



MacArthur Park Neighborhood Council

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY July 1, 2009

7:00PM -9:00PM

2500 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 822, Los Angeles, CA 90057

Members Present: Rochelle McAdam (P), Jennifer Gill (VP), Margarita Lopez (ES), Manuel Negrete (CS), Rosa Rodriguez (T), Earlean Anthony, Raul Flores, Muriel Meyers, Jose Felix Larios, and Mathew Valdez

Members Absent: Carol Greene, Jose Antonio Angeles, Cynthia Felix, Kenneth Lee, Humberto Crispin, and Emilio Aguilar.

- 1) Call to Order: Rochelle McAdams called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.
- 2) Approval of Agenda:

- Manuel: Change the numeration of agenda items.
- Motion # 1 by Rosa and seconded by Raul. Passed by a Consensus.

- 3) Approval of Minutes:

- Margarita: Item 8.7 of June 3, 2009 regular Board Meeting needs to be corrected to clear of two different issues.
- Motion #2 by Margarita and seconded by Earlean. Passed by a Consensus.

- 4) City Official's Report:

MacArthur Park Community Center (Jacqueline Chilin)

- MacArthur Park Community Center was not able to reach its goal of \$5,000 in fundraising. Therefore the fireworks display cannot be done.
- Can the MPNC funds of \$1,500 be used for Community Center Summer Camp as scholarships?
- Gabriela: Funds cannot be assigned to scholarship, but MPNC can pay an invoice with an MPNC logo.
- Resolution: Jacqueline will be placed on the next MPNC's agenda

- 5) Report from Miguel Martinez, Field Representative of John Perez, California Assembly, 46th District.

- Assemblyman John Perez represents the Neighboring Councils of MacArthur Park, Westlake, Pico Union, South Los Angeles and Downtown.



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- It was wonderful to see the members of the MPNC at the ABC 7 Town hall meeting; it was nice to have the media out here covering the good news in our area.
- Confirm the receipt of letter to RSVP with for the meeting with the assemblyman on July 24, 2009.
- The Assemblyman will have a town hall meeting on August 3, 2009 for Westlake, MacArthur Park and Pico Union. Host by Pico Union NC at the Colton House 1225 South Union Ave from 6:30 PM to 8:00PM.

6) Report from the LAPD: Officer Santin

- Passing out a Flyer to help the community on what to say when you call 311 or 911, it's in English and Spanish it also has community resources.
- MacArthur Park and LAPD Rampart Division we will have a Bike/Skateboard Expo, I have invited many bike and skateboard shop to participate and help kids to fix their bikes. Bicycle kitchen will be here the event will take place on July 25, 2009 from 10AM to 5PM
- Rampart Division now has two female, two male officers with a Sergeant as supervisor now on bikes. Plans are for the four more officers to join the bike unit.
- MS tagging is ramped due to the FBI arrest. Central City was taking them off very quickly.
- Radio call 722 S. Alvarado was laying out on the ground, there was a fight on the roof, the detective have leads and will be arrest soon.
- Spoke with Frank Ybarra from the MPNC's Government Affairs Committee to develop a Volunteer Surveillance Team. Once applications are ready they will be distributed to MPNC.
- Regarding Cameras Ed Reyes will be allocating funding, but waiting for the vendor for the wording of the contract.
- Jennifer: Do you need money for cameras?
- Officer Santin: Yes we do, we need to fix a camera and place new ones. I will bring that up at another board meeting.

7) Project Coordinator's Report: (Gabriela Quintana, DONE)

- The next City Wide Congress Planning Committee will meet July 15 at 6:30 PM and location will be forthcoming.
- Reminded everyone to self-update any changes of profile on the DONE website of board members. The DONE representative is no longer capable in correcting MPNC's information.
- Next Regional Training is July 23, 2009 Save the Date; time is from 6:00PM to 9:00PM.
- Join the DONE website to receive updates each Wednesday on events.
- Next Board of Commissioners will be July the 20th in South Los Angeles and listen to all the commission meetings by calling (213) 621- City.



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- Other neighboring councils would like to let you know that DONE website each Wednesday any that a neighborhood council does in partnership with another council or community organization.
- We are highlighting the Olympic Park Neighborhood Council they sponsored Movies in the Park. West Hill and Winnetka Neighborhood Council got together and sponsored training on July 2, Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council will sponsor training on July 20th.
- New business cards are ready but have a different type setting. "It's up to you if you want them or keep the new business cards as is." Board Agreed to accept them.
- Due to the City Budget Cuts of 10% I will be taking a work Furlough every other Friday.

8) Public Comments:

Edel Lopez and Cesar Lopez: La Vina en Los Angeles Church and La Vina Community.

- We lease our parking space from the DWP for years.
- Message from DWP to the Church that the LAUSD wanted to use the parking lot and share it with the Church.
- A letter was received by the Church with a request to go to auction for the parking lot.
- By August 8, the Church needs to provide a down payment to attend the auction. The church needs \$8,000. If we lose the parking we are going to have to close down.
- Resolution: Refer to MPNC Government Affairs Committee.

Marlow Wyatt: The Girl Blue Project

- The Founder of the Girl Blue Project located at 432 S. New Hampshire Ave #203, since 2004. An empowerment program for teen girls 14 to 18. All free and funded by myself and the community.
- Would like to be on the agenda for the next meeting to present a proposal in the amount of \$5,000 for the Girl Blue Project.
- Resolution: Referred to Proposal Ad-Hoc Committee.
- Manuel: I would like to request the committee and the board to provide a letter of support from MPNC to help Marlow Wyatt in her grant applications in the future.

Joan Leonido: Youth Empowerment Project/World Vision

- Proposal for Youth Teen Club in MacArthur Park for the summer 2009.
- Information provided to the board and community stakeholders.
- Resolution: Refer to the Proposal Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting.

9) Board Issues/Reports:



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9.1. Planning Committee (Rochelle):

- The Planning Committee had its meeting on June 29, 2009
- Mercy Housing was reviewed by the MPNC's Planning Committee, a motion to support and a recommendation to MPNC to support the Mercy Housing Project.
- Resolution: Place on the Agenda of MPNC Regular Meeting.
- On July 19, 2009 a meeting at the First Unitarian Church a public meeting on the Mercy Housing at 12 Noon.

9.2. MPNC Budget, Finance, and Funding Committee (Rodriguez, Gill, Lopez, Valdez):

- We submitted a budget to DONE but it was a DRAFT. We need to approve the MPNC Budget. This item is located on the agenda as 10.3.
- Motion by Jennifer and Seconded by Mathew to approve the new MPNC 2009-2010 and present the approve budget to DONE. Passed by consensus.

9.3. Beautification Committee. (J. Felix)

- I provided some suggestions for some projects and events. No current events.

9.4. Government Affairs Committee (Earlean, Jose Felix, Raul, Frank and Manuel)

- Had our meeting July 28, 2009.
- Presented (item 9.4) Policy and Resolution of MPNC's Government Affairs Committee to the Board. Referred back to the Government Affairs Committee to fine tune.
- Presented (item 9.4) a request for the MPNC Government Affairs Committee to prepare a letter of Support for the necessary resources needed for the LAPD Rampart Division. Motion by Rosa and seconded by Raul. Passed by Consensus.
- Presented (item 9.4) a request for Raul Flores be the representative/liaison the rent payers of MPNC in conjunction with the MOU with DWP. Motion by Manuel and Seconded by Mathew. Passed by Consensus.

9.5. Community Proposals Ad Hoc Committee. (McAdam):

- Will have a meeting after the MPNC Regular Board Meeting to schedule its meeting.

9.6. Discussion regarding MPNC Office Staff. (McAdam)

- Yen will be a consultant and reduced hours.
- Joann will be reassigned by Apple One. MPNC is not the employer Apple One is the employer.



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9.7. Discuss Board Members' Protocol While Serving on the Neighborhood Council.
(McAdam): NONE.

10) Article that require discussion, motion, and vote from the MPNC Board:

10.1. Discussion Motion and Action in Order Fill MPNC Vacancies

- .Discussion: There are some that have not been showing to board meetings.
- Motion to have Ben O'Conner to be a Board Member of MPNC as At Large Community Member. Motioned by Rochelle and seconded by Jennifer. Passed by Consensus.
- Resolution: To have an agenda item to remove non-attending board members to the MPNC.

10.2. Discussion, Motion and Vote: MPNC Retreat Ad Hoc Committee: NONE.

10.3. Discussion, Motion and Action: Board Approval of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget (Rodriguez)

- Passed refer to item 9.2.

10.4. Discussion, Motion and Action: 1. Resolution of Quality of Life and Safety Issues- Vendors on sidewalks, i.e. Schools and Major intersections. 2. Letter of Support for Resources for the LAPD Rampart and 3. MOU for a liaison representing MPNC's Rate Payers. Negrete

- All passed refer to item 9.4.

11) Comments of the Board on Issues Pertinent to the MPNC Board.

- North East Central Neighborhoods has been founded; it's collaboration with the local NC that MPNC belongs in its jurisdiction.
- MPNC website has two proposals for how it looks. Need of a Tag Line. Referred to MPNC Executive meeting for discussion.

12) Future Agenda Items and other Community Events:

- Summer Night Lights at Edward R. Roybal Learning Center 1200 Colton St 7PM to Midnight Starting July 8th.

13) Adjournment:

- Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM