

OPNC Board Meeting Minutes

Date 03 June 2024 19:10

Location LAPD Wilshire Division Community Room
4861 Venice Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90019

Type Board Meeting

Status Pending Board Approval

Submitted By Guy Toley

1. Call to order and roll call

Present (13)	Clem Wright, Sheila Hill, Jessica Celious, Ramsay Goyal, Samuel Bark, Max Hawkins, Nathan Freeman, Natasha Fung, Paul Rogoff, Geoff Birchfield, Beverly Rowe, Yimu Ren Xue, Guy Toley
Absent (1)	Gerry Pass
Excused (5)	Mitchell Edelson, Michael Hagerty, Charles Jang, Robert Cresswell, Frank Larrazaletta

2. Presentations from government officials

Ofc. Harris Cho SLO Olympic Division gave updates about crime statistics in the neighborhood. Mentioned crime targeting the elderly and catalytic convertor theft. Also, mentioned information about Summer Night Out sponsored events at LAPD division stations.

Ofc. Hebel Roriguez SLO Wilshire Division also gave updates and information about noted decreases in robberies and burglaries. However, he did note some serious increases in break-ins while the residents are at home. He noted that property crime is up. Car break-ins and thefts are up. Businesses are up. Target, Ralphs, etc. Baby formula is a target.

Noted about how some of the laws impact the effectiveness of the law enforcement that they can do. He also noted that an alarm can be installed on a catalytic converter.

Noted drug use by minors in using aerosol cans and inhalers. Ofc. Cho noted a business on Olympic Blvd. Performance Auto Limited is being investigated.

Alan Antonio Deputy CD 10 New rapid response team concentrating on bulk item pickups, graffiti removal and other areas of neighborhood concerns. He gave us his phone number of 323-733-8594. A local stakeholder asked about palm frond pickups. Also, gave information regarding build inspection about property damages in particular ceiling and roof damage and repairs. Housing registry. Mentioned that 2 units or about is Housing Department. One unit is Department of building and Safety.

3a. Treasurer Report

Reported that we are unfrozen and back in good standing. Funded NPG, Congress of Neighborhood Event. Made a mistake needed to change the wording of “advocate” to “advocacy”. We missed check payment deadlines but can make credit card payments. Announced that funds from this fiscal year can be rolled over to the next fiscal year. Reported that we have \$21115.35. All of this will roll over. Ramsay Goyal asked if approved. Waiting for mayor’s approval.

Announced that we are responsible for election and expenses will occur. Have money set aside for We also put aside money for neighborhood purposes, grants, as we did in the previous year, and a little bit of money for community improvement projects, which we didn't do in the in the previous year.

Budget will be amended.

Recognized Michael Haggerty for completing the financial training while on vacation in Italy.

3b. & c. Vote to Approve March and April MERS

Max Hawkins motions, Ramsay Goyal Seconds,
11 Yes, 2 Ineligible - Motion Passes

3d. Discussion and possible approval of the 24/25 Administrative Financial Packet

Max Hawkins motions, Ramsay Goyal Seconds,
11 Yes, 2 Ineligible - Motion Passes

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tina McCullough from LANA asked questions about OPNC, exchanged information about the neighborhood association and asked questions about outreach and involvement in the NC.

5. WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Octaviano Rios introduced from D.O.N.E. gave , I am your direct link to our department. I'm the liaison, your field representative. And just like your council office representative works with his elected official, I work with my department and all the resources that we have out. But we also work with our partnering agencies, which is the City Clerk's funding division, as well as the City Clerk's Elections Division, and the city attorney's neighborhood council advice division.

Board member Sheila Hill asked questions about bias training. Asked questions about opting out by taking a test before needing to watch training videos.

7C. Discussion and possible action to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411.

- i. By adding the capabilities of teleconferencing, this will create more community engagement. Stakeholders that may not be able to attend in person will be able to access through virtual meetings.**

Discussion by board members and clarifications from Octaviano Rios that this would allow us to hold meetings by Zoom. This gives us the option to have Virtual and or Hybrid meetings. Nathan Freeman is opposed to total Zoom meetings, but he is okay with meeting Hybrid.

Octaviano mentioned the flexibility is good due to changes in location etc.

Sheila Hill Motions, Ramsay Goyal Seconds

Discussion – Max Hawkins mentioned that this does not allow meeting if you are outside of the boundaries of LA. Jessica Celious is clarified that it is Hybrid.

13 Yes, 1 Abstain (Nathan Freeman) Motion Passes

Jessica Celious leaves the meeting early. Quorum (12)

5. BOARD AND SPECIAL MEETING REVIEWS

- a. Review and possible approval of the Minutes from the Apr 2024 Special Board Meetings**

Ramsay Goyal Motion, Sam Bark Seconds

13 Yes Motions Passes

- b. Review and possible approval of the Minutes from the May Special Board Meeting (mentions consent calendar)**

Ramsay Goyal Motion, Max Hawkins Seconds 13 Yes Motions Passes

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible approval to allocate funds and approve NPG for Heal One World in the amount of up to \$5000.00.
(Strike from Agenda and ask to resubmit)**
- 7b. b. Discussion and possible approval to allocate funds to the Los Angeles Korean Festival Foundation in the amount of up to \$5000.00.
(Strike from Agenda and ask to resubmit)**
- 7d. Discussion and possible action on the regular board meeting date, time, and frequency.
Guy Toley expressed the need for flexibility. Sheila Hill suggested meeting alternatively online one month and in person the next month. Multiple board members expressed ideas about meeting in person and online. Nathan Freeman said he would be open to meeting every other month.
Max Hawkins mentioned an article about a social science experiment. Smaller less diverse groups show up online.**

Ramsay Goyal Motions, Clem Wright seconds

Further discussion – Max Hawkins suggested tabling. Ramsay Goyal withdraws the motion

7e. e. Discussion and possible action to confirm or change our board meeting location including but not limited to the locations listed below:

Guy Toley – reasoning for locations and keeping it within city properties and further board discussion.

Ramsay Goyal Motions, Nathan Freeman seconds

Ramsay Goyal withdraws the motion

Reintroductions the motion as re proposing a new motion I move to confirm our board and committee meeting locations adding that to this agenda item including but not limited to the locations listed on the agenda item.

Sam Bark seconds

12 Yes Motion Passes

Sheila Hill reintroduces Motion on agenda 7d.

Discussion from the Board question about equipment and how to actually hold a meeting.

Max Hawkins seconds

13 Yes Motion Passes

11. Announcement:

Guy Toley – Financial Training is important