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**ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Monday August 26, 2019 · 7:00pm · Ramona Hall, 4580 Figueroa Street, Los Angeles CA 90065

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** ASNC President Lynda Valencia
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2019** ASNC Vice President Drew Paonessa
- 3. PRESENTATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS** (5 minutes each)
 - a. Susie Lopez of CD14: updates on Parcel S and Budd Weiner Park.
 - b. Bill Cody of CD1: update on conveying Flat Top to the City and matters related to Cleland Park.
 - c. Other public officials' announcements
- 4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** 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 agendized for discussion at a future public meeting. (Limited to 2 minutes per speaker.)
- 5. PRESENTATION LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** Lauren Ballard will describe improvements coming soon to North Figueroa.
- 6. PRESENTATION RE 3555 N. FIGUEROA ST** Tabitha Morris representing concerned neighbors in Cypress Park will address issues related to this 5-story 55-unit luxury apartment development (DIR-2019-1321-TOC-CDO). The Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council will render a decision on this project in September.
- 7. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - a. The ASNC Certificate of Recognition was awarded to Doris Johnson at the Monterey Hills Local Issues meeting 8/22.
 - b. Nominations are open for October's Certificate of Recognition for individuals/businesses/organizations that best represent the character and values of the Arroyo Seco communities to be made at Outreach meetings and voted on at monthly Board meeting.
 - c. Committee co-chairs and membership rosters must be submitted to the President no later than September 22. All Committees have fixed memberships of between three and eleven, with no more than four Board members.
 - d. All Board representatives not assigned/elected to chair one of the existing standing committees shall be assigned to be members of at least one standing committee in addition to their geographic committee. Assignments may be voluntary or by the President's appointment.



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- e. As approved last month, please submit your request and details for an ASNC business card to webmaster@asnc.us.
- f. Review of Bylaws requirements for posting of official meeting announcements.

8. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE

- a. Motion to Approve: Nicholas Manalo for vacant At-Large position.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Motion to Approve July 2019 Monthly Expense Report (MER).

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Approve: letter to CD1 and Rec Parks regarding Splash Pad at Montecito Heights Rec Center.
- b. Motion to Approve: \$50 in Outreach funds to buy refreshments at Smart & Final or similar for an August 28 clean-up in Montecito Heights at the pedestrian bridge on Griffin Avenue.
- c. Motion to Approve: up to \$1000 for two movie nights at Ramona Hall to cover rental fees, refreshments, printing of flyers and coloring pages. Ramona Hall is also contributing.
- d. Motion to Approve: up to \$500 for the Highland Park Independent Film Festival October 3-5, for program printing from Quick'r Print'r.
- e. Motion to Approve: up to \$1600 in Outreach funds for two Halloween events, one at Ramona Hall and one at Montecito Heights Rec Center. Both events are held on Halloween night.
- f. Motion to Approve: up to \$250 for refreshments from Smart and Final or similar, at the Veterans Square unveiling in November.
- g. Motion to Approve: Ben Park as Mayor Garcetti's Preparedness Officer for ASNC to serve as liaison with the City's Emergency Management Department (EMD). Ben will be trained by EMD to facilitate workshops in the ASNC region and develop Ready Your L.A. Neighborhood (RYLAN) plans in each community.
- h. Motion to Approve: President's nominations for vacant liaison positions: sustainability, animal services, purposeful aging, public works, resilience, grievance panel. Information on liaisons available at <https://empowerla.org/liaison>.

11. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS

- a. Motion to Approve: **19-0941 Occupancy Tax Exemption for Motels Housing Homeless** The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) extends its support to this motion (19-0941) calling for the City Attorney and the Office of Finance to prepare an ordinance exempting motels from collecting Transit Occupancy Tax if such properties are leasing their units for the purpose of housing homeless individuals in partnership with government and homeless service providers. The Arroyo Seco NC feels that while this ordinance will be helpful in reducing the financial burden in housing the homeless it needs to be part of a larger effort to combat the homeless crisis.
- b. Motion to Approve: **19-0883 Prohibition of Assault Weapons within the City** The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) extends its support to this motion (19-0883) calling for the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance prohibiting the possession of assault weapons within the City of Los Angeles. While the state of California currently restricts the sale, importation and manufacture of assault weapons the possession of such weapons is not prohibited under current law. Since these arms serve no other purpose than to efficiently kill their presence in the City of Los Angeles is not needed. While outright prohibition will not eliminate their illegal use 100% the federal assault weapons ban of the 1990s shows that such restrictions greatly reduce the instances in which these weapons are used. While the Arroyo Seco NC desires to see the federal ban reinstated the board feels that this motion is the step in the right direction.
- c. Motion to Approve: **19-0882 No-cost Feminine Hygiene Products in City Restrooms** The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) extends its support to this motion (19-0882) instructing the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of General Services to report on the feasibility and costs to providing feminine hygiene products at no cost at all restrooms in City-owned facilities. Feminine hygiene products are essential health items and as such are necessary for personal hygiene and public health. Not only are these items necessary they are currently taxed regressively in the marketplace placing an undue burden on those that require these basic health supplies. By providing this service the city recognizes the importance of women's health.

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12. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

- a. Sustainability Alliance - vacant
- b. Alliance of River Communities (ARC) - Rider Strong, Keenan Sheedy, Constance G. Villalvazo
- c. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) - Drew Paonessa
- d. City Attorney Liaison - Drew Paonessa
- e. Animal Services - vacant
- f. Homelessness - Jason Berlin
- g. Purposeful Aging - vacant
- h. Los Angeles Public Works - vacant
- i. Film - Rider Strong
- j. Resilience - vacant
- k. Grievance Panel - vacant
- l. Communications and Outreach - Teresa Bonsell
- m. Health, Public Safety and Welfare - Keenan Sheedy
- n. Education and Youth – Drew Paonessa
- o. Transportation - Keenan Sheedy
- p. Recreation, Culture and the Arts – Rider Strong
- q. Planning and Land Use - Neiel Norheim/Lynda Valencia
- r. Local Issues
 - i. Monterey Hills – Jim Henderson
 - ii. Montecito Heights – Steve Austin
 - iii. Mount Washington – Jason Berlin

13. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT MEETING: September 23, 2019

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 2019-20 ASNC budget. 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 and Budd Weiner Park Bulletin Board, as well as the ASNC's official Website at www.ASNC.us. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the ASNC by email to president@asnc.us or phone 323-418-ASNC. 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.

