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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, May 8, 2021 | 10:00 AM
Via Zoom Webinar

ROLL CALL 10:11 AM

KimMarie Johnson-Roussell “The Chair”, called the meeting to order. Vice-President Alison McBeth-Featherstone read roll call attendance:

Kimmarie Johnson-Roussell, President - PRESENT
Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice-President - PRESENT
Tara Perry, Secretary – Leave of Absence
Tonia Knightner, Treasurer – Not present during roll call, and joined meeting at about 10:40 AM
Vacant, Parliamentarian
MaryAnne MacDougall, Sergeant at Arms - PRESENT
Bishop K. Donnell Smith, Business Rep. - ABSENT
Kim Yergan, Angeles Mesa Rep. - PRESENT
Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Rep. – Not present during roll call, and joined meeting at about 10:30 AM
Derrick Solomon, View Heights Rep - EXCUSED ABSENCE
Eleanor I. Smith, Senior Rep. - PRESENT
Vacant, Youth & Education Rep.
Michelle Dixon, Non-Profit Rep. – PRESENT
Julia Smith, At-Large Rep. - PRESENT
Pastor John M. Culpepper, Faith-Based Rep. - ABSENT

GOVERNMENT & OTHER REPORTS 10:15 AM

Dina Andrews, from Council District 8 reported on the Mother's Day outreach the council office did. They Prepared and delivered 1000 bags. Van Ness pool reopening.

A stakeholder asked for the issue to be addressed with the City Council meetings to ensure the public has an opportunity to speak at public council and committee meetings. She and other stakeholders were on the city's Planning and Land Use Management meeting regarding the comprehensive fee.

LAPD Reports 10:23 AM

SLO, Paul Eveleth (Southwest Division), reported on crime statistics. In his report, he included information about an incident on 10th Ave in the 4700 block regarding a physical altercation between neighbors that resulted in car damage by a baseball bat.

SLO, Gary Verge (77th Division), reported on crime statistics. Property Crimes are up by 8% property, 2% violent crimes are up by 2%. Other topics included:

- 77th/Crenshaw shooting results in multiple victims, but not reported deaths
- Increased shootings since the last meeting
- Hyundai's are targeted the most for stolen vehicles.
- Receives the most calls about encampment and RV's.

SLO, Andre Dixon (77th Division), reported on the Crenshaw/Slauson area with traffic and vendors. He is working on a long-term solution to help keep traffic moving.

He provided an update about the shootings at 77th & Crenshaw (running gun battle between two individuals). There were 19 rounds, but no hits. One vehicle was hit, and there is ongoing investigation.

SLO Dixon also provided an update about the Brynhurst/Slauson liquor store. He reported that the house next door closed escrow and anticipates it will shut down movement.

It was announced that Sue Favor from The Wave newspaper was in attendance.

Treasurer Report 11:10 AM

Treasurer, Tonia Knightner announced when she will have an extensive report for the Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 11, and it will take a while. She asked Board Members to be sure it is reviewed in advance.

Action Item #1 11:15 AM

**Motion by Tonia Knightner to re-accept the CIS for Digital Billboards.
Seconded by MaryAnne MacDougall.**

Kimmarie Johnson-Roussell, President – YES
Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice-President – YES
Tonia Knightner, Treasurer – YES
MaryAnne MacDougall, Sergeant at Arms – YES
Kim Yergan, Angeles Mesa Rep. – YES
Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Rep. – YES
Eleanor I. Smith, Senior Rep. YES
Michelle Dixon, Non-Profit Rep. – YES
Julia Smith, At-Large Rep. – YES

Motions passed unanimously (9 yes, 0 no, 0 Abstain)

Action Item #2 11:20 AM

Motion by Alison McBeth-Featherstone that we endorse the 2021 Policy to seat the newly elected Board in July.

Seconded by KimMarie Johnson-Roussell.

Kimmarie Johnson-Roussell, President - YES
Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice-President - YES
Tonia Knightner, Treasurer - YES
MaryAnne MacDougall, Sergeant at Arms - YES
Kim Yergan, Angeles Mesa Rep. - YES
Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Rep. - YES
Eleanor I. Smith, Senior Rep. YES
Michelle Dixon, Non-Profit Rep. - YES
Julia Smith, At-Large Rep. - YES

Motion Passes unanimously (9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

Budget Advocate Report 11:25 AM

Hugo Rodriguez, Budget Advocate Representing PMHCC.

Introduced himself. He will reach out to the Board about what to priority and what is urgent. He reported on the following items:

- White Paper is ready
- Updated on city funding using optimistic growth rate predictions & relying on money from federal gov't.
- Tourism took a big hit due to Covid

Karen Hernandez, DONE confirmed that June 30 is last day of current fiscal year. July 1 is new fiscal year.

Action Item #3 11:53

Motion by KimMarie Johnson-Roussell that the meeting be extended to 12:30 PM.
Approved by acclamation.

PRESENTATIONS 11:54 AM

Contemporary Gallery 11:43 AM

Anefertiti, Julia Zimimring, Dellis Frank attended the meeting and shared a video presentation about the Gallery. Their objective is how work in tandem and collaboration with the community and spoke about their approach which is about inclusivity for a community-based gallery. Peggy Cybert is the founder.

Gallery Address:
3718 Slauson Ave 90043
Open Thursday – Saturday 11-4

Cannabis Ad-Hoc Committee 12:24 PM

Ian McMillan, Chair for Ad-Hoc Cannabis Committee. He shared a visual presentation about social equity cannabis. Topics included:

- Social Equity Program & Purpose: To Promote equitable ownership
- Setting Precedent: LA is the largest Market Place in the World
- 2018-2021 300 million of taxes/fees to the Cannabis Industry but nothing dedicated to the community.
- Request CIS reenactment of CF 14-0366-55 – Put on Board meeting Agenda as Old Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS 12:41

Alison McBeth-Featherstone gave an update on the Ralphs food closure. It is no longer being taken up by council.

Council file 210407 and bylaws and voting: voter suppression and oppression. Write a CIS about how it impacted the PMH community. Chandra Mosley would like to be included in the writing of the letter.

A stakeholder asked that the Board re-visit neighborhood watch signs from 2018 for View Park.

Walk a mile for Malcolm event announced for May 16. Press Conference will be at Leimert Park at 11am. 12:00 – 3:30 PM will be the walk. 4 PM there will be concert at the Vison Theatre.

Ground Game LA Power People and Westide Renewal has free masks. Contact stakeholder Hans Beischel.

HOPE is hosting a “Meet the Candidates” on Thursday, May 13 from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

The Chair closed the meeting by encouraging stakeholders to reach out to help because there is a lot of work to be done in the community. She will be in office Sunday to distribute applications for ballots.

ADJOURNMENT 1:01 PM

**MaryAnne MacDougall moved to adjourn.
Seconded by KimMarie Johnson-Roussell.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM