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Steve Austin	Montecito Heights
Neiel Norheim	Montecito Heights
Lynda Valencia	Monterey Hills
Jim Henderson	Monterey Hills
Joseph Desbarres	Mt. Washington
Nicholas Manalo	Mt. Washington
VACANT	Mt. Washington
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Jessica Brennan	Sycamore Grove
Madeline Vaiden	Sycamore Grove
Lucia Fabio	At Large
Tim Gillis	At Large
Alan Meier	At Large
Norma Perez-Morin	At Large
Teresa Bonsell	Community Interest
Drew Paonessa	Community Interest
VACANT	Community Interest

**ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)**  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 24, 2021 7:00 pm

**OFFICERS**  
Nicholas Manalo ACTING PRESIDENT  
Nicholas Manalo 1st VICE-PRESIDENT  
Madeline Vaiden SECRETARY  
Lynda Valencia TREASURER  
Teresa Bonsell 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

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Documents related to this meeting may viewed at <http://www.asnc.us/2021-archives/05-May/index.htm>

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** Acting President Nicholas Manalo  
**Present:** *Steven Austin, Teresa Bonsell, Jessica Brennan, Lucia Fabio, Jim Henderson, Nicholas Manalo, Alan Meier, Neiel Norheim, Madeline Vaiden, and Lynda Valencia*  
**Absent:** *Joseph DesBarres, Tim Gillis, Drew Paonessa, and Norma Perez-Morin*
- 2. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS**
  - a. Motion to Approve:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 26, 2021: *Approved unanimously*
- 3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS** (5 minutes each)
  - a.** Susie Lopez of CD14: updates and timelines on Parcel S and Budd Weiner Park benches, Hermon request to rename Via Marisol.
  - b.** Bill Cody of CD1: update and timelines on conveying Flat Top to the City, potential development of 1.655 acres of open space located at 4342 Latona Avenue in Montecito Heights, and matters related to speed bumps.
  - c.** Representatives of the Mayor's office, LAFD, LAPD, Supervisor Hilda Solis, State Senator Durazo, State Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and other officials.
- 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
  - a.** Nomination and vote on candidates for ASNC President, including Acting President Nicholas Manalo, for one year term. *Motion to appoint Nicholas Manalo by unanimous vote.*
  - b.** Contingent on 5a outcome, nomination and vote on candidates for 1st Vice President for one year term. *Motion to appoint Jessica Brennan by unanimous vote.*
  - c.** Contingent on 5a outcome, appointment of Mt. Washington Local Issues Committee Chair. *Item tabled until next month.*
  - d.** Nomination and vote on candidates for available Board seats representing Mt. Washington: Alexis Djivre and Hasti Khodabakhsh. *Item tabled until next month.*
  - e.** Appointment of open Standing Committee chair of Education, Family and Culture. *Motion to appoint Lynda Valencia and Teresa Bonsell to cochair by unanimous vote.*
  - f.** Call for candidates for the vacant Community Interest Board position. Applications are due on June 22.
  - g.** Discussion of 2021 ASNC Board Retreat: Select date and time of retreat, location, proposed retreat agenda.
  - h.** Discussion of possible ASNC events: Obtain and encourage feedback for possible upcoming ASNC events. *Teresa suggests movie night for outreach, workshops, plant giveaways, a shredding day, zoom workshops, or in-person workshops.*

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**6. FUNDING MOTIONS** The following motions have been reviewed by the Budget Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve: Monthly Expense Reports (MER) for April 2021: *ASNC Treasurer Lynda Valencia. Approved unanimously.*
- b. Motion to approve up to \$850.00 in Outreach funds for school pouches from Discount Mugs or similar and school supplies from Target or similar to be given out at ASNC's back to school event this summer. *Approved unanimously.*
- c. Motion to approve May and June Outreach/social media services from division-7.com - \$2007 total. *Approved unanimously.*

**7. NEW BUSINESS** *related materials and letters in Board packet and online at <http://www.asnc.us/2021-archives/05-May>*

- a. Motion to approve Planning & Land Use Letter (PLUC) in support of [364 Crane Blvd.](#) *Approved unanimously.*
- b. Motion to approve publishing NELA Plaza survey from the Arroyo Seco Alliance in the upcoming ASNC Newsletter. *Approved unanimously.*

**8. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS** *Full text of of CIS and Council File in board packet*

- a. Motion to approve opposition to **CF 21-0182 "Olivia Mitchell Youth Council."** Due to budget and staffing cuts imposed upon the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and resulting lack of support provided to the Neighborhood Council system that it is mandated by the City Charter to provide, the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) opposes establishing a Youth Council under the jurisdiction of DONE. If the City Council wishes to establish a Youth Council, then the City Council should provide their own funding and staffing to support the Youth Council or a separate city department and to sufficiently fund such a department. Further, the ASNC demands that LA City Council eliminate gender binary language associated with the Youth Council, irrespective of which party is responsible for it. *Approved unanimously.*
- b. Motion to approve opposition to **CF 21-0407 Standardize Election Rules:** To Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee Motion (Rodriguez - Cedillo) relative to instructing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to report with a survey of Neighborhood Council election rules; and request the City Attorney to report on the City Council's authority to standardize election rules. The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council OPPOSES CF21-0407 as an attack on the independence of Neighborhood Councils and their ability to self-govern as defined in the City Charter. *Approved unanimously.*

**9. COMMITTEES AND LIAISON REPORTS**

- Sustainability Alliance
- LGBTQ+ Alliance
- Alliance of River Communities (ARC)
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)
- City Attorney Liaison
- DWP
- Animal Services
- Homelessness
- Rylan liaison
- Purposeful Aging
- Los Angeles Public Workss
- Tree Removal *Lynnette Kampe*
- Film
- Grievance Panel
- Communications and Outreach - 2nd Vice President
- Sustainability and Resiliency *Lucia Fabio*
- Education, Family and Culture
- Planning and Land Use *Neiel Norheim*
- Local Issues
  - i. Monterey Hills *Lynda Valencia*
  - ii. Montecito Heights *Steve Austin*
  - iii. Mount Washington *Nicholas Manalo*
  - iv. Sycamore Grove *Jessica Brennan*

**10. ADJOURNMENT-** Next meeting Monday June 28, 2021, 7:00pm

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