

**OPNC -- Board of Directors Meeting:  
 May 3, 2021 - Meeting Minutes  
 VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCE**

Present (12)	Alisha Hall, Gemma Jimenez, Mitch Edelson, Najmah Brown, Ramsay Goyal, Asha Goyal, Guiliana Dakdouk, Sean Cunningham, Sheila Hill, Milton Gaines, Kyle Cadman, Guy Toley
Absent (5)	Eddie Robinson ( <b>Excused</b> ), Charles Hang ( <b>Excused</b> ), Ricky Yapkowitz ( <b>Excused</b> ), Michael Hagerty ( <b>Unexcused</b> ), Bjorn Peterson ( <b>Unexcused</b> ),

1. Meeting called to order by Mitch Edelson at 7:06 PM
2. Presentation from LA City Controller Ron Galperin
  - a. Updates with COVID-19 responses
  - b. Discussion of city budget and transparency through [lacity.spending.socrata.com](http://lacity.spending.socrata.com) or [LAcontroller.org](http://LAcontroller.org).
  - c. Current challenges: Measure HHH funding not fully secured, illegal dumping of construction materials, furniture and appliances.
  - d. Questions from the board:
    - i. Ramsay: Transparency in budget and the ways which the controller explains it.
    - ii. Guy: Why do the units (under Measure HHH) cost so much? How can we in neighborhood council be of an aid and advocate for something like this?
    - iii. Kyle: What are the arguments against repurposing and microunits?
    - iv. Milton: Comments made about SMART housing that helps having mental health, classrooms, pharmacies. Maximize wrap around services. Look at CASAP the money set aside for low-income people to have access to high speed internet
    - v. Galperin: Responses to boards questions and comments were the importance of transparency will allow for more progress. Micro-units, adapt and reuse would help drive costs down for housing.
3. Updates from Jose Galdamez (Field Rep. Neighborhood Empower LA)
  - a. Deadline updates for fiscal year spending
  - b. Mitch inquired about when in person events and meetings can occur.
    - i. Jose said requests are now being taken for in person events. In person meetings are still to be determined.
4. Consent Calendar: (The following items will be treated as one item and enacted with one vote unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be placed on the Discussion Calendar.)
  - a. Motion to approve the April Meeting Minutes:
    - i. Milton moves, Guiliana Seconds
    - ii. 10- yes, 2- ineligible (Asha Goyal and Sean Cunningham)
  - b. Motion to receive and file the MERs for March and approve Moore Business Results Invoice #OPNC 2021 0501 for \$268.94
    - i. Milton moves, Gemma Seconds
    - ii. 10- yes, 2- ineligible (Asha Goyal and Sean Cunningham)
5. Milton Gaines left meeting at 8:17 PM
6. Motion to appoint Nathan Freeman to be an At Large Member for the West Area

- a. Ramsey moves, Najmah seconds
  - b. 10-yes, 1-recused (Sean Cunningham)
7. Public Comments: none
8. PLUM (1179/1181 Highland Ave subdivision)
  - a. Motion made and passed to wait till a set date is made with the planning department
9. President's Report:
  - a. From Neighborhood Prosecutor- Police is aware of Manhattan Place Gambling and hate crimes with AAPI community
10. Outreach Update (Gemma):
  - a. Prior proposed face masks revoked for hand sanitizers.
  - b. Printed copies of fliers to hand out for updated communications will be made for outreach to community.
11. Announcements: None
12. Motion by Gemma to adjourn meeting. Najmah seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM