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Reuben Garcia, Retail Business Rep.
John Hernandez, Retail Business Rep.
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David Milian, Community-Based Rep.
Alex Morales, Renter Rep.
Jessica Urquiza, Youth Rep.
Vacant, Home/Condo Rep. (#3)
Vacant, Home/Condo Rep. (#4)
Vacant, Industrial Rep. (#1)
Vacant, Industrial Rep. (#2)
Vacant, Senior (#3)
Vacant, Youth (#2)
Vacant, Youth (#3)

Notes of the discussion of the
PACOIMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (PNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2015

El Nido Family Resource Center, 11251 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331

[This event was, according to the L.A. City Attorney’s Office, a “discussion,” not a “meeting,” because no quorum was present.]

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I. WELCOMING REMARKS

a. Call to order & flag salute

President Vanessa Serrano introduced herself. Discussion began at 6:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Serrano.

b. Board roll call by Secretary

Roll Call was taken. Nine of the 16 Board Members were present at the Roll Call, which is not a quorum: Imelda Foley, Reuben Garcia, Michael Gonzalez, John Hernandez, Jaime Lazo, Rebecca Long, Alex Morales, Vanessa Serrano and Jessica Urquiza. Martha Martinez arrived later. Six Board Members were absent: Ernesto Ayala (un/excused), Raquel Cedillo (un/excused), Karl Cruz (un/excused), Fannie Long (un/excused), David Milian (un/excused) and Juan Salas (un/excused). The PNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members

needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is eleven (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Pacoima-NC-Bylaws.pdf>), so at this time the Board could only take public comments and could not have any discussions, make any Motions or take any votes. It was announced that Youth Representative David Rodriguez resigned. Sixteen of the 23 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Seven Board Seats (Home/Condo Owner (#3 and 4), Industrial (#1 and 2), Senior (#3) and Youth (#2 and3)) were vacant. [To apply, see <http://www.PacoimaNC.com/contact.>] Also attending: 24 Stakeholders and Guests.

c. Self-introductions of guests

There were none at this time.

II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Representatives from government offices, Police Department, and community-based organizations)

a. California Congressional District 29 Congressman Tony Cardenas' Field Deputy: Jenny Rayas (818) 538-994, jenny.rayas@mail.house.gov

Jenny Rayas, Constituent Service Specialist for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-781-7407; Jenny.Rayas@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), was not present and there was no report at this time.

Mayor Eric Garcetti's Field Deputy: Amanda Mejia (213) 978-0600, amanda.mejia@lacity.org

Amanda Mejia, Mayor Garcetti's East Valley Area Representative (213.978.0812; Amanda.Mejia@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>), was not present and there was no report at this time.

Councilman Felipe Fuentes: Field Representative, Cristina Coria(818) 485-0600, cristina.coria@lacity.org

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II. c.*] Cristina Coria, Council Aide for L.A. City District Seven Councilman Felipe Fuentes (818-756-8409; Cristina.Coria@LACity.org; <http://CD7.LACity.org>), reported that the Councilman is paying for around 170 trees on Van Nuys Blvd. between Laurel Canyon and Glenoaks, because they are dangerously leaning or dying, to be replaced by three types of native, drought-tolerant trees to be monitored for three years by Graffiti Busters. She said "the roots will go down," not across sidewalks.

39th Assembly District Office Assemblywoman Patty Lopez: Field Representative Bill Ulmer (818)504-3911, william.ulmer@asm.ca.gov

Ricardo Benitez, Field Representative for State 39th District Assemblymember Patty Lopez (818-504-3911; Ricardo.Benitez@asm.ca.gov; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a39>), reported that seven of 14 bills

the Assemblymember proposed were passed for adult education, foster care, the environment and more. A Stakeholder said that “this is the first time in history that a freshman legislator had this many bills passed this quickly.” Mr. Benitez noted that Assemblymember Lopez is in this District on Fridays, Saturdays and some Sundays; otherwise she is in Sacramento.

Greg Bartz, Community Liaison, DWP (L.A. Dept. of Water and Power) (213-367-2800, Greg.Bartz@ladwp.com; <http://ladwp.com>), distributed copies of and noted their “2014 Briefing Book.” The turf removal program “rebate was increased up to \$3.75 per square feet . . . you have to apply and get approved prior to any work getting done” and “there has to be a functioning sprinkler system.” You may need to take photos of the turf. See www.SoCalWaterSmart.com or https://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/faces/wcnav_externalId/a-w-Indscap?_adf.ctrl-state=15pv0a40pp_325&_afLoop=26141804805213&_afWindowMode=0&_afWindowId=13hovxinrc_1#%40%3F_afWindowId%3D13hovxinrc_1%26_afLoop%3D26141804805213%26_afWindowMode%3D0%26_adf.ctrl-state%3D13hovxinrc_101. There also is “a commercial rebate program.” Contact Mr. Bartz if you have a question or problem.

Julio Anleu, Field Deputy for LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff (ofc. 818.232.5445; cell 818.935.7049; Julio Anleu@lausd.net; <http://Ratliff.LASchoolBoard.org>), announced upcoming events.

[There was no Item #II. b.]

c. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Senior Lead Officer Steve Nunez, cell (818) 634-0652, office (818) 756-8866 (35382@lapd.lacity.org) Adriana Munguia, cell (818) 634-0685, office (818) 756-8866 (30116@lapd.lacity.org), reported that “crime is down,” though Proposition 47 [passed by California voters in November 2014, it reclassified some crimes as misdemeanors that used to be felonies] has allowed some offenders to be let out of jail; the State is revising laws to re-classify some crimes as felonies. He described efforts to help homeless people and enforce laws regarding homeless people and illegal vendors. “It’s a way of life for some of these people” and

Board Member Martha Martinez arrived at this time, making ten Board Members present, one short of the PNC quorum of eleven.

“it’s everywhere now,” Officer Nunez noted.

d. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Nina Royal, Publisher, North Valley Reporter (818-563-1962; NorthValleyReporter@gmail.com; <http://NorthValleyReporter.com>), announced that the Reporter has a new graphic artist. Ms. Royal encouraged submitting articles and comments. Paula Coleman, Assistant Registrar at San Fernando Valley Charter School, would like funding for graduation supplies. Liliana Sanchez announced the formation of the Political Action Committee “United Communities for District Seven (UCD7@gmail.com) to hold our elected officials accountable.”

Connie Saunders, Hanson Hills Neighborhood Watch Captain, distributed copies of "High Speed Rail through Pacoima, data for your review." She said "changes in routs" were announced by the High-Speed Rail Authority and that "two of the routes go directly through Pacoima." She encouraged opposing the routes. Mr. Morales reminded about the June 6th 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Relay for Life American Cancer Society event [www.RelayForLife.org/PacoimaCA] at Pacoima Charter School [11016 Norris Ave.]. He encouraged registering a group; they are "looking for volunteers."

Ms. Serrano noted that "translation service is not here today . . . because our funding is frozen . . . because of missing" Monthly Expenditure Reports "from October and November . . . everything was submitted in March." She explained that Mr. Garcia faxed, "as DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] requested . . . DONE said they never received it." She explained that "all the signatures" have been revised and submitted; the PNC is waiting for DONE to unfreeze the funding. The next Fiscal Year starts July 1st. Ms. Serrano explained that DONE requested Board Members to complete funding training in person, though no training is scheduled.

e. PRESENTATIONS

(There are no scheduled presentations during the April 2015 PNC Meeting)

No presentations were made.

f. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Establishing a monthly calendar for PNC Board and Stakeholders.

No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

g. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS (Discussion/Possible Action Items)

1. Consideration and possible action on the recommendation from the Ad Hoc – Bylaws Committee to schedule a Special Meeting of the PNC Board to review and approve amendments to PNC Bylaws to be submitted before the May 1st , 2015 EmpowerLA deadline. Special Meeting Date: April 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Pacoima City Hall. The presence of all PNC Board Members is requested. Motion: To schedule a PNC Special Board meeting on April 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to review and approve amendments to the PNC Bylaws.

No Motion was made or vote taken due to the lack of a quorum.

2. Consideration and possible action by PNC to approve vendor AppleOne to provide support to PNC Treasurer in completing required funding reports beginning April 2015. PNC has several delinquent funding reports which have resulted in funds becoming frozen several times during the fiscal year. This has affected PNC Board expenditures, including several community organization events. AppleOne staff will provide service an average of 2-5 hours per month, at a \$31.68 per hour rate. They will work with Treasures and 2nd signer (President) to help PNC return to compliance and avoid future delinquencies. Motion: PNC approve AppleOne as vendor to provide support to PNC Treasurer in completing required funding reports beginning April 2015.

No Motion was made or vote taken due to the lack of a quorum.

3. Consideration and possible action on the recommendation from the Executive Board Committee to schedule a Committee Retreat of the PNC Board to establish goals and develop a strategic plan for each Committee for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Committee Retreat Date: June 27th 2015, Location TBA. Time: 10a.m.- 2p.m. Motion: To schedule a Committee Retreat on June 27th 2015 to establish goals and develop a strategic plan for each PNC Committee.

No Motion was made or vote taken due to the lack of a quorum.

4. Consideration and possible action by PNC to approve reimbursement of \$361.48 to PNC Board Member Juan Salas, for the expenses paid by him for the PNC Event: Vaughn Environmental Garden held on March 28, 2015. PNC approved event at earlier meeting date, PNC was unable to pay for this using purchase card because funds were frozen. However, event was already scheduled to take place. Funds were used purchase breakfast and lunch for 66 volunteers, and gardening supplies to be used at event. Original receipts and Bank Account Statement has been provided by Board Member. \$118.06 Dominos Pizza, \$64.91 Lowes, \$178.51 Smart and Final. Motion: To reimburse Board Member , Juan Salas, a total of \$361.48 which he used to pay for a scheduled PNC approved event during the month of March 2015.

No Motion was made or vote taken due to the lack of a quorum.

5. Consideration of the Monthly Expenditure Reports prepared by previous Treasures Reuben Garcia, for the months of February 2015 and March 2015. PNC Board approval of the reports with any needed adjustments discussed during this meeting. Motion: To approve Monthly Expenditure Reports for the months of February 2015 and March 2015.

No Motion was made or vote taken due to the lack of a quorum.

6. Acceptance of the resignation from the PNC Board submitted by Youth Representative David Rodriguez, effective April 12, 2015. Motion: To accept the resignation of Youth Representative, David Rodriguez, and declare his Board seat vacant as of April 12, 2015.

No Motion was made or vote taken due to the lack of a quorum.

h. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. President

- i. FY 2015-2016 Strategic Plan and Budget for PNC

No comments or announcements were made.

b. Vice-President

No comments or announcements were made.

- c. Treasure
 - i. Update on funding status

No comments or announcements were made.

- d. Secretary
 - i. High Speed Rail Focus Group April 21, 2015

No comments or announcements were made.

- e. Outreach Committee – general monthly activities report.

No report was given.

- f. Education Committee – general monthly activities report.

No report was given.

- g. Land Use Committee – general monthly activities report.

No report was given.

- h. Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee- general monthly activities report.

No report was given.

i. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No comments or announcements were made.

j. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No requests or Motions were made or votes taken.

k. ADJOURNMENT

The discussion ended at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes written by DL, possibly edited by PNC. *The first paragraph of some Items and other wording may have been directly copied from the Agenda.*