

# PANORAMA CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Virtual Meeting**  
**Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 6:30 PM**  
**Minutes**

Board Members	Roll Call	Position	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Chris Q. Martinez	Present	Member	Perla Iliana Lagunas Abundez	Secretary	Member
Gurgen Mkrtchyan	Present	2 <sup>nd</sup> Signer	Ron Collins	Present	Member
John DiGregorio	Present	Chair-Alt Signer	Ryan Reich	Present	Member
Lanira Murphy	Present	Treasurer	Summer Bernardo	Excused	Member
Scott Boundy	Present	Member	Tony Wilkinson	Present – 7:34	Member
Marc Coronel	Suspended	Member			
Marisa Persaud	Present	Member	Vianca Perez	Absent	Alternate
Martha Cortez	Present	Member	Joe Taylor	Absent	Alternate
Michael Hasz	Present	Vice Chair			
Michelle Klein-Hass	Present	Member	-----		Youth Rep
Pamela Gibberman	Present	Member	-----		Youth Rep

**1. Call to Order** (John DiGregorio, Chair): The meeting was called to order by John DiGregorio at 6:36 p.m., with 11 members in attendance at that time.

**2. Roll Call** of Board members or alternates (the quorum is 11): See above for Roll Call. Also present were: Sean Smith (Sr. Lead LAPD Officer for Panorama City), Jasmine Elbarbary (Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment), Michael Mejivar (Deputy Director of Community Engagement, LAUSD), Jessical Orellana (Valley Field Deputy, Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, District 3) and Andres Sandoval (Representative for Councilwoman Nury Martinez). Public guests present were: Rob Lovelace and Matthew Fine.

**3. Reports from LAPD & other relevant law enforcement agencies. (Senior Lead Officer Sean Smith):** Officer Smith discussed the division's efforts to reduce violent crime and encouraged people to use the MyLA 311 app for non-violent incidents. Miguel Alarcón will be taking over the area. Call Officer Smith to get his number at (818) 838-9842 and call Officer Smith or Officer Wellis with any needs or concerns.

**4. Reports from Elected Officials' field staff and other Neighborhood Agencies/Committees:**

- **DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT** (Jasmine Elbarbary): Jasmine will send members the EventBrite link to a candidate information session occurring this Saturday, as well as a link explaining the process requiring candidates to be certified and verified in order to take a position on the board.

• **CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 29** (Lea Gonzalez): Not in attendance.

• **LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6** (Andres Sandoval): Andres reported that the District bought a building on North Hills this December, housing 40 families who were formerly homeless. They hope to schedule more projects like this.

• **LOS ANGELES CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE** (Caroline Menjivar): Not in attendance.

• **LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, DISTRICT 6** (Michael Menjivar): Board Member Kelly Gonez was elected Board President; Measure RR was passed, providing the district with critical funding to update campuses and to meet safety and earthquake standards; schools are preparing hybrid education models in preparation for reopening; the Grab and Go meal center at Panorama High School is being moved to Vista Middle School; and some schools will be opened as vaccination sites, upon the determination of the county. Art students are encouraged to submit artwork for a virtual gallery with the theme of Hope and Resilience, submissions due by February 12.

• **LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3** (Benita Trujillo): Valley Field Deputy Jessica Orellana spoke on behalf of Valley District Director Benita Trujillo, saying that the county is considering schools and other locations for vaccine sites. Jessica will share a link identifying existing vaccine sites and asked that anyone wanting to participate as a vaccine site should contact her. She recommended that those unable to schedule vaccine appointments keep trying the L.A. County website every day, as well as checking with primary physicians, pharmacies and hospitals. Registration is also available at 833-540-0403.

• **CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 46** (Julissa Rodriguez): This assistant no longer represents Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian. Martha will forward the information of the new representative.

• **CALIFORNIA SENATE DISTRICT 18** (Eveline Bravo-Ayala): Not in attendance.

• **RECREATION AND PARKS** (Oscar Cardenas): Not in attendance.

• **BUDGET TRIBUNES** (John DiGregorio, Lanira Murphy): The group will be holding an online chat on Saturday, February 6, to discuss non-violence in policing. They will also be hosting a Days of Dialogue event to generate discussion about the budget, city services and especially policing.

## 5. Public Comment and General Announcements

a. Limited from 2-5 minutes at the discretion of the presiding officer

– **Public Comment:** None.

– **General Announcements:** Michael Hasz mentioned the likelihood of four board members not returning.

b. Limited to non-agenda items

c. Speaker cards will be made available if attendance is significant

d. During Virtual Meetings, use the 'raise your hand' feature to be added to the speaker queue by the Board Secretary. The Chair will recognize speakers in the order specified by the queue.

**6. Discussion and possible action on submitting a Community Impact Statement regarding Metro's Fareless System Initiative. Council File: 20-0002-S30**

**a. PCNC Position:** SUPPORT fare-free transit while maintaining or increasing service.

Tony moved to support the item. Michelle seconded.  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with 11 for and no abstentions.

**b. Background:** Reliable and affordable public transit supports our general economy, helps reduce car reliance, and clears our air. Transit fares are often a burden on those that can least afford it, and COVID-19 has led to service cuts at a time when people can least afford alternative transportation. Enforcement of transit fares can lead to unnecessary conflicts between armed officers and Black and Brown members of our City. Currently, Metro is considering permanent fare-free transit for its riders.

**c. Resolution:** The Panorama City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the resolution as introduced by Councilmember Bonin on January 13, 2021, and urges the City of Los Angeles to support and/or sponsor legislation that would provide funds to agencies to provide fare-free transit in Los Angeles.

**7. Discussion and possible action on the appointment the newly created Equity Officer position. The Equity Officer will work with the Rules Committee to develop a local agency plan for the Panorama City Neighborhood Council to participate in the city's Executive Directive 27 on Racial Equity along with the numerous other Executive Directives on Equity, including Gender Equity, an Age-Friendly City and others. The Equity Plan will be proposed to the Board for its consideration and approval.**

No nominations made. Item tabled to next meeting.

**8. Update and brief discussion ICON Panorama retail and housing project at the former Montgomery Ward site, which has been tied up in litigation. The addresses are 14651-14697 West Roscoe Boulevard and 8300-8406 North Cedros Avenue and 8313-8413 North Tobias Avenue, Panorama City, CA 91402**

Item tabled to next meeting.

**9. Discussion and possible action to approve a PCNC virtual Town Hall titled 'City Services Check-in' where Panorama City stakeholders can share their observations, concerns and suggestions with our NC and others. This event would serve as the foundation for the data set used by our Finance Committee to recommend top priorities to the Board of Directors, which would in turn be submitted to the Budget Tribunes, Budget Advocates, elected officials and City Departments. Requested budget of \$250 for event promotion through social media.**

John and Lanira plan to expand the Finance Committee to make it more meaningful to the community. They will be asking stakeholders to help set priorities by gathering feedback from the community, they'll make a recommendation to the board based on the feedback, and develop a set of priorities within the next month to provide

recommendations to the county and the Budget Tribunes. A budget of \$250 is requested for this event.

Tony moved to support the event. Pamela seconded.  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with 14 for and no abstentions.

**10. Discussion and possible action for approval of any financial statements, Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER's), or other ongoing monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer of Finance Chair which have not yet been approved by the Board.**

Tony moved to approve the MER. John seconded.  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with 14 for and no abstentions.

a. Treasurer/ Finance Chair to provide details. This item does not cover special or annual financial documents.

**11. Discussion and possible action to approve the Board meeting's minutes for the last Board meeting and any other prior meetings not yet approved.**

Item postponed to next meeting.

a. To include December 2020 Meeting

**12. Discussion and possible action to remove Board Members in violation of attendance policies.**

Item tabled to next meeting.

a. None for January

**13. Discussion and possible action to appoint any interested qualified stakeholders to any appropriate vacant board seats, including Youth Representatives.**

Item postponed to next meeting.

- Candidates must present documents to the Secretary that prove their identity and a "stake" in the Neighborhood Council, as required by each seat.
- Examples: Driver's License, Consular Card or Student ID will prove identity. A Driver's License with a current address will also prove that a person lives within the council boundaries.
- District seats are specific to either "homeowner" or "renter". For this reason, homeowners must present a recent mortgage statement or a tax bill, and renters must present a recent rent receipt or a lease. Business seats require a business card with a local address, a Business Tax Registration Certificate, or some other indication that the person works (including volunteer work) or operates a business within the council boundaries.
- Community Interest stakeholders (for an Unlimited At-Large seat) must provide a document that proves a substantial and ongoing interest within the boundaries, which is often evidenced by membership in a local organization. However, Community Interest stakeholders can be appointed to either of the vacant Alternate positions.) Signed letters from responsible parties can also be provided. The Secretary will determine the adequacy of the candidate's documentation.

- No actual documents will be kept and interested stakeholders are only required to show the document for verification.

- The council may appoint one or more Youth Representative(s) for a one-year term. A Youth Representative is not part of the voting Board. This is a position that allows youth to express opinions on council issues.

**14. Discussion, nomination, and selection of Committees to include adding new Committee Chairs or new members to each committee. Also includes 2-minute report form each committee. The current committees are listed below.**

Commerce: Perla reported that the committee meets every month, on the fourth Monday of the month.

Finance: John and Lanira have taken over the committee since Gurgen stepped down. An event form needs to be filed for the Town Hall. The committee will provide more updates as they are available.

Land Use: The committee meets the fourth Sunday of every month. Next meeting's agenda will have significant items on it.

Outreach: John discussed concern that the council has not interfaced more with the public and voiced an aspiration for it to do so.

Rules: The committee meets every Friday night and needs more members to join within the next few days.

Community Life: Perla reported that there appears to be relaxed parking enforcement on Tobias and Noble. Alleys look better, though the one by Montgomery Ward needs work, and PCNC hopes for District 6 to provide help on it. LADOT is removing cars; constituents can call 1-800-Abandon for vehicles that haven't moved.

Public Safety: Martha reported that CPAC met yesterday and that she plans to schedule a February meeting for Public Safety. Officer Smith discussed concerns about a rise in burglaries at shopping centers, saying that LAPD is pushing for more enforcement and more community awareness of the issue. Martha will be adding an item to February's agenda about this issue, about support for vaccination and testing and also about safety concerns regarding flooded intersections for those taking public transportation.

Education: Pamela reported that the committee met Monday night and had two guests: Community School Coordinator Angela Highland Fernandez and Vista Magnet Coordinator Ripsime Ter-Kazaryan. An event will be held at 6:00p.m on February 9 and 10 to offer help for parents applying to join the magnet in following year. Flyers for this will be posted on the PCNC website and the committee will be including an item regarding leadership classes on next month's agenda. Tony will be creating campaign doorhangers to cover areas not reached by the direct mail flyer and Pamela would like to request help with distribution from neighborhoods surrounding Vista Middle School, an area likely to be affected. No contact is required. She will prepare a motion about it for next month's board agenda.

Youth Committee: No update.

15. Adjournment: at 7:48 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN

February 3, 2021

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