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PACOIMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Regular Board Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.

General Board Meeting Minutes by Secretary Jessica Urquiza

1. WELCOMING REMARKS: (5 minutes)

2. Call to order (5 minutes)

Meeting begins at 6:36 PM

Board members present:

Mikayeel Khan
Jessica Urquiza
Anna Justice
Camila Castañeda
Josué Guajan
Daniel Venencia
Mireira Moran
Reuben García
Charles Nelson
Rebecca Long
Fanny Long

Board members absent:

Elisa Avalos
John Hernandez absent

Community Government reports:

Congressman Tony Cardenas: not present

Senator Bob Hertzberg: not present

LAPD- Officer Munguía: In regard to homelessness: officer needs help from the community, council office, groups, from everyone because the people in tents, there is nothing the police can do other than out in a call to the MEU (Mental Evaluation Unit) officer needs the community to be together and call politicians to get services for the homeless individuals because the police is unable to arrest, cite, or get into a use of force for a misdemeanor. We need to better distribute resources that are out there to help people. The city is trying to get rid of LAHSA, but if people voice their opinions they will be heard by politicians. Osborne, Laurel Canyon, Glenoaks, Foothill, major streets covered by officer Munguía and doing everything they can to make Pacoima better. Information on LAHSA.org.

LAPD CSP: Officer Escobar is planning to do a Halloween event at the San Fernando gardens open to all the community and is looking for a co-sponsorship with the PNC for \$2,000. A scary movie will be playing on the outside, haunted house inside community center, giving gift bags and give aways, something safe and fun for the community from 5-9 pm on Halloween.

Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez: Esther Mares we have our permanent mobile vaccine in summary offering Pfizer & j&j vaccine anyone is able to get vaccinated on the site and also get tested at the Sylmar Recreation center Tuesday-Friday 9 am- 3 pm. Anyone who tested positive can contact office for COVID kit. Ribbon cutting ceremony and are now happy to have little league open. Improve refurbishment of 3 baseball fields, restrooms and 54,000 investments, thanks to the community for their partnership to join little league please call (818)897-3388 for more information. To support struggling small businesses programs will be a tentative schedule, 37 million checks will be available for the city small businesses contact local business source. For anyone who may be interested Saturday, September 18, seasonal pool life guards on department of recreation and parks. LAUSD needs help to ensure superintendents look over priorities of the community. Public safety, help identify critical locations with a walk through of the San Fernando gardens with community stakeholders and CSP officers. If anyone knows of illegal street racing, please call office. Public safety, Susie joined the committee safety advisory and help id critical locations to prevent crime with a walk through of San Fernando gardens residence. If there is illegal street racing please call the office. Councilwoman has met with park directors to hear concerns and working close with parks. (818)302-6114– Icon phone number. Esther.mares@lacity.org.

Empower LA: Adriana Cabrera Thanks and acknowledges the board for the work they have done. 9/25 8-3:45 pm

Www.neighborhood congress.la to RSVP for Congress of neighborhoods open to the public theme "Leading Change Together" which is the city's largest gathering of neighborhood council leaders open to the public and via zoom. Changes happening in the department. The cornerstone will be changing and everyone will have an updated credential to login for trainings. Any concerns, please contact Adriana at Adriana.cabrera@lacity.org (213)473-7469. New GM Raquel Beltran, in an effort to accommodate more trainings, module 2 is October 28 at 6:30 pm covering bylaws and managing meeting disruptions. Module 3: November 30 at 6:30 pm. There will be notifications through email. Funding training through city clerk which are trainings conducted online. www.clerk.lacity.org.

Assemblywoman Luz Rivas

Miguel Morales is the New representative of Pacoima. CAL TRANS, 118 east bound freeway they are aware of the encampment and have been communicating with CAL TRANS about this issue, they have acknowledged it and are waiting for further instructions. The 118 westbound freeway, the homeless encampment has been acknowledged as well. Once there are more updates he will make sure to let everyone know. They have been working with CAL TRANS 118 Laurel canyon on ramp and off ramp. On the I5 Paxton on ramp, CAL TRANS will be working. Assemblywoman pushed through legislation and had 11 out of 12 bills waiting for approval. (818) 504-3911. Miguel.morales@asm.ca.gov

Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

Public health continues to track variants in LA County. The Delta variant and MU variant have become a subject of interest so there is a lot of focus tracking at the moment. September 3, there are new variants in LA county and there is encouragement to continue wearing masks and become vaccinated. This past Saturday there was partnership with PNC, MEND, Pacoima Beautiful with the 4th COVID-19 vaccine clinic. Thanks Elisa and Josue for representing the PNC. Encourage all to participate and provide public in providing comments and belief on the Whiteman airport if the airport should be kept in its place or not. (323)401-6962. BYanez@bos.lacounty.gov.

Mayor Eric Garcetti

Michelle Vergara happy to be here and joining the PNC. updates from the mayor's office, the beginning of this month was important as Mayor and Nuria Martínez will be funding for rental assistance program. 522 billion dollars in this program. In partnership with city of California, individuals are able to apply. Individuals need a specific income level. Housingiskey.com which can cover future rent and cover all utilities including internet. A case manager will be assigned to individuals. The

quicker a landlord accepts, the quicker the funding will be available to the renter or tenant. This is for individuals who have suffered an economic loss. In addition, the mayor's youth council is open to Highschool students promoting civic engagement and leadership opportunities while working on a problem they are passionate about, meeting virtually and toward the end the program participants will graduate and will have an interaction with the mayor. Students can also receive a letter of recommendation and service hours. Deadline 9/24. Emergency rental assistance program, the state has allocated money for organizations to outreach on rental assistance program. (213)400-9816 Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org.

Region 1 budget advocate: not present

Presentation:

April Lindh: Chrysalis provide appointment services to individuals with employment and housing services. Pacoima center serves 900 clients a year in the San Fernando Valley. They provide job readiness classes and help with how to navigate conflicts in the workplace, resume building and an interview. Transitional jobs where they employ 700 individuals. Services available for anyone over the age of 18. Construction, hospitality, etc. Here tonight to share opportunities to get involved with Chrysalis and to refer people their way. Looking for volunteers to conduct practice interviews virtually. Always looking for hiring partners.starting A SFV council to spread the word about what they do. October open house, date TBD and virtual to learn about the organization. April.lindh@changelives.org (818)296-5736.

Stacey: Valley care community consortium

Stronger together at home: mental health first aid project, a public education program, teaches participants of mental health crisis events. Anyone who is interested can sign up and can register. 2 hour self paced work and 6 hour instructor led training. (818)793-3405 scano@valleyccc.org and encourages everyone to reach out.

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).

Kay: thanks Adriana for talking about Congress of neighborhoods. Registration is open for online 9/25 Congress . NeighborhoodCongress.la and follow the link to register. Theme for leading change together multiple sessions from different angles covering city planning, outreach (including Spanish) and climate change. Sessions to build a strong committee structure, NOG, election feedback etc. There

will be a lounge where people can gather and network. Please visit neighborhood Congress.la and register/ spread the word.

Maria Leonido: works with NHS non-profit vendor and they help families for home ownerships. They have home ownership classes and counseling for home owners having a hard time paying for their mortgage. NHS continues to advocate for home owners. mleonido@nhslacounty.org. (213)381-2862. Nhslacounty.org.

Kelly Gonez: update on last months. Welcome students to back in person instruction. During all visits to schools, students and staff are happy to be back on campus. That is community partners and parents for their patience. There have been challenges and some days have been smother than others. Team can support with any questions or concerns. Search for permanent superintendent and the goal is to have a selection by winter 2021. They would like to hear from as many people as possible. They would like to make sure the next superintendent is what they envision for success. Join 2 sessions on 9/21 & 9/28 in English and Spanish and it's an opportunity to hear from families in the valley. More information on timeline for search achieve.lausd.net/suptsearch2021. LAUSD continues to provide COVID vaccines and testing. Students have until January 10 to become fully vaccinated.

Gabriel: wanted to say hi and wanted to connect with Elisa to set up a possible presentation. Thanks everyone for their time.

Rosa Lagunas: program coordinator for "cities for peace" created workshops that helps enhance capacities for leaders and tools for mental health. People are experiencing stress and anxiety, the organization provides positive mental health and hope to collaborate with the PNC to create a program and be invited to next month's general board meeting.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/MOTIONS/UPDATES

- a. Motion/discussion/vote for the approval of August 2021 MER by Anna Justice

Reuben Garcia motions.
Anna Justice seconds the motion.

Fannie Long votes yes
Rebecca Long votes yes
Jessica Urquiza votes yes
Mikayeel Khan votes yes
Reuben Garcia votes yes
Daniel Venencia votes yes
Mireira Moran votes yes

Josue Guajan votes yes
Charles Nelson votes yes

Item passes.

- b.** Motion/discussion/vote for the approval of the August 2021 minutes prepared by Secretary Jessica Urquiza

Charles Nelson motions
Reuben Garcia seconds the motion

Fanny Long votes yes
Jessica Urquiza votes yes
Camila Castañeda votes yes
Mikayeel Khan votes yes
Rebecca Long votes yes
Reuben Garcia votes yes
Daniel Venencia votes yes
Mireira Moran votes yes
Josue Guajan votes yes
Charles Nelson votes yes

- c.** Motion/discussion/vote for Haddon Mural by Anna Justice

Mural in Haddon Elementary, principal withdrew support. Motion is being cancelled.

- d.** Motion/Discussion/vote for Collaboration with Pacoima Neighborhood Council for a Halloween event in the San Fernando Gardens. The cost is \$2000, and the event would be open to the community. By officer Nancy Escobar

Anna Justice motions
Reuben Garcia seconds the motion.

PNC is able to have a table at event and pass out Outreach items for the community.

Fannie Long votes yes
Rebecca Long votes yes
Jessica Urquiza votes yes
Mikayeel Khan votes yes
Reuben Garcia votes yes

Daniel Venencia votes no
Mireira Moran votes yes
Josue Guajan votes yes
Charles Nelson votes yes

Item passes

- e. Motion/discussion/vote for the P.N.C. to possibly having a town Hall meeting with deputy chief Hamilton and the captain from LAPD community relations regarding community policing failing in Pacoima. By Reuben Garcia.

Jessica Urquiza motions
Anna Justice seconds the motion

Charles Nelson Motions to change item title to something positive such as calling it "town hall meeting"
Mireira Moran seconds Charles Nelson's motion

Fannie Long votes yes
Jessica Urquiza votes yes
Camila Castañeda votes yes
Mikayeel Khan votes yes
Rebecca Long votes yes
Reuben Garcia votes yes
Daniel Venencia votes yes
Mireira Moran votes yes
Josue Guajan votes no
Charles Nelson votes yes

Item passes

- f. Discussion and possible action to the LA City Park Rangers to getting a motion for a possible CIS for CF 20-0190. This has to do with arming the LA City Park Rangers, who are full peace officers. – By Sean Kleckner

Anna Justice Motions
Jessica Urquiza seconds the motion

Item sent to Public safety committee.

- g.** Motion/Discussion/Vote for Officer Ramirez from LAPD jeopardy program is requesting collaboration from the PNC for shirts for the youth. The jeopardy program is back in session. The cost is \$750.

Charles Nelson Motions.
Jessica Urquiza seconds the motion.

Reuben suggests to refer item to the outreach committee to present.
Charles Nelson seconds.

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

President report: absent

Vice President: Thanks everyone for joining tonight. When sending an agenda item, make sure to place agenda item on subject line and if it was approved or not to be placed on the agenda.

Treasurer: there will be a budget meeting on 9/21 at 6:30 pm and thanks everyone for attending tonight.

Secretary: thanks everyone for attending tonight and thanks board members for hard work. Also comments that there is no minute taker being paid and reassures she is the minute taker for all meetings.

Outreach committee chair: have been collaborating with county to bring in the vaccination pop up sites. There are many individuals coming to the sites and Josue has been working on the vaccination flyers. Vaccination site on 9/25 in Arleta.

Art and cultural committee: unable to have a meeting this month, but will keep meetings second Tuesday of every month. The mural project will be continuing and will keep updating for involvement.

Land use: 9/30 will be the meeting date and will post agenda.

Youth and education: set to have meeting the first Monday of every month. They will discuss quarterly goals and plans.

Public health and safety: until further notice, there will not be a meeting this month. The housing department has sent the invoice to pay for car seats and will forward to treasurer Anna.

Board member comment and announcement:

Charles Nelson: states that if community reports are able to come in written in order to save time. Charles takes into consideration the transition from zoom to in person meetings and thinks it is not reasonable to have 3 hour meetings.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourns at 8:40 pm