

# MACARTHUR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 1, 2009

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Rochelle McAdam (P), Jennifer Gill (VP), Margarita Lopez (SE), Manuel Negrete (SC), Earlean Anthony, Jose Antonio Angeles, Muriel Meyers, Jose Felix Larios, Carol Greene, Raul Flores and Humberto Crispin.**

ABSENT: **Rosa Rodriguez (T), Cynthia Felix, Phillip Oh and Matthew Valdez.**

**04.1,216 Rochelle** brought the regular meeting to order at the Charles White School Auditorium located at 2401 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90057 at 7:00 PM.

**04.1,217 Rochelle** stated that the motion on item **8 03.1,192 8.1** of the Minutes of March 4, 2009, was incorrect and requested an amendment.

**Manuel** made a motion to amend item **8 03.1,192 8.1** of the Minutes of March 4, 2009, and to approve the recommendation from the Planning Committee for the development on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Jose Antonio** seconded the motion. **Jose Felix, Humberto, Carol, Muriel, Margarita and Earlean** were in favor. **Jennifer** was against and **Raul** abstained.

**04.1,218 Jose Antonio** made a motion to approve the amended minutes of March 4, 2009, and the minutes of March 18, 2009. **Earlean** seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### CITY OFFICIAL'S REPORT

**04.1,219 Miguel Martinez**, from the Office of Assembly Member John A. Perez from District 46 stated:

- On Saturday, April 4, they will offer tax preparation at no cost at the Resurrection Church (3324 Opal Str., Los Angeles, CA 90023) from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- He invited the board members and public to come to the opening of the Office of Assembly Member John A. Perez that will take place on Friday, April 17, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at 320 W. 4<sup>th</sup>, Suite 1050, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

**04.1,220 Silvia Beltran**, Councilman Ed P. Reyes representative stated that:

- The event "Tamal for Peace" will take place on April 30.
- The turf for the soccer field has been installed at MacArthur Park.
- The anniversary of the Francis Avenue Community Garden will take place tentatively on July 18.

### DONE'S PROJECT COORDINATOR REPORT

**04.1,221 Gabriela Quintana** stated that:

- The Regional Congress for the Valley will take place on May 30, and she hopes that the MPNC members assist.
- She recommended that the format of the MPNC agenda be similar to the Pico-Union Neighborhood Council agenda.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

**04.1,222** **Tina Park**, indicated that on May 19, 2009, they will have an election for the board of Los Angeles Community Colleges (LACCD).

**04.1,223** **Jose Aguilar, representative from Sierra Club stated that:**

- On Saturday, April 4, there will be a public forum with the District Attorney where they will talk about life safety issues and about the Memorandum of Understanding with the DWP, Transport and Measure B.
- He invited the MPNC members to join the Coalition of Neighborhood Councils.

## 7. BOARD ISSUES/REPORTS

**04.1,224** **7.1 Jose Antonio** made a motion to postpone and refer to the MPNC Executive Committee the request for funds for the amount of \$5,000 for the JIPP program, requested by Larry Covington.

**Jennifer** seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**7.2 Jennifer** stated that Wendy Moore, the MPNC webpage designer, sent an e-mail in which she indicated the outreach, focus, activities and projects that will include in the MPNC webpage.

**7.3 Jose Antonio** made a motion to approve \$1,500 for the fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations that will take place at the MacArthur Park Community Center.

**Manuel** seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**7.4 Rochelle** stated that the orientation meeting for the members of neighborhood councils that took place on March 31 was a success because the people that assisted was able to learn about the neighborhood councils system, the Brown Law, conflict of interest and about the roll and responsibilities of each of the board members of the neighborhood councils.

## 8. MPNC COMMITTEES' REPORTS

**04.1,225** **8.3 Jose Felix** indicated that he would like to have a cleaning on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, between Hoover and Westmoreland, because through this project he will be able to get acquainted with that community.

**04.1,226** **8.5 The Board** determined to form an Ad Hoc Committee in order to program and deal with the MPNC Board retreat, the committee was formed by **Manuel, Raul and Jose Felix**.

## 9. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

**04.1,227** **The Board** decided to keep in the agenda Item 9.1 together with sub-section a, b, c.

## MPNC BOARD COMMENTS:

**04.1,228** **Rochelle** requested that a key from the office be given to the Yen, the MPNC bookkeeper. The Board decided to include this issue in the next meeting agenda on April 15, 2009.

**Jose Felix** requested for **Yen** to come to the next meeting on April 14, 2009, for the new board members to meet her.

**04.1,229** **Rochelle** stated that DONE requires an audit of the items purchased with City funds.

**Margarita** stated that she has been organizing the items that have been approved at the MPNC meetings and that in the office computer files, she has an inventory list of the items purchased that she will send to the Treasurer in order to help and comply with the audit requested by DONE.

## NEXT MEETING

**04.1,230** April 15, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

**04.1,231** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

**Margarita Lopez**

**Executive Secretary, MacArthur Park Neighborhood Council**

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