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## **ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)**

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday July 22, 2013 · 7pm · Ramona Hall, 4580 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90065

## **A G E N D A**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

### **2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS** (President Martha Benedict, 1 min.)

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (Secretary Valerie Harragin, 5 min.) *[For discussion and possible action]*

**MOTION:** The ASNC Board approves the minutes of the June 24, 2013 ASNC Board meeting.

### **4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** The public may provide comments to the board on non-agenda items within the Neighborhood Councils subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, the board is prevented from acting on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is agendaized for discussion at a future public meeting. (Limited to 1 minute per speaker.)

### **5. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES**

A. CD1 Councilmember Gil Cedillo's new Field Deputy Sylvia Robledo [[sylvia.robledo@lacity.org](mailto:sylvia.robledo@lacity.org)] will introduce herself. She is a former member of the ASNC. (5 min.)

B. Patricia Alarcon representing the new Mayor Eric Garcetti will address the meeting. (5 min.)

C. Other public officials and representatives. (5 min.)

### **6. CONSENT CALENDAR** (5 min.) *No discussion or Public Comment. Items may be removed and they will go to the end of the agenda*

#### **A. AD HOC ELECTION COMMITTEE FORMATION** (Martha Benedict, 5 min.) Elections will be held in Spring 2014. **MOTION:** The Board shall create an Ad Hoc 2014 Election Committee.

This committee shall oversee all aspects of the 2014 ASNC Elections in coordination with EmpowerLA and the LA City Clerk. Membership of this committee shall be limited to stakeholders and Board members who will not be candidates for the Board in the 2014 election cycle. This committee will sunset after one year.



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- B. REAPPOINTMENT OF DONE GENERAL MANAGER** (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition) The new Mayor has asked all department heads to re-apply for their positions. Grayce Liu, appointed interim General Manager on August 2, 2012 and confirmed as permanent General Manager on January 19, 2013 has changed the culture of the Neighborhood Council system since taking the General Manager position, moving the department forward in a positive light.  
**MOTION:** The ASNC Board strongly requests that Mayor Garcetti reappoint Ms. Liu be reappointed as soon as possible to the position of General Manager for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, in order to thwart any rumor to the contrary and to allow both staff and elected Board members and their stakeholders to continue moving forward with programs and trainings beneficial to the Neighborhood Council system and to fulfill the demands of the Los Angeles Charter.
- C. REEVALUATION OF DWP FEED-IN-TARIFF** (LANCC) Dr. Fred Pickel, DWP Ratepayer Advocate, made the following recommendation at the July 6, 2013 Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition meeting: Dr. Pickel does not accept the FIT-100 proposal. He contends that ratepayers are not getting a fair or reasonable program from DWP on the FIT-100 program. The price that DWP is proposing to pay for solar power under the Feed-in-Tariff is over market by about \$250 million over the next 20 years. For the first 20 megawatts of the 100 megawatt program, DWP is proposing to pay 17 cents per kilowatt hour. This amount declines by 1 cent for the next 20 megawatts to 16 cents, and so on. But when these prices are compared to current market prices, we are paying \$250 million over market. Dr. Pickel recommends suspension of the FIT-100 program until it can be re-evaluated.  
**MOTION:** That ASNC supports the Rate Payer Advocate's request that the FIT-100 Program be suspended and subsequent reevaluation of the FIT-100 Program as suggested by the Office of Public Accountability.
- D. CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE; MONEY IS NOT SPEECH** (NELA Move to Amend: Nina Zvaleko) The Los Angeles City Council passed a resolution in favor of such an Amendment in December 2011. In keeping with the neighborhood councils advisory role in relation to the City Council, the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council may make a motion regarding the City Council's resolution. The City Council resolution can be viewed at: <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=11-0002-S123>.  
**MOTION:** The ASNC Board will write a letter to the Los Angeles City Council supporting the Los Angeles City Council's position for an Amendment to the United States Constitution establishing that corporations are not people, entitled to Constitutional Rights and; money is not speech.

**OLD BUSINESS** *{For discussion and possible action}*

- 7. FILLING BOARD VACANCIES** From June 24th meeting Rules & Elections Committee (10 minutes)  
**MOTION:** When a vacancy on the board occurs, there will be a selection held in which all qualified stakeholders may vote. Geographical positions are voted on by those geographic stakeholders only. At Large positions are voted on by all qualified stakeholders, including community interest stakeholders. Local issues selections will be held at a location within the geographic area concerned. At Large selections will be held anywhere within ASNC boundaries.

**NEW BUSINESS** *[For discussion and possible action]*

- 8. BOARD MEMBER CENSURE** (Teresa Bonsell, 25 min.) At the May 20, 2013 Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council Meeting of the Board, an inappropriate comment was allegedly made by a Board member. The discussion was about whether factual basis stakeholders can run for all board positions or only for the two Factual Basis seats. Joseph Riser referred to the two Factual Basis seats as "ghetto positions." As one of the Factual Basis members, Teresa Bonsell filed a complaint with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment that the remark was made to offend her and factual basis stakeholders. A meeting between DONE's Melvin Canas, President Martha Benedict, Ms. Bonsell, and Mr. Riser was held July 17 without

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resolution. Ms. Bonsell requests adjudication of the matter in the form of Censure per the ASNC Bylaws. Mr. Riser may speak on the matter, but will not vote.

**MOTION:** The ASNC Board censures Board member Joseph Riser for remarks made on May 20, 2013 that were inconsistent with the ASNC's adopted Code of Conduct, specifically 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 (attached).

**9. TREASURER'S REPORT** (Treasurer Andrew Ptashnik, 15 min.) [*For discussion and possible action*]

A. **MOTION:** The ASNC Board approves the July 22, 2013 report on expenditures and purchase card transactions on statements dated May 21, 2013 and June 21, 2013 made since the June meeting.

B. Given that ASNC's Budget and Strategic Plan does not include NPG funding, the ASNC can take an alternate approach. If the NPG is considered a worthwhile project achieving majority approval of the Board, then the NPG Solicitor will be offered an amount of funding equal to 10% of the requested amount as a pledge. The funding would be disbursed when and if the Solicitor secures the full amount to complete the project. This approach offers an opportunity to have a qualified "yes" response to NPG requests, is in concert with the 2013 ASNC Budget and Strategic Plan, and demonstrates a degree of interest in community funding requests.

**MOTION:** The ASNC Board shall create the following Standing Rule: For approved NPG applications, the ASNC Board will pledge a 10% contribution of the total amount requested when the NPG Solicitor secures 90% funding of the project from other sources.

C. **PIZZA IN THE PARK** (Mt. Washington Local Issues, 5 min.) The Mt. Washington Local Issues Committee has traditionally held a Pizza in the Park meeting in the summer inviting members of the community to share pizza and drinks at Cleland Park and discuss local issues in a more informal setting. The committee requests funds to purchase pizza and drinks for its next meeting to be held on August 8, 2013. Given time constraints, this request has bypassed the Outreach Committee for review.

**MOTION:** The ASNC Board shall approve funding for refreshments for the Mount Washington Local Issues Meeting to be held Thursday, August 8th, 2013 at Cleland Park. The committee estimates costs not to exceed \$200.00.

**10. REGISTRAR'S REPORT** (Registrar Teresa Bonsell, 5 min.) Update on upcoming outreach opportunities and future planning.

**11. NEW COMMITTEE FORMATION** (Martha Benedict, 5 min.) The ASNC's amended Bylaws have been approved by EmpowerLA and therefore four new Standing Committees have been established:

- Planning & Land Use
- Education & Youth
- Recreation, Culture & the Arts
- Health, Public Safety & Welfare

Nominations are now open for Chairs and Members to all ASNC stakeholders with selections taking place at the August ASNC meeting. A regular date for the four committee meetings will also be established at the same time. The Outreach Committee is requested to spread the news of this opportunity to get involved.

**12. BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION** (Martha Benedict, 3 min.) ASNC President and Secretary received and filed the written resignation of Andrea Jayasekera from her position as Mt. Washington Representative. Nominations are now open for this position, with a selection to be held in August.

**13. LOCAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORTS** (5 min.) Local Issues Committees report to the Board on matters of local importance. Provide future meeting dates: Hermon, Monterey Hills, Montecito Heights, Mt. Washington, Sycamore Grove.

**14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** (5 min.) Board members' own activities or brief announcements. Introduce new issues for consideration at the next board meeting. [*Items only - no discussion*]

**15. ADJOURNMENT** The next meeting of the board is Monday, August 26, 2013 at Ramona Hall, 7pm

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**Funding requests:** Unless otherwise stated in the approved motion, any funds appropriated for community projects as a result of this meeting's actions: (1) will be drawn from the 2012-13 ASNC budget; and, (2) under ASNC standing rules, expenditure of any such funds must begin WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF APPROVAL BY THE BOARD, or the appropriation will automatically lapse.

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived or adjusted in the interest of fairness, by the presiding officer of the Board.

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**Process for Reconsideration:** The Board may reconsider and amend its actions on items listed on the agenda in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.