



CANNDU NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Ascot Public Library

120 W. Florence Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90003

SPECIAL BROAD AND AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING

August 08, 2016 @ 6:00 PM

MINUTES

I Call meeting to order, roll call.

- Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM
- Christopher Perry (Parliamentarian) taking minutes
- Board members present: Stephanie Campbell (President), Christopher Perry (Parliamentarian), David Solis (Community Interest Member) Ernesto Toscano (Member at Large) Cathy Simpson (Treasure)
- Quorum met

II. President Announcement

- I just want to comment to the board something. I feel we should, what I want is a more effective Neighborhood Council. I know we all have situations, life. I want to build a team and create a good environment. I want us to take focus we are here to make our

community better to support one another, support ideas we want to help out the community.

- Questions, Concerns? If I said anything that someone may want to speak to me you can call, text or send me an email. I promise there will not be a serial meeting. But, be respectful of people on the board stakeholder. No body speaks twice until people have spoken once.
- 2016-2017 budget took funding, plan month by month summarize it into a annual stratiget plan, like plan for March ahead of time. We need to be on track of how we spend the funds.
- Cathy Simpson- The site has been having technical problems. All work sheets are locked and unable to get any report. Most importantly 2016-2017 budget is what we will achieve with spending the fund.
- Stephanie- Ivan processed the agenda for the retreat. Stratiject plan, budget and outreach and to revise our goals. The plan is to be out by 5pm. I'm totally against having a special meeting to approve the budget spending plan. If we can have a 5 minute meeting to get this done for Cathy.
- I suggest we can probably approve in our next community meeting on the 25th.
- Cathy- The problem is that we cannot go over 13-14 discussion problems during our community meeting. We agree to no board issues during or in our community meetings.
- Stephanie- The librarian here told me that UCLA will be having an ophthalmologist here for free prescription glasses. They only have 4 or 5 spaces left, so if you guys know or you need glasses feel free to sign up with her.
- Ernesto- Maybe we can create a flyer. Cathy- That would be great. Maybe we can include or information in the back of the flyer.
- Stephanie- So is everyone okay for a 10 minute special meeting after our retreat?
- Ernesto Yes, Stephanie Yes, Christopher Yes, Cathy Yes, Jackson Yes, Ms Glaze Yes and Sara Yes.
- Ernesto – I think it's is urgent that we all know what we have spent verses budget left.
- Stephanie- Another item we need to take a few minutes to discuss if we will be donating \$1,000 to the Neighborhood Congress like we did last June.
- Christopher- Can you talk about the \$41,418.86? It's driving me crazy. Like for June \$13,000 on operations, outreach, MPG and elections. What about that June service charge?
- Cathy- We were hit with a service charge because the account was close. As you can see 59% spent was for the elections and again the is why we have new elected board members. We do not have data base to do outreach to make the community a whole. We put up banners we did mailing flyers but people didn't even know the neighborhood Council existed.
- Stephanie- We have the Fremont swimming pool to which we gave a grant. That is a good source to use for our outreach.
- Ernesto- We need personal items, teaching material.
- Stephanie- We also have the Gospel as outreach we do the food give away there every Friday. We can also do a turkey give away and at the same time get data base.
- Christopher- Can we pull the plug long story short please.

- Ernesto- Do we have invoices for the budget spending?
- Cathy- Part of my job is to provide everything in the spending.
- Ernesto- for Lisa Kahan Davis, I would like more information before she comes back in January. I see \$1, 500 was set aside for the elections budget.
- Stephanie- The year before for the elections we only had 43 voter show up to vote. We hired Lisa Kahan Davis with 3 payments of \$2,800. I think she did a fabulous job.
- Ernesto- I think she did a good job that is why we are now here. But, if you asked me there is people on my street that never got a flyer or even knew about the elections.

I make motion to turn in the budget plan. Ernesto Yes, Sara Yes, Perry Yes, Jackson Yes, Solis Yes.
5 of 6 Motion passes

Stephanie- So Let me introduce the Alans Sister's they want to speak to the board regarding the apartment complex. They are community residents. Ms. Joyce attended the community meeting for these apartment complex. Mr. Perry will explain to them the function after our board speaks they can share their thoughts. Perry- We just want to be fair and give everyone a chance to speak.

Stephanie- let's make motion to give them more time to speak. Is everyone okay to add time for them? Let's discuss a possible (draft) impact statement.

Mr. Perry- I think everybody said negative, except the contractor he offer \$4,000 apartments and safety. Negative comments came as well from the stakeholders such as parking issues.

Stephanie- Put that the community improves by having complex put in like this brings taxes beautified. Don't us blunt- takes every blunt to justified to go from unattractive are and not looking for home for low income. We as a community spend more money. We are on the transportation corner. Down the metro station 10 minutes away from the freeway. The street is desirable. Property value will go up and people looking to rent cannot afford. It's also a concern the congestion of the street. I mean it's already congested we need to see the bigger picture of this. It's not being built with Section 8 for this community to advantage from it. Other issues I know of as a stakeholder and for the community are it's not for the community, it's not a relief, it's not meant for us to afford it, Voting? I would vote for what the community wants.

Ernesto- We are desperately neglected from housing so I would go yes when it comes to this.

Perry- Do I have to give input? I believe if people can pay for it they can come here. I just don't think the school next to these new apartments is safety. So for that I'm against it. What we think wont impact this development.

Stephanie-based on what the hearing officer said in the community meeting, this is not a done deal. I mean that was one unique hearing. This is something the neighborhood council can voice our opinions.

Ernesto- we agree to disagree.

Stephanie- this is what we do. Can we make motion to give our stakeholder 5-10 addition minutes to speak?

Ernesto- I want to make motion to give the stakeholders extra time to speak.

Perry- I second that, Sara Yes, Cathy Yes, and Jackson Yes. 5 of 6 Motion passes.

Stakeholder Janell Campbell- I'm a college professor. I have lived here all my life other people that were schedule to come won't make it. I think this development is disrespectful to the community by not notifying us ahead of time. We already have low income housing. Think of the tremendous amount of people we have. It is about the money we should have been notified. This will increase loud music, gangs and not to mention parking issues. Yes, they said they would have 5 parking for guest for the entire complex? Sometime I have to park on my space on my grass because there is just no parking. My mother is elderly I can't parking down the congested street now imagine with these apartments. Where are the kids going to play if this continue to grow? Has this been discuss to the community? Not quite. Maybe there will be an increase on accidents. They won't be able to have parties. It will increase the graffiti. Thank you that is all I have to say.

Stakeholder Joyce Alan- I'm a professor at Los Angeles College. I'm heartbroken over this development it has made a major impact just knowing of it. I have a 93 year old who is afraid. What will happen to the people that live behind it? I'm not against low income housing. But, this is not thought carefully. As a mother and a community stakeholder I ask you as elected officials to hear your community. I ask you to not use your personal opinions. Sign a petition be responsible to hear what the community is saying. I'm afraid for our children I don't want children killed. I mean I seen cars driving by going 50-60 mph. Where are the children going to play? My mother of 93 bought her house in the 50's. I want to stay in my community I want peace and quiet. The position each of you hold are serious. If you think about the community. We elected you to make the right decision. Like Ms. Stephanie said it will come again. Achieve something be a no person. Respect our community, desire a change you have a voice.

Once you make a decision it's done. I wake up at 5am to look for parking its horrible already. We lose our community because it will happen again and again. Listen to the community have it in your heart. We can make it stop. This is a historical area. Think out of your box, the community is 100% against it. One time I had to call my boyfriend to pick me up 6 blocks away because there was no parking. I'm asking to hear the seriousness of the community crying for help to stop this.

Cathy- thinking of other places like Huntington Park. They did a lot of town houses with small back yards not facing Florence. I mean this thing brought alleys. Bringing up the parking issues I'm just wondering if they bring this with it will it give more access to the community for parking.

Stephanie- No, takes the whole alley and they want to whole side starting from the side curve and all.

Cathy- question, turning down a building on an empty lot. What should go there instead? Sale? What will the community be satisfied to build?

Stakeholder Joyce- I have not talked to the community. Maybe a grocery store.

Cathy- so much space needed for a grocery store?

Stephanie- CSI is not in favor. Can we make motion to draft an impact statement?

Cathy- I want to make motion to draft an impact statement for the Central apartment complex development.

Perry I second it, Cathy Yes, Sara Yes, Ernesto No and Solis Yes. Motion carries 4 of 5.

Stephanie- the community impact statement samples are available online. Anybody and everybody can do a citizen statement only the neighborhood Council can do a community impact statement.

I Stephanie Campbell will draft a statement maybe this weekend or Monday but before the end of next week. Thank you Alan sisters.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr.Toscano (Community Interest Member) at 7:51pm

- SPECIAL MEETING IS OFFICIALLY ADJORNED MY PRESIDENT STEPHANIE CAMPBELL @ 7:51 PM

Approved 01/05/2017