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**General Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 5:30 p.m.
Pico House, El Pueblo, 430 N Main St, LA CA 90012**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin
2. Public Comments for youths and seniors: 6 minutes
Raymond Yu: Public Service Announcements (1 minute)
Monica Morant: City of LA Bureau of Sanitation Alternative Technologies Presentation (5 minutes)

The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation is currently evaluating new alternative technologies for processing black bin waste, and is scheduling presentations at neighborhood councils throughout the City's six collection areas or "wastesheds". The goal of this evaluation process is to select the best new, safe technologies for processing waste that can meet the City's goal achieving 75% diversion from landfills by 2013. Concurrently, BOS is conducting a site study to identify suitable locations for alternative technologies facilities within each wasteshed.

3. Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2009 – Jose Luis Sedano
4. Vacant Board Seats – Discussion and Action
4.1 Chinatown
5. Bylaw/Election Committee Report and Action Items: Alan Kumamoto.
5.1 1st Vote on Bylaw changes

5.1.1 ARTICLE IV. STAKEHOLDERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND VOTING RIGHTS

Stakeholders

The Historic & Cultural Neighborhood Council shall be diverse, inclusive and open to all community stakeholders. A community stakeholder is defined as any individual who lives, works, or owns property or a business within the Council's boundaries **and also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm the factual basis for it.** In addition, community stakeholder status may be identified by participation in non-profit groups, schools, associations and organizations located within the boundaries of the Council.

5.1.2 Board of Directors

1. The thirty-three (33) Board shall consist of the following makeup:
 - a. Representing Arts District, two (2) residents.
 - b. Representing Chinatown, four (4) residents.
 - c. Representing El Pueblo de Los Angeles, one (1) at large.
 - d. Representing Little Tokyo, two (2) residents.
 - e. Representing Solano Canyon, two (2) residents.
 - f. Representing Victor Heights, four (4) residents, **one (1) at large.**
 - g. Six (6) Business Owners, one (1) for each community.
 - h. Five (5) Nonprofit representatives, of which one (1) will serve from and be elected by each of the 6 districts, **except Victor Heights, which has no Nonprofit organizations within it's boundaries.** No one organization or its affiliates may serve in more than one such seat at any one time. These seats shall be filled by representatives that are from and a part of said non-profit (and officially designated as such by said organization to serve). A nonprofit organization must be 501(C) type of organization in good standing throughout their term and at the time of their candidacy and election.
 - i. One (1) Employee representative of business within the HCNC.
 - j. One (1) Commercial Property owner representative within the HCNC.
 - k. One (1) senior representative, age 62 or older, within the HCNC.
 - l. One (1) youth representative, age 16 -20 within the HCNC.
 - m. Two (2) At large representatives within the HCNC (can be comprised of any category).

5.1.3 ARTICLE VI. BOARD ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

This Article explains the administration of Neighborhood Council elections by the City Clerk and provides information regarding Stakeholder membership, the board's structure, and Stakeholder eligibility for voting and being selected or elected to a board seat. The provisions in this Article supersede any prior inconsistent provisions contained in the bylaws.

1. The governing body of the HCNC is the elected Board of Directors which consists of thirty-three (33) members elected by the Stakeholders at dully noticed Board elections. The governing body shall reflect the diversity of its Stakeholders, to the extent reasonably possible. Accordingly, no single Stakeholder group shall comprise a majority of the Board of Directors. The officers of the HCNC shall be elected by the Board of Directors

2 . Elections for the HCNC Board of Directors shall be conducted every two years in even numbered years and shall be administered by the City Clerk beginning on April – June 2010. The rules and regulations promulgated by the City Clerk in conjunction with an election administered by the City Clerk shall take precedence over any inconsistent language in these bylaws.

The term for each currently elected board member shall be extended through and until a successor is elected or appointed at the April – June 2010 City Clerk conducted election.

Beginning with the City Clerk conducted election held on April – June 2010 a board member's term shall be for the duration of four years or until a successor is elected or appointed. The intent of the board is to establish a staggered election system

where approximately half of the board is elected at each City Clerk conducted election.

Beginning with the City Clerk conducted election conducted on April – June 2010, every board seat shall be open for election, at which time the following board seats shall be elected for a duration of two years or until a successor is elected or appointed:

- a. Representing Arts District, one (1) resident position
- b. Representing Chinatown, two (2) residents positions
- c. Representing Little Tokyo, one (1) resident position
- d. Representing Solano Canyon, one (1) resident position
- e. Representing Victor Heights, two (2) residents positions
- f. Business Owners representing Little Tokyo, Solano Canyon, and Victor Heights districts, three (3) business owner positions
- g. Nonprofit representatives from Arts, Chinatown, and El Pueblo de Los Angeles, three (3) nonprofit positions
- h. One (1) youth representative within the HCNC
- i. Two (2) At large representatives within the HCNC (can be comprised of any category)

The remaining board seats, including:

- a. Representing Arts District, one (1) resident position
- b. Representing Chinatown, two (2) residents positions
- c. Representing El Pueblo de Los Angeles, one (1) at large member
- c. Representing Little Tokyo, one (1) resident position
- d. Representing Solano Canyon, one (1) resident position
- f. Representing Victor Heights, two (2) residents positions and one (1) at large member
- g. Business Owners representing Arts, Chinatown, and El Pueblo de Los Angeles districts, three (3) business owner positions
- h. Nonprofit representatives from Little Tokyo and Solano Canyon districts , two (2) Nonprobit positions
- j. One (1) Employee representative of business within the HCNC
- k. One (1) Commercial Property owner representative within the HCNC
- l. One (1) senior representative, age 62 or older, within the HCNC shall be elected for a duration of four years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

Beginning with the City Clerk conducted election held on April – June 2012, and each election thereafter, each and every board seat shall be elected for the duration of four years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

5.1.4 Vacancies

2. Lines 5, 6 and 7... El Pueblo de Los Angeles

5.2 2nd vote on Bylaw change: Victor Heights Seat Change from Nonprofit to At-Large.
(1st vote unanimous)

6. Action Committee: Discussion and action items on neighborhood projects and expenditures, new and previously approved. Brian Kito
- 6.1 Arts District Projects and Action Items.

Tim Keating: Joel Bloom Triangle Street Trees Downtown Arts District. The general scope of the project would include 20 street trees in the sidewalks around the triangle, a downtown arts district sign, a bronze plaque for Joel Bloom, and perhaps a dog water fountain.

Arts District BID to apply for a \$5000 CB Grant (Community Betterment) from Public Works on Oct.20. They would write, coordinate and maintain the project. Asking LARABA on Sept 14th for a \$3,000 cash match and asking HCNC for a \$2,000 cash match. Mark Rothenberg is on board to help with plans and renderings.

6.2 Chinatown Projects and Action Items.

6.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items.

6.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items.

6.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items

Craig Havens: Solano Canyon 2nd Monument Sign presentation (vetted thru Action Committee) for final approval.

6.6 Victor Heights Projects and Action Items.

6.7 At-Large Projects and Action Items.

6.7a Youth Outreach

7. President's Report & Action Items, Kim Benjamin

7.1 Introduction of Marisol Salguery, our new Liaison with Councilman Ed Reyes Office. River Plan, Arroyo/Seco Plan, Chinatown Streetscape Program, Cornfields.

7.2 Development Project updates, CALL FOR PROJECTS, and HCNC Sponsored Community Project updates and action items for:

7.1a Arts District

7.1b Chinatown

7.1c El Pueblo

7.1d Little Tokyo

7.1e Solano Canyon: Update on Solano Canyon community problems.

7.1f Victor Heights: Bylaw change to make Non-Profit seat a Residential Seat.

7.1g At-Large

8. Treasurer's Report: David Nagano. Action Items:

9. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: Brian Kito, research report and committee formation.

10. Public Comments

11. Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items, possible bylaw change.

12. New Business

13. Old Business

14. Adjournment

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