

City Of Los Angeles

Olympic Park Neighborhood Council.
Regular Monthly Stakeholders meeting.
06/03/2018

1. **Call to Order:** Called @ 7:11pm after quorum was achieved.

.-Roll Call

Attending
Mitch Edelson
Milton Gaines
Gemma Jimenez
Avi Jhingan
Micheal Latner
Sarah Song
Olive Baker
Hank Williams
Ramsay Goyal (Youth/Student Rep)
Julia Stein

Absent
Curtis Clark (3x absent)
Michael Hagerty
Nina Smith

Excused Absence
Gerry Pass

2. Announcements from Government Officials

a) Julien Antelin: DONE, Department of Neighborhood empowerment: Budget date, NC budget advocates. Saturday June 29th at City Hall at 8:30am.

LABudgetadvocates@gmail.com. Civic Youth, how to create local leverage. 3 evening workshop. July 15, 22, and 29th. Central City Neighborhood counter. June 24th register by.

Homelessness: A body of all the major actors fighting homelessness. A group meets every 3 months, United Way. It's a public meeting.

I have a document of all the resolutions on local city councils. You can file community impact statements. CIP are way more powerful than public comments.

b)

c)

d)

3. Public Comments on non-agenda items:

Lynn: People or groups asking for funds. They have to show up. We could have voted on some of the things, but nobody cared to show up and talk about the details. If you want this money, come speak up for it. Legal Aid center, where they are building those condos. Are they applying for the TOC? or are they apart of the TOC?

A: I haven't seen the application.

4. Consent Calendar:

a. Motion to approve previous meetings minutes.

Michael Latner Motions. Sarah Song Seconds. Moved. Motion Carries Unanimous.

Motioned	2nd'd
Michael Latner	Sarah Song

Yes	8: Mitch Edelson, Milton Gaines, Gemma Jimenez, Avi Jhingan, Micheal Latner, Sarah Song, Olive Baker, Hank Williams , Julia Stein
No	0: Ramsay Goyal
Ineligible	2

b. Receive and file the Treasurer's report and MER. MER is tabled.

c. Motion to approve appointment of Nathan Freeman to OPNC as an At-Large Representative in the West Area.

Objection from stakeholders.

Michael Latner Motions. 2nd 'd. Sarah Song. Roll Call Vote is Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Motioned	2nd'd
Michael Latner	Sarah Song

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5. Discussion Calendar.

a. Approval of 2019-2020 budget packet. Moved to end of meeting.

Milton Gaines: Major issues corrected. We have 5 categories we have funds going to. We decide the line items where we put the money. I'd like to get the dollar amounts approved today. Under each heading we have sub-headings for things like Pizza.

Julian: Every contract has to be renewed every year. The Goal is you list everything once and the city clerk works with that. It's important to know that a budget is a reading document, it can be amended or approved. You can have a sub category for something like food for a meeting and set aside like say \$1000. Or a minute taker, you can set aside a budget for it. and you don't need to approve it each time.

The city will not be facilitating this election. The city's not going to pay for it.

Julian: You can pay a 3rd party to organize it for you like the League of Woman Voters. The invoice for another city was about 5-6000. They do everything. Just for the administration. The Bylaws are open to be amended till April.

Milton Gaines : For office expenses for \$19,200. For outreach \$12,000. Any swag we need, any promotion. The election I put \$9,000. the MPG \$15,000. Community improvement about \$5000. We have \$10,000 that will roll over next year. What I'd like to do is open it up to the board if the categories are good for the board. For the July meeting we can look at the sub categories. Add, subtract from each. I think all our credit cards are done. The Credit card will still be active for tiny things. Office. Outreach.

Election. Neighborhood Purpose Grant 15,000. Community improvement projects \$5,000.

Out of the \$11,450, we still have \$5,000 remaining. Out of the \$42,000, we've spent \$14,078.23.

Suggestion from board: I would suggest putting things like social media in outreach. \$4000 for office, \$14,000 for outreach.

Comment from the board: This isn't something we're married or committed to. It's just for the paperwork in.

Milton Gaines: Anyone can be a part of a committee. Even if you're not a board member. And that can create projects we can fund.

Milton Gaines: I'll be the card holder. 2nd Signer is Mitch.

Motion to approve the budget as it is right now. Julia Motions. 2nd By Sarah.

Motion Passes Unanimous. 2 ineligible.

Motioned	2nd'd
Julia	Sarah

Yes	8: Mitch Edelson, Milton Gaines, Gemma Jimenez, Avi Jhingan, Micheal Latner, Sarah Song, Olive Baker, Hank Williams , Julia Stein
No	0
Ineligible	2

b. Approval of Apple One Invoice of \$72.38 February 13, 2019. Julia Stein Motions, 2nd'd by Oliver Baker.

Point of Order, Ramsey is ineligible. Unanimous for all approved.

Motioned	2nd'd
Julia Stein	Oliver Baker

Yes	8: Mitch Edelson, Milton Gaines, Gemma Jimenez, Avi Jhingan, Micheal Latner, Sarah Song, Olive Baker, Hank Williams , Julia Stein
No	0
Ineligible	2

Yes	9 Mitch Edelson, Milton Gaines, Gemma Jimenez, Avi Jhingan, Micheal Latner, Sarah Song, Olive Baker, Hank Williams , Julia Stein
No	0
Ineligible	1 Ramsay Goyal

c. Approval of Apple one Invoice of \$34.65 October 31, 2018
 Julia Stein Motions, 2nd'd by Oliver Baker
 -This was from last year and overlooked. Just being taken care of now.
 Carries unanimously.

Motioned	2nd'd
Julia Stein	Oliver Baker

d. Approval of the Moore Business Results Invoice OPNC 2019 0528 \$350.50
 Comment to "Please clarify?"
 A: This is for webmaster, social media, email blasts.

Comment: Sorry im unprepared for this, I'll have notes later.
 I'd like to save as much paper as possible.
 Motioned by Hank Williams, 2nd'd by Avi Jhingan. Roll call vote: Unanimous.

Motioned	2nd'd
Hank Williams	Avi Jhingan

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e. Discussion and possible adoption of a community impact statement CIS on Council File 16-0243
 Food and water watch presents.

- A lot of elected officials are out of touch with what neighborhoods need. I've seen the impact neighborhood councils have. This issue I want to speak about is 2016, LACC asked to figure out how to get to 100% renewable energy/electricity. The Fuel sources they are studying are not really clean. The studies are not fast enough. at this rate it would be 2045 which is too slow. We have 11 years to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Burning of wood, burning of methane from factory farms. The study does not consider new research. New methods mean new jobs. Los Angeles should be a leader for this. We have a lot of sunlight. I am asking a neighborhood council to sign a CIS, to ask LACC to include a new study on how to get to 2030 renewable energy.

Question: How many other NC's have signed on support of this?

A: Not sure of exact, but about 15. Nobody has refused.

Question: Is this for research funds?

A: No, this is just for our position of support.

Q: Are there developments that community members can read about.

Board member: I was unable to get anybody from the LADWP. The LADWP needs to build into this. They are constantly updating the grid and have to constantly update this.

Question: Why not Nuclear?

A: That's a position on Water Watch, mainly because of the waste and the cost of storing the waste. The construction of a nuclear power plant is both more expensive for the same output. The construction and time it takes also research takes also releases a lot of greenhouse gases. There's no current dates to shut down gas plants.

Comment: I've pulled about 5 community impact statements and they are about 5 pages long.

Question: In addition to the timeline, what other elements are you wanting to take out of the original report.

A: Sources of electricity that are like Biomass and Biofuel. Burning of trash, wood chips. Gas would be from manure such as methane from farms. Subsidies to factory farms are not worth it. We want to unbundle Renewable energy credits. It allows to continue burning greenhouse gases, but to offset them. It still releases emissions and the studies show that they are not offsetting enough.

Q: What stages are we in implementing a plan on this?

A: Still in study stage. Due in about a year October. The City will make a decision later.

Q: If I may say. I would like to see us do a small ad-hoc committee to do some of our own research. We as a board and to our constituents, we owe it to them to see what pieces need to be put in here.

Q. I would like to see what the fiscal impacts are going to be.

A. The price per kilowatt will go down. Everything is getting replaced anyway.

Comment from Board: It was brought to my attention that one of our members does not have funding training. Can we vote on funding matters?

A: Yes, you still have quorum. As long as they are present.

Moved to the environmental and outreach committee will discuss. Then it will be presented as a draft of support.

f. Discussion of possible approval on Live Streaming Board meetings.

Really our issue is getting something mounted and audio.

Last time we had some equipment issues.

Comment: Maybe I'm old school, but I think that would make people apathetic to coming here. It's hard enough to get people here. For the amount of money to take to do it. I'd rather see the bodies here.

Comment: I think people will grandstand for the camera. Some people are not ok with the camera.

Comment: I think the camera can just be pointed at the board.

Comment: When this was started, I was threatened. My house was set on fire. I'm not comfortable with audio and video.

Public comment: I'm a teamster, we don't do live streaming, it's considered a small amount of time to dedicate to coming to a meeting.

Comment: I think we should invest in a microphone. The audio here is a little echoey. I think we have some consensus on Audio.

Motion to vote on live streaming or live recording. Comment: Has to be one or the other.

Motion to vote on audio streaming by Micheal Latner. 2nd'd Hank Williams. 1 opposed by Micheal Latner. Motion Carries. 10-1.

Motioned	2nd'd
Micheal Latner	Hank Williams

Yes	
No	
Ineligible	

g. Discussion on parking difficulties on Crenshaw: Any Anecdotes on this?

Corey: What we observed that is a rental car business that's storing cars there. I think it's Hertz. It's getting moved from street to street after complaints. They rotate about 15 cars. I think that's a violation of the commercial license. I believe it's 4301.

Mitch Edelson: President Chair: I can check

Comment: There's a petition to make parking permitted.

A: It takes a long time. You need about 75% of the people living in the area to get signatures on it.

Comment: It may be residents parking rented cars as well.

h. Discussion on the July Meeting Date. It should follow on the first. We did not make quorum in July because lots of people might be out of town. Is anyone unable to make it? Julia will not be here. Mitch: We will keep our regular date of July 1st

i. Board position on directional turn stop light: Increased development, someone wanted a light on La Brea. They want a protected left turn there on San Vicente. There's a lot of possible rules on that.

6.

a) Tabled

b. CUB Application (Tabled)

i.

ii. Vote on Board position letter to be submitted to the Zoning Administrator.

c. CUB application.

i. Presentation: This is an existing restaurant. The request is to dispense beer and wine. 11am-2am. 80 seats. 100 parking spaces on site. No Music. No entertainment. Other than speaker music. On site security for the strip center. Restaurant is currently operating without beer and wine. So this is a conditional use permit.

Question: Is this happy hour? Is one of the ratios that the drink sales do not exceed 15% of food sales?

A: Yeah, not possible to exceed that much.

We've talked to VICE and C10, and ATF. All in support.

Comment/question: now, I've heard that there is an expedited process where you agree to a set of conditions and it's a go.

A: San Diego has a way to do that. The whole process is \$2,000 and takes 60 days. Where this process takes 6 months and 10x as much. Public hearing is July 2nd.

Question: Do we have a map, or limit or safe number?

A: I think the state has what's called a limit on undue concentration of liquor licenses.

The amount in the area is fine. We are really replacing a license that was already there in the area.

Question: Is this particular operator/owner planning to go for full spirits later?

A: They are only looking to open just beer and wine. Only open a month and a half. People walk in, they don't have beer and wine, and walk out.

Public comment: I'm glad to see you're only going for beer and wine. But why 2am? Why not 12am? Well I know why, the concen is 11th and Western is notorious for prostitution. Lots of crazy action there. El Cholo Closes at 10, and that would be nice. The neighborhood is saturated with liquor. How long was the last restaurant open?

A: 2am and just beer and wine.

Q: What's the cuisine of this restaurant?

A: Chicken, soups. Its open, but not all the way open yet. Chicken Restaurant with lots of Soups. They cease serving alcohol at 1:45am is last call.

Comment: Yes this is a Korean restaurant. And that's the culture. It's late at night, eating, drinking culture. I can see why El Cholo stops at 10. I think a higher concentration of regulars going there discourages bad activity.

ii. Vote on the board position letter to be submitted to the Zoning Administrator. Motioned by MILTON that the board support the application with the conditions the zoning established. 2nd'd. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned	2nd'd
Milton Gaines	?

d.Hospitality Training Academy. Tabled

7. Board Business

A. Comment on Board Members' own activities: Be a part of the committee's and stay involved.

B.

C. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Board.

For Civic Youth do we want to volunteer anyone.

Julian comments: make sure you're available 3 nights.

Sarah Volunteer's

D. Any other issues? None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51pm.