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## ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday October 28, 2013 · 7:00 p.m. · Ramona Hall, 4580 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90065

## AGENDA

Documents related to this agenda may viewed at <http://www.asnc.us/2013-archives/10-Oct/1013archives.htm>

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SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL (213) 978-1551.

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 September 23, 2013 ASNC Board meeting.
4. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** (15 min. total) 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.
5. **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES** (10 min.)
  - A. Mayor Eric Garcetti's Field Deputy Patricia Alarcón [[patricia.alarcon@lacity.org](mailto:patricia.alarcon@lacity.org)]
  - B. CD1 Field Deputy Sylvia Robledo [[sylvia.robledo@lacity.org](mailto:sylvia.robledo@lacity.org)]
  - C. CD14 Field Deputy Julio Esperias [[julio.esperias.jr@lacity.org](mailto:julio.esperias.jr@lacity.org)]
  - D. Other public officials and representatives
6. **REAPPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN** (3 min.) [*For discussion and possible action*]  
**MOTION:** The ASNC Board reappoints Ivan Spiegel as ASNC Parliamentarian through June 2014.
7. **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.
8. **ALLIANCE OF RIVER COMMUNITIES REPORT** (Valerie Harragin, Nina Zippay, 5 min.) ARC, Northeast LA's NC group, met on October 24.

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- 9. RULES & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT** (Nina Zippay, 5 min.) The Rules & Election Committee has compiled the most recent version of the Standing Rules and posted it on the asnc.us web site.

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

**10. CITY COUNCIL 60-DAY ADVANCE NOTICE TO NCs**

**MOTION:** The ASNC shall send a letter to the City Council and the Mayor requesting that notification of all “important” issues should be sent to the Neighborhood Councils 60 days prior to their first hearing so that the NCs may have time to reach out to their stakeholders and take a position. This should be done through the Early Notification System or other expeditious means.

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

**11. NC REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKERS AT CITY COUNCIL** (Martha Benedict for LANCC, 5 min.)

**MOTION:** The ASNC shall send a letter to the President of the City Council requesting that the City Council and all of its committees shall allow a five-minute public comment period to all speakers that are officially representing a position of their Neighborhood Council and who have previously filed a Community Impact Statement on a specific agenda item. This NC Comment Period should be separate from and prior to Public Comment from non-Neighborhood Council speakers.

**12. TREASURER’S REPORT** (5 min.)

**MOTION:** ASNC Board approves Monthly Expenditure Report and Purchase Card statement (see attached).

**A. LIGHTING FOR STORAGE SPACE** (Outreach Committee)

**MOTION:** ASNC approves the expenditure of up to \$50 to purchase an LED lantern to be used and kept in the ASNC’s storage space.

**B. OLD LA FARMERS MARKET HALLOWEEN EVENT SUPPORT** (Outreach Committee)

**MOTION:** ASNC approves the expenditure of up to \$50 in support of the October 29th Old LA Farmers Market Halloween event.

**C. ASNC BUSINESS CARDS** (Outreach Committee)

**MOTION:** ASNC approves the expenditure up to \$234.20 for City-printed business cards for new Board members and new officers at \$21.30 for 200 cards each.

**13. CIS SUPPORTING CF 12-0785 URBAN BEEKEEPING** (Nina Zippay, Environment rep, 5 min.)

**MOTION:** ASNC will submit the following Community Impact Statement: ASNC supports legalization of urban beekeeping within R1 districts in Los Angeles and encourages the City to initiate an ordinance to allow residents to raise their own honeybees, a practice which boosts struggling honeybee populations and ensures local food security. ASNC also strongly urges the City Council to improve Bee Rescue policy which, when feasible, supports live bee removal on city and public property within Los Angeles. (435 characters)

**14. CIS SUPPORTING U.S. ARMY CORPS L.A. RIVER ALT. 20** (Nina Zippay, Environment rep, 5 min.)

**MOTION:** ASNC will submit the following Community Impact Statement: Alternative 20 is the only truly robust ecosystem restoration plan providing four times more jobs than the Corps-preferred alternative. It addresses historic injustices caused by channelization in the way it improves habitat connections, increases seasonal riparian flow regimes, creates new access to open spaces for enhanced public health, local economies, and quality of life, including the communities of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council. (447 characters)

**15. PARK RANGERS FOR DEBS PARK** (Montecito Heights Local Issues Local Issues, 5 min.)

**MOTION:** ASNC requests that City Council identify the resources to deploy two Park Rangers to Debs Park in view of the increasing homeless camps, copper thefts and infrastructure damage especially in the critical hours between 2 p.m. and 10 p.m.

**16. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MONITOR** (5 min.)

**MOTION:** ASNC appoints a non-executive Board member or stakeholder to monitor the actions of the Board of Public Works in order to provide a timely report to the ASNC Board of issues that could affect the ASNC area. <http://bpw.lacity.org>

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**17. APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MONITOR (5 min.)**

**MOTION:** ASNC appoints a non-executive Board member to monitor City Council motions in order to provide a timely report to the ASNC Board of issues that could affect the ASNC area.

**18. AD HOC ELECTION COMMITTEE'S STIPULATION WORKSHEET (Martha Benedict, 5 min.)**

**MOTION:** The ASNC Board approves the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Election Committee on the Elections Procedures Stipulation Worksheet.

**19. ASNC OFFICER SELECTIONS (Martha Benedict, 10 min.)**

**MOTION:** In view of the completion of the one year term, selections for the executive officers President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar will be held.

**20. SELECTION TO FILL MONTEREY HILLS REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY (5 min.)**

**Boris Kzorin** - I moved to Monterey Hills in 2010, since after thirty years of happy marriage my sole friend and late wife was found qualified for her next life mission. I liked the beautiful environment at Arroyo Seco from first look, as I am able to see its daily wonders. I'm father of two adult sons specializing in entertainment industry. I am building engineer turned to be a legal professional, holding associate membership at LAPA. I became a Fellow American earlier this year. I see this open position a good opportunity for my civil service. This is my volunteer's call. In respect to public policy I'm established by HOA renter. There is a lot of work with a quality of a life issues within my geographic federation. People want better understanding and advocating, as well as stopping invasion in their privacy from the side of managing companies. Within my struggles to get a new language, keeping heritage and targeting a platform of better understanding between cultures, I developed a hobby of doing Russian-English Singing Translations. So I am looking forward for your consideration and approval to put my energy and a fresh look to work for our future together.

**21. 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]*

**22. ADJOURNMENT** The next meeting of the board is Monday, November 25, 2013 at Ramona Hall.

**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 2013-14 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.

The agenda is posted for public review at Mount Washington Elementary School Bulletin Board (3981 San Rafael Ave., 90065), Superior Grocers (133 W. Ave. 45, 90065), Ramona Hall Community Center (4580 N. Figueroa St., 90065) Audubon Center (4700 Griffin., 90031); Fresco Market (5926 Monterey Rd., 90042), as well as the ASNC's official Website at [www.ASNC.us](http://www.ASNC.us), and distributed via the ASNCAlert Yahoo Group (opt-in E-mail listserv). As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with

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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.

## Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet

The following information provides the primary elements for this Neighborhood Council (NC) election and is taken from the NC's Bylaws and 2012 Election Procedures. This worksheet supplements the policies and procedures in the Neighborhood Council 2014 Election Manual. Please take Board action to confirm the information and to provide the additional information (\*) needed to administer the election. We will then update the Bylaws accordingly. The defaults shall take effect if this worksheet is not returned to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) by Friday, November 22, 2013. Please return via email to [Elections@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:Elections@EmpowerLA.org) or by fax to (213) 978 - 1751

Neighborhood Council \*

**Arroyo Seco**

Region \*

**Region 8**

### Election Time:

Please provide a four (4) hour window between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Department to hold the elections. A six (6) hour window is available by request. Default will be 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday.

Election Duration \*

- 4 Hours  
 6 Hours  
 Other

Start Time \*

**10** : **00** **AM**  
Hour Minutes

End Time \*

**4** : **00** **PM**  
Hour Minutes

**Saturday April 26, 2014**

### Election Location:

Polling Place must be within the NC's boundaries, comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, have adequate parking, and be available on the Election Day two hours before and after the election time window. The NC must confirm the location availability. Location fee maximum paid by Department: \$200. Default will be the Department's selection.

Address \*

**4580 North Figueroa Street**

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

**Los Angeles**

City

State / Province

**90065**

Postal / Zip Code

Location Phone \*

**323** - **276-3021**  
Area Code Phone Number

Location Contact Person \*

**Rick Swanson**  
First Name Last Name

Contact Person's Email

**rick.swanson.lacity.org**

Contact Person's Phone

**323** - **276-3021**  
Area Code Phone Number

Backup Location

**4545 Homer Street**

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

**Los Angeles**

City

State / Province

**90031**

Postal / Zip Code

**Please Select**  
Country

Location Phone

**213** - **485-5148**  
Area Code Phone Number

Location Contact Person

**Christina Conyers**  
First Name Last Name

Contact Person's Email

**christina.conyers.lacity.org**

Contact Person's Phone

**213** - **485-5148**  
Area Code Phone Number

**The NC boundaries, map, open Board seats and qualifications for candidates and voters for this election will be taken from the NC's approved Bylaws.**

*Candidate Verification: Candidates will be verified via documentation. Stakeholder Verification: Per bylaws. Minimum Stakeholder Voting Age: Per bylaws.*

Vote-by-Mail - available for the 2014 Election with a minimum \$500 start up fee and additional charges based on number of ballots and postage paid by the NC \*

- NO (Default)
- YES (Vote by Mail Elections are all self-affirmation for voters. This choice supersedes NC's Bylaws.)

Translation - Please Specify which languages (in addition to English) that you wish to have on your Ballot: and at the Polling Place:

**Spanish, Korean**

Neighborhood Council \*

**Arroyo Seco**

**NC Election / Outreach Contact Information**

Election Chair \*      Election Chair's Email \*      Election Chair's Phone \*

**Martha Benedict**      **election@asnc.us**      **323 - 418-2762**

First Name Last Name      Area Code Phone Number

Outreach Chair \*      Outreach Chair's Email \*      Outreach Chair's Phone \*

**Teresa Bonsell**      **registrar@asnc.us**      **323 - 418-2762**

First Name Last Name      Area Code Phone Number

**DECLARATION**

*We, the persons authorized by the above-named Neighborhood Council to execute this Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet, under penalty of perjury, declare that a Brown Act noticed Neighborhood Council public meeting was held with a quorum of the Board present, and the information in this document and attachments was approved as an official action of the Board per the Neighborhood Council's Bylaws. If requested, we will provide the Neighborhood Council agenda and minutes or resolution supporting the approval of this document. We hereby confirm the accuracy of the EmpowerLA webpage for our NC's Board Roster, map and Bylaws.*

Date of Board Action:      Board Vote: YES      Board Vote: NO      Board Vote: ABSTENTIONS

Month Day Year      ex: 23      ex: 23      ex: 23

President / Chair \*     

First Name Last Name

President / Chair's E-mail \*      President / Chair' Phone Number \*

ex: myname@example.c       -

Area Code Phone Number

Please Attach Board Resolution \*

No file chosen

Please visit EmpowerLA.org and select Councils at the top menu, select your Neighborhood Council and confirm \*

- Your Board Roster Seats
- Your NC Map
- Your Bylaws

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