



## Pacoima Neighborhood Council

Meeting Location: Pacoima City Hall, 13520 Van Nuys Blvd. Pacoima, CA 91331

Date: November 20, 2013

### **Call to order, roll call & flag salute**

Meeting called to order at: 6:30 pm

**Present: RG, MG, JH, FL, RL, ER, MP, DT, CR, MM, JS, VS, AM, RL-V, RM**

**Absent: BP, IF, JS, OL, EM (excused), AL, LM (not excused)**

### • **Comments/Announcement from Elected officials or their representatives**

- Marcos Sanchez, Office of Assembly Member Raul Bocanegra

Informing the community of upcoming events including Open House on 12/12/13, Neighborhood walk with Mayor Garcetti at David Gonzalez Park on 11/23/13 from 9am to 12 noon.

- Luis Sanchez, Department of Sanitation

As of January, people will have to pay 10 cents per plastic bag at the grocery store. Distributes re-usable bags to people present.

Reminder to everyone that Bulky Item Pick Up's are available by calling department of sanitation to arrange service.

- Senior Lead Officer Steve Nunez, Los Angeles Police Department-Foothill Division

The Division is preparing for the holiday season. They will provide extra patrol around the area. Reminder not to leave items in clear vision when leaving your car parked at stores.

Invites the community to a Toy Drive at Mykes Café on Nov. 30. Bring an unwrapped toy valued at \$10 and receive a free pancake breakfast.

- Ruben Zaragoza, Office of City Council member Felipe Fuentes

Council Member Felipe Fuentes will be present at this weeks community walk with Mayor Garcetti and encourage all community members to join them.

Council member is currently working on the billing process for Department of Water and Power, some people are not being billed while others are billed double sometimes triple number of times.



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- Aura Garcia, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

Present to announce that the Mayor will be holding a walk at Gonzalez to get to know the community and get to know the city. Their office is looking for walkers and volunteers to come out that day.

- Phillip Burn, Department of Recreation and Parks

Pacoima was selected as one of the planning areas in the city that the department will focus on. They will work with Pacoima Beautiful and asking the council to distribute information and have them participate by adding input what they see for the neighborhoods future. Feedback and information will be requested in January. They would like to focus on small initiatives that are able to be completed fast.

- Jose, Empower LA

December 13 starts applications for election candidates and deadline is 30 days after. Elections are for all board member seats. Voting day is March 8.

### **BUSINESS**

- I. ( 5 min.) Approval of Minutes Presented by Vanessa Serrano

Public Comment: John Hernandez, Edwin Ramirez.

Motion: To approve minutes with recommended corrections and edit for the 10/16/13 PNC minutes.

Made by: Edwin Ramirez, Seconded by Alex Morales

Action: Passes, Unanimously

A copy of the 10/7/13 Executive Meeting Minutes presented.

- II. ( 5 min.) PNC to approve our translation agency services for our monthly Board meetings Presented by Juan Salas



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Axiom will provide translation services for meetings. Cost is \$175 for interpreter services for the monthly meeting and Juan is working out if they are able to translate documents, up 5 documents. The highest they may charge is \$200 a month. DONE gave Juan a list of approved vendors, narrowed it down to 4 vendors in local area. 2 never called back. Axiom worked the most professionally. Today we have an axiom translator which is doing the job well. Today's service was paid out of pocket by Juan Salas.

Public Comment: Reuben Garcia

Motion: To approve Axiom service not to exceed \$200 a month.

Made by: Edwin Ramirez, Seconded by Reuben Garcia

Action: Motion Passes, 11 aye, 1 nay (Alex Morales), 1 abstain (Fannie Long)

III. (5 min.) Translator Presented Juan Salas to add a subcategory to PNC Budget, under the Operations category not to exceed \$250 a month for translation services

IV. ( 5 min.) Pacoima Stakeholder Ruth Martinez seeking PNC Homeowner Board Seat

Ruth Martinez is seeking PNC Homeowner Board Seat, she is an active member in the community.

Motion: To have Ruth Martinez join the PNC board under the Homeowner Board Seat

Made by: Edwin Ramirez, Seconded by Carlos Rivera.

Action: Passes, Unanimously

V. ( 5 min.) Imelda Foley presenting on important upcoming NC motions and survey

Imelda is out ill today, we will table this to next meeting. Reuben updates that she wants members to go online to Empower LA to give opinion as to how we will improve the neighborhood councils in the area.

Public Comment: Reuben Garcia

VI. ( 5 min.) Ashley Metoyer Burrell, from YPI speaking on Los Angeles Promise Neighborhood funding



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Here to talk about YPI program. The organization has a family resource center and provide additional services to the community. The program has been awarded the Promise Neighborhood Initiative to look into helping youth education services. Services include: Baby University, Pre-natal services, Tutoring, Animar Program to train kids to work at Pixar, Computer Labs throughout the city of LA.

Flyer regarding their events is being passed out today.

VII. ( 5 min.) Maryley Camacho from Public Art Initiative speaking about the Pacoima Murals Walking Tour Ed and Arts & Cultural Committee recommends the PNC to collaborate and purchase \$270 in materials to assist Pacoima Murals Walking Tour.

Presents on the deterioration of the murals in the city and her organization wants to help preserve the art. Is here to ask for \$270 to make color flyers to advertise the mural walks for next year.

Public Comment: Reuben Garcia, John Hernandez, Rebecca Lopez-Viramontes, Juan Salas, Morris Pichon, Edwin Ramirez, John Hernandez

Motion: To collaborate for the 270 for the color flyer, so long as there is the PNC logo on it.

Made by: Reuben Garcia, Seconded by John Hernandez

Action: Passes, 10 ayes, 3 abstain (Alex, Rebecca, Fannie)

VIII.( 5 min.) NC Funding Packet Presented by Morris Pichon Recommending the approval of 1. Annual Budget 2. Strategic Plan 3. Outreach Survey 4. Updated Roster

### 1. Approve Annual Budget

Copies of the budget present at this meeting must approved with the board, signed by president and treasurer, then turned in to DONE.

Public Comment: Mr. Brodous

Motion: To approve the annual budget as presented at today's meeting.

Made by: Rebecca Long, Seconded Edwin Ramirez

Action: Passes, 11 ayes, 5 abstain (Alex, Fannie, Rebeca L-V, Carlos, Ruth)

### 2. Strategic Plan



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Motion: To approve the strategic plan as presented by Morris.

Made by: Edwin Ramirez, Seconded Reuben Garcia

Action: 12 ayes, 3 abstain (Carlos, Fannie, Rebecca L-V)

### 3. Outreach Survey

Motion: To approve the outreach survey as presented by Morris.

Made by: Edwin Ramirez, Seconded by Reuben Garcia

Action: 12 ayes, 3 Abstain (Alex, Carlos and Rebecca)

### 4. Updated Roster

Motion: To approve the Roster at today's meeting with addition of our new board member Ruth Martinez.

Made by: Fannie Long, Seconded Rebecca Long

Action: Passes, 13 ayes, 2 abstain (Carlos, Rebeca L-V)

IX.( 5 min.) Safety and Health Committee Report presented by Reuben Garcia The PNC Board recommends collaborating and spending up to \$ 5,000 for Pacoima Christmas Parade Dec. 7th

*John Hernandez recuses from room.*

During the last month's meeting the group met and discussed that all information filled out that was handed out at the Safety and Health Committee Meeting in order for the board to take a vote on this. The group does not have all the paperwork completed because they were not aware that they had to complete the entire packet. Unable to take a vote until all paperwork is completed entirely. Morris offers to meet with the group to review all the paperwork done and have the PNC call a special meeting to vote.

X. ( 5 min.) Caltrans Presentation presented by Paulette Thornton

Update on construction regarding the HOV connector connecting the 170 and 5 fwy. New freeway exits are beginning to open. Some closures will still continue to happen in the late hours. Copies of the ramp map open. Info-line center available longer hours.

XI.( 5 min.) Eugene Hernandez presenting on Walmart Unionization Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>



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Presentation regarding Walmart on event happening November at 6am for 16 hours. A movement to unionize workers from Walmart. On Black Friday they will have a demonstration at the panorama city Walmart store. Call for strike by the green party of this local area. On Friday, CSUN is the location for volunteers to make signs. They would like for PNC to support their cause.

Public Comments: Reuben Garcia

Motion: To have the PNC support the Black Friday Walmart Action in support of unionization and not use the slowe cabor for its products.

Made by: Edwin Ramirez, Seconded by Dora Tate.

Action: Passes, Unanimously

*Rebecca and Fannie Leave at 8:30*

### XII. ( 5 min.) Fox and Laurel Park Mural Project Presented by Kristy Sandoval and Juan Salas

Juan Salas regarding mural project. On 11/21/13 the community is invited to be a part of the new mural on Fox & Laurel Park. Artist will be present to take ideas down.

### XIII. ( 5 min.) Treasurer's Report by Morris Pichon

There is no spending for the month.

Morris has to rework on items pending the payment for other years.

Motion: To make an amendment of approving the budget with no action on it.

Made by: Reuben Garcia, Seconded Edwin Ramirez

Action: Passes, 10 ayes, 3 abstain (Carlos, Rebecca L-V, Ruth)

### XIV. (5 min.) Outreach Committee presented by John Hernandez For the PNC to create and purchase a NC Native Mobile Application from Prometheus at an initial investment of \$ 3,500.

Public Comment: Carlos Rivera, Chris Showels , Ruth Martinez, Reuben Garcia, Juan Salas, Carlos Rivera, Edwin Ramirez



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This is a year contact therefore it needs to go back to the city attorney before a vote is taken. Postponing until its sent to the city attorney's office.

### XV. (5 min.) Outreach Committee presented by John Hernandez For the PNC to purchase 250 emergency

To purchase emergency preparedness kits to pass out at the Christmas Parade. This will help the family of the area who do not prepare for disaster. This packet includes what it takes to survive for 3 days if disaster strikes.

Public Comment: Reuben Garcia, Carlos Rivera, Juan Salas

Motion: To approve the purchase of 250 preparedness kits at a cost of \$27.50 per unit and to not exceed 6,875 from prepare Inc.

Made by: John Hernandez, Seconded Edwin Ramirez

Action: Motion voted down, 6 nay, 1 aye (DT), 3 abstain (Carlos, Rebeca L-V, Ruth)

### XVI.(5 min.) Outreach Committee presented by John Hernandez For the PNC to co-sponsor the event with City of LA Housing and Community Investment Department Pacoima Family Source Center by providing up to \$1,000 worth of toys to be distributed Dec. 14th

Alex propose that the event is on 12/18 before the next NC meeting at the community center in Pacoima. Asking PNC to participate this as a community event.

Public Comment: Juan Salas

Motion: For the PNC to co-sponsor the event with City of LA Housing and Community Investment Department Pacoima Family Source Center by providing up to \$1,000 worth of toys to be distributed.

Made by: John Hernandez, Seconded by Alex Morales

Action: Passes, 9 ayes, 1 nay (Morris), 3 abstain (Carlos, Rebeca L-V, Ruth)

### XVII. (5 min) Edwin Ramirez Election Committee Report Discussion and approval of 2014 Election Stipulation Form (Time, location, & possible vote by mail)



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Board needs to vote on a location and time for elections next year. Elections will be Saturday March 8, 2014. Proposed election duration is 4 hours from 10am to 2pm. Proposed locations are City Hall 13520 Van Nuys Blvd, and Community Center 11243 Glenoaks Blv. No voting by mail, nor voting by internet options. Votes must be in person.

Motion: To approve the proposed Election's Outreach Strategy for the elections of March 8, 2014.

Made by: Edwin Ramirez, seconded by Reuben Garcia

Action: Passes, (10 ayes), 2 abstain (Martha Martinez and Rebeca L-V)

### XIX. Roll Call by Vanessa Serrano

There were 15 members out of 22 present at today's meeting. 7 members were present.

Unexcused Absences: AL, LM

Excused Absences: BP, IF, JS, OL, EM

### XX. Possible cancelation of the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

Board discusses a possible cancellation of the December 18<sup>th</sup> PNC meeting. Members state they will be present at the next PNC meeting. Meeting in December will go as scheduled.

### XXI. Comments on non-agenda items. Please fill out speaker's card (2 minutes per person).

Jesus Perez, ICON CDC, [operez@iconcdc.org](mailto:operez@iconcdc.org)

Not present

Nina Royal, Foothill CPAB, [nroyal9259@aol.com](mailto:nroyal9259@aol.com)

CERT classes begin January 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Pacoima Charter. CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> aid begin January 11 from 8am to 12:00p.m. at Pacoima Charter.

Zella Knight, [zk8ed@yahoo.com](mailto:zk8ed@yahoo.com)

Encouraging outreach to local schools for local controlling formula and the impact it has to Title I funds.

### XXII. Board member comments (1 min. each person)



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Comment made by:

Carlos Rivera, Edwin Ramirez, Juan Salas, Dora Tate, Reuben Garcia, John Hernandez, Mike Gonzalez, Vanessa Serrano, Rebecca Lopez Viramotes, Ruth Martinez

XXIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.