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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Representative Assembly Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

IMAN Center – 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90034 (onsite parking available)

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

Call to Order (Stewart)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Roll Call (Nguyen)

B. MOTION: *Approve minutes from 3/4/15 Assembly meetings*

III. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(15 minutes)

(Representatives from government offices, police and community based organizations)

A. L.A. City Council District 5 Deputy Joseph Galloway

B. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Juan Ceja

C. Other Government Departments/Agencies

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Update

(20 minutes)

A. MOTION: *Approve 1,000 business cards for Faye Johnson*

B. MOTION: *Approve 1,000 business cards for Willie Bell*

C. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$400 for CPR+ to operate CPR training booth at 2015 Palms Bike Rodeo*

D. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$500 for Palms Mural Utility Boxes graffiti removal and physical location move*

E. MOTION: *Approve change of P-Card holder from Nick Greif to Marisa Stewart*

F. MOTION: *Amend original allocation of \$1,800 for Staffing and Temporary Help for minutes writing to include office assistance like data entry, word processing, etc.*

G. MOTION: *Appoint Faye Johnson to Outreach Committee*

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(45 minutes total)

A. Green (Miller) – Update, discussion and possible action, next meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. (2nd Wednesday) (5 minutes)

1. MOTION: *Whereas the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) is proposing the approval of an amendment to its existing contract with Staples, Inc. for paper that is compatible with its bill printing system. The amendment is for four, one year options, and increases the expenditure limit by \$6,995,044 to \$10,451,419; and*



whereas the DWP has confirmed that the paper it will use for this system is only 1% recycled content; meaning it is 99% virgin forest paper; and whereas, the use of virgin forest paper for this agreement is inconsistent with the City's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (EPPP). The EPPP was adopted by the City over 10 years ago and called for City departments to incorporate and prioritize the use of environmentally sustainable products in their day-to-day business activities. And whereas, the greater use of environmentally sustainable products by the City encourages other cities and jurisdictions to follow suit, thereby lowering the cost of these products and preserving the environment. Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council (PNC) stipulates that the DWP should convert to paper with a significantly higher percentage of recycled content. In this manner, it will comply with the City's EPPP and preserve the world's forests by mitigating the impact of greenhouse gasses. Furthermore, the PNC supports L.A. Councilmember Koretz's motion (CF14-1149 requiring DWP to report on its progress toward compliance with the EPPP, including the results of testing plans described in DWP's February 24, 2015, communication to the Council.

B. Planning and Land Use (Anderberg) – Update, discussion and possible action, next meeting on Monday, April 20, 7:00 p.m. (3rd Monday)

(5 minutes)

1. MOTION: *Whereas the alleyway west of the 3700 block of Motor is in a state of considerable disrepair, rendering it nearly impassable, and Whereas the Palms Neighborhood Council has twice requested that this alley be completely leveled and repaved (not patched or slurry sealed) in 2011 and 2012, and Whereas Gateway Equities agreed in 2011 to contribute \$20,000 for use by the Palms Neighborhood Council to modernize Woodbine Park, and Whereas those monies were unable to be spent during the construction of Woodbine Park because the City Council had not approved the project for construction, and Whereas the current owner of 10601 Washington Blvd. is aware of the obligation to the Palms community, Therefore the Palms Neighborhood Council will write a letter to the current owner requesting \$20,000 be allocated towards repavement of the entire alleyway between Motor and Mentone, from Regent to Venice in Palms, and the Palms Neighborhood Council will write Councilmember Paul Koretz and the Bureau of Street Services Resurfacing and Reconstruction Division requesting that the City of Los Angeles come up with the remaining funds to pay for the resurfacing of the entire alleyway.*

C. Transportation and Safety (Bell) – Update, discussion and possible action, next meeting on Monday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. (4th Monday)

(10 minutes)

1. MOTION: *Whereas Neighbors and the Palms Neighborhood Council requested the installment of a smart crosswalk with flashing lights at the intersection of Motor Ave. and Woodbine. This crosswalk will be a direct crossing from the west of Motor Ave. to Woodbine Park. This crosswalk will enhance the safety of both pedestrians and driver of the heavy traffic Motor Ave. Therefore, be it resolved that the Palms Neighborhood Council will write to Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz, and the Department of Transportation to install this crosswalk immediately for the safety of Palms residents.*
2. MOTION: *Whereas neighbors and the Palms Neighborhood Council request the alleyway from the north corner of the Post Office south to Venice Blvd. west of the 3700 block of Motor be repaved. Therefore, be it resolved that the Palms Neighborhood Council will write Congressman Karen Bass, Councilmember Paul Koretz, the U.S. Postmaster General and the Bureau of Street Services Resurfacing and Reconstruction Division requesting that they come up with the funds to pay for the resurfacing of this section of the alleyway immediately to prevent further damage to patrons' cars.*

- D. Projects & Policy** (Byrd) – Update (5 minutes)
E. Outreach (Nguyen) – Update, next meeting on Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. (2nd Thursday) (20 minutes)

1. Bike Rodeo and Centennial
2. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$500 to support next Homeless Resource Fair on Saturday, June 9, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm*
3. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$3,500 for Palms Cycle Bicycles and Helmets*
4. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$200 for outreach Bike Rodeo banners*
5. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$200 for outreach photographer*
6. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$1,000 for outreach entertainment*
7. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$1,700 for outreach Bike Rodeo and Centennial food*
8. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$120 for outreach Google / Facebook / Twitter Ads*
9. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$600 for Bike Rodeo band*
10. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$2,000 for brochure printing*
11. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$2,000 for bike lights*
12. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$150 for composting bins*
13. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$300 for flyer printing*
14. MOTION: *Allocate up to \$100 for committee meeting and Centennial postcard*

VI. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS (9 minutes total)

- A. Treasurer** (Greif) – Update (3 minutes)
 1. MOTION: *Approve Treasurer’s Report & Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2015*
- B. Secretary** (Nguyen) – Update (3 minutes)
C. Community Organization Rep. (Byrd) – Update (3 minutes)

VII. AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS (5 min. total, 1 min. each)

- A. Business Rep. 3** (Johnson)
B. Residential Rep. A (Bell)
C. Residential Rep. B (Stevens)
D. Residential Rep. C (Lipmen)
E. Residential Rep. D (Quaranta)

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (up to 10 minutes total; 1 minute each)
 Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Assembly’s jurisdiction (Up to two minutes per speaker – time permitting)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Note: Meeting end time is approximately 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter

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