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Eleanor I. Smith, Senior Rep.

Devon Williams, Youth & Education Rep.

Jeanna Kindle, Non-Profit Rep.

Julia Smith, At-Large Rep.

Pastor John M. Culpepper, Faith-Based Rep.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022
6:00 pm

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ROLL CALL - 6:10 PM

In KimMarie Johnson-Roussell's absence, Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice President, called the meeting to order. Lauren Brown, Secretary, read roll call attendance.

KimMarie Johnson-Roussell, President - EXCUSED

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice President - PRESENT

Lauren Brown, Secretary - PRESENT

Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer - PRESENT

Michael Guynn, Sergeant at Arms - PRESENT

Carol Derby, Parliamentarian - PRESENT

Jeanna Kindle, Non-Profit Representative - EXCUSED

Kevin Smith, Business Representative - ABSENT
Julia Smith, At Large Representative - PRESENT
Eleanor Smith, Senior Representative - PRESENT
Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Resident Representative - PRESENT
Rhonda Hyman, Angeles Mesa Representative - PRESENT
Devon Williams, Youth Education Representative - PRESENT

JASON FOSTER, COO of DESTINATION CRENSHAW - 6:14 PM

To help ensure equitable development and so that he can best advocate for the community, Mr. Foster requested to schedule a meeting within the next two weeks with the board to better understand what the community needs and wants with respect to development in the area.

Mr. Foster provided his contact information:

jason@destinationcrenshaw.la

323-678-4917

Next Step: Alison McBeth-Featherstone will organize a Special Meeting the last week of January.

Action Item # 1 - 6:20PM

**Motion by Lauren Brown, Secretary. to accept the minutes from the Special Meeting on January 4th.
Seconded by Allison McBeth-Featherstone.**

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice President - YES
Lauren Brown, Secretary - YES
Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer - YES
Michael Guynn, Sergeant at Arms - YES
Carol Derby, Parliamentarian - YES
Julia Smith, At Large Representative - YES
Eleanor Smith, Senior Representative - YES
Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Resident Representative - ABSTAIN
Rhonda Hyman, Angeles Mesa Representative - YES
Devon Williams, Youth Education Representative - YES

Motion passed (9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain)

UPDATE FROM CONGRESSWOMAN KAREN BASS' OFFICE - 6:23 PM

Allen Moret, representative from Congresswoman Karen Bass' office and the 37th district, provided an update:

- Covered California open enrollment closes at the end of January
- New money from American Rescue Plan is available
- Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is in need of volunteers
- Updates on the child tax credit can be found at Bass.house.gov
- Contact: allen.moret@mail.house.gov

Action Item #2 - 6:32 PM

**Motion by Lauren Brown, Secretary, to accept the minutes from the General Meeting on January 8th.
Seconded by Allison McBeth-Featherstone.**

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice President - YES
Lauren Brown, Secretary - YES
Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer - YES
Michael Guynn, Sergeant at Arms - YES
Carol Derby, Parliamentarian - YES
Julia Smith, At Large Representative - YES
Eleanor Smith, Senior Representative - ABSTAIN
Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Resident Representative - YES
Rhonda Hyman, Angeles Mesa Representative - YES
Devon Williams, Youth Education Representative - ABSTAIN

Motion passed (8 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain)

TREASURER REPORT - 6:35 PM

Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer, provided an update.

- Total expenditures for December \$1,064.00
 - Included storage facility paid two months in advance and cost to secure P.O. box for a year
- Neighborhood Purpose Grant review for Crenshaw Entrepreneurial Academy (CEA)
 - It appears that the goal of the organization is to become an approved charter school
 - CEA has been denied by LAUSD and LACOE multiple times
 - There is a lack of transparency and specificity (no detailed budget) as to how exactly the grant monies will be used.
- Outreach discussion
 - Lauren Brown emphasized the need for a strategic plan outlining PMHCC goals for the year. It was suggested that the board begin by reviewing the previous strategic plan.
 - The board agreed that outreach is necessary and timing is of the essence
 - In the absence of an Outreach Committee Chair, Lauren Brown offered to create a shared document and circulate it to the board to collect ideas on outreach efforts/initiatives.

Action Item #3

**Motion by Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer, to approve MERs for December 2021.
Seconded by Rhonda Hyman.**

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice President - YES
Lauren Brown, Secretary - INELIGIBLE
Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer - YES
Michael Guynn, Sergeant at Arms - YES

Carol Derby, Parliamentarian - YES
Julia Smith, At Large Representative - YES
Eleanor Smith, Senior Representative - YES
Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Resident Representative - YES
Rhonda Hyman, Angeles Mesa Representative - YES
Devon Williams, Youth Education Representative - YES

Motion passed (9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible)

Action Item #4

Motion by Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer, to vote to use the vendor Adeptness Enterprises to remove the sign from the old office for \$750.00.

Seconded by Allison McBeth Featherstone.

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice President -YES
Lauren Brown, Secretary - INELIGIBLE
Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer - YES
Michael Guynn, Sergeant at Arms - YES
Carol Derby, Parliamentarian - YES
Julia Smith, At Large Representative - YES
Eleanor Smith, Senior Representative - YES
Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Resident Representative - YES
Rhonda Hyman, Angeles Mesa Representative - YES
Devon Williams, Youth Education Representative - YES

Motion passed (9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible)

Action Item #5

Motion by Roozbeh to reject the Crenshaw Entrepreneurial Academy purpose grant application.

Seconded by Rhonda Hyman.

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice President -YES
Lauren Brown, Secretary - INELIGIBLE
Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer - YES
Michael Guynn, Sergeant at Arms - YES
Carol Derby, Parliamentarian - YES
Julia Smith, At Large Representative - YES
Eleanor Smith, Senior Representative - YES
Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Resident Representative - YES
Rhonda Hyman, Angeles Mesa Representative - YES
Devon Williams, Youth Education Representative - YES

Motion passed (9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible)

Members of the board acknowledged that it's crucial to find ways to support these types of initiatives and asked that it be made clear to the applicant that this rejection does not mean 'no' indefinitely. The applicant should be encouraged to follow the roadmap that LAUSD and LACOE provided, make necessary provisions and reapply for the NPG.

Action Item #6

Motion by Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer, to approve a business card expense no more than \$800 with a vendor in the Park Mesa Heights area.

Seconded by Alison McBeth-Featherstone.

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice President - YES

Lauren Brown, Secretary - INELIGIBLE

Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer - YES

Michael Guynn, Sergeant at Arms - YES

Carol Derby, Parliamentarian - YES

Julia Smith, At Large Representative - YES

Eleanor Smith, Senior Representative - YES

Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Resident Representative - YES

Rhonda Hyman, Angeles Mesa Representative - YES

Devon Williams, Youth Education Representative - YES

Motion passed (9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible)

THOMAS SOONG, EMPOWR LA - 7:10 PM

Thomas is responsible for supporting Neighborhood Council Boards and provided an update:

- New Neighborhood Empowerment Advocates (NEA) have been added. By February or March will we have a new NEA.
- His office can help support outreach & engagement
- Encouraged the council to get their trainings up to date
- Encouraged the council to review the Digital Media Policy which can be found in the monthly profile

BYLAW COMMITTEE - 7:30 PM

Dale Stieber, Bylaw Committee Chair, as a follow up from the 12/27 meeting, is seeking to resolve one issue. Block clubs are not in the purview of the council to form, this is an initiative led by LAPD.

Action Item #7

Motion by Lauren Brown, Secretary, to delete the bullet point 'Assist in the forming and maintenance of block clubs' under the Resident Representative in the Bylaws.

Seconded by Rhonda Hyman.

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice President - YES
Lauren Brown, Secretary - YES
Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer - YES
Carol Derby, Parliamentarian - YES
Julia Smith, At Large Representative - YES
Eleanor Smith, Senior Representative - YES
Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Resident Representative - YES
Rhonda Hyman, Angeles Mesa Representative - YES
Devon Williams, Youth Education Representative - YES

Motion passed (9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

PRESENTATION(S): - 7:54 PM

Project 43, a local non-profit organization, requested a letter of support from the board and asked for the board to acknowledge that it is aware of and supports the services Project 43 provides to the community.

On February 25, 2022, Project 43 will host a Black History Music Festival to be hosted outdoors at the Project 43 Center to help local aspiring artists that have suffered during the pandemic.

Purpose of the letter is for a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (400 7th Street SW, Washington DC, 20506). Letter is needed by next Thursday, January 20, 2022.

- challengeamerica@arts.gov
- 202-682-5700

Action Item #8

**Motion by Lauren Brown, Secretary, to approve Project 43's request for a letter of support.
Seconded by Rhonda Hyman.**

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice President - ABSTAIN
Lauren Brown, Secretary - YES
Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer - YES
Carol Derby, Parliamentarian - YES
Julia Smith, At Large Representative - ABSTAIN
Eleanor Smith, Senior Representative - YES
Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Resident Representative - YES
Rhonda Hyman, Angeles Mesa Representative - YES
Devon Williams, Youth Education Representative - YES

Motion passed (7 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain)

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chandra Mosely reminder that she has Neighborhood Voices petitions.

Paris shared that the Foot Locker grand opening has been postponed to Feb. 16 - 20 due to COVID.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - 8:17 PM

No announcements

ADJOURNMENT - 8:30 PM

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice-President, moved to adjourn. Seconded by Lauren Brown. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.