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PANORAMA CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 17, 2011 -- 6:30 PM

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

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- 6:30 1. **Call to Order** and Opening Remarks (**Chair Dianabel Gonzalez**) [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.*) Public comment on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is considered. [8m]
(*Please fill out a Public Speaker Card for the Chair so that we may identify your input. A Public Speaker Card is not required in order to make a public comment.*)
- 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** (Includes the special meeting of June 18, at which a quorum of 11 adopted a Board policy that Ethics Training is required for business cards, name badges, and listing on the PCNC web site.) [4m]
- 6:49 6. **Reports from the Los Angeles Police Department.** We look forward to welcoming the new Mission Area commander, Captain **Todd C. Chamberlain**. Come and meet our new Captain! Officer **Edwin Ayala** (818-838-9854, mobile 818-634-0718, 34256@lapd.lacity.org) is the Senior Lead Officer in Panorama City's Center-West area. Senior Lead Officer **Karen Reade** (818-838-9842, mobile 818-442-3183, 32851@lapd.lacity.org) serves Panorama City's North and Center-East districts. Officer **Fabiola Humphrey** (818-838-9846, mobile 818-731-2553, 34255@lapd.lacity.org) temporarily covers Panorama City south of Roscoe. [16m]

- 7:05 7. Presentation of recognition awards.** The Board has approved several recognition awards to individuals and local businesses, as recommended by the Commerce committee. The Education committee also has awards to present to people and organizations who helped with the council-sponsored Education Fair. Certificates of recognition will be presented at this time if the individuals and representatives of the businesses and organizations are present. **[5m]**
- 7:10 8. Presentation and possible action on a report by Los Angeles Unified School District's District 1 Superintendent, Linda Del Cueto, regarding LAUSD Valley Region Elementary School #13 Public School Choice status, planned operations and possible attendance boundaries.** New Elementary School #13 is located at 8150 Cedros Avenue, Panorama City, CA 91402, between Titus and Lanark streets. Along with Vista Middle School and Fulton College Prep, it was the focus of a four-session Public School Choice Regional Academy for parents which met on October 22 and 29 at Vista Middle School, and which was scheduled to meet again on December 3 and January 21. (Vista is no longer in the PSC program because of its increased test scores.) Currently Panorama City children in the Blythe Street area are required to cross a footbridge over the railroad tracks to attend Valerio Street Elementary School on the Fulton campus in Van Nuys. Ms. Del Cueto will discuss LAUSD plans for New Elementary School #13 and other subjects, and will be available to answer questions. **[15m]**
- 7:25 9. Consideration and possible action on alternatives for transit programs on the Van Nuys Corridor and the Sepulveda Pass Corridor.** This is a supplemental presentation to Item #9 on the Board's October 27, 2011, agenda. On October 27 the Board adopted a resolution that supports linking the Van Nuys Corridor and Sepulveda Pass Corridor transit studies, and supports a light rail solution for the Van Nuys Corridor.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) was not able to be present on October 27, despite the Board's invitation. Public comment is still being accepted until November 30. A representative from Metro will be present to describe the study process and next steps and to accept public comment on issues such as the importance of a Rapidway stop in Panorama City, regardless of the mode of transit chosen. **[12m]**

BACKGROUND: Measure R, the half-cent sales tax approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2008, earmarks funds for North-South "Rapidways" in the East San Fernando Valley. The Van Nuys Corridor is the most important. Measure R also provides funding for a transit solution along the Sepulveda Pass Corridor, linking the San Fernando Valley with UCLA and Westwood. The Transit Coalition, a non-profit advocacy organization based in the San Fernando Valley, has proposed that the two corridors be studied together as an integrated plan. Their proposal is for a light rail alternative that runs from the Sylmar Metrolink and High Speed Rail station down Van Nuys Boulevard and then on to the Westside, connecting to transit lines like the extension of the Wilshire subway, possibly through a tunnel from the end of Van Nuys Boulevard.

Metro conducted three local meetings in October to gather community input on the best ways to connect the Van Nuys Boulevard corridor to the regional transportation network. Metro also maintains a web site where public input can still be registered. More information, including Fact Sheets with maps, is available: <http://www.metro.net/projects/van-nuys-bl-rapidway/>.

- 7:37 10. Consideration and possible action on any applications for vacant positions.** Five seats are vacant: **Business** (term expires 2014), **Business** (two, exp. 2012), **At-Large** (exp. 2012), **Unlimited At-Large** (exp. 2014). Applicants must apply in writing to the Secretary. The Secretary must be able to verify that each applicant is a stakeholder who qualifies for the specific position. Applications and verifications may be made on the day of the meeting. However, the Board has expressed a preference that applicants participate in committees and events before applying for a seat on the Board. It is essential that Board members and Alternates reliably attend monthly meetings in order to assure a quorum. **[4m]**

- 7:41 11. **Consideration and possible action on the recommendations of the Education and Public Safety committees for appointing additional Youth Representatives to the Board.** One Youth Representative is required by the council's bylaws. This Youth Representative is a non-voting position with a one-year term that allows a young stakeholder to participate on the Board. The bylaws do not prohibit the Board from appointing additional Youth Representatives. meetings. If approved, they would join **Manuel Bernal** (manuel_i_bernal@yahoo.com), who was nominated by Saul Mejia and appointed by the Board on August 25. [4m]
- 7:45 12. **Consideration and possible action on any appointments by committee chairs to their respective committees.** Members of each standing committee are selected by the committee chair, subject to approval of the Board, as provided in the council's Bylaws. The council has an informal practice of following the same procedure for its three annually-renewed special committees, City Life, Education, and Public Safety. [4m]
- 7:49 13. **Consider the financial statements prepared by the treasurer in order to approve them as official council records.** Neighborhood councils are required to review and approve financial statements each month, including purchase card bank statements, to assure that the Board has access to timely financial information. [4m]
- 7:53 14. **Consideration and possible action on the Rules committee recommendation that the Board, which on October 27 adopted a resolution to OPPOSE cancelation of 2012 neighborhood council elections, consider also adopting two more detailed resolutions regarding this issue from the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils.** The VANC resolutions (A) advocate that neighborhood councils have a choice of either a "selection process" (a show of hands or signed ballots), a secret ballot election, or no election in 2012, and (B) that the City Council direct the Clerk to allow neighborhood councils to conduct their own elections in 2012, or, as an alternative, transfer oversight of neighborhood council elections from the Clerk to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. These two resolutions (A and B) were adopted by VANC on November 10 (with over 30 neighborhood councils represented) and on November 12 by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Coalition Elections Task Force (with about 12 NCs represented). It should be noted that many if not most of the members of the Elections Task Force believed that if elections are permitted in 2012, NCs will not be able to choose NOT to have an election, since that would probably violate their bylaws. [6m]
- 7:59 15. **Consideration and possible action on the Outreach committee's recommendation that the Board approve up to \$1,000 of community benefit funds to pay for city-owned stage expenses at the 8th Annual San Fernando Valley Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 18, at Vista Middle School.** This is the largest toy distribution event in the Valley, and possibly in the city. PCNC had an outreach booth at the event last year. Over 4,000 people were served and everyone looked joyful despite a driving rain. This event is sponsored by Project Living Hope in cooperation with the Los Angeles Police Department. Officer **Michael Scott** (818-838-9800, 661-753-7827 mobile, 34948@lapd.lacity.org) of Mission Area Patrol Division is loaned by LAPD to coordinate this event.

Last year Council District 6 sponsored a resolution for the use of a portable city stage from the Recreation and Parks Department, but CD 6 did not bear any of the expense. This year the council office will request the stage again *if* the \$667 bill from the 2010 event is paid, and has suggested that it may be willing to underwrite half of the 2011 stage cost. The Outreach committee recommends that the Board approve a transfer of \$667 to Rec and Parks to settle the 2010 stage charge and another \$333 for half of the 2011 stage cost, provided that CD 6 or another entity will pay for the other half. [6m]

- 8:05 16. **Consideration and possible action on the Outreach committee recommendation that the**

Board allocate up to \$1,000 additional (making \$2,000 total) for community benefit expenses related to the PCNC-sponsored Youth Summit to be held on Saturday, November 19. This event is the successor to the council's Service Providers Gang Summit. It will feature interactive discussions of case studies among youth, parents, law enforcement, service providers and the community. The original allocation is sufficient for food, materials and supplies. However, the need for multiple Spanish language translators and translation audio equipment could cost at least \$800 over than the original allocation. In order to make this event successful for the many Spanish speaking families who are expected to attend (about 80 to 100 people are expected), the Outreach committee asks for this supplemental appropriation. [7m]

8:12 17. Consideration and possible action on the outreach committee recommendation that the Board allocate up to \$500 for food and school supplies for the Latina Youth Leadership Conference to be held at California State University Northridge on Saturday, May 26, by the Lambda Theta Nu Sorority. Last year the Board allocated \$500 for this event. Lambda Theta Nu traditionally recruits a large portion of the approximately 200 young women in this program from schools in the Panorama City area, providing bus transportation to CSUN. The young women are inspired to seek higher education, shown how to fill out college applications and financial aid forms, and shown how the AB 540 program can help make college education a reality for the undocumented. The sorority volunteers at many PCNC events, most recently our Education Fair. [5m]

8:17 18. Consideration and possible action on the Education committee recommendation that the Board sponsor a basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course in Panorama City starting in January or February 2012, in partnership with Mosaic, Inc. and the Los Angeles Fire Department. Mosaic, Inc. was incorporated in California on January 19, 2010, by James W. Steele. Its full name is Mysteries of Spiritual Awareness In Communities Mosaic, Inc. Its business is social services, job training and educational services. Mr. Steel identified himself to the Education committee as an Orthodox priest, and uses Rev. Dr. James Steel on his business card. His organization provides the back packs and basic emergency supplies for successful CERT participants. These are no longer provided free by the Los Angeles Fire Department. PCNC will need to sign up about 30 participants and secure a venue, as it did the last time this council sponsored a CERT program. [8m]

8:25 19. 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 three special committees and one ad-hoc committee. [5m]

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8:30 20. Public Comment and Announcements. (Please limit to two minutes per speaker.) [5m]

8:35 21. 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.

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