

The City's Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us. All agenda items are actionable unless otherwise noted.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS:

A. Call to order

II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Representatives from government offices, Police Department, and community-based organizations. Reports and Brief presentations only. Any questions, please follow up with presenter on the side so meeting may proceed as scheduled (up to 10 minutes total)).

A. LA City Council District Representative

B. LAPD Senior Leads

-Member of public brought up the issue of drivers "doing donuts in their cars" at night on this corner and cars speeding past. Officers said it's difficult to get there in enough time because it's on the border of Hermon and South Pasadena, but they'll let the Central Task Force know to monitor the area.

-Nicole said Hermon has had a bunch of mailbox break-ins where items were stolen, as well as someone's actual steel gate. Officer said mailbox break-ins are a matter for the Postal Service. So LAPD will take the initial report, but that usually all goes to them as a Federal issue.

- Danielle said she had a laptop taken from a trunk, but didn't bother reporting it. Officer said that, even if the item is only worth a couple hundred bucks, reporting it helps LAPD start to connect dots. And eventually, if enough dots start to appear, they can't ignore it. Even if you think it's not worth reporting, just report it. LAPD had a lot of complaints about graffiti on the Rec Center a while ago and put a lot of attention on that, so it died down. It's only starting to come back again now. Call 311 if it's not an emergency. Or you can call the station directly. And if you see something, call in quickly with a good clothing description, so the police can actually do something about it. Also regarding car thefts, a lot of people have left their cars open. So lock your cars.

-Member of the public asked if there were any changes in recent months with catalytic converter thefts. Officer said it comes and goes, likely because those responsible go to jail, then get out again and the crimes start up again. Call LAPD if you see this happening – even if it's not in the moment, but patterns you hear about from neighbors.

C. Other Government Departments/Agencies

-No other government liaisons.

D. Community Organizations

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Public comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (Up to 2 min/speaker)

-Nicole read letter from Fresco market asking Council to support them. They need a particular type of license to do wine and beer tastings on site and would like to license the café portion of their market to do so, thinking it will provide a place for the community to come together.

-Lee (with Nicole's help) suggested change of language to "...and we are not aware of any violations..." Danielle made motion to approve the modified letter, Linda seconded, Jessica

abstained.

-Nicole discussed approval of jacket for board members and committee chairs, to be worn at holiday events and when everyone is together. Lee suggested adding "Board Member" to the jacket. A member of the audience offered their school's new t-shirt printing press and Nicole said the Council would appreciate using that for Clean Team and other branded items, but needed to go ahead with the planned printing for these jackets.

-Public Comment Card from Phoenix Delgado, having an ongoing problem with street runoff: Anytime it rains, water pools in front of his and his neighbor's driveway and stays there for two weeks. The water extends about four feet out into the street and spans across three entire lots on the street. This year has been especially bad because of the mosquito issue. Monterey road was repaved this year, but there's no storm drain there, so the water just sits – when it rains, but also when people use sprinklers, or wash their car, etc. (The trailer park across the street has the same problem, but no one lives there.) He contacted Huizar's office and they said to say so. Nicole said Council had received the pictures and documentation he sent and is trying to resolve the problem.

IV. Presentation of the Hermon Sidewalk Report to Council District 14 (up to 10 minutes)

-Nicole: The district has lots of bad sidewalks that need repairing. Hermon Council will be submitting a full 40-page report (headed by Daniel Garcia) and is asking to meet with Council District 14 before Hermon Council's next meeting because the issue is really bad. It's common to see people wheeling strollers down the middle of the street because the sidewalks are so bad.

-Jorge read the Community Impact Statement. Lee made motion to approve the statement as modified, Linda seconded.

V. Discussion and possible action for the following Neighborhood Purpose Grant Requests:

A. LA International Charter High School

-Presentation: Our program offers scholarships for high school kids, keeps kids off the streets, keeps the kids motivated to keep their grades up, and funnels them into sports across the country. We have no facilities whatsoever. We usually host all sports in El Sereno park, which requires permits. Being a small charter, we don't have the money to put into sports. Sports aren't require, but important to the children. Referees/umpires cost \$68-\$80 per game – times two. In last two years we've had an influx of students who ordinarily would have been dropouts - and their parents were looking for a safe place for them to go. In some cases they were under house arrest or similar situations. We have high standards for sports students – require them to maintain a 2.0. But when we do that, it motivates them to keep their grades up and to rise to a higher standard.

Lee: What is SRLA?

Response: Students Run Los Angeles. It's a program that helps high school students train for the LA Marathon- \$300 per student. We have 100% graduation rate. Last year we had 98% 4-year college entry rate. This year we're hoping for 100% college entry rate. But we just can't fund these programs and keep the school running because we're so small.

Nicole: how have you been funding umpires and permits?

Response: Facebook fundraisers.

Nicole: We only have \$5,000 for this. So if you get partial funding, would you just apply it for whatever needs it most?

Response: We would first apply it to SRLA because they have to be funded by scholarships – they cannot pay for it themselves.

Sandra: How many students do you have?

Response: We have 52 in the senior class.

B. Bushnell Way Elementary School

-Presentation: I'm Pollyann Worthlein, I'm a Teacher at Bushnell since 1996. I teach 5th grade, I'm a National Board Certified Teacher. Also do other things for school, such as the website, science labs, etc. I'm asking for support for the Enrich LA Garden Ranger Program. Several years ago, we pursued a learning gardening program. We had a little over 200 students. We have a beautiful garden with raised beds and we started with Entrich LA, which has a garden ranger coming into schools. She comes once a week and she helps students learn compost, repair irrigation, blog about it, and make sure things don't die during the summer months. It's frugal program – It costs \$5,775, we've already paid \$1,472, so we're trying to fund the remainder. We usually have fundraisers for activities at our school, the 5th grade class. So if we even have partial funding from the grant, we'll use fundraisers to gather the rest. It's an investment in the children of this community, the children who live on Redfield, and investment in this Ranger – and that Ranger is incredibly valuable.

Leo: What do you grow?

Response: Corn, basil, sage, drought resistant plants, sunflowers, beans. The Ranger talks about what to do with things like basil – how to eat it, use it, grind it up into pesto. She comes in just once a week. For non-public schools she costs \$10,000, but for our school she costs \$5,775. It's nice to have a leader and that encourages both student and parent involvement.

Nicole: Garden picture on website?

Response: Yes, but I just updated the website, so there's one garden picture there now. I'll have to put up more.

C. Hermon Art in the Park

Presentation: I'm Jordan Silverman. We thought there would be more money available so we applied for the full grant of \$5,000, but it is scalable. What we need is to be able to invest in some critical infrastructure in the building: a high-quality projector and screen, which will greatly increase our capacity for arts programming. We're planning a large event in April of 2019: we'd like to partner with the Heritage Trust for a lecture on the history of the building and other WPA projects in the area, of the park and also lawn bowling in LA and other areas in general. The idea is to have the lecture, to have lawn bowling instruction, and then to have live, open lawn bowling in the park. This event is the main thing coming up. Then, once we have the projector and the screen, we'd like to implement a family-friendly film series and produce lots of stuff in the park, such as lectures, multimedia performances, and lots of other great, free culture programming in Hermon that activates our building, as well as surrounding park services.

Nicole: How would you distribute partial funding?

Response: We would have to look it over again and look at what we could get away with at a minimum and then see what we could do to then fundraise for the rest. I think most critical piece of this is the projector and the screen, which is \$2,500 to have that set up long term. If we had the funds for that, since that's a more long-term thing, then we could raise the money, or find another way to set up the lawn bowling event.

Nicole: If we can't get you to the full projector/screen amount (because we wouldn't be able to do that tonight), would you be able to get yourself the rest of the way to what you need? We're wondering if it's more worth you getting a fuller funding at a different time.

Response: I think depending on what you could give, that could give us motivation to get the rest of the way through a different method.

D. LA Conservation Corp

Nicole: Something very special just happened and that is that Pablo said, "I'd like to withdraw my application. I feel that the other organizations need the funding more than us."

Discussion:

-Nicole: We're a newer neighborhood council and we're supposed to put a monetary amount in our agenda. And since we didn't, we might have to set up another meeting for another time. We had 8 or 9 Neighborhood Purpose grant proposals, but only \$5,000 to distribute. That changed in a positive way when LA Conservation Corp. withdrew. L.A. International Charter School did not get the benefit of our funds last year. So I think we definitely want to honor them with more this year.

Jorge: Asks to clarify Jordan's needs and ability to raise the remainder of the money needed, should the organization receive partial funding.

Jordan: If necessary, we can drop the permanent projector idea and just stick with the lawn bowling funding to set up that event.

-Danielle makes motion to approve funding amounts at a future meeting:

Los Angeles International Charter HS \$2,500

Bushnell Way L.A. Garden Ranger \$1,500

Hermon Art in the Park \$1,000

(Total: \$5,000)

7 yeses

VI. Presentation by CEA (California Earthquake Authority) (up to 15 minutes)

-Insurance for older homes, pre-1980. It's the idea that these homes were constructed before seismic regulations were instituted in California. They don't have proper crawl spaces and they're not properly anchored to their foundations. Our grant is \$3,000. Registration is open through Tuesday, Nov. 19. Go to website, answer questions about home and we'll let you know in early 2019 if you register, or whether you're on waiting list. We want to make houses and you and your family safer. EarthquakeBraceBolt.com. We have a list to help you find a contractor, once we give you the go ahead. The idea is to make these homes safer and to make sure that more people have places to live and we want California families to be safer and more resilient.

-Jorge: Emergency Preparedness: Veronica Hendrix – Ready Your Neighborhood
The city will come out and organize 20 of your neighborhoods and map out who needs help during a disaster. They have an Emergency Notification System – you can text them with a message and they'll respond and add you into their notification system

VII. Announcement of Community Interest Board seat opening (discussion and possible action) (up to 5 minutes)

A. Daniel Garcia resignation

B. Election for Community Interest Rep seat to occur at next General board meeting or special meeting beforehand?

-Nicole: We can talk about what time the election should be during our holiday meeting.

Lee: Can we announce that we're seeking applications now?

Nicole: We announce the election, tell people to send their candidate statements, and tell people to come to this meeting during the holiday party.

(Everyone agreed)

C. Discussion of board member roles, responsibilities, and corresponding outreach

VIII. Update on Clean Team events (up to 3 minutes)

A. Board member participation

-Sandra: We had over 50 participants. Leahy showed up, it was a beautiful hot day, we had t-shirts. For the next one we're going to ask for dust pans. I found them on Amazon for \$10 each. The grabbers were a success as a giveaway for the October event. For the next event we're hoping Monterey Donuts will be open for business. Dustpans will be great because the city doesn't have them and for the type of cleanup we need, that will be great.

Nicole: Figure out a way to fit that within your existing budget and then if you run out, we can deal with that later, so we're not adding too many things to December meeting. We only had four Board members show, so I hope we can get more next time. Next event the 19th or 26th.

B. Outreach efforts

IX. Street Banner Design and Installation Update (up to 3 minutes)

A. Installation update

-Nicole: We got the council motion, and we'll have banners in Hermon. Maybe in time for the holidays, to compliment our bow.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding artwork and location for banners

-Nicole: We're hoping to have 30 approved. This list has 27. Different neighborhoods would have different designs. All would have the Hermon logo, then each would have a theme indicative of Hermon. North – peacock. South – dog park. East and West – school design. If you have other suggestions, let me know before we order these. I guess we should ask which way should logo be facing and which way should other artwork be facing. They're double-sided.

Members of audience: Suggested alternating the signs according to which direction they face. And keep two to use for events (parades, etc). Plus it would be nice to have a banner above the blue city marker sign.

X. Holiday Event and Tree Lighting Update (discussion and possible action - up to 5 minutes)

A. Holiday Block Party and Tree Lighting Update – to be held on Friday December 7th from 4-8 p.m.

-Nicole: Right now it's just about promotion and making sure people know about it. We'll have a holiday block party. We'll be blocking off Wheeling way. We'll have Santa, a photo booth, elves, hot chocolate with a logo sticker on the wrapper, cool holiday lights, decorations and gifts – tote bags and mugs to give out to community. And a concert – kids can come in at 4:00 and get a picture with Santa before the concert. And we'll be asking food trucks to be on Monterey road, so people can have something to eat for dinner. We're planning to have invitation out the week of Thanksgiving.

a) Wheeling Way will be closed from Monterey Road to Ebey Ave.

b) Outreach materials (signs/postcard/etc)

c) Board Member Rolls and participation

B. Holiday Bow Update

1. Installation scheduled for November 13th . Ceremonial gathering to be held November 15th ?

-The bow is up already. We thought it wouldn't be up until Nov. 13.

C. Lighting for "Big Tree" Update

1. Council office to improve/ add to existing tree lighting

-The Council office said they'd improve and add to the existing lighting. Lee will tell us what lights need to be ordered. We need to get deposit in for Santa.

D. Next Holiday Event committee meeting to be scheduled

-Agreed: November 19 at 6:00 PM here, Fellowship Hall.

XI. Discussion and possible action to revise budget allocations (up to 5 minutes)

A. Up to \$900 to be added to Outreach Budget from for Holiday Event Postcard

B. Up to \$1,000 to be added to overall Holiday Event budget

-Lee makes motion to approve both of these. Jessica seconds
8 yeases

XII. Highland Park Holiday Parade (discussion and possible action – up to 3 minutes)

-Jorge: Asking all to participate in the event on Sunday Dec. 2 at 1:00. If the wording is okay, will submit it as is.

XIII. Update from Election Committee (up to 5 minutes)

A. Summary of Process and upcoming dates

-Lee: All seats will be up for election for next two-year term. Candidate filing will begin December 28. Candidate applications are due January 29. Election day is April 13, 10am-4pm at this location. Other intermediate steps: candidate information period, candidate challenges, dates to withdraw, etc.

Jorge: Do we do the outreach, or does the city do that on our behalf?

DONE rep in audience: We're asking you to do outreach for your own area, or else nobody's going to know about your election. Then we'll add to the general outreach effort, but you have to do your own.

Nicole: Doesn't the city pay for some of it?

Don: No

Lee: We have to run all campaign literature through DONE. Can we put all candidate dates on our next postcard?

Nicole: Our next postcard going out will be in January. We'll need to put that on website, so we don't clog up the postcard with candidate dates, but we can put something on there.

Jorge: How many terms can someone serve?

Nicole: It's two terms per office. We'll start getting the data on the website and then promote it.

Jorge: Electioneering plays a role in this, right? Candidates can't come within 100 feet?

Lee: right

Jorge: And what have you discussed about campaigning?

Lee: you can go to the website and find all the information at Clerk.lacity.org/elections

B. Scheduling of next Election Committee Meeting

-November 19

XIV. Update from Community Improvement Project Committee (discussion and possible action – up to 3 minutes)

A. Bureau of Street Services Small Asphalt Repair (SAR) program

1. Update on work be completed by 10/18/18

-Nicole: This was headed by Daniel. Someone will need to take over. Will have to check in with them again to see what information they have

B. Issues with Recycling Center (how to address)

-Nicole: We're getting more and more complaints about recycling center

Jorge: I've only heard one. Ms. Cou got an inspector to go out there to see if they had any infractions. But the inspector only found them breaking traffic laws and only a police office can cite them for this. They've been forcing kids to walk on the street, instead of sidewalk.

Nicole: I've had a complaint about them operating around 8am on Sundays.

XV. Update from Land Use Committee (discussion and possible action)

A. Proposed project at 625 Coleman

-Nicole: The Land Use committee needs to have kick off meeting – it's been spurred by the proposed project at 625 Coleman. We hired architects to study how site could be higher density. We should have this presented at January meeting to see what they're trying to develop and what the details are.

Member of audience: My school has issues with possibilities of this development.

Nicole: (After discussion) January Meeting: Thursday, January 17 at 6:00pm

Lee: Can we hold next election committee meeting at same time as holiday event?

Nicole: Yes

XVI. Update on LADOT proposed speed limit change from 30 to 35 MPG (discussion and possible action)

-Jessica: This proposal is from Eric Garcetti's office, regarding the area on Ave. 60, between Helmann Ave. and Figueroa Street, to make street safer (despite increase).

Jorge: they base it on monitoring 85% of the traffic. So if 85% are going 35mph, they'll make it 35.

Sandra: They're just letting us know this is happening?

Nicole: Yes

Don: The State of California actually has a law that they have to study the streets every few years and reset the speed limits at what people are actually driving at.

XVII. Outreach Strategy (discussion and possible action – up to 5 minutes)

A. Hermon NC Facebook Page, Instagram, E-mail campaign (mailchimp). More promotion/exposure to direct traffic to Facebook, Instagram, website.

B. Follow-up to meetings to be posted on various sites (Nextdoor), Facebook, E-Mails.

C. Upcoming mailings: Postcard for Holiday Event (to be sent mid-November) and Postcard for January Clean Team, and January/February Meetings (to be sent early January).

D. Flyer reminders for January, February, and March meetings.

E. Signage for meetings (banners, etc.).

XVIII. Community Impact Statement Update (discussion and possible action – up to 3 minutes)

-Jorge read prepared statement on Lose dogs (pit bulls). Council members made adjustments to statement. Nicole moved to approve. Jessica seconded. None opposed.

XIX. Update on Mailing address/Post office box (up to 2 minutes)

-Leo: Got everything we needed today: It's \$48 for a P.O. box per year. 42250 P.O. Box. At Highland Park Post office on Ave. 50. I got the biggest box, so anything can be delivered. And

anyone here can pick up the mail as long as you show your ID. Received two keys. (Handed one to Nicole, second to Jorge.) The keys can't be duplicated. There's a \$9.00 fee to replace a key. And, if you lose both, they have to replace the lock.

XX. Set or announce date(s) for upcoming NC board and committee meetings

-Agreed to have the actual meeting during the holiday event:
Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7:00pm – 7:30PM
Candidates invited at 7:15PM
Holiday Event Committee at 6:00PM
Will be handing out jackets that day.
Election Nov. 19

XXI. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (discussion and possible action – up to 10 minutes:

A. Status of City contract for rental of Fellowship Hall

B. Review and Adoption of Minutes for September meeting

-Nicole: We'll have to push this to our next meeting.

C. Review and Adoption of the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs)

-Leo: We Spent \$3,165 in October getting out the vote, on mailers and other miscellaneous items. We have approximately \$3,200 available.

D. Updated Neighborhood Council Board Roster has been submitted to DONE

-Needs to be updated. Don says to send it to him. Then send it again after filling Daniel's seat.

E. Discussion and possible action to update the Neighborhood Council inventory list for DONE

-Nicole: We need a projector, or adapter for the projector for iPads. We still need secured storage, which church needs to give us. We should have a projector. And then we wouldn't have to waste paper printing out all these agendas. Can you run a presentation through an iPad?

Danielle Probably, if you have Keynote.

Nicole: Let's put that on our next agenda, to approve what equipment we need.

Danielle: A projector with Bluetooth capabilities would be best.

F. Discussion and possible action of council submissions for city attorney liaison

XXII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Sandra: 90/10% Spanish Kindergarten. Will know for sure in January. The idea is to frontload kids and keep them quiet most of the day. Will let us know about getting people here and promoting it.

XXIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-Nicole: Adding presentation equipment.