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Brief Summary: ASNC supports legalization of urban beekeeping within R1 districts in Los Angeles and encourages the City to initiate an ordinance to allow residents to raise their own honeybees, a practice which boosts struggling honeybee populations and ensures local food security. ASNC also strongly urges the City Council to improve Bee Rescue policy which, when feasible, supports live bee removal on city and public property within Los Angeles.

Additional Information:
ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)

Minutes October 23, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

   Present: Andrea Moran, Andrew Ptashnik, Ariel Van Sandweghe, Darius Adle, Joseph Riser, Judy Shane, Margaret Barto, Martha Benedict, Nina Zippay, Roy Payan, Sergio Vidal-Echeverria, Teri Bonsell, Tony Torres, Valerie Harragin

   Absent/Excused: Annie Sakamoto, Christine Pierron

   Absent: Alfred Buhler

2. WELCOME and INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

   ASNC President Martha Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   motion: The ASNC Board approves the minutes of the September 23, 2013 ASNC Board meeting.

   Minutes unanimously approved as corrected.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

   There were no requests to make public comment.

5. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES (10 min.)

   CD1 field Deputy Sylvia Robledo (sylvia.robledo@lacity.org) reported on the Councilman’s work on Montecito Heights Park where a gate is needed, the illegal parking of RVs, lighting on Marmion Way, and advocacy for the restoration of the LA River.

   Lisette Covarrubias of DONE reported on upcoming leadership training, emergency preparedness, and Neighborhood Council elections.

6. REAPPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN (3 min.) [For discussion and possible action]

   motion: The ASNC Board reappoints Ivan Spiegel as ASNC Parliamentarian through June 2014.

   Motion passes with none opposed and one abstention.

7. LOCAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 min.) Local Issues Committees report to the Board on matters of local importance. Provide future meeting dates: Hermon, Monterey Hills, Montecito Heights, Mt. Washington, Sycamore Grove.

   Reports made, no action items
8. ALLIANCE OF RIVER COMMUNITIES) ARC, Northeast LA’s NC group, met on October 24.
   Report made, no action items

9. RULES & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT The Rules & Election Committee has compiled the most recent version
   of the Standing Rules and posted it on the asnc.us web site.
   Announcement made, no action items

OLD BUSINESS
10. CITY COUNCIL 60-DAY ADVANCE NOTICE TO NCs
    motion: The ASNC shall send a letter to the City Council and the Mayor requesting that notification of all “important” issues
    should be sent to the Neighborhood Councils 60 days prior to their first hearing so that the NCs may have time to reach out
    to their stakeholders and take a position. This should be done through the Early Notification System or other expeditious
    means.
    Motion passes 15 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions

NEW BUSINESS
11. NC REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKERS AT CITY COUNCIL
    motion: The ASNC shall send a letter to the President of the City Council requesting that the City Council and all of its
    committees shall allow a five-minute public comment period to all speakers that are officially representing a position of their
    Neighborhood Council and who have previously filed a Community Impact Statement on a specific agenda item. This NC
    Comment Period should be separate from and prior to Public Comment from non-Neighborhood Council speakers.
    Motion passes unanimously

12. TREASURER’S REPORT
    motion: ASNC Board approves Monthly Expenditure Report and Purchase Card statement
    Motion passes unanimously

A. LIGHTING FOR STORAGE SPACE
    motion: ASNC approves the expenditure of up to $50 to purchase an LED lantern to be used and kept in the ASNC’s
    storage space.
    Motion passes unanimously

B. OLD LA FARMERS MARKET HALLOWEEN EVENT SUPPORT
    motion: ASNC approves the expenditure of up to $50 in support of the October 29th Old LA Farmers Market Halloween
    event.
    Motion passes unanimously

C. ASNC BUSINESS CARDS
    motion: ASNC approves the expenditure up to $234.20 for City-printed business cards for new Board members and new
    officers at $21.30 for 200 cards each.
    Motion passes unanimously

13. CIS SUPPORTING CF 12-0785 URBAN BEEKEEPING
    motion: ASNC will submit the following Community Impact Statement: ASNC supports legalization of urban beekeeping
    within R1 districts in Los Angeles and encourages the City to initiate an ordinance to allow residents to raise their own
    honeybees, a practice which boosts struggling honeybee populations and ensures local food security. ASNC also strongly
    urges the City Council to improve Bee Rescue policy which, when feasible, supports live bee removal on city and public
    property within Los Angeles. (435 characters)
    Motion passes unanimously

14. CIS SUPPORTING U.S. ARMY CORPS L.A. RIVER ALT. 20
    motion: ASNC will submit the following Community Impact Statement: Alternative 20 is the only truly robust ecosystem
    restoration plan providing four times more jobs than the Corps-preferred alternative. It addresses historic injustices caused
    by channelization in the way it improves habitat connections, increases seasonal riparian flow regimes, creates new access
to open spaces for enhanced public health, local economies, and quality of life, including the communities of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council. (447 characters)

Motion passes with 15 in favor, none opposed, and one abstention

15. PARK RANGERS FOR DEBS PARK (Montecito Heights Local Issues Local Issues, 5 min.)
motion: ASNC requests that City Council identify the resources to deploy two Park Rangers to Debs Park in view of the increasing homeless camps, copper thefts and infrastructure damage especially in the critical hours between 2 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously

16. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MONITOR
motion: ASNC appoints a non-executive Board member or stakeholder to monitor the actions of the Board of Public Works in order to provide a timely report to the ASNC Board of issues that could affect the ASNC area. http://bpw.lacity.org

Board member Padraic Cassidy volunteered and was accepted.

17. APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MONITOR
motion: ASNC appoints a non-executive Board member to monitor City Council motions in order to provide a timely report to the ASNC Board of issues that could affect the ASNC area.

Board member Joseph Riser volunteered for “at least one month” and was accepted.

18. AD HOC ELECTION COMMITTEE'S STIPULATION WORKSHEET (Martha Benedict, 5 min.)
motion: The ASNC Board approves the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Election Committee on the Elections Procedures Stipulation Worksheet.

An amendment was made to the above motion to allow for vote by mail. The amendment passed, 9 in favor, 7 opposed. The original motion as amended was then passed unanimously.

19. ASNC OFFICER SELECTIONS (Martha Benedict, 10 min.)
motion: In view of the completion of the one year term, selections for the executive officers President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar will be held.

President: Nina Zippay, unanimous
Vice President: Randy Zorick – 6
Valerie Harragin – 10
Secretary: Martha Benedict – 15 in favor, 1 opposed
Treasurer: Andrew Ptashnik – unanimous
Registrar: Teri Bonsell – 15 in favor, 1 abstention

20. SELECTION TO FILL MONTEREY HILLS REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY

Boris Kzorin, - unanimous

21. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (5 min.) Board members’ own activities or brief announcements. Introduce new issues for consideration at the next board meeting. [Items only - no discussion]

No action items

22. ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the board is Monday, November 25, 2013 at Ramona Hall.