



**Minutes of the 126th Meeting of the
Palms Neighborhood Council (PNC) and its Representative Assembly
General Meeting, Wednesday, August 6, 2014
IMAN Center, 3376 Motor Avenue, Palms, California**

I. Welcome Remarks

a. Call to Order

Facilitator and President Marissa Stewart welcomed everyone and called the Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

II. Administrative Items

a. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Secretary Len Nguyen. All 10 of the 10 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting:

Marissa Stewart, President	Willie Bell, Residential A
Ryan Bradley, Vice-President	Eli Lipmen, Residential C
Nick Greif, Treasurer	Cat Stevens, Residential B
Len Nguyen, Secretary	Paulina Quaranta, Residential D
	Trevor Mulligan, Residential E
	Eliot Hochberg, Business 3

Board Member Trevor Mulligan left at this time, making nine Board Members present (the PNC quorum is seven).

The PNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Palms-NC-Bylaws.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. Ten of the 13 Board Seats were filled. Three Board Seats were vacant (Community-Based Organizations, Business 1 and Business 2). Also attending: 10 Stakeholders and guests.

III. Community/Government Reports and Announcements

a. L.A. City Council District Representative

No representative was present and there was no report.

b. LAPD Senior Lead Officer

Juan Ceja, LAPD Pacific Division Senior Lead Officer (310-482-6334; 32929@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDOnline.org/pacific_community_police_station), reported on the latest crime statistics and issues.

c. L.A. City and other Government Departments/Agencies

Daniel Tamm, West Area Representative for Mayor Garcetti (213.978.0836; Daniel.Tamm@LACity.org), reported that the Mayor met with Westside leaders. Mr. Tamm also reported on the recent major water pipe rupture on Sunset Blvd. that flooded UCLA.

- d. Community and Stakeholder Organizations
There were no other reports.

IV. Public Comment on non-agenda items

There were no public comments at this time.

V. Board Reports

- a. President (Stewart) – Executive Committee recap, DONE Funding Training, National Night Out recap, 9/4/14 DONE Regional Westside Ethics Training, 9/20/14 Congress of Neighborhoods, LANCC Representatives, Appointments and seat updates, and update on promo materials ordered. (Motions i-v)

Ms. Stewart reported on the above and the PNC policy on appointments.

- i. MOTION: [see below].

MOTION (by Ms. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bradley): The Palms Neighborhood Council removes Natalie Durate and Vincent Agoe from its Planning and Land Use Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Greif, Hochberg, Lipmen, Mulligan, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart).

- ii. MOTION: [see below].

MOTION (by Ms. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bradley): The Palms Neighborhood Council appoints Paulina Quaranta to its Green Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Greif, Hochberg, Lipmen, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart).

- iii. MOTION: [see below].

MOTION (by Ms. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bradley): The Palms Neighborhood Council appoints Len Nguyen and Marisa Stewart to Outreach Committee.

AMENDED MOTION (by Ms. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bradley): The Palms Neighborhood Council appoints Len Nguyen and Marisa Stewart as Co-Chairs of the Outreach Committee.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Greif, Hochberg, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Lipmen).

iv. MOTION: [see below].

MOTION (by Ms. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bradley): The Palms Neighborhood Council appoints two Stakeholders, Melissa Tillman and Mollie Kaiser, to the PNC Budget Ad Hoc Committee.

MOTION to TABLE (by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Bradley).

MOTION to TABLE PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Hochberg, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens); three opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Greif, Lipmen and Stewart).

v. MOTION: [see below].

MOTION (by Ms. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bradley): The Palms Neighborhood Council (PNC) appoints Willie Bell and Eli Lipmen as PNC’s Budget Representatives to attend the 8/16/14 NC Budget Day, and report back to the PNC at next applicable GA meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Greif, Hochberg, Lipmen, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart).

b. Vice-President (Bradley) - PNC policy re: Public Records Act requests (Motion i)

i. MOTION: Approve a Council policy (Attachment 1) on procedures for responding to Public Records Act requests and assessing appropriate charges

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Lipmen, seconded by Mr. Hochberg).

MOTION to TABLE PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Hochberg, Lipmen, Quaranta and Stewart); four opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bradley, Greif, Nguyen and Stevens).

c. Secretary (Nguyen) – Communications update including website, social media, email, posting policy, approve Minutes (Motion i)

i. MOTION: [see below].

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Nguyen, seconded by Mr. Bradley) approval of the Minutes of the PNC June 4, 2014 General Assembly Meeting.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Greif, Hochberg, Lipmen, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart).

MOTION (by Mr. Nguyen, seconded by Mr. Bradley): The Palms Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its June 11, 2014 Special Assembly Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Greif, Hochberg, Lipmen, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart).

- d. Treasurer (Grief) – Treasurers Report July 2014, FY13-14 Budget After Action Report, 8/16/14 NC Budget Day, (see below Motion i)
- i. MOTION: Approve Monthly Expenditure Report – July 2014, Monthly Expenditure Report – June 2014

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Greif, seconded by Mr. Lipmen): The Palms Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Reports for June and July 2014.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Greif, Hochberg, Lipmen, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart).

VI. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS (discussion and possible action items)

- a. Transportation and Safety (Miller) – Westside Mobility Plan and Streetscape (Motion i-v), SoVePaM Regional Transportation Meeting (Motions vi-viii), LAFD Hiring Initiative (Motion ix), LAWA/Metro Connection (Motion x-xi), Los Angeles Parking Freedom Initiative (Motion xii)

- i. MOTION: Whereas the Motor/National section of Palms has a budding nightlife and would benefit greatly from easy pedestrian access for riders on the coming Palms Station on the Expo Line Phase Two; And Whereas more Palms residents would take advantage of the Expo Line if a well-lit, welcoming pedestrian corridor connected the Motor/National area to the station; Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council reaffirms its February 2013 request that the Transit Neighborhood Plan being developed by the City of Los Angeles investigate and pursue incentives to develop a vibrant pedestrian corridor connecting Palms Station with the Motor Avenue and National Blvd. intersection in Palms.

MOTION to CONSOLIDATE Item numbers VI. a. i.-v. (by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Greif).

MOTION to CONSOLIDATE PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Greif, Hochberg, Lipmen, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart).

MOTION (by Mr. Greif, seconded by Mr. Hochberg): The Palms Neighborhood Council approves the Motions in Item #s VI. a. i.-v. This includes amended Item #VI. a. ii.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Greif, Hochberg, Lipmen, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart).

- ii. MOTION: Whereas, the Palms Neighborhood Council, through considerable outreach, has determined that Overland Avenue would benefit greatly from a comprehensive streetscape plan; Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles Department of Planning, working with local stakeholders, pursue a comprehensive streetscape plan for Overland Avenue in Palms.

Item #s VI. a. i.-v. were consolidated. See above Item #VI. a. i.

AMENDMENT to MOTION (by Mr. Lipmen, seconded by Mr. Greif): The Palms Neighborhood Council amends Motion VI. a. ii. to add the following after “Overland Avenue in Palms”: “to include native plants and a crosswalk at the intersection of Woodbine and Overland.”

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Greif, Hochberg, Lipmen, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart).

[The consolidated original Motion is in Item # VI. a. i.]

- iii. MOTION: Whereas the bike lanes installed on Motor Avenue in 2013 remain underutilized and controversial; And Whereas the value of bike lanes increases proportionally with their use; And Whereas, the forthcoming Expo Line Palms Station and the corresponding Expo Line Bike Path will increase opportunities for cyclists coming to and from Palms; Therefore the Palms Neighborhood Council request that the Los Angeles Department of Planning work with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to pursue protected bike lanes on Motor Avenue between Venice Boulevard and Manning Avenue.

Item #s VI. a. i.-v. were consolidated. See above Item #VI. a. i.

- iv. MOTION: Whereas expanded parkway tree wells create a more walkable and scenic pedestrian space with opportunities for Palms-preferred California native landscaping, Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council requests that as part of the Westside Mobility Streetscape Plan, the Los Angeles Department of Planning pursue expanded parkway tree wells to be landscaped with California native plants for Motor Avenue in Palms.

Item #s VI. a. i.-v. were consolidated. See above Item #VI. a. i.

AMENDMENT to MOTION (by Mr. Lipmen, seconded by Mr. Greif): The Palms Neighborhood Council amends Motion VI. a. iv. as follows: add “and Overland Avenue” after “Motor Avenue.”

AMENDMENT to the MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with one in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Lipmen); eight opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bell, Bradley, Greif, Hochberg, Lipmen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart); one abstaining (Nguyen)

[The consolidated original Motion is in Item # VI. a. i.]

- v. MOTION: Whereas the Palms Neighborhood Council has previously gone on record to support crosswalks at the intersections of Motor and Woodbine as well as Jasmine and Palms; And Whereas, funds from the LADP Streetscape Plan and the Transit Neighborhood Plan could efficiently be used to implement this stakeholder need; Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles install continental-style crosswalks at the intersections of Motor and Woodbine and

Jasmine and Palms in the community of Palms.

Item #s VI. a. i.-v. were consolidated. See above Item #VI. a. i.

- vi. MOTION: Whereas, Venice Boulevard was recently repaved by the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) from Lincoln Boulevard to the I-405 Freeway; AND Whereas, Venice Boulevard through the Venice, Mar Vista, Palms, and SoRo communities is in a terrible state of disrepair, exacerbated by the Expo Line construction; AND Whereas, the plants on the median have died due to a broken irrigation system; Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council requests that as part of completion of Expo Phase Two, the Los Angeles City Council and California Department of Transportation take action to see that East-Bound and West-Bound Venice Boulevard be repaved from Lincoln Boulevard to Pacific Avenue and from the I-405 Freeway to Fairfax Avenue, and that the median be planted with California native plants and supported by an initial watering schedule or an installed low-flow irrigation system.

Item #s VI. a. vi.-viii. were consolidated.

MOTION (by Mr. Greif, seconded by Mr. Hochberg): The Palms Neighborhood Council approves the Motions in Item #s VI. a. vi.-viii.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Greif, Hochberg, Stevens and Stewart); three opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Lipmen, Nguyen and Quaranta).

- vii. MOTION: Whereas, the Palms Neighborhood Council recognizes a need to provide parking at light rail and subway stations to maximize ridership; AND Whereas parking capacity at the Culver City Station is already exceeded on most weekdays; AND Whereas the impending opening of phase two of the Expo Line offers a unique opportunity to increase the use of public transportation; Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles and Metro work together to provide solutions leading to public parking at or adjacent to light rail stations.

Item #s VI. a. vi.-viii. were consolidated. See above Item #VI. a. vi.

- viii. MOTION: Whereas, the Palms Neighborhood Council recognizes that Park-and-Ride options with convenient public transportation connection to light rail will only increase ridership and its benefits to the urban environment; Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council requests that the City of L.A. and Metro work together to provide off-site Park-and-Ride lots in the communities of Venice, Mar Vista, Palms, and SoRo, designed to geographically expand ridership reach for light rail and subway lines.

Item #s VI. a. vi.-viii. were consolidated. See above Item #VI. a. vi.

ix. MOTION: [see below].

MOTION (by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Greif): The Palms Neighborhood Council resolves that: Whereas emergency services are severely stretched in Los Angeles, due to cutbacks in recent years; Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council urges the City of Los Angeles to continue to adequately fund the recruitment, hiring, and training of new firefighters to bring the Los Angeles Fire Department back to 2007 levels by fiscal year 2019.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that the last full hiring of firefighters was in 2006.

MOTION to AMEND (by Mr. Greif, seconded by Mr. Lipmen): The Palms Neighborhood Council resolves that: Whereas emergency services are severely stretched in Los Angeles, due to cutbacks in recent years; Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council urges the City of Los Angeles to continue to adequately fund the recruitment, hiring, and training of new firefighters to bring the Los Angeles Fire Department back to a level sufficient to function without avoidable overtime by fiscal year 2019.

MOTION to AMEND FAILED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with none in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); seven opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bell, Bradley, Hochberg, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart); two abstained (Greif and Lipmen).

ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Bradley, Hochberg, Lipmen, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart); one abstained (Greif).

x. MOTION: Whereas the stakeholders of Palms are all stakeholders of services provided by LAX and LA Metro Transit; Therefore, The Palms Neighborhood Council supports a remote access plan to best connect LAX to the greater county and Southern California region which: 1) Relocates an upgraded LAX City Bus Center to either the future Intermodal Transit Facility at 96th & Airport or the future Metro Rail Station at 96th & Aviation to best accommodate commuters, 2) Explores, prioritizes, and funds a South Bay Green Line Extension, and 3) Funds two Major Investment Studies for connecting light rail extensions to both the Westside, via the Sepulveda Corridor through Palms, and the Norwalk Metrolink Station.

It was agreed to TABLE this Item.

xi. MOTION: Whereas the stakeholders of Palms want to see an efficient, world-class LAX; Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council supports any comprehensive, pedestrian-friendly LAX plan that includes a People Mover station location and design, as well as moving walkways to best encourage convenient and rapid access from the future People Mover rail line for all pedestrians, including those with special needs.

It was agreed to TABLE this Item.

xii. MOTION: Whereas parking tickets should be issued in the name of making the City of Los Angeles a safer and more livable place; And Whereas parking tickets

disproportionately penalize working-class commuters who constitute a substantial percentage of Palms residents; Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council opposes any policies, official or implied, that encourage the establishment of any Parking Ticket Quotas within the ranks of the LAPD and LA Parking Enforcement.

It was agreed to TABLE this Item.

b. Planning and Land Use (Anderberg) – Approve Minutes (Motion i)

i. MOTION: Approve Minutes from May 2014 and February 2014 meetings

NO ACTION: It was clarified that committee minutes do not need to be approved by the Assembly

c. Green (Miller) – Water LA Program (Motion i) and Antibiotics (Motion ii)

i. MOTION: Whereas the Palms Neighborhood Council (PNC) believes that water is of paramount importance to the City of Los Angeles; And Whereas the PNC supports the Mayor's goal of cutting imported water supplies in half by 2025; And Whereas the stakeholders of Palms can be active participants in reaching this goal, but currently lack consistent guidance, reliable incentives, resources, and support; And Whereas the Water LA program has been providing these tools to Panorama City and Studio City; Therefore Be It Resolved that the Palms Neighborhood Council requests the assistance of Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Paul Koretz to bring the Water LA program to Palms.

It was agreed to TABLE this Item to the Committee's August 13, 2014 Meeting.

ii. MOTION: Whereas 80% of antibiotics in the U.S. are fed to factory farm animals that aren't even sick. And Whereas many of these antibiotics are the same drugs that we rely on to treat infections in people. And Whereas two million Americans experience antibiotic-resistant infections every year, resulting in at least 23,000 deaths. Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Palms Neighborhood Council supports local, state, and national efforts to ban antibiotics that are medically important to human healthcare from being used for unnecessary, non-therapeutic purposes in livestock.

It was agreed to TABLE this Item to the Committee's August 13, 2014 Meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Stewart declared and it was agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes written by DL, edited by PNC.