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Brief Summary: The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council hereby supports the City of Los Angeles City Council Resolution No. CF 11- 0002 - S123 against Corporate Personhood.

Additional Information

**GLASSELL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013  
GLASSELL PARK COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER**

**(Approved Minutes ON: 12/18 /2012)**

*(12) Total Board members seated*

1. Art Camarillo
2. Bradley
3. Ruby De Vera
4. Channa Grace
5. Maggie Darrett-Quiroz
6. Gladys Pinto-Munoz
7. Paul Blanco
8. Balthazar Vega
9. Arlene Santos
10. Martin Gregory
11. Maggie Lopez-Robles
12. Michael Divic

**~MINUTES MAY NOT REFLECT THE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF ACTIONS~**

**3. Official Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items) (2 Min. Max)**

- a. **Candidate (Name?)** – Served on the East Hollywood Neighborhood council board for 3 years. I am local business owner and my family have been part of the council district 13 for many years. My website is Sam2013.com We're recruiting volunteers to support the campaign. It's very multi cultural from Silverlake to Echo Park to the new Peruvian Village. I was raised in East Hollywood, went to Hollywood High school where I graduated. I have over 10 years experience working on grass roots level and working within the city politics and bringing change to the district as well as the City of Los Angeles. In addition this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year serving as the treasurer of the Northeast LA Democratic Club. I'm not endorsed by any political candidates or elected officials, I am endorsed by people like you guys are and people in the District. I invite you if there is anything to make Los Angeles better we can work together.
- b. **Calvin Wells, President of Rose Bowl PONY Baseball** – Resident of Pasadena. PONY is an acronym for Protecting Our Nation's Youth and they've been around since 1951. Rose bowl PONY has been around for 3 years and our boundaries have been extended into the Northeast LA area. Registration is now open for the Spring 2013 season which begins March 2 to May 18. We are open for enrollment for children ages 2/12 to 14 and we are taking applications every Saturday at Pasadena Fire Station No. 36 from 10a to 2p. Promote Awareness of our High School baseball preparatory program in Pasadena. Now there is an affordable competitive baseball experience available to the children of this community. For more information visit rosebowlpony.com
- c. **Tony, Stakeholder** – DONE said there were a bunch of unresolved issues and they referred all of those issues back to the board of directors of the new neighborhood council to figure out what they were going to do. I was just wondering if the board has had any discussions on any of those issues and if the board intends to agendize those items for further discussion?  
**Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – Can you give a brief description of those issues? A lot of the board members are new.  
**Tony** – There were a number of challenges DONE chose not to address because those challenges would be governed by the bylaws of the neighborhood council themselves. So the issues remain open.  
**Bradley** – The board made two decisions on the challenges. The first one had no merit on one of the issues that had to do with the bylaws and residency. The second item which had to do with the governing board making a decision on the seating of the Area 1 Rep, the board chose to not act on that. That's what happened on the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
**Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – Do we have the minutes for the special meeting? Because I saw where you guys approved the money for the pool block party but then you revoked it in the special meeting, so I wanted to see those minutes.  
**Ruby De Vera** – It wasn't actually revoked. We waited for more documentation.  
**Art Camarillo** - We approved them under the condition that a complete packet was submitted.  
**Bradley** – The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has clarified that October 2, 2012 meeting was null and void because the seating for the alternate board member to vote was invalid per our GPNC bylaws and therefore the October 2 meeting was null and void. However, the October 16th meeting did bring the item back up on the agenda and the item was tabled.

**Ruby De Vera** – If you'd like to can re-submit that request to the budget and finance committee.

- d. **Karen Flores, LA River** – Were going to hold our 24<sup>th</sup> annual LA River clean up on May 18 from 9a to Noon. People can volunteer as individuals or as a community group. Bolar is going to build a 38 ft. RV mobile visitor center off the LA River. It can go to schools, festivals and it's for all ages. There are opportunities to sponsor the pre-nup and the vehicle and once the vehicles built you can put in a request for it to come wherever. There is still time for the Neighborhood council to write a letter of support on behalf of Metrolink to help get them \$52 million from the Carl Moyer Grant to be used for upgrade or purchase new engines that are spilling particulate matter.
- e. **Alisa Smith, President of Glassell Park Improvement Association** – Having CD1 candidates forum this Thursday, January 24 at 7pm. The GPI has been here since 1968 and many of you are members and we are the organizing committee that began the neighborhood council. I've been involved with that since 2000 and many of you know me from community design overlay, safety education and also the GPIA has also been working with Bolar regarding the AQMD issues. It has severely impacted people's health, we just lost a friend in Allegiant Valley last month from upper respiratory disease. It is a serious issue and whatever letter you can muster up we would really appreciate it.
- f. **Senior Lead Officer Leo Reyes, CD1** – I will be moved to Los Feliz/Atwater area starting January 26. My replacement will be Adam Mesquita and I will let him say a few words. Crime has been fantastic in this area. We have a group that's breaking into cars, we know who they are and they are from the Atwater area. We are doing probation searches as we speak and they should be in custody very shortly. We also know graffiti has spiked a little bit and there have been some arrests.
- g. **Senior Lead officer Adam Mesquita, CD1** – I have a little over 17 years on the job with 6 years in the North East Division. Enough time to fight crime and now it's time to start working with community. It's good to be here at Glassell Park to keep doing the good job that Leo's been doing. We have a graffiti cleanup task force. Hoping we can utilize the sprayer more often that the council has provided us.

**Bradley made a motion to take agenda item 7F to be heard out of order, seconded by Art Camarillo.**

**MOTION PASSES (10-1-1)**

**Senior Lead Officer Leo Reyes, CD1** – We had our Open House for the Northeast Division where over 1,000 showed up. We fed the community food and drinks and provided food and entertainment. It was a great event and we want to continue the tradition. We opened up our FOS simulator so community members can see what we do on a daily basis. If you did not go to last year's event, hopefully you come to next year's event.

**Stakeholder** – Do they still offer the Community Police Academy?

**Adam Mesquita** – The community Police Academy was run through our Operations Central Bureau. They offer English/Spanish speaking classes per year and it's an 11 week course. Dates are TBD but classes will be in February and late August through November. I will get the council more information. We will take the sign ups at the station and will probably use different locations to meet.

**Bradley** – AS the interim Grants and Funding Committee Chairperson, I want to remind the board that the funding request application as submitted on October 1, 2012 and the board was to act on this in the October meeting however there were other agenda items that were pressing. We had a November meeting where this was supposed to be heard as well but that meeting was cancelled. The December meeting where the funding request application was in front of the board however because of the transition to the new board from the old board and lack of information sharing from old treasurer to the new treasurer, this item was tabled. So that's why it appears on this agenda.

**Mark Quiroz** – You were the interim chair to me who was chair of the Grants and Funding Committee correct?

**Bradley** – No I was the Interim Chair.

**Mark Quiroz** – You were Interim Chair. I was voted in as Grants and Funding Chair. Interim Chair is only in my absence. I was never relieved from Gants and Funding Chair.

**Ruby De Vera** – To the best of my recollection Grants and Funding had never met. Everything was up in the air for a long time and we had people requesting funding during that time.

**Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – I read the September meeting minutes and the treasurer did a report and it was not completed. This request technically did not come through anyone. Now were going backwards because on #8 it says treasurer's report and we don't even know how much money we even have for an event that really never got approved because it never went to the Grants and Funding Committee because we never had an Interim Chair.

**Ruby De Vera** – Prior to that meeting we had a report from the Treasurer and it broke down money allotted for outreach including the Veterans Day Parade. The only reason those items weren't approved was because there was no appropriation for it. There was just not enough funding.

**Alisa Smith** – You just had a motion and you need to put a motion on the table. You could make a friendly amendment to approve that motion knowing that the process and protocol of the standing rules and bylaws are as follows or you can take a temperature of the board to see how the board feels about approving the \$1000 for the LAPD.

**Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – Were going backwards and still not following protocol. My opinion is we should table this item. The event already passed, so it is not hurting them whether they get the money today or tomorrow or next month. By next month hopefully we'll have a treasurer's report and we'll know how much money we have because how can you approve money that you don't know what we have because it's not in our minutes?

**Bradley** – The applicant submitted it to the Grants and Funding Committee and the grants and Funding Committee had not met. They submitted the application before the event with the expectation that the Committee was to meet however because we were going through these exhausting elections that took a lot of time and energy away from the different committees, this applicant was not able to be heard at the October, November or December meeting. They are asking this GPNC board which they have the right to come directly to the board and ask for these funds. In this case they are asking for \$1000 but they have a right to ask, there is a motion and were just entertaining the discussion.

**Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – The treasurer has not given us a budget report for the last 4 months. How can we even at this point vote for back projects?

**Bradley** – Madam Chair, We have \$31,000 as you stated in the previous December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for the 2012-2013 funding requests. The motion in front of us is to consider the applications for approval with the caveat of looking into the 2012-2013 funds necessary if there is.

**Channa Grace made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for the LAPD as soon as the Budget & Finance Committee reviews treasurer's report and subject to availability of 2012-2013 funds, seconded by Bradley. MOTION PASSES (8-0-4)**

4. Board Member Comment (Non-Agenda Items) (2 Min. Max) ~

~ *None seen, none heard.*

**Channa Grace** – I would just hope that in this new year that we could come together and have a more peaceful discussion with each other and work together maybe than we've worked together in the past.

**Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – It's good to disagree and agree. We have bylaws and brown act rules that we all have to follow and I think we all need to become familiar with them. There's a reason why there's protocol.

**Art Camarillo** – This is why we are going to be electing committee and it is important for everyone to get involved with at least one committee.

5. **Accept Nominations for Area 3 Representative not filled by 2012 Election and Elect Area 3 Representative**

**Bradley** – We've sent out emails and some flyers in Area 3 so hopefully we'll be getting some people interested in that area.

**Ruby De Vera** – Area 3 is a very small area. It is Eagle Rock Blvd and Verdugo Blvd. 33 where Saint Bernard is. We don't have anyone interested at this time but if you know somebody please let us know.

6. **Glassell Park Community Presentations**

a. **Support City Council resolution against Corporate Personhood**

**Anne Porter** – I have come to ask the Neighborhood Council for a CIS in support of the LA City Council resolution against Corporate Personhood that says only human beings, not corporations are entitled to Constitutional rights. Corporations did not always have constitutional rights, America's founding father's recognized that too much wealth and power concentrated in too few hands is a dangerous thing and they decided to prevent this from being a problem. Projects such as building roads and bridges need substantial financing and therefore tight control. So founding father's set up a system calling for the state governments to carefully consider the needs of each of these work groups individually and to write up a document giving the group permission to exist as an entity spelling out exactly what the group was to do and how it was to do it and place amendments on time, money and assets the group could work with. This document was called the Charter of Incorporation. Today the provision for free speech means that we should be able to go in a public and say what we think for corporate persons. Since corporations own most of the media means that corporations can control the flow of information and shut out points of view that they do not want the public to hear. The provision for equal rights means for natural persons like you and me that we should be able to move into any neighborhood without discrimination based on race, color or creed. For corporate persons it means that if a big boss chain like Wal-Mart wants to move into a neighborhood which typically destroys the local economy and drives local merchants out of business, the people working with their local government will have a hard time stopping it as that would be discrimination. Having constitutional rights empowers corporations to overturn laws that we the people enact democratically to protect our communities and our environment. Passing a constitutional amendment which establishes that only human beings and not corporations are persons entitled to constitutional rights is a national effort requiring local action everywhere in the nation. Your voice through the CIS is gated as part of a national expression of consensus that corporations ought not to be in power through constitutional rights. Not only would your CIS on the resolution serve to advise our city council but it would help raise awareness in our community and send a message to our state and federal elected officials who will be called upon to vote in a process of proposing and ratifying of this amendment.

**Art Camarillo** – Do unions have due process or entitlements?

**Anne Porter** – I'm not an expert on Union Law but I know that LA County Federation of Labor supports this idea. There would be some application to Unions.

**Ruby De Vera** – How many Neighborhood Councils have written a statement?

**Anne Porter** – Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Cypress Park, Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights, LA32, El Serrano, Griffith Park, Rampart, South Roberson and I believe there are some in progress including Sherman Oaks, Tarzana, West Hills...

**Stakeholder** – Legally unions are unincorporated associations and are not corporations within the media of what she's talking about.

**Bradley made a motion for a CIS in reference to CF 11-0002-S123, seconded by Balthazar Vega. MOTION PASSES (10-1-1)**

**b. NELA Riverfront Collaborative (NELA RC) Update**

**Ruby Fregoso** – Would like to invite all of the neighborhood council members as well as residents from the South Park to our press conference which is January 24th from 9am to 10am at March Park along the riverfront. That is the day we are going to launch our collaborative. I am the Education Director with KCET Departures and voices.

Departures is an online documentary series on neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles. We have been working on a documentary on the Los Angeles River for several years now. If you go to our website at [KCET.com/departures](http://KCET.com/departures), you can see an interactive digital mural that details the history of the river, residents along the river and the development of communities along the river. We were asked to be a part of this collaborative because of our work on the documentary. It's a collaborative that came together with an application to the housing and urban development department. There was a grant given to the city of Los Angeles for \$2.25 million dollars to do this research that were doing the study on the North East Los Angeles River area.

**Alvaro Parra** – Three main objectives. The first objective is to engage the community and identify the NELA Riverfront District. We are asking for your feedback. The final outcome would be to provide a report including all of our information. In late spring/early summer we are going to be conducting a number of surveys. We will be going around to businesses, residences, community organizations to get feedback on the ways that we can meld together land use, economic development, recreational areas, etc. The second is to create a comprehensive implementation strategy for community revitalization and reinvestment that makes land use, economic development and work force strategies. This information that we get from the community will go into our website. It is really important to get the message out now so we can get as much community contributions as possible. Lastly, create a model of engagement and public media to foster civic participation in the revitalization of communities. We are representatives of KCET's role in this collaborative is to be the media partner here. Were in charge of building a website and I would encourage you all to visit it [www.myLARiver.org](http://www.myLARiver.org) AS far as more community engagement is concerned, Ruby and I also run the Youth Voices program for KCET Departures. We are currently enacting a course on media literacy at several schools to encourage youth to contribute their voices and talk about their communities and look at them through an urban planning perspective. Eventually we would like to encourage them to have their opinions go into the path of public policy. We have attended neighborhood council meetings in all of the 5 neighborhood's that make up this riverfront collaborative. Finally, we have a traveling kiosk. If you are interested or know anyone interested in joining these advisory committees we do encourage you to send your information to [info@mylariver.org](mailto:info@mylariver.org)

**Art Camarillo** – Are you guys working at all with the clean water people?

**Ruby Fregoso** – They are not part of the collaborative but we are seeking out support from community organizations to be part of our advisory council.

**7. Neighborhood Council Board Business**

**a. Instruct Board Member to Comply with LA City Ethics and Open Government**

**Ruby De Vera** – Would just like to remind those who have not taken the Ethics training to please do so because certificates need to be in our hands in 60 days. If you have any questions, talk to Bradley.

**b. Election of Alternate Representatives per "GPNC Standing Rules"**

**Ruby De Vera** – We are also in need of alternates if anybody in the public would like to be involved in this.

**Tony Butka** – I'm willing to be an alternate as we start with 15 and thin out. If somebody would send me the minutes and agenda, I will make sure they get posted to the ANC group.

**Mark Quiroz** – I will be an alternate.

**Andre Sahakian** – I will also be an alternate.

**Lassaro** also volunteers to be an alternate.

**c. Motion to Elect/Select a LANCC/Citywide Alliance Member for 2012-2013.**

**Bradley** – The board approved Arlene Santos as a Neighborhood Council Alliance Rep on behalf of GPNC, this is specifically for the LANCC/Citywide Alliance membership. If the current Neighborhood Council Alliance liaison Arlene Santos would like to have that position as well, anyone else in the public can also be nominated and/or voted

for that position. There is already one person that is already on the LANCC Alliance and that doesn't expire and that is Tony Butka.

**Tony Butka** – I would like to suggest based on our history that we have more than one person. Sometimes we have somebody that can't make it and then nobody's there and it gets worse over time.

**Arlene Santos** – Id' like to raise a concern, at the last meeting I never got the information about it. I got it very late thanks to Art for calling me the night before.

**Alisa Smith** – I was elected as the LANCC treasurer at the January meeting. LANCC has a voice just as the neighborhood councils conserve to unify the over 95 neighborhood councils in the city of Los Angeles. We just had a huge success with the bond measure. I just want to clarify a few things, everybody from the council is automatically a member of LANCC and everybody is welcome to come to LANCC. You don't have to be a certified card carrying member. When it comes time to vote on things, we want to make sure that we don't have someone coming in off the street saying that they are there and you guys don't know that they are there. It is good to have two people and anybody can come. I'm not sure who gets the emails on the neighborhood council now but the communication from the council to the board members and the community has actually been a long standing concern. I hope that it's on everyone's agenda to write LANCC or LA.org or e-mail me to get signed up to the email distribution list. I would also encourage all of you to get familiar with the empowerla.org website because there is a lot of information.

**Bradley** – I believe you did send an email to the representative that sends the emails. She did receive it and she understood your comments on being excluded from the list.

**Arlene Santos** – Yes I did.

**Bradley made a motion to nominate Arlene Santos as the LANCC Citywide Alliance member with Mr. Butka, seconded by Gladys Pinto-Munoz. MOTION CARRIES (12-0-0)**

d. **Motion to Adopt/ Resolution To Submit a Community Impact Statement to Postpone CF 12-1300-S1**

**Ruby De Vera** – This has already been taken care of.

**Bradley made a motion to table item 7D, seconded by Martin Gregory. MOTION PASSES (12-0-0)**  
*~Item Tabled*

e. **Motion/Resolution to allocate funds not to exceed \$800 for the 2013 Mayor's Day of Service, Glassell Park Community Clean-up**

**Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – This item 7E is before Item 8 which is the treasurer's report and he said he doesn't know what our budget is so how can we vote if we don't know how much money we have?

**Bradley** – As we have already established previously is on the December the 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting the budget is \$31,000 for the 2012-2013 budget and the neighborhood council has already been approved for the \$31,000. The \$800 that is being requested will be coming out of the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget as we did last year for the MLK day clean up. This has been an ongoing community event that is collaborative with many of the groups and organizations in Glassell Park. Thus far we have 15 groups and organizations that are participating in this year's event. Last year it was allocated \$1000-\$1200 for this event however because we've got certain donations from other council offices, all we're asking for is the \$800 for the food, drink and refreshments to feed about 1000 people attending/participating in the event.

**Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – Our treasurer hasn't been around for the last 3-4 months. I haven't seen a budget report and just to hear the new treasurer say that he hasn't seen the report and he's still going through training, how do we allocate money?

**Ruby De Vera** – We do have \$31,000 appropriated. We do have to create a budget.

**Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – Who pays for the \$800 for the food? Our treasurer doesn't have a card.

**Bradley** – I have no problem putting the funds out there until it's developed and allocated as we all do on these community events. Sometimes you put funds out there to pay for these events knowing that the allocated funds are appropriated.

**Balthazar Vega** – Do we need to see line items for this?

**Bradley** – No. There is only one item that needs to be purchased and that's the food. We're not talking about any auxiliary items or supplemental items. Just one item and that's the food.

**Alisa Smith** – Martin, have you been to the treasurer's training?

**Martin Gregory** – No, I am going to send out an email to get the training unless you have a better alternative.

**Alisa Smith** – If you go to EmpowerLA.org they have a calendar that lists the treasurer's training. You can't get your P-Card activated until you go to that training. More than one person can go so if anyone else would like to attend just sign up on the website.

**Channa Grace made a motion to approve \$800 for 2013 Mayor's Day of Service Glassell Park Community Clean Up provided that the funds are available, seconded by Gladys Pinto Munoz. MOTION CARRIES (10-0-2)**

f. **Refer to item 3G.**

- g. **Overview of GPNC Office Use, Distribution of Keys, and Management Services**  
**Art Camarillo** – The chair has already turned in his keys, I'm just waiting on others.
- h. **Motion/Action to request the previous 2010-2012 Board Members return GPNC keys.**  
**Ruby De Vera** – Who still has keys?  
**Maggie-Darrett-Quiroz** – I do.  
**Ruby De Vera** – Please return them to Art. Bradley, you still have keys?  
**Bradley** – No. I turned them in immediately.
- i. **Update from Mayor's Rep: Status of Mayor's Budget for FY 2012-2013**  
**Tony Butka** – Did the neighborhood council elect representatives for the neighborhood council budget committee? It's doing things now.  
**Bradley** – Every month we're supposed to have an update from the mayor's budget advocates and that's the reason why it's on the agenda is so that if something comes up we can at least know about it without knowing if it's going to agendized on every month.  
**Alisa Smith** – Everyone who was there that day should be getting an email with the meetings.

**8. Report and Recommendation from treasurer**

- a. Update from Outgoing treasurer on neighborhood council funds and expenditures
- b. Update on 2011-2012 FY Reconciliation Budget
- c. Update on 2012 Election's Budget Reconciliation
- d. Motion/Resolution to Adopt 2012-2013 FY Budget  
**Bradley made a motion to table items 8A-8D, seconded by Balthazar Vega. MOTION CARRIES (12-0-0)**  
*~Items 8A-8D Tabled*

**9. Committee/Ad Hoc Committee Reports/Updates**

**a. Economic Development and Land Use Committee Updates**

- i. Conditional Use Permit regarding 60' – 70' Mono-Pine/Cell Tower Installation/Status Proposed Stealth Tower at the San Fernando Rd. location, a Glassell Park Community Marker in lieu of a MONO-PINE  
**Ruby De Vera** – This 70 ft. Mono-Pine has been replaced with a Cell Tower.  
**Balthazar Vega** – There was a cell tower that went up without contacting the school it is next too. It is right up against where the football field is and it goes against LAUSD.  
**Ruby De Vera** – We did not have any notification on that or we would have done something about it but we can check in to it. I will refer it to the Land Use committee. What kind of a cell tower? Is it temporary?  
**Balthazar Vega** – No it is huge and it's permanent.
- ii. Motion/Resolution to Approve "Letter of Recommendation" to maintain the existing location, operations, and use of the KIA Dealership located at 2242 North San Fernando Rd.  
**Ruby De Vera** – KIA was requesting an extension for the lease for 3 months so they could renegotiate with the owner however, the owner was very firm in selling that piece of property and did not want to entertain any offers. At this point they are still there at that locations although the last we heard they have negotiated a deal with the Ritz Auto place on San Fernando Road to move there service department there.  
**Tony Butka** – Has anybody talked to LA Unified School District because I thought there was a sidewalk issue about whether it was going to be wide enough?  
**Ruby De Vera** – That was the item in question which is owned by the Walen people and they're going to take care of that.

**b. Accept Nominations/Select/Elect Grants & Funding Committee Interim Chair**

Maggie Darrett-Quiroz nominates Balthazar Vega for Grants & Funding Committee  
Gladys Pinto-Munoz nominates Art Camarillo for Grants & funding  
Art Camarillo nominates Gladys Pinto-Munoz for Grants & Funding Committee  
Channa Grace nominates self for Grants & Funding Committee

**c. Accept Nominations/Select/Elect By-Law Committee Interim Chair**

**Gladys Pinto Munoz** – Jim wants to help anyone who would like to be a part of the bylaw committee  
Tony Butka nominates self for By-Law Committee  
Alisa Smith nominates self for By-Law Committee

**d. Accept Nominations for Budget and Finance Committee Interim Chair**

**Ruby De Vera** – That would be the treasurer and anyone else who would like to be a part of that.  
Bradley nominates self for Budget & Finance Committee  
Maggie Darrett-Quiroz nominates self for Budget and Finance Committee

Channa Grace nominates self for Budget & Finance Committee

- e. **Accept Nominations/Select/Elect Outreach and Communication Interim Chair**  
**Ruby De Vera** – This would be the Treasurer and Bradley.  
Maggie Darrett-Quiroz nominates self for Outreach and Communication Interim Chair  
Gladys Pinto-Munoz nominates self for Outreach and Communication  
Bradley nominates Arlene Santos for Outreach and Communication  
Paul Blanco nominates self for Outreach and Communication
- f. **Accept Nominations/Select/Elect Website Ad-Hoc Committee Interim Chair**  
Andre Sahakian nominates self for Ad-Hoc Committee  
Art Camarillo nominates self for Ad-Hoc Committee  
Ruby De Vera nominates Tony Butka for Ad-Hoc Committee  
Ruby De Vera nominates Jesse Medina for Ad-Hoc Committee
- g. **Accept Nominations/Select/Elect Education Ad-Hoc Committee Interim Chair**  
Maggie Darrett-Quiroz nominates Balthazar Vega for Education Ad-Hoc Committee  
Maggie Darrett-Quiroz nominates Michael Divic for Education Ad-Hoc Committee Interim Chair  
Gladys Pinto Munoz nominates Maggie Lopez-Robles for Education Ad-Hoc
- h. **Accept Nominations/Select/Elect Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Interim Chair**  
Bradley nominates Tony Butka for Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee  
Tony Butka declines nomination  
**Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – Can you describe what this consists of?  
**Bradley** – You have to attend a lot of the council meetings, receive a lot of the City Clerk’s information and be able to translate that information and get it to the board so they can understand what specific motions/actions items that will be voted on that will affect council motion, changes, mayor issues and concerns.  
Maggie Darrett-Quiroz nominates Michael Divic for Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee

#### 10. Area Representative Updates

- a. Area 1, Bradley – The Fletcher Square Park had its annual block party and it was well received and well attended. At the same time we had the Chapman street wall vine improvement project. They were able to install 175 vines on the northern portion and in the next few weeks we’ll be doing the southern portion for the remaining 175 vines. It was a successful vent with a lot of groups and organizations that will be participating in the community clean up.
- b. Area 2, Maggie Darrett-Quiroz – Made a flyer for the Martin Luther King Day. I am going to concentrate on the Quiroz family adopted highway. A lot of the plants are dead and we need to remove weeds. There is a little bit of graffiti but I’m hesitant to remove it because I am afraid we are going to get targeted. I am going to ask the LAPD will let them remove it that day so we don’t get retaliated against. If anybody wants to come it’s on Moss and Edward.
- c. Area 3, Bradley – The second annual Verdugo Village Resource and Block Party has been requested by Saint Bernard’s School & Church, Chinese Zion Baptist Church and the Romanian Orthodox Church to have 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Verdugo Village block party. The request for funds will be on the next upcoming agenda. We’re working on a budget and it will be similar to what we had last year.
- d. Area 4, Maggie Lopez-Robles – Nothing to report.
- e. Area 5, Arlene Santos – There’s some traffic issues I’ve identified. Would someone be willing to meet with me to help me?  
**Gladys Pinto-Munoz** – I Spoke to Nate about that. We can work together on this.  
**Bradley** - Area 5 has also requested a block party event in their area this year, so we are looking on how we can get a consensus of neighbor’s and residences in the area to work on a specific venue for that area.
- f. Area 6, Martin Gregori – In regards to the ambulances on Verdugo, there’s not much we can do. I spoke to the DOT and there’s a memorandum on any kind of restricted parking but we did ask them not to bring the ambulances into the residential streets and unload and so far they have been adhering to that.  
**Bradley** – Martin also presented a request for some type of venue or event in his area to get a consensus of from the residences on what they really want because there are several issues going on in that area. I know one of them had to do with sidewalks and parking.



- g. Area 7, Gladys Pinto-Munoz – I talked to Nate regarding the light on Verdugo, it's too dark. He said he would talk to DWP to see if it's possible to add a light because there is a pole there. Also, were having the same problem with the Alley behind the Arco station and traffic. E also reported this house that's being built on Sommers because the workers are spreading there wires on the street. I think they got fined but Nate was supposed to come today to let us know more about it.

**Maggie Darrett-Quiroz** – Can you guys do an adopt the alley?

**Ruby De Vera** – Not if it's an accessible alley, it's illegal.

#### **11. Business Representative Updates**

**Channa Grace** – Have an Outreach plan to go to each business and come back and report to the council. This would be a good way to introduce the Neighborhood Council and remind businesses and the community that we are here and have a survey.

**Bradley** – My understanding is that the Fresh and Easy may be going out of business? Can we follow up?

**Channa Grace** – Sure.

#### **12. Organizational Representative Updates**

**Paul Blanco** - No Updates.

#### **13. Faith Based Representative Updates**

**Art Camarillo** – We've started again on the organization on the Northeast March. Also on Christmas, Saint Bernard's put together 80 bags that were distributed to families and it was very effective.

**Balthazar Vega** – I would like to give an Educational Update. We already mentioned the cell tower and I am going to look into that. There is also an issue that I've been in contact with the LAPD, City and LAUSD because there is a sewer man hole that opens up onto the campus. There's direct access from the LA River right onto campus and extends into Glassell Park. I will be following up with Detective Rochelle and if anyone else has some contacts I'd like to work to get this sealed up as soon as possible. The reason we found out was the Soccer Coach saw a bunch of students popping out of the manhole. Also, I'm going to be contacting the different schools in Glassell Park because I know that some are left off the list. I want to make sure that it's updated and we are representing all the schools in Glassell Park.

#### **14. Announcement/Public Comments**

**Stakeholder** – My name is Karen from Friends at the LA River and you had asked some questions about the bridges. There working on Fletcher, Riverside Figueroa and the Hyperion Bridge. They are going to build a new bridge in Atwater. There also is a design for a Bridge across Taylor Yard. The money is not in place to build it yet but it is in place to design it. There is an Ad-Hoc River Committee meeting the City has on January 28. Even if you can't go at City Hall, get on the mailing list and you can see agendas and the minutes. There is a lot of activity on the River.

Bradley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gladys Pinto-Munoz. **MOTION CARRIES (12-0-0)**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.**