



## Pacoima Neighborhood Council



Meeting Location: Pacoima Community Center, 13520 Van Nuys Blvd. Pacoima, CA  
91331

Date: January 15, 2014

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

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: RG, MG, JH, FL, RL, ED, MP, IF, JS, OL, MM, JS, VS, AM, RL-V

Absent: CR, EM, RM (Excused), BP, AL, DT (Unexcused)

### • Comments/announcements from Elected officials or their representatives

- Marcos Santana, Congressman Tony Cardenas Office

Event at Pacoima Library regarding Affordable Care Act. Contact office for additional information.

Coding system in schools as a foreign language. Contests for HS Students STEM-creating an app they submit to website. Upload to house website.

Public Comment: Reuben Garcia

- Ruben Zaragoza, Office of Council member Felipe Fuentes

New Laws- 10 cents per bag started Jan. 1 in large chain stores. Mom and pop stores start July.

NE-SFV starting walking groups in the city. Hike is Sylmar walk 1/25 9am to promote healthier city. Clean up in Pacoima Gardens date changed to 2/8.

Bike path is still under construction, have to build a bridge above the Pacoima Wash between Paxton going in to the city of SF. Landscaping/lights have to be completed. 6 more months of work left before a ribbon cutting ceremony.

### • Comments/announcements from City Departments

- Officer Steve Nunez, Senior Lead Officer-LAPD

CERT training beginning in the next few months to the local residents. (March 2014)

Crime stats show that violent crimes are down in LA County but especially in Pacoima, great start to the new year.

- Alex Moorhead, Pacoima Resource Center

Starting VITA program helping with tax preparation for free for those who make under 52,000 a year 1/27 9-4 pm with ID to verify address and verification of income. Volunteers tax preparers needed. Pacoima Beautiful will also be a VITA Site. 818-834-5179

2/1 Cash for College Event, HS seniors applying for financial aid 9-1 p.m. Presentation on how to apply for FAFSA. Need volunteers to help students sign up. After signing up they are entered to a scholarship raffle of \$1,000. Any student is welcome.

## Business

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

Motion: To approve minutes as presented with no editorial corrections from the 12/3/13 PNC meeting.

Made by: Rebecca Long, Reuben Garcia Seconded

Action: Approved (Unanimously)

Motion: To approve minutes as presented with no editorial corrections from the 1/11/2014 Special PNC meeting.

Made by: Rebecca Long, Jeff Stansfield Seconded

Action: Approved (14 yes, 0 no, 1 Abstain (JH))

Minutes Report for the 1/8/2013 Executive Board Members Meeting presented.

- II. (5 min.) Mimi from Best Friends Animal Society

Correction: Mimi works for Kumar Proud Tails & Whiskers.

Organization traps cats at night time and takes them to get fixed then bring them back to the community. If you see roaming cats in the area call her and report. Organization wants to lower the animal population.

Unfortunately, they cannot relocate the animals. They assess personalities of the cats and try to get them adopted. Free of charge. Humane method, they get medical attention, a meal and then are surgery the following morning then released after recovery. The organization can use volunteers that speak Spanish in this area to talk to residents.

Public Comment: John Hernandez, will add organizations hyperlink on PNC website. Imelda Foley, Mike Martinez, Edwin Ramirez

Action: Referred to Outreach

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

Translation has been available for the last 3 months. Company offered to translate in monthly meeting and up to 3 different flyers every month for \$200.

Motion: To approve our Axiom translation agency services for our monthly board meetings.

Made by: Juan Salas, Olivia Ledezma Seconded

Action: Approved (13 yes, 1 no, 1 ineligible)

Public Comment: Jeff, Morris, Martha, Reuben, Arthur Brodous, Ashley Metoyer, Jeff Stansfield

IV. (3 min.) PNC Training and Retreat possible dates presented by Imelda Foley.

Imelda created a survey and provided to all board members to take and leave with her this evening asking about the areas that each member believes that we need training on. Once we gather all feedback we can work with Melvin to launch board training.

Public Comment: Juan Salas, Reuben Garcia, Mike Gonzalez, Alex Moorhead, John Hernandez

V. (5 min.) Department of Recreation and Parks Open Space presented by Phillip Burn

Not Present

VI. (5 min.) Juan Salas from LA Neighborhood Land Trust presenting a project on the North Valley empty space.

. Attend forum to learn more about the project. Collect information on each lot to publicize information and offer information to community organizations that might want to use the lot. This will tell them what is available on the lot and who owns the area. People who attend the community forum will be surveys on their local areas and their needs. Volunteers needed to gather information on the lots and take a survey of the area. Basic simple yes or no information on surveys. NY and Chicago already did this type of project. North East Side of SFV: Target areas: Pan City, N. Hills, Parts of Sylmar, NoHo, Sun Valley

Free food, interpretation and free childcare available at the forum. Scheduled for 1/29 @ Pacoima City Hall from 6-8p.m.

Public Comment: Edwin Ramirez

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VII. (5 min.) Treasure's Report by Morris Pichon

We removed the toy give away that was voted at the last meeting because it did not happen. DONE have done an automatic deduction for Aaron webmaster, Axiom translation. \$7,060 (discount of \$500)

We have spent \$12,799.00 up to now

Motion: To approve this month's budget as presented by Morris.

Made by: Morris Pichon, Fannie Long Seconded

Action: Approved (13 yes, 0 No, 0 Abst)

Public Comment: Jeff Stansfield, Arthur Brodous, John Hernandez

VIII. (5 min.) Edwin Ramirez Election Committee Report

We were able to get a discount from the company that would print PNC election flyers/mailers. New price will be \$6,560. They hope to work with us again. Copies of the mailers going out are presented by Edwin and copies available to all stakeholders present today. All documents submitted by Edwin on Sunday following special

meeting. Flyer lets them know PNC is in the city and letting the community know about elections. Sent to every address in Pacoima.

Public Comment: Jeff Stansfield, Mike Gonzalez

- IX. (3 min.) Collaboration with Striving for Success Education Festival, co-hosted by Monica Ratliff on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 presented by Raquel Cedillo.

Julio from Office of LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff presenting.

Their office is teaming up with Haddon Ave Elementary School to hold an Education & Community Resources Fair 1/25 from 11 am to 2pm. PNC will have a table at the event for outreach.

Motion: PNC be a part of this event Striving for Success and use the event to outreach for Election

Made by: Michael Gonzalez, Reuben Garcia Seconded

Action: Approved (Unanimously)

- X. Ipad Resolution presented by Mike Gonzalez

Mike reports that Lidia Grant from DONE said we need more resolutions, neighborhood Impact statements

Motion: In Favor of accountability of LAUSD, to stop LAUSD from spending \$1 billion to purchase refurbished Ipad's with money that was voted by the tax payers to be used for school repairs; this resolution is to bring light that the stakeholders are concerned about this.

Made by: Mike Gonzalez, Rebecca L. Seconds

LAUSD in one meeting made a decision without any opposition to approve \$1 billion dollars to buy Ipad (old models); they are using the funds off of construction bond money and other areas. The money that tax payers voted for was to repair schools, but the superintendent that sat on the Apple board at the time approved to use those funds to pay for these items. Conflict of interest when the vote was taken.

Public Comment: Jeff Stansfield, Juan Salas, Imelda Foley

Motion to extend discussion

Made by: Edwin, Mr. Foley seconds

Action: Passes (unanimously)

Public Comment: Imelda Foley, Reuben Garcia, Morris Pichon, Mike Gonzalez, Edwin Ramirez,

Extend Time: Fannie Long, Mike Gonzalez Seconded

Public Comment: Edwin Ramirez (Invite LAUSD board members), Julio Anleu (Bond funds that were not intended for teacher raises)

Extend: Edwin, Mike Seconds

Public Comment: Julio Anleu (LCSF, call LAUSD with concerns because the board will vote on where funds needs to be spent, not a pilot program, it is about to enter Phase 2 and then Phase 3 where all the schools participate), Jeff Stansfield

Call for vote

Action: Passes (9 yes, 4 no (JH, IF, JS, MM) 1 abst. (RG))

- XI. (3 min.) Outreach Committee presented by John Hernandez for the PNC to create and purchase NC Native Mobile Applications from Prometheus at an initial investment of \$3,500.

Prometheus dropped price to \$3,000 and annual maintenance fee of \$1,700, Google fee of \$99 and Apple fee of \$25 annually. Web developer from Sylmar expressed that their website is not interactive and the app was useful for them. However PNC website is interactive.

Motion at committee meeting was made to move forward with a vote at today's board meeting.

Motion: PNC to create and purchase a NC Native Mobile Application from Prometheus at an investment of \$3,500.

Made by: Edwin Ramirez, Jeff Stansfield Seconded

Public comment: Reuben Garcia, John Hernandez, Edwin Ramirez, Jeff Stansfield, Imelda Foley

Motion to extend discussion: Edwin Ramirez, Reuben Seconded

Public Comment: Edwin Ramirez

Action: Motion defeated (10 no, 1 Abst (AM) 1 ineligible (RL-V))

*Rebecca Viramontes-Lopez leaves meeting 8:32pm*

*Rebecca Long Leaves meeting 8:35 p.m.*

- XII. (5 min.) PNC to collaborate for annually San Fernando MLK Community Breakfast with AALO not to exceed \$500 Outreach Committee presented by John Hernandez

PNC will have a table at event, logo on flyer, \$500 to feed the people who attend the event. Correction on the documents (change the word sponsor because the board cannot sponsor, and change the payee name from Seal's to the vendor, also get an invoice from the vendor for services to be provided). Seal understands that our funds are frozen but they have faith that they will be unfrozen soon

Public Comment: Imelda Foley, Mike Gonzalez

Motion: To collaborate for annual San Fernando MLK Community Breakfast with AALO not to exceed \$500.

Made by: John Hernandez, Alex Morales Seconded

Action: Passes, (12 yes, 0 no)

- XIII. (3 min.) Arcadia's Book on Pacoima

Arcadia's Book that will showcase Pacoima and its history. Mike asks board members if anyone wants to steer head the project. Currently looking for pictures and stories of Pacoima and its history.

Public Comment: Alex Moorhead (has contacts that have pictures of old Pacoima)

Motion: To start an ad hoc committee to work on Arcadia book on Pacoima with Edwin as the chair of committee.

Made by: Edwin Ramirez, Alex Morales seconded

Action: Passes, unanimously

XIV. (3 min.) Hansen Dam Clean Up Project

Reuben Zaragoza from office of Council Member Felipe Fuentes has reported that date has changed during elected official announcements.

XV. (3 min.) Pacoima's New Bike Path to form an ad hoc planning committee.

We will wait until June to do the event since there is still construction going on in the area. However, we should begin an ad hoc committee to help plan this. John, suggest we have the outreach committee take charge of this future event.

XVI. Roll Call by Vanessa Serrano

We currently have 21 board members

15 members were present at today's board meeting

Board Member Carlos Rivera has a total of 5 absences, 3 unexcused and 2 excused. Board declares a vacancy for youth representative.

Motion: To approve today's roll call with a declared vacancy in the youth representative seat previously held by Carlos Rivera.

Made by: Alex Morales, Jeff Stansfield Seconded

Action: Passes (unanimously)

XVII. Comments on non-agenda items. (2 minutes per person)

Ashley Metoyer, YPI

Cap of 30 students for tutoring. Free computer classes at the YPI community center. Starting 2/3 Cultural arts class.

Dr. Carolyn Monroe

Comfort Zone Program. Looking for families that need to communicate more effectively with their children/teen. Located at the Boys and Girls Club 2/8 first workshop to help increase communication between children. English and Spanish.

XVIII. VS, MM, JS, FL, MP, RG, MG, IF, AM, JH, ER

XIX. Meeting Adjourned at 9:04pm