year and allocate money toward a specific goal.

Mikayeel Khan suggests to table the item

Charles Nelson motions to table the item.

Item “b” tabled.

- c. Motion/Discussion/vote for the approval of the July 2021 minutes by Secretary Jessica Urquiza. (5 minutes).

Charles Nelson Motions.

Daniel Venencia Seconds the motion.

Elisa Avalos votes yes
Camila Castaneda votes yes
Reuben Garcia votes yes
John Hernandez votes yes
Anna Justice votes yes
Mikayeel Khan votes yes
Rebecca Long votes yes
Mireira Moran votes yes
Josue Guajan votes yes
Charles Nelson votes yes

Item “c” passes.

- d. Motion/Discussion/Vote for the creating of a Bylaws Committee. (5 Minutes).

Charles Nelson Motions for an AD HOC committee.
Fannie Long Seconds the motion.

Elisa Avalos votes yes
Camila Castaneda votes yes
Reuben Garcia votes yes
John Hernandez votes yes
Mikayeel Khan votes yes
Fannie Long votes yes
Rebecca Long votes yes
Mireira Moran votes yes
Josue Guajan votes yes
Daniel Venencia votes yes
Charles Nelson votes yes

Item “d” passes.

- Mireira Moran nominates Charles Nelson to Chair the AD- HOC Bylaws committee.
- Daniel Venencia Nominates himself to join the AD-HOC Bylaws committee.
- Mireira Moran Nominates herself to join the AD-HOC Bylaws committee.

John Hernandez Seconds the motion.

Elisa votes yes

Camila Castaneda votes yes

Reuben Garcia votes yes

John Hernandez votes yes

Anna Justice votes yes

Mikayeel Khan votes yes

Fannie Long votes yes

Rebecca Long votes yes

Mireira Moran votes yes

Josue Guajan votes yes

Daniel Venencia votes yes

Charles Nelson votes yes

Item Passes.

- e. Motion/Discussion/Vote for the GR818ERS are requesting \$4,950.00 to support the production of a large-scale mural project at Broadous Elementary School in partnership with local muralist JP Murals, the

Broadous Family, Northeast Valley Best Start, and Los Angeles Education Partnership. Approved by the Art Committee. (5 Minutes)

Elisa Avalos Motions.

Anna Justice Seconds the motion.

Brief Presentation regarding mural.

Elisa Avalos votes yes

Camila Castaneda ineligible to vote

Reuben Garcia votes yes

John Hernandez votes yes

Mikayeel Khan votes yes

Fannie Long votes yes

Rebecca Long votes yes

Mireira Moran votes yes

Josue Guajan votes yes

Daniel Venencia votes yes

Charles Nelson votes yes

Anna Justice votes yes

Item “e” passes

- f** Motion/Discussion/Vote for the approval of the PNC event, Car Seats to the people of Pacoima and LA city dept of traffic safety. Cost is \$5000 for up to 350 car seats. (5 Minutes).

John Hernandez Motions.

Anna Justice seconds the motion.

Reuben Garcia motions to amend the cost to \$4,999

Anna Justice Seconds the motion.

Elisa Avalos votes yes

Reuben Garcia votes yes

John Hernandez votes yes

Mikayeel Khan votes yes

Fannie Long votes yes

Mireira Moran votes yes

Josue Guajan votes yes

Daniel Venencia votes yes

Charles Nelson votes yes

Anna Justice votes yes

Rebecca Long votes yes

Item “f” passes.

- g. Discussion and possible action to appoint board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23, and 30, 2021.

Anna Justice Motions.

Fannie Long Seconds the motion.

Mikayeel Khan nominates himself to join Civic University.

Anna Justice nominates herself to join Civic University.

Charles Nelson Nominates himself to join Civic University.

Josue Guajan nominates himself to join Civic University.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ends at 9:45 p.m