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## Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council

### General Board Meeting

#### MINUTES DRAFT

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85021980295>

Via Phone: 833-548-0276

Meeting ID: 850-2198-0295

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 6:00pm



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#### 1. Call to Order - 6:18 PM

#### 2. Roll Call

Present:

DAVID PUGO, President  
CARLOS CERDAN, Vice-President  
MARINA SHIFRIN, Secretary  
DAVID SILVAS, Planning and Land Use Chair  
SHARON ALVAREZ, Area 1  
WENDY CASTRO, Community Seat  
CARLOS MONTES, Community Seat

MARCO ANTONIO NAVARRO, Community Seat  
ANDRES RUIZ, Community Seat  
Q, Community Seat  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat

**Absent:**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer  
JENNY OMANA, Outreach and Special Events Chair  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat  
JOHNNY ECHAVARRIA, Community Seat

**Late Arrivals:**

BRENDA MARTINEZ, Area 4 -6:20pm  
MIRIAM GONZALEZ, Community Seat -6:25pm  
LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer 7:10 PM

**3. Pledge of Allegiance - 6:40 PM**

**4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- a. The public may provide comments to the board on non-agenda items within the Neighborhood Council's 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 agendaized for discussion at a future public meeting

Vivian Escalante (6:41 PM) requests board share first and last name during the meetings to differentiate between board members with the same name.

**5. Government Reports - 6:42 PM**

- a. Council District 14, State Assembly/Senate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, LAPD, LAFD, LAUSD, Budget Advocates, and/or other elected officials

John Darnell has two updates:

- Budget Day was this past Saturday. Entire budget process was covered. Regional break out sessions occurred at the end of the Budget Day.
- Congress of Neighborhoods Saturday, September 25th biggest NC event of the year. Website [nccongressla.com](http://nccongressla.com) (registration link will be posted soon).

Carlos Montes asked a question about agenda items passed by the previous board.

Update from Michelle. CD14 focusing on vaccines. Speedbumps (currently closed): email [Michelle.Bertinelli.LAcity.org](mailto:Michelle.Bertinelli.LAcity.org) same goes for trash and encampments, blue/red curbs paused. Mental Health Group started. Meets every other week at Hollenbeck Park (9:30am-11:30am). First kickoff on Thursday, August 26th, 2021. There will also be a backpack distribution afterwards. Every week. Inner City Struggle, Power Collective, Centre De Ayuda, partnering with CD14 to prepare for another shutdown. Reminder: Continue to send 311 requests to the office. Send sidewalk requests. Trying to find more funding. Need to know which sidewalks need help.

Dulce Acosta attended with University Relations. Collaborating with organizations YMCA and additional community services. Served over 400 families with back to school supplies and backpack distributions. Available to collaborate.

## 6. Executive Reports - 6:57 PM

### a. President

- i. Discussion / possible action to elect Area 2 Officer **N/A**
- ii. Discussion / possible action to elect Historic Preservation Chair **N/A**
- iii. Discussion / designation of CIS on Redistricting

David Silvas proposes we have a Special Meeting in collaboration with TEC.

Marina Shifrin says there is community support.

Brenda Martinez agrees to a collaboration and writing the CIS.

Marina Shifrin reminds the board that they can fill out a survey in favor or against districting.

Brenda reminds the board that there will be a districting meeting held in Spanish.

### iv. Discussion / debrief on Budget Day

Opportunity to financially advocate for the community. Comptroller Ron Galpin has a good website on transparency and city budget. A great opportunity to capitalize on building some bridges.

No board comment. / No public comment.

### b. Vice-President

- i. Updates on Committee regular schedules

Reviewed which committees have submitted their meeting schedules. Requests meeting schedules.

### c. Secretary

Updated Board of translation services, looking to have meetings in Spanish/English with automatic translation.

### d. Treasurer

- i. Discussion and approval of July 2021 MER

Motion made.

Motion seconded.

### **MOTION PASSES**

YES - 14

NO - 0

ABSENT - 4

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## 7. Consent Calendar 7:10PM

- a. The following items will be voted on without discussion. Any board member or community member may request that item(s) be removed and voted on separately

- i. Approval of the August Special General Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made.  
Motion seconded.

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**8. Budget and Finance Committee 7:19 PM**

a. Updates / additional time sensitive actions for Budget and Finance Committee  
Jeanette Garcia resigns. Treasurer vacancy.

**9. Transportation and Environment Committee 7:20 PM**

a. Updates / additional time sensitive actions for TEC Committee  
Special Meeting on Monday, August 30th at 6:15 PM.  
We are also in communication with the Air Quality Control Office about the strange smell in Boyle Heights.  
Carlos Montes wants collaboration on the dog park with the Friends of Hollenbeck Park, and the Hollenbeck Advisory Board.

**10. Rules and Elections Committee 7:25 PM**

a. Updates / additional time sensitive actions for REC Committee  
Haven't had the first meeting yet. Hoping to have it on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM. First meeting on September 8th.

**11. Neighborhood Committee 7:27 PM**

a. Updates / additional time sensitive actions for Neighborhood Committee  
Haven't had a chance to meet yet.

**12. Public Safety Committee 7:28 PM**

a. Discussion and possible action to approve committee mission statement  
Andy Ruiz created a mission statement. Statement included.  
John Darnell poses a question on whether or not this is an adhoc committee or formed committee.  
David Pugo, Andy Ruiz, Miriam Gonzolez, clarify. Last committee vote lost with the previous board and the pandemic.  
Wendy Castro clarifies that we don't need to use the mission statement.  
Carlos Montes shares that the origin of the committee was to deal with Police Brutality.  
Carlos Cerdan motions to approve the motion.  
Q seconds the motion.  
Carlos Cerdan rescind the motion.

### 13. Planning and Land Use Committee

a. Updates / additional time sensitive actions for PLUC Committee

David Silvas provides an update. Last week's meeting was cancelled because of technical difficulties.

Discussion:

- Demanded an answer from CD14 Lincoln Hospital/German Hospital demolition. Gave a 30-day deadline, but did not get an answer from CD14 on why the demolition without an EIS.
- Next month's meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday.

### 14. Outreach and Special Events Committee

a. Updates / additional time sensitive actions for Outreach and Special Events Committee

Meetings shall be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

### 15. Announcements 7:45 PM

Carlos Montes annual Chicano moratorium will be held this Sunday, August 29th. Congresswoman Maxine Waters will be speaking.

Andy Ruiz will be visiting the Human Rights Shelter in Tijuana. Donations can be given to the TransLatina Coalition. Donation items: hygienic products, small shampoo bottles, soap, socks, undergarments, sweaters. Lightly worn clothing.

Brenda Martinez announced workshops for Mental Health HummingBird Boyle Heights.

### 16. Adjournment 7:52 PM

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