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Government Relations Committee MINUTES
Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Uncle Tony's Pizzeria
13007 Victory Blvd., North Hollywood 91606

1. Call to Order at 7:00 PM, all members present.
2. No General Public comments on items not on the agenda.
3. Minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2018 approved unanimously as written. (Hall moved, Barmettler 2nd)
4. JB presented April 12, 2018 VANC meeting report, J. D'Antonio, GVGC Sustainability Liaison, reported on various teleconferences and meetings as well as the May 5, 2018 LANCC meeting. Reports attached.
5. JD moved and WH seconded motion for WH to draft letter to key City personnel regarding the ignoring of alternative measures for saving city trees during sidewalk repair; unanimous [The Greater Valley Glen Council approves transmittal of letters to Kevin James, President of the Department of Public Works (DPW), and Nazario Saucedo, Director of Street Services (BSS), expressing its concern that the various options included in the BSS report (CS 14-0163-S11) for retention of City trees impacted by the City's Sidewalk Repair Program are not being taken advantage of and that mature trees and the canopy they contribute are being lost that otherwise could be saved, and request that the DPW and BSS, starting immediately, take full advantage of the measures in the report as approved by City Council.]
6. Discussion but no action on CF 12-1681-S1 regarding Neighborhood Council Subdivision Elections.
7. WH moved and JB seconded WH drafting motion re Council motion on expanded DASH bus services; unanimous. [The Greater Valley Glen Council supports creation of new DASH services as they provide needed first/last mile access to other public transportation options. The GVGC calls on LADOT and the City Administration Officer to expeditiously finalize their pending reports so that five new DASH lines as provided for in the FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget can be implemented and otherwise endorse the Council motion (CF 18-0244) regarding enhanced and expanded DASH services.]
8. JD moved and JB seconded motion for WH to draft a motion opposing granting additional time when testifying at Boards and Commissions for non-certified community councils; unanimous. [The Greater Valley Glen Council opposes amendment of the Los Angeles Administrative Code allowing for extended time allowances being afforded non-certified community councils when presenting a position on an item before a City Board or Commission. Only Certified Neighborhood Councils with City-approved bylaws should be given this privilege. (CF 15-0389-

S1]

9. Discussion to include on the next GR Committee agenda: SB 828; a proposal to commission a comprehensive survey of the greater Valley Glen neighborhood re various issues affecting it; and a proposal to investigate the absence of the Valley Glen designation on City and County mapping and other information services.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37.

VANC Meeting 4/12/18

Sherman Oaks Hospital, Dr. Conference Room 6:30 - 10:00 PM

VANC President presiding: Jill Banks Barad. 2nd Chair Judith Daniels.

GVGC board member attending: J. Barmettler, Govt. Relations Committee

SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS:

ITEM 1: SB827: Justin Orenstein (CD4 rep) and David Rand

ITEM 2: Jason from DWP

ITEM 3: DONE Report. Grayce Liu

ITEM 4: Bryan Allen (GHNC) NC Equity Funding

ITEM 5: Bylaw info Request, Jill Banks Barad

ITEM 6: Animal Welfare Report: Jeff Mausner

ITEM 7: BONC Update

ITEM 8: VANC mixer note

ITEM 9: Glenn Bailey File #s

NOTES FROM VANC MEETING ON 4/12/18:

ITEM 1:

SB827: Justin Orenstein (CD4) and David Rand (Attorney)

Jay Orenstein, Sr. Legislator Deputy for David Ryu.

David Ryu opposed to SB827. The bill will allow L.A. to be rezoned, massive displacement and removes local residents from the discussion. City Council unanimously opposed. Scott Wienger (Sacramento) made revisions overnight. SB827 Senate Housing Committee meeting on April 17, hearing set for the first time.

Motion made on Tuesday by Mike Bonin, brought to Health and Education Committee.

By NC charter, City Council was required by NCs when changes to City Administration code for NCs, NCs will sit at the table for longer times when filing a CIS for more time to convey the NC's position. The motion introduced will allow community councils (like Pacific Palisades and Brentwood neighborhood councils) not credited by L.A. City and DONE, to have same rights and benefits regarding speaking times with City Council.

The door was closed for 3 years ago and now is open for NCs to weigh in.

See motion in Attachment #1 below) City Council motion CF15-0389-S1.

The city has no process for certifying alliances (like VANC). Alliances are covered with city insurance. NCs ask for more time to voice community opinion in Council meetings.

VANC motion to oppose Section 22.819 to be amended to CF-0389-S1 was made.

Passed unanimously with 2 abstains.

SB827 - David Rand. Land use Attorney David Rand, Armbruster, Goldsmith and Delvac, LLP law offices. David was on Sherman Oaks NC Land use Committee. The bill will supersede local zoning for height, parking, and for space within certain proximities of mass transit.

Senator Weiner reacted to the fierce blow back and changed the bill prior to its first Senate Committee Hearing this month. SB827 Bill was amended 2 days ago by Weiner. Changed to 1/2 mile within a light rail/subway. Streets with major bus service with 15 minute headway. Building heights down to 45' from 55'-80'. Parking requirements from zero to 1/2 space per unit.

Many think SB827 will fail as a law. On the upside, it is forcing communities to do something about their housing problems whether it passes or not. It is a critical moment in time to address these issues and solve future issues. Keep the jurisdiction local. He thinks the state will attempt to regulate a solution if the city cannot solve the planning and land use issues.

SB35 is a separate bill - If housing project meets the criteria, with low-income housing, etc. Then the permit process is streamlined. This is not what SB827 does.

Citywide SB827 could impact 41% of CD4 residents and 50% city as whole.

In the past 5 years LA has lost 25,000 Affordable housing units (4% of the city's affordable housing stock). Rand made some projections: For future (projected) planning and growth, L.A. needs to produce 3.2 million units by 2025. L.A. is now at 100,000 per year. We won't make it at that rate.

Orenstein said that the City vacancy rate is 2 1/2%. Anything below 5% is considered dangerously low.

ITEM 2:

Jason from DWP.

Jason will have presentation on 100% renewable for next board meeting. He provided Traffic impact info on balboa Blvd Construction. There are 3 phases (see flyer in Attachment 2).

ITEM 3:

DONE Report.

Grayce Liu, DONE rep presented.

Grayce gave update on 5 subdivisions and stakeholder elections. N. Westwood, Historical Cultural North, Little Bangladesh, Wilshire Center and Laurel Grove. Laurel Grove was re-opened and then denied.

NC Elections - City Clerk is on hold for vendor platform revisions for the election. Online voting going forward. City Clerk will allocate funds for elections.

ITEM 4:

Bryan Allen (GHNC) Equity Funding.

The Equity Funding Work Group has had 6 meetings regarding NCs and subdivisions for funding. Most of the data is identified and approved to make a proposal to BONC, to give suggestions how Equity Funding can be allocated proportionally. They are seeking NC input, send correspondence to NC Equity Funding Work Group at ncefwg@empowerla.org

Equity Work Group is currently working up an NC demographic list. DONE has not accomplished such demographics on NCs. DONE has no real recording of NC's demographics, populations, etc, other than Census data.

ITEM 5:

Bylaws Request, Jill Banks Barad

Jill banks Barad asks for NCs to contact her with any past situations where an item was added to the NC bylaws (by DONE) without the NC's input. She discovered a similar issue with Sherman Oaks NC and was not happy about it. It is the bylaw that states if the NC Board votes "abstain", then it counts as a "yes" vote. Check your bylaws for this issue.

ITEM 6:

Animal Welfare Report: Jeff Mausner

4/29/17 Homeless and Pets Event.

LA City Planning Commission passed the "Pet Shop" ordinance. Shelters have achieved no kill for dogs. 83.6% no kill for cats - due to the TNR injunction. City council is working on EIR.

ITEM 7:

BONC Update:

Subdivision Ordinance is being updated. They have 3 funding items they are looking at regarding Emergency procedures for NCs.

ITEM 8:

VANC Mixer:

Over 200 in attendance with 32 NCs represented. VANC thanks each NC for sponsorship and considers the event a success. VANC is planning a Planning Forum in November.

ITEM 9:

Glenn Bailey File #s:

CF 12-1681-S1: BONC to modify current ordinance, covers modifications, elections with City Clerk. Neighborhood Council Subdivision Ordinance / Los Angeles Administrative Code Amendment.

CF 18-0002-S20, CF 18-0002-S30: SB23-63 (motion) Allow speed limits to be tweaked by local authority. (Koretz) Speed Limit Setting and Enforcement / Local Control

CF 18-0244: Transit Service Analysis. Motion to move along DASH transit service study. No report yet, in CAO office, not to City County yet.

Fiscal Year 2017-18 Transit Service Analysis / Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT)

CF-18-0304: Mapping Apps/Impact Neighborhoods. Motion (Krekorian).

Mapping Apps / Impacted Neighborhood City Streets / Reduce Hazards / Feasibility Report.

CF 18-0600: Budget Advocate - to support White Papers. Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2018-19

END OF VANC 4/12/18 MEETING NOTES:

Attachments:

Attachment 1:

ITEM #1 Motion for CF 15-0389-S

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MOTION

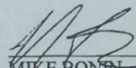
The new City Charter effective July 1, 2000 established the Neighborhood Council System, to connect government with communities, promote more citizen participation in government, and make government more responsive to local needs. As the system grew, neighborhood council representatives expressed a need for more time when addressing the City Council to fully explain their thoughts, ideas, and opinions regarding decisions to be made on issues that directly affect their communities than was provided through the standard public comment period. In response, the City Council adopted an ordinance in 2015 (C.F. 15-0389 and 15-0524), which states that the meeting chair "...may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more comment time than allotted to members of the general public." This extended time provision has proven successful in increasing the level of neighborhood council dialog during crucial policy-making decisions.

A very small handful of established community councils pre-date the City's system of Certified Neighborhood Councils -- most notably, the Pacific Palisades Community Council, founded in 1973, and the Brentwood Community Council, founded in 1998. Early on, these organizations opted not to join City's Neighborhood Council System, but they nevertheless continue to serve as the officially recognized representative bodies of Pacific Palisades and Brentwood, with a collective stakeholder population of approximately 77,000 people. These elected bodies provide the same crucial function as certified neighborhood councils -- to vet community issues and serve as official open forums for weighing-in on official City business.

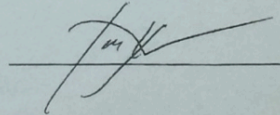
In 2013, the City Council adopted a similar policy enhancement (C.F. 13-1625) by instructing the Department of City Planning to "formally begin providing the Pacific Palisades Community Council and Brentwood Community Council with the same level of notification offered to the City's certified neighborhood councils on all planning matters, including legally mandated public hearing notices." Based on this precedent and the vital representation function these all-volunteer bodies provide to the City, the same discretionary extended time allowance for Certified Neighborhood Councils should be applied to select non-certified community councils that meet specifically defined criteria.

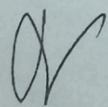
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to amend Section 22.819 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to include an additional time set aside provision by applying the current discretionary extended time allowance to non-certified community councils when a representative presents an official position on an item pending before a City Board or Commission, provided that the organization was formally established prior to July 1, 2000 and has remained in continuous operation, has duly elected representatives and formally adopted bylaws, serves as the preeminent representative body for an official City of Los Angeles community or neighborhood, and has clearly defined geographic boundaries that do not in any way overlap with those of existing Certified Neighborhood Councils.

PRESENTED BY:


MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:



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ORIGINAL

Subject: **CF 15-0389-S1: City Council Motion for Additional Presentation Time by Non-Certified NCs???**

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To VANC Executive Committee members,

Please note a motion CF 15-0389-S1 was introduced in City Council on Tuesday which is summarized as follows and is attached:

Motion (Bonin - Huizar) - Relative to amending Section 22.819 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to include an additional time set aside provision by applying the current discretionary extended time allowance to non-certified community councils when a representative presents an official position on an item pending before a City Board or Commission.

Referred to Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee

It seems to me that BEFORE City Council provides additional time to NON-NC entities, it ought to first provide that additional time to **recognized NC alliances**.


Cordially,

Glenn Bailey

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Attachment 2:

ITEM 2: Jason from DWP, Traffic impact on balboa Blvd during Construction.



Los Angeles
Department of
Water & Power

ladwp.com/balboaEQpipe

Balboa Blvd Earthquake Resistant Pipeline Replacement Project

Project Description

As part of LADWP's Water Infrastructure Improvement Program this Project is being divided into three phases,


Construction Information

Phase I is scheduled to begin Feb. 26 and be completed in late July. Construction for Phase II is scheduled for July-October and Phase III for October-February of 2019.

One lane will be available to north and south bound traffic in construction zones. Temporary tow-away/no parking signs will be posted as needed. Driveway and local access will be provided.

Hours of work are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be occasional evening work Mon.-Fri. until 9 p.m. There will also be occasional overnight work on Sat. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Evening construction will take place during Phase I near the 101 Ventura Freeway on ramps on Balboa Blvd. and during Phase III at the intersection of Balboa Blvd. and Ventura Blvd.



Project Schedule

February 2018 – February 2019

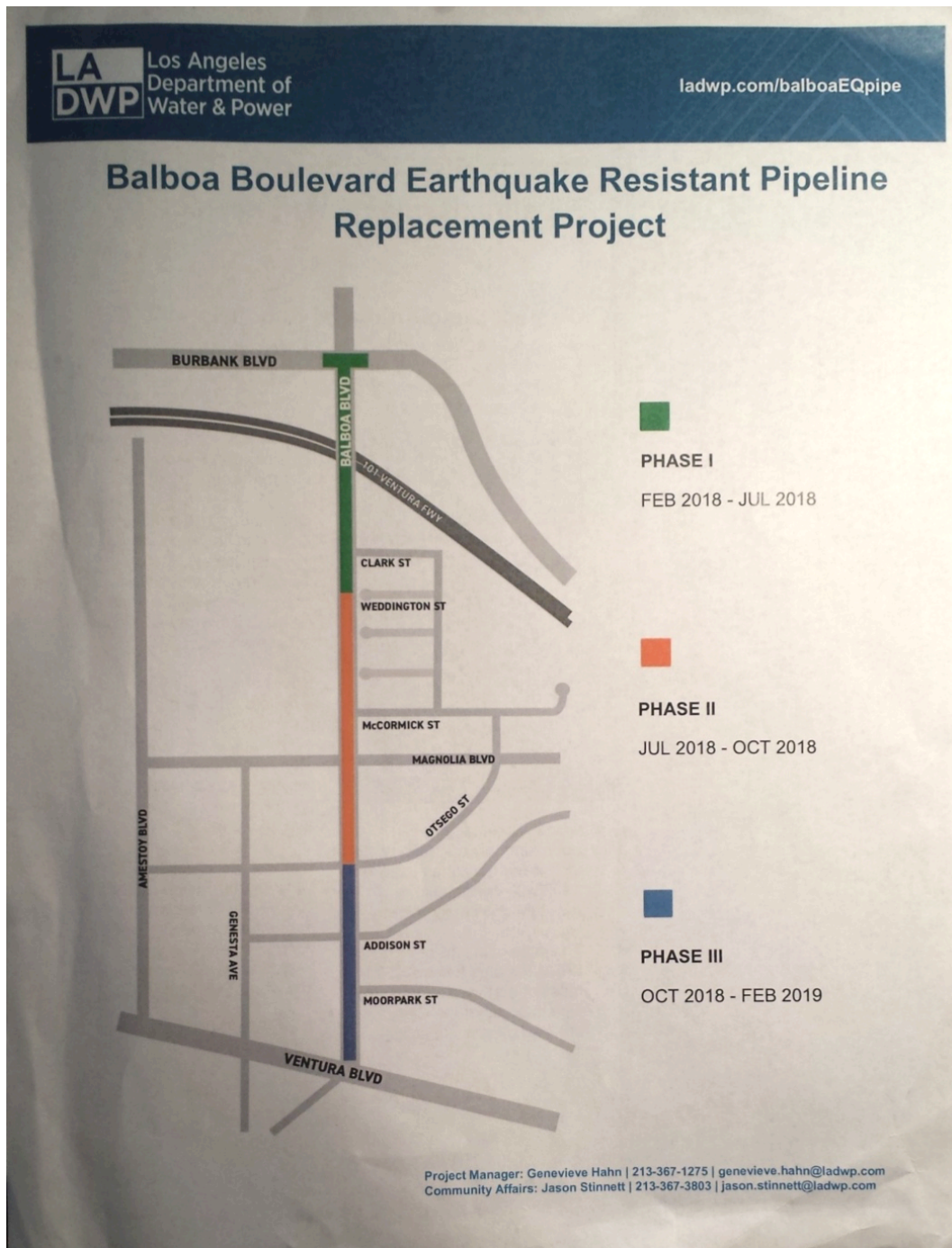
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which will replace approximately one mile of 12-inch water mainline installed in 1932 with earthquake resistant ductile iron pipe.

This project is part of LADWP's plan to install 10 miles of earthquake resistant pipe in areas of the City affected by seismic activity.

Project Manager: Genevieve Han | 213-367-1275 | genevieve.hahn@ladwp.com
Community Affairs: Jason Stinnett | 213-367-3803 | jason.stinnett@ladwp.com



Sustainability Representative Report for 4-25-'18 GVGC Gov't Relations Committee Meeting

Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Trees Committee 3-14'18 via teleconference (7 members in attendance)

Reminder to publicize listing of Tree Removal requests on NCSA website so stakeholders can challenge before tree is removed.

Discussion of CF 15-0448: requested report not made back to City Council so trees get removed for possibly unnecessary driveway construction.

Recommend opposition to CF 16-0461 that allows for in lieu fees for tree removals.

Important to contact Council members regarding a professional Tree Inventory as it is necessary to get funding for an Urban Forestry Management Plan. Navigate LA website only has a tree count that will not qualify for moving forward.

**Urban Forestry Master Plan Working Group 4-12-'14 Audubon Center at Debs Park
(large attendance of reps of organizations responsible for the City's trees – J. D'Antonio represents NCSA Trees Committee)**

Consulting Company Dudek selected 12 cities for comparison: San Francisco is best model within the state. New York is best model for size. Melbourne is best mode for climate conditions and has a strong UF Management Plan. Will continue to look at all 12.

Doing survey of public as a first step; larger public outreach later. For now using website, newsletters, social media, NCs and neighbors/friends, community events.

Did exercise in "actor" mapping to figure out everyone in the City responsible for planting, maintenance, and removal of trees

Submitted by Joanne D'Antonio
Sustainability Representative, Greater Valley Glen Council

**DWP/Neighborhood Council Meeting
April 7, 2018
Highlights**

There were two presentations:

1. LADWP Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2018-19 (Power Point to be found at http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2018/18-0240_misc_9_03-21-2018.pdf) The projected DWP transfer to the City's general fund is estimated to be \$240 M. (This is in addition to that derived from the utility tax.) Included in the budget are funds to meet the goal of 10,000 commercial charging stations for electric vehicles by 2022. Hiring is to increase with funding for an additional 943 positions – presently 9,461 employees to expand to 10,884. The Power System budget as proposed is \$4,095M and the Water System is \$1,437M.
2. WaterFix2: Los Angeles' exposure to the cost of the scaled-back WaterFix project, the proposed tunneling under the Bay-area delta to bring water to the southern part of the State, is through

its membership in the Metropolitan Water District. The DWP has been instructed by the City to support the one tunnel option, as opposed to the original 2-tunnel proposal. Analysis carried out by the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate shows a range of \$0.96 to \$3.62 with a most likely value of \$1.90 for the additional monthly water charge for the “typical” household whose present monthly bill is \$60.00. However, not all issues are included in the analysis. It only covers the fixed charges and not the cost of water; it does not analyze alternatives to WaterFix, such as increasing recycled water and storm water capture; and there is no cost-benefit analysis that would include factors such as reliability, water quality, sustainability and environmental impacts. Complicating any analysis is the continuing decrease in total water consumption in the City.

Submitted by Walter Hall, GVGC DWP Committee Representative