

Pacoima Neighborhood Council Meeting

DATE: August 21, 2013

Pacoima Neighborhood City Hall
13520 Van Nuys Blvd.
Community Room
Pacoima, CA 91331
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Call to order: 6:33 p.m. Flag Salute and Roll Call

Elected Officials:

Name: Bryan Gavida Office: Congressman Tony Cardenas
Announcements: was present to announce several upcoming events the congressman will support. 9/14 event to offer information about the Affordable Care Act for the community at Panorama City High School. Phone calls regarding the act will be placed to senior centers and schools to inform parents. 10/26 Health Fair/Sign up for Health Changes. Location TBA Congressman established a Veterans Advisory Committee to give voice to veterans and update the community on upcoming legislation that affects veterans. Currently the committee is made up of 2 Army Veterans and 2 Army Reserved Veterans. Meeting in the congressman's office on 8/22. 8/22 Veterans Employment Committee Meeting will meet to bring transitional services to veterans. From 9 am to 2pm mental health services and job services will be provided. Location California National Guard Amory.

Name: Luis Sanchez Office: Public Works
Announcements: Informing the community about the upcoming Recycle Motor Oil and Electronic Waste event on 8/24 at Sylmar Recreation Center. Public Works will also be working with local officials on several events in the city including city clean ups.

Name: Marcos Sanchez Office: Assembly Member Raul Bocanegra
Announcements: 8/23 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Assembly Member Bocanegra are inviting the community for a community briefing on water supply issues. Event will be at Casa Torres in San Fernando from 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Name: _____ Office: _____
Announcements: _____

City Departments:

Name: Alex Moorhead Department: Pacoima Family Resource Center
Announcements: Informing everyone that there is a new tenant at the community center that will be working with high school aged students 14 to 19yrs old who need to enroll back in school. Please visit their center if you need their services.

Name: __Greg Barbs _____ Department: __ Department of Water and Power
Announcements: __Informing the community that there will be open trenching on Foothill Blvd. He has provided a map of the alignment to the president and vice president of neighborhood council. Another project is the Tujunga Spreading Grounds project in Sun Valley meant to catch rain water before letting it run off on the streets. They will use diversion channel to transfer the dirt through a conveyer belt to prevent an interruption to traffic in the city. DWP is also updating their customer information beginning 9/2 you can look forward to monthly billing instead of every two months. Concern from stakeholder: Pipes laying on Glenoaks Blvd for 3-4 months. Greg will look into it; it may be a project in the beginning stages which may have been put aside as another project took priority.

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Public Comments time: _7:15p.m._____ Minutes per Speaker: _2:00_____

Name: _Phillip Sciordia_____ Organization: __Pacoima Chamber of Commerce__
Topic: __ Holiday Parade 2013 _____ Announcement: Elected president in July 2013. He is working with the councilman Felipe Fuentes in various activities to be held at Pacoima City Hall next week. Roberto Vega is being honored for all his work with the chamber. Chamber of commerce needs help from PNC for the holiday parade this year. A formal letter was presented to PNC president with an explanation of what they are requesting. Chamber invites all stakeholders to come and support the parade. Information can be seen on website thepacomiachamberofcommerce.com.
Action taken: _____

Name: _Yvonne Chan_____ Organization: _Vaughn Learning Center_____
Topic: __Building 5 New Centers_____ Announcement: Yvonne Chan (Principal of Vaughn Learning Center) currently have 3,000 kids and 10,000 parent and families who are grateful for the 63 years of support from their school. The school provides 15 years of schooling for local children. They have 98% graduation rate and college bound students. Present today to inform everyone that they are building 5 new support centers along Herrick and Vaughn Street.
Action taken: _____

Name: _Sandy Sandoval_____ Organization: _Social Justice Committee SFV_____
Topic: __Upcoming Community Events_____ Announcement: informing everyone that they are working on projects for the community. Teaming up with Blue Cross to provide information to community of the upcoming changes to insurance that will start in October. They also have another event for providing Domestic Violence information to the community they will work with Experiente Rojo and LAPD Foothill Division to present information to the community at Mary Immaculate Church in Pacoima.
Action taken: _____

Name: _Carlos Rivera_____ Organization: _San Fernando High School_____
Topic: _Increasing Youth Involvement_____ Announcement: expressed there is a lack of youth involvement on the PNC board and wants to work as a liaison to help deliver the

information at the meetings to students. He also wants to help start a program to help middle school students adjust to high school. HS students need volunteer hours and middle school students need tutoring and wants to create a method to help both sides of students help each other achieve their requirements. Request the support of PNC in funding afterschool tutoring classes.

Action taken: _____

Name: Susan Llamas Organization: Director of Youth Family and Community Development

Topic: STEAM Project Announcement: informing the board and community of the STEAM Project which offers services to the community.

Action taken: _____

Name: Maryley Camacho Organization: Public Art Initiative

Topic: Art Walk Announcement: the organization held their first mural tour on 8/17. They had a total of 20 attendees and want to find out how PNC can help spread the word to more community members. The event was successful and a lot of the participants stayed to have lunch at local businesses. All proceeds go to the conservation of the art work. Organization was referred to PNC Outreach. Maryley stated that the organization requested help from the board two months ago and was referred to the outreach committee but has yet to be contacted by the board. They want to find out what is the hold up and want to start working together.

Action taken: _____

Name: Oswaldo Robles Organization: Pacoima Beautiful

Topic: Community Events Announcement: present to introduce himself and inform the board and community that the organization is planning community clean ups. They will continue to hold the Walk for Change to demonstrate the problems in the community and then enjoy the day at the park to showcase the importance of having a clean environment. The organization wants to receive the support and help of PNC.

Action taken: _____

Name: Nina Royal Organization: Sunland Neighborhood Council

Topic: North Valley Reporter Announcement: she is outreach chair for the Sunland NC and uses her newspaper North Valley Reporter to advertise and showcase what's going on in each city. She is excited that Pacoima submitted 2 articles and wants this to continue. If any organization or business wants to pay for advertisement room please contact the newspaper.

Action taken: _____

Name: Arthur Broadous Organization: A Legacy for Pacoima

Topic: PNC Budget Announcement: wants to talk about the budget with Jeff. Arthur wants to talk with both Jeff and Morris regarding last year's budget and the new budget.

Action taken: Referred to Treasurer

Name: Ashley Matwier Organization: Youth Policy Institute

Topic: Upcoming Event Announcement: informed the board and stakeholders that they opened a new center at Maclay Middle School. On 9/7 they have a free event Family Expo workshop to inform parents of college and career services.

Action taken: _____

Name: _Bridget Gonzalez_ Organization: _Heroes For Life_
Topic: _Need Volunteers_ Announcement: informs everyone that they are located at the multi-media production for youth office. They produce what's good in the Neighborhood and wants to collect business cards from local leaders to interview them regarding their efforts in Pacoima.
Action taken: _____

Name: _Alex Moorhead_ Organization: _Pacoima Family Resource Center_
Topic: _Purchasing 10 Tents_ Announcement: _ safety committee met and would like to request funding from PNC to purchase 10 tents for their community event on 10/19 at the community center. The tents will be PNC property and can be stored at the community center. They will have PNC logo on them. Item will be added to next month's agenda for a vote. Purchasing 1 tent is \$500.00. Purchasing in bulk is a better deal.
Action taken: _Added to September Agenda for Vote_

Name: _Melvin Canas_ Organization: _Empower LA_
Topic: _New Representative_ Announcement: _ is present to inform everyone that he is taking over Amelia's position and wants to make himself available to the board. He will be attending all local NC meetings. PNC holds their meeting the same day as another city and if we need him at a meeting please contact him ASAP so he may organize his schedule. He reminds all board members that they must be up to date on their trainings by 9/1. Trainings are Funding and Ethics. They also need an updated roster. He announced that NC Congress is on 9/28/13 at City Hall from 8am to 4pm there is free parking. The event features workshops on how to the board efficiently and have the chance to meet elected officials and organizations. Information is available at ncongressla.com
Action taken: _____

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BUSINESS

ITEM 1: _Appoint New Executive Board

Meeting turned over to Alex Moorhead during election proceedings. Alex explains to board and stakeholder that a board member may nominate them and may only vote once per category. There are four categories 1. President 2. Vice President 3. Secretary and 4.

Treasurer.

President

Edwin Ramirez nominated himself

John Hernandez nominates Reuben Garcia-Reuben accepts nomination

Jeff Stanfield nominated himself

Rebecca Long nominates Mike Gonzalez-Mike accepts nomination

Alex explains each candidate has 1 minute to talk about their agenda for the upcoming year.

Edwin provides copy of his agenda to board and additional copies provided in the back table for stakeholders. He wants to establish clear accountability in records, establish continuity of movement on board, and establish partnerships with community organizations, churches and schools.

Reuben explains that whoever is elected there will be no hurt feelings or hate. Advices board members to vote with your mind and anyone can vote as they want.

Jeff states that he has been a treasurer for a lot of time and he is aware of how the city and he would like to take the council to new avenues.

Mike states that he has worked as vice president the last year and he knows how to get people to work hard. He showed his commitment to the council by traveling 35 miles away to attend every meeting.

Alex calls to vote

Edwin 4 votes

Reuben 3

Jeff 1

Mike 5

Mike is congratulated by board and stakeholders

Call to nominations for Vice President

Edwin nominates Reuben Garcia-Reuben declines the nomination

Board member nominates Imelda Foley

Call to vote is ordered

Imelda 13 votes

Secretary

Vanessa Serrano nominates herself

Call to vote is ordered

Vanessa 12 votes

Treasurer

Board Member nominates Morris Pichon-Morris accepts nomination

Jeff nominates himself

Both are asked to explain their agenda

Morris says that he wants to make everything more organized and produce new documents that help organize funds. He was involved in National Night Out and created documents that have blocks and calculations to keep everyone accountable. He would turn in documents to DUN on time.

Jeff states that he has 1.5 years of experience and has submitted books to all board members with last year's budget. He tells Morris that he isn't allowed to create a document and he has to use the documents that DUN provides. Jeff states he did a good job this last year.

Call to vote is made

Morris 7 votes

Jeff 5 votes

Alex congratulates the new board

ITEM 2: Finance report by Treasures for 2012/2013

Jeff presented a copy of the new budget and a copy of last year's budget. He distributes a 2 page spread sheet that shows the demand warrants and purpose grants for the year. He explains to stakeholders and board member that if they need help with something to contact Morris who will then contact Jeff if any questions need to be answered regarding last year's budget. He also offers extra copies of last year's budget to stakeholders.

Jeff explains to the board that 2 parking permits are granted by the city and he will give them to the President who can decide with the board who will use them.

Jeff announces that if any board members want a name badge to see him at the end of the meeting to provide correct spelling. There are also t-shirts available at the back of the room.

Jeff explains that Olivia has the iPad provided to the secretary. Mike will contact Olivia to get it back. Jeff offers Vanessa training on the iPad and accessories.

ITEM 3: Approve all outstanding minutes

Unable to approve minutes because they are not available at this time.

ITEM 4: Recap of Nation Night Out

Reuben announced the event was a great night for the city. Morris did a great job with checks and balances. Thank you to Target, Farmers Insurance, Papas&Tacos and all the organizations that participated. All the kids loved the magic show and dancers. Great singers from the city performed. Thank you to Vanessa and Ruth Martinez for helping organize the event. Thank you to LAPD for their support and participation in the event.

ITEM 5:

Reminder to stakeholders if they plan to make an announcement to approach the board as soon as they come in to get a speaker card. There are a limited amount of speaker cards and they help the keep the meeting organized.

ITEM 6:

Imelda looks forward to a great year working with the board. PNC is a priority to her.

John Thanked outgoing executive board and congratulated Mike Gonzalez on his presidency. At next meeting he would like to discuss the commitment of the current board, the organization of the agenda and the current board opening including the committees.

Juan is excited about the new board and calls it a fresh start for PNC. Asked what if the new executive board does not perform well or decides it's too much of a commitment. Reuben informs him that the board can discuss their placement and if changes need to be made they can be voted on.

Imelda Felicita Reuben porque sabe como respetar y se ofrece para todo. Felicidades a Mike y espera que se sientan con respect.

Jeff thanks the new board for stepping in and reminds everyone that the exiting executive board is still on the PNC and will continue to work together to make Pacoima a better place.

Reuben thanks stakeholders and the board for showing consistency and attendance more than before.

Mike thanked the outgoing treasurer and president for being a voice for a lot of people. He is humbled to be president but is ready to learn. He reminds everyone that we will continue the same process to hear from the board first and then the stakeholders. He offers Edwin to lead the communication for the board and agenda for the meetings. Edwin respectfully declines.

Bobby welcomes everyone and wants all board members to continue their commitment.

Vanessa congratulates the new executive board and thanks the exciting members. Announces that is great to have youth interest and is excited to begin thinking of way to involve youth community members.

Morris wants to keep the community up and teach the community how to beautify the city in order to have more community members stay in Pacoima. He encourages everyone to improve their community. He looks forward to working with the city for direction. Edwin congratulates the new executive board and looks encourages them to look at the agenda he provided as it shows various directions that the board can take to help the community.

ITEM 7:

ITEM 8: ADJOURN __8:18p.m._____