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## PANORAMA CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 24, 2010 -- 6:30 PM

Mission Community Hospital, Medical Office Building, 2nd Floor, Room 208  
14860 Roscoe Blvd., Panorama City, CA 91402

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- 6:30 1. **Call to Order** and Opening Remarks (**Jose Sandoval, Chair**) [3m]
- 6:33 2. **Self-Introductions** of Participants and Guests (**Please sign the sign-in sheet!**) [3m]
- 6:36 3. **Public Comment** and Announcements (*Please limit to two minutes per speaker.*) [8m]
  
- 6:44 4. **Roll Call** of Board of Directors and Alternates (the quorum for Board meetings is 11) [1m]
- 6:45 5. **Adoption of minutes** [2m]
- 6:47 6. **Consideration of the financial statements prepared by the treasurer and approval of them as official council records.** Neighborhood councils are now required to review and approve financial statements each month to assure that the Board has access to timely financial information. [15m]
  
- 7:02 7. **Reports from the Los Angeles Police Department.** Officer **Edwin Ayala** (818-838-9854, mobile 818-634-0718) is the Senior Lead Officer in Panorama City's Center-West area. Senior Lead Officer **Karen Reade** (818-838-9842, mobile 818-442-3183) serves Panorama City's North and Center-East districts. Senior Lead Officer **Tarek Ismail** (818-838-9846, mobile 818-731-2553) serves Panorama City south of Roscoe. [13m]

- 7:15 8. **Consideration and possible action on the Finance committee recommendation that the Board approve NO neighborhood purposes grants until at least the third quarter of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year.** Current prospective grants include \$3500 for Valor Academy, \$1000 for Positive Alternatives for Youth, and \$2000 for Cardenas Park. Together the \$6500 in current grant requests amount to 81 percent of the \$8000 budgeted by the Board for community projects for the entire 2010-2011 Fiscal Year.

This council has never made a neighborhood purpose grant. Its community projects budget was approved based on the past practice of allocating "seed money" to projects in which the council is an active participant. It is now clear that granting cash to other organizations for their work will overwhelm the approved budget.

The Outreach committee recommended the Valor Academy grant when faced with the possibility that the council would lose those funds if they were not spent. It now appears those funds will rollover into the coming fiscal year. It is unlikely that the current level of council funding will continue next year, given the city's financial crisis. The council's very small reserves (under \$15,000) may well be needed for its own projects. The Finance committee believes that it will be prudent to defer any consideration of cash grants until January 2011. [20m]

- 7:35 9. **Consideration and possible action on the Finance committee recommendation that the Board adopt a policy that the Finance committee shall have Alternate positions for its members, and that the Finance Chair shall name Alternates for both Board and Non-Board seats with the consent of the Board.** The Finance committee is the only committee with a prescribed composition in the council bylaws. In addition to the Treasurer, it includes four Board members and three Non-Board stakeholders. Having Alternates will broaden participation in this critical committee and help it to maintain a quorum. Alternates would be seated in order whenever any committee member of the same type is unable to attend. [10m]

- 7:45 10. **If the Board has adopted a policy permitting Alternates for the Finance committee, consider approval of the Finance Chair's provisional nominations.** The Chair provisionally nominates Jose Soto, Barbara Hawkins and Saul Mejia as Board Alternates 1, 2, and 3, and Jose Sandoval as the fourth Board member on the committee, and Cesar De La Cruz as a Non-Board stakeholder member. [5m]

- 7:50 11. **Consideration and possible action of the Finance committee's recommendation that the Board establish a policy that all audio-visual and computer equipment will be kept in the council office, subject to a check-out system to be established by the Finance committee.** The purposes of this recommendation are (1) to assure availability of the equipment when needed, and (2) to avoid the problems that the City Controller noted at other councils where city equipment was unaccounted for or kept at members homes for their exclusive use. [5m]

- 7:55 12. **Discussion and possible action to remove Board member Erica G. Alonso for non-attendance.** Ms. Alonso has never attended a Board meeting since her election to the Southwest Resident-Owner seat on March 27. The Board has met three times. The bylaws require that the Board consider removal of a member after two consecutive unexcused absences or three unexcused absences within a six-month period. [5m]

**8:00 13. Discussion and Possible action on the unanimous recommendation of the City Life Committee** that the board sponsors a Getty Villa bus trip and Allocate \$200.00 Lunch For the Panorama City community. [10m}

**8:10 14. Discussion and possible action to fill vacancies on the Board and Alternate vacancies by appointment.** The Board has vacant seats for a North Resident-Renter, two Business stakeholders, a Southwest Resident-Owner, and (if Ms. Alonso is removed) an Unlimited At-Large seat. Elsa Barillas has applied for the Southwest Resident-Owner seat. Daniel Jimenez, Hector Galan and Lance Holt have applied for Alternate positions 2, 3 and 4. Other applications may be made at the meeting. [10m]

**8:20 15. Committee reports** Committees that have business to report (other than the agenda items above) will provide brief reports at this time. The council currently has five standing committees and one special committee. Outreach has Education and City Life subcommittees. [10m]

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**8:30 16. Public Comment and Announcements.** (Please limit to two minutes per speaker.) [2m]

**8:45 17. Adjournment**

**Council Process:** The council gained its official city role upon certification by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners on March 15, 2007. Everyone who lives, works or owns property within the boundaries of the Panorama City Neighborhood Council, or who declares an interest in the area and the factual basis for it, is a "stakeholder". All stakeholders are members of the Council. Stakeholders elect a Board of Directors to represent them. This Board is recognized as the decision-making entity by the City of Los Angeles. The current Board was elected on March 27, 2010. While the Board is the official decision-making entity, meetings are conducted as much as possible in a town hall spirit. Committees are open to anyone with an interest in Panorama City. Panorama City's neighborhood council is much more than its Board, and it depends on public participation for its success **Posting Sites:** Meeting notices and agendas are posted at five locations within Panorama City (three days in advance for regular meetings and one day in advance for special meetings). The posting sites are: (1) **Panorama City Branch Library**, 14345 Roscoe Boulevard; (2) **Panorama Recreation Center**, 8600 Hazeltine Avenue; (3) **Valley Ice Center**, 8750 Van Nuys Boulevard; (4) **Sepulveda Recreation Center**, 8801 Kester Avenue; (5) **Casa Esperanza**, 14705 Blythe Street. You can receive notices and agendas by electronic mail. Please send your request to 'info@pcnc.us'. We ask that you please also include your name and telephone number.

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