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Brief Summary: On 01/07/14, the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) voted unanimously (12-0) to support a request that the Education & Neighborhoods Committee schedule CF #13-0907 before the full City Council. This file is a Budget and Finance Committee Report relative to re-appropriating \$9,610 in reverted funds to the ERNC.

Additional Information: In June 2011, ERNC spent \$9,610 of FY 2010-11 funds for a North Figueroa Corridor Revitalization Project. The project was cancelled, and \$9,610 credited to ERNC's purchasing card in FY 2012-13. However, DONE returned funds to the uncommitted balance for FY 2010-11, and \$9,610 reverted to the General Fund. ERNC requests that the funds be returned to Eagle Rock Stakeholders for their immediate use. Please see attached letter for details.

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**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
EAGLE ROCK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR FULL BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, January 7, 2014 • 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Eagle Rock City Hall, 2035 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90041

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Please be advised agenda items may not be heard in the order listed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Stakeholders who wish to make a public comment must fill out a "Speaker's Card" prior to the ERNC taking action on an item, and indicate which agenda item(s) or non-agenda description they wish to comment on. Comments on agenda items will be heard when the item is being considered. Comments on matters not on the agenda but within the ERNC's jurisdiction will be heard during the public comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless otherwise announced by the Presiding Officer.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. **CALL TO ORDER:** Welcome the public. Note procedures to be followed. — Presiding Officer
- b. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Michael Nogueira — President
- c. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Review and Approval — Michael Blanchard. [Click here to view the December minutes.](#)
- d. **MINUTES OF SPECIAL NOVEMBER MEETING:** Review and Approval — Michael Blanchard. [Click here to view the Special Meeting minutes.](#)
- e. **UPDATES:** City Council, State Assembly and Senate, LAPD/SLO, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), and/or other elected officials (5 min. each)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **UPDATE:** Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) at crosswalks on Colorado and Eagle Rock Blvds - Nate Hayward CD14 (2 min.)
- b. **UPDATE:** Land Use Committee report — David Greene, Oren Bitan (2 min.)
- c. **UPDATE:** Public Safety Director report — Rachel Deutsch (2 min.)
- d. **UPDATE:** Utility Box painting update — Jon Goldfarb (2 min.)
- e. **UPDATE:** Banner Committee Report — Kerry Tribe, Michelle Frier, David Greene (2 min.)
- f. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Recommendation to approve the [January 2014 Treasurer's Report](#), the [November 2013 Monthly Expenditure Report](#), and the [December 2013 Monthly Expenditure Report](#) for submittal to DONE. - Ashley Atkinson, Treasurer (3 min.)

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- g. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Community Improvement Project (CIP) for up to \$5488 for 48 (24 replacement + 24 new) public trash cans, to be co-funded by CD14 and Dept. of Sanitation — David Greene (5 min.)
- h. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** City of LA street-tree planting and concrete-cutting program: request subdistrict directors to research locations in their areas — Kerry Tribe, David Greene, Baker Montgomery (5 min.)
Motion: CIP for up to \$1200 to hire staff to research locations for new trees in Eagle Rock - Baker Montgomery.
- i. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** CIP for up to \$400 for Eagle Rock Prayer Stations event on April 10, 2014 — Andrea Anderson (5 min.)
- j. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Consider Applications for Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG) with Finance Committee (FC) recommendations — Ashley Atkinson, Jennifer Nutting, Greg Luke, David Greene (20 min.) **Click the links below for copies of the applications:**
 - 1. [Eagle Rock Junior/Senior High School](#) request for \$4,000 to fund repainting of eagle mural on auditorium exterior - no FC recommendation
 - 2. [Eagle Rock Elementary Educational Foundation](#) (also see [supplementary letter](#)) request for \$4,650 to fund landscaping for campus gateway on Caspar Ave. - FC recommendation to fund \$2,320 for materials only
 - 3. [Collaborative Eagle Rock Beautiful](#) request for \$2,996 for refurbishment of median landscaping on Eagle Rock Boulevard - FC recommendation to fund \$900 for 5 pots
 - 4. [Eagle Rock Community Garden](#) request for \$3,334 for construction of 20 raised beds - FC recommendation to fund \$500 for a portion of materials
- k. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Revise 2013–2014 budget to decrease allocation for Community Improvement Projects and increase allocation for Neighborhood Purpose Grants — Ashley Atkinson (5 min.)
- l. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Letter of support to City of LA Dept. of Cultural Affairs for a proposed Gabrieleno Indian monument and garden at Richard Alatorre Park (aka Eagle Rock View Park) - Ashley Atkinson (5 min.)
- m. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Consider submitting Community Impact Statements on City Council Files — David Greene (15 min.) **Click links below for text of Council motions or Committee reports:**
 - 1. [Request that Bernard Parks and Education and Neighborhoods Committee agendaize Refund of \\$9610 to ERNC before full City Council.](#)
 - 2. [Beekeeping in Single Family Residential \(R1\) Zones.](#)
 - 3. [Humane and Non-Lethal Bee Treatment / Removal Practices.](#)
 - 4. [Hit-And-Run Incidents / Rewards.](#)
 - 5. [Sign Ordinance Revision.](#)
- n. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Consider removing Irena Seta, Civic Director from the ERNC Board for excessive absences, as required by ERNC bylaws — Michael Nogueira (5 min.)
- o. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Schedule next meeting of ERNC Elections Committee in January — Michael Blanchard (2 min.)
- p. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Schedule next Executive Committee and Regular Board Meeting — Michael Nogueira (2 min.)
- q. **ADJOURN:** Presiding Officer (1 min.)

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I. OPENING BUSINESS

L-R

- 0 Mr. Bitan
- 1 Mr. Montgomery
- 2 Mr. Roth
- 3 Mr. Harrington
- 4 Mr. Goldfarb
- 5 Mr. Nogueira
- 6 p
- 7 Ms. Tribe
- 8 Ms. Frier
- 9 Mr. Ramirez
- 10 Ms. Atkinson
- 11 Ms. Deutsch
- 12 Ms. Anderson

- a. Call to order at 7:09 PM. Role call: Present are Mr. Nogueira, Mr. Greene, Ms. Tribe, Mr. Roth, Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Montgomery, Ms. Frier, and Mr. Goldfarb. Ms. Deutsch and Ms. Atkinson, Mr. Bitan, Ms. Anderson arrived late.
- b. President's Report: Tabled.
- c. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 6 moved to accept with corrections, 7 second. Motion passed
- d. Minutes of Special November Meeting: no correction. 1 moved, 6 second. Motion carries.
- e. Updates:

CD-14 update, Nate Hayward, final design C for York Park won, but included features that people liked from the other plans. Construction starts in March. Tree lighting was fun.

6- any discussion about district office contributing any money for utility boxes. A – we would need a proposal on expenses but we generally don't give money directly to Neighborhood Councils.

6 – motion for banners? A – yes we should be able to do that.

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6 – replacement of white wire baskets on schedule? A – yes.

6 – bus stop locations green wire baskets that contractor will empty? A – contract requires at 50% of locations city wide. If there are locations that you feel need it give me the list.

6 – tree planting, concrete cuts, do we measure it off or give you the block locations. A – more specificity is better.

7 – priorities are tree stump locations and what else? A – no clear answer yet but we will notify in advance.

7 – we have over 100 locations identified.

4 – bike lanes on Colorado Blvd has not slowed traffic, could timing of lights play part in slowing down traffic, why hasn't it been slowed down? A – our goal is to get this under control, we realize the problem but that is not finished yet.

6 – speed feedback signs when? A – Feb I think.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: New stakeholder definition approved by city council will go in effect this month. Bylaws will be changed prior to the next election. This changes the name and definition. Election updates, if you have comments or questions you can email us and we will respond. 818-293-VOTE is another way to ask questions. Look at roster on our website send updates to roster@empowerla.org.

Jay Handle – working 4 regions. jay@empowerla.org. 310-466-0645. Info being emailed to check your basic information. Verify info, fill in blanks and send back by email.

6 – we did not get the emails. A-drop me an email and I will forward tonight.

JH – we want everything up to date so we are ready. Goal is to recruit two candidates per board seat available. Make it a good competition. Contact me with election questions.

New checking account system, so make sure signatory cards are set up properly. Should be in place in Feb.

II. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

None.

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III. New Business:

- a. Update : answered by Nate. Jan.
- b. Update: Land Use Committee Mr. Greene: Nothing official to vote on, got information on one new business on Colorado Blvd. by Brownstone.
- c. Update: Public Safety Director: Ms. Deutsch. Nothing to report.
 - 5 – there was a business broken into that was supposed to have a photo released. A- will check into it.
- d. Utility Box Update: Mr. Goldfarb, 17 boxes eligible for painting. 14 on CO Blvd, 3 on Eagle Rock Blvd. There are design criteria and design must be approved by council. Sponsoring organization must sign on to take care of each one. Suggestion is a committee to solicit design proposals and would chose the best choices. Boxes sanded, primed and painted with special paint to make graffiti removal easier. Artist stipend is suggested also. Funding must be in place. Center for arts is a 501©(3) so donations could go to them.
 - 7 – I would not recommend the ERNC spearhead this so handing it over to a local group would be the best choice.We will get back in touch and continue to update.
- e. Update Banner committee: Mr. Greene. We decided on design a while ago, and it is ready to go if we want it. \$2500 deposited with the banner company. Up to \$7500 has been committed. Banners are about \$145 each. We will put it online for people to review.
- f. Recommendation to approve Treasures Report: Ms. Atkinson. We only need the December expenditure and Jan planed. Three grant applications received 4,980, 4,709 available. We met in November and got clarifications. Applicants are here to present requests. We may reallocate Neighborhood purpose grants depending on money available. There are also items on agenda for community improvement projects. 12250 allocated for community improvements, 935 expended so far. Three proposals tonight, trash cans, event, and tree planting represents more money than what we have after the banner project.
 - 1- Banner money already spent right? A- deposit yes, allocated no.
 - 6 –with my math we have about 3800 left if we spend money on banners? A-yes.
 - 6 - about 4700 for neighborhood purpose grants.? A –yes.
 - 8 – are we giving public notice on grants? A – yes on our website.
 - 6 – moves to approve December expenditure and Jan treasurers report. 8 seconds.Unanimous vote.

III. g. Community improvement process. Public trash cans. Mr. Greene.
We talked about this before. There are 4 now on CO. Blvd. replacing white wire. Trash trucks come and pick them up. If we replace the 24 existing white cans around ER, would need to be done before we pick new locations. Sanitation has offered to split 50/50 with the CD-14. ER proposing to do a 25/25 split with CD-14. 25% equates to 80

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per can. May be as high as \$106 per can if 3 way split. Our Logo has to go on the can, City seal, and CD-14 logo. \$400 set up, labels \$400 extra on top of the cans. We have to buy at least 24 before we can decide what additional cans. Determination is we need 48 cans.

0 – which bucket? A – community improvement project bucket.

2 – any difference for recycling? A – different color, blue instead of Green.

We have to make a pitch to CD-14 first step before it would go to Sanitation.

8 – we need to do this now? A- yes while they are thinking about this.

7 – recycling again, how does that fit into the proposed cans? A – 48 is trash only, but the additional cans could be either.

10- we would need to unfund banners to have enough money to do this.

6 - Suggestion to table this until after we see what we have.

10- we still should vote on the banners first.

6 – yes but motion could be made to use the rest of available money.

7- we could reconfigure the money.

6 - changing funding for banners is not on agenda. The garbage cans issue is. We need to make our decision on the cans.

7 – I would want to hear the other proposals on this funding topic.

6 – moves to table, 7 seconds. Unanimous vote.

III. h. street cutting and planting. 7 – subdistrict directors surveying their subdistricts for viable locations underway. We have about 100 identified so far. Other organizations may also be identifying locations. We want a preliminary list of concrete cuts, dead trees and stumps and locations by January 15th.

1- Is there a certain width? A – 6 feet from edge of tree well.

7- narrow residential sidewalks will not be viable locations.

12 – what about watering. A - maintaining requires sponsors. We might find an organization to do this.

6 – feeling I get from CD-14 is conservation corps might offer a deal for a group of trees. There are stretches on CO blvd for example with no trees because no one wanted to take responsibility.

12- worried about drought and increased cost of water which would impact this how? 7 – tree saves more water than it uses.

1 – I suggest we hire somebody to make sure this happens, it is very important to ER. There are probably over a 1000 possible locations.

7 – biggest impediment to this project is people taking care of the trees.

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5 – history, trees have been planted before and biggest issue is upkeep. 2-5 years later they need to be maintained and haven't been historically.

7 – not necessarily holds true that people won't do this.

2- Motion to spend up to 1200 to contract work over next two weeks. Motion withdrawn.

Public comment: Jack Goldhammer, I would like to know who is getting cans that are being thrown away. A – city takes them back, they belong to the city.

Way too low on the cans, there should be two per block. White cans should be used to fill in other areas where there are needed.

6 - problem is cans don't empty themselves, so they are being replaced.

III. i. Discussion/Action: Ms. Anderson. Faith based leaders have met and planned an event at 7 locations in the area. People will pray for members of various groups in the city. We would like funding support with credit to ERNC for their support.

5 – this has nothing to do with peace walk correct? A - no it does not. That is a march down ER Blvd in March.

6 – can you tell us more? A. FB people are going to invite the public.

6 - ERNC needs more specifics. A – all the churches in ER.

2 – what religions are represented. A – trying to find out.

6 – can you please give us more specifics about who is involved. This is our standard practice.

A – FB director of this board. I brought people together.

6 – we don't sponsor secret projects. A – ER Pres., Christian assembly, there are about 15. St. donovans. I can forward the list.

6 – what will occur on this date, what will the flyer say? A – that the community is invited to come and pray for our community. Multiple locations. City hall, schools, we will have candles and incense. FB leaders will go to the 7 locations between 7 and 8:30. They will move between locations.,

8 –well there be specific context. A – we will leave it up to the ministers.

11- it sounds like a lovely event , but concerned about sponsoring a religious event.

12 – what do you envision that a FB director should do.

11 – event sounds wonderful.

0 – government can't endorse religion.

6 – most of us do things that do not involve money, we engage the community. What you are doing is exactly what we envisioned.

7 – I would feel uncomfortable with the ERNC supporting something where we did not know specifically what content we were supporting.

5 – all we can do is put it up for a vote.

12 - moves that ERNC pay for printing for this event. No second. Motion fails.

5 – we appreciate what you are doing, to engage the community.

0 – there is a distinction between religious organizations doing public work vs. doing religious work.

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3. g. again. Mr. Greene. 10 – 3780 to spend as of this moment, unless we take money away from something else or get back our 9600.

6 – you cant alter the banner money at this meeting so we must work with what we have left in this meeting.

10- we can change later but right now that is all we have to work with.

6 – so if we use all the NPG money this time then we can free up other funding next time.

0 – was banner up to 7500? A – yes.

6 – 3780 left, which is approx 42 trashcans. I move we spend up to 3780 for new trash cans in the form of a proposal to split cost with CD-14.

3 – we don't know CD-14 will accept right? A – right. But it is a real possibility. It would take a council motion to get the money. We need to commit first.

2 seconds motion.

9- any idea when CD-14 would move forward. A – soon, we can always repurpose the money if they don't.

Vote: 10 opposed. 12 abstained. Motion passed.

III. j. 10 –

5 – did ERHS ask alumni for money. A – not sure.

10 – our recommendations total 3720.

ERHS – no one present. Their request for 4000 to restore eagle mural on side of auditorium. They have an artists proposal for 4000, we asked if the ERNC funded a portion would they get the rest somewhere else. They said yes, Finance committee could now come to agreement so no recommendation.

10 – two wanted to recommend 1,000.

6- two didn't think it was the kind of thing ERNC should support.

10- fee seems reasonable. New mural is in packet.

5 – ERHS has other funding sources.

9 – they should have been here if it was important to them.

11- are we going through each proposal then vote.

2 –yes we can wait for motion.

ER Elementary: Amanda Millett full request 4650, recommendation 2320. Would like to bring shared public spaces greening, more park space. Trees on north parking lot, LAUSD would maintain trees if we add them. We would look at improving runoff.

7 – I wonder about the public accessibility. Does it serve just the students? A – currently space is a public park, walkway, throughway, no intention of gating. We would like to gate it eventually.

11- the plans you sent have a fence indicated. A-yes.

11 – can you explain the grant you received. A- in 2010 a group of parents received a storm water mitigation grant, we got 350,000 to green our school grounds. When we originally drew

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the plans we wanted to also green this extra property, but we cant use that grant based on wording in the grant.

4-who uses the parking lot right now? A – staff and teachers.

6 – you sent a supplemental letter because you did not mention the grant and you submitted the master green plan, you said the west lawn gate plan would not be funded by the state grant. So this is public land, but your plan would gate this off? A – on the west lawn by the auditorium, it would be gated but open during school days, but no agreement yet on how the gate would work.

7 – I feel we would need to know that before we could allocate funding. A –the area we are asking for ERNC to fund is outside the gate. We are asking for 5 trees and native plants funding from ERNC.

6 – completion date is one year out. Would this money go to this discreet project or would this go into a pool? A –this would be a separate project. This can be done immediately, as soon as March.

7 – irrigation? A – not in tree wells but we found a solution.

2996 to refurbish pots and other landscaping Cheryl Weaver. CERB. We would be grateful for any funding. 10 pots are part of a bigger project. 44 pots deteriorated and falling apart, but these 10 are the worst and not holding water or plants anymore. We are going to other organizations for the other pots. We are only supported by the community. 180 per pot but guaranteed that these wont be destroyed by the sun. also bigger pots than current. We have plenty of volunteer resources to do the work. Total project is 10800, we are only asking for 2996.

4- not terracotta? A- no, plastic.

11 – warranty? A –yes.

7- do you have a picture. A- yes, and one on street avenue 45 and Eagle Rock are replaced.

7- how long in place and are you happy with them. A – 1 year, and yes.

5 – problem is cars jump curb and hit the pots. These are wonderful pots being maintained but need new pots.

6 – whats the history on permanent planting? A – city has to cut up the asphalt, but we try to do that whenever possible. But we have no funding to do this work.

1-You did the trail by ER which is beautifully maintained.

6 – so It would be better to have them permanently installed? A- yes and if we can we will.

6 – how did it occur the first time? A – it was open space and concrete was going to be poured so we were able to do it.

5 – there was another pilot program at the ER plaza where the curbing was stained to make it more appealing.

Jack – I talked to Nate and asked if the city would hook up the pipes they shut off it would be great.

ER Community Garden 3334 to build raised beds. Recommendation is 500 for a portion of the beds.

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Mike Woodward – manager of ER community garden. We have 40 plots currently. Volunteer run, we have tried many ways of having raised beds. We believe that a tracks like material. 2x6 doubled up should last about 20 years. Money is for materials only, labor provided by the Garden members. 3300 would build 20 beds, we built 10 which costs 1600.

5 – who uses the community garden? A – members of ER can sign up to use it.

10 we had a question in committee about how people can find about availability? A – we have put out flyers, had open house, we do have turn over during the year. We bring people in at the beginning of summer or winter planting. WE would like to expand at some point but have 40 beds now.

7 – is there signage on the gate with contact info? A – no. We are talking about how to do that.

10- that was one concern, we think it is a valuable asset just wish more people had a way to contact someone. A – we agree.

Discussion or motion:

1 ERJR High motion no money, 6 seconds. One abstained 11. Mptino passes.

ER Elementary: 6-makes alternate proposal, items 2,3,4 are all worthy projects we should fund for 1000 each.

1 moves to give ER Elementary Education Foundation, 8 seconds. Discussion, Mr. Ramierz makes friendly amendment for fund for 1000, 1 accepts that amendment, 3 seconds friendly amendment.

Discussion: 7 – 1000 doesn't go far enough in my opinion. It's a real stretch. A – I cant tell you right now how far that would go.

Mr. Ramierez. Why not split the 4075 evenly between the tree. 1578 each.

1 withdraws motion.

Mr. Ramierez moves to split evenly equal to 1578.33 each. 7 seconds.

Discussion: 5 –garden needs to do more outreach to people.

Need to vote on each one.

Mr. Ramierez moves ER Elementary Education Foundation 1575 Ms. Frier seonds. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Ramirez votes 1575 to , 7 seconds 12 abstains.

Mr. Ramirez moves 1575 to ER commjnty garden . 7 seconds. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Ramirez, please give us updates as you progress.

10 - I will be in contact with you, checks come from city will be 4-6 weeks.

6 – as a condition of these grants you are required to provide updates.

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5 - please give ERNC credit for funding in your materials.

ER Community Garden open house first week in May.

III.k. Revised 2013 – 2014 budget to decrease budgets. No money to reallocate. Tabled.

III.l. support for Indian monument. 10- Dr. Gary Stikel, representing the original Gabrielleno tribe. has a proposal and is requesting support but no funding. Tribal secretary and tribal biologist present as well. Original peoples of LA and Orange Counties. Tribal goal is to restore culture and educate public. Published first tribal book, Toypurina The Joan of Arc of California. First monument in ER then we would like to see others around the county. The tribal names for Eagle Rock will be part of the monument. The proposed monument is based upon ancient monuments erected on sacred sites. (Artist conception provided). Five stylized baskets that go up a pole with specific meaning to the baskets. 5 baskets represent the 5 worlds of the tribe. One basket at top is inverted with a tribal related logo. This would be made out of bronze, artist is donating time. Not asking for money, but would like your support. It will be secure and hard to vandalize. 9 feet high.

6 – will it be lit? A – good idea but had not considered that yet.

There will be a native plant garden around the monument. Maybe have ER scouts help plant the garden. We can provide signage and website about the plants. Very educational garden. We have lost touch with our heritage regarding our plants, and the public needs education.

7 – so what are you asking for from us? A – letter to city of Los Angeles, cultural affairs public arts division.

6 – are there any other tribal groups that are going to make a similar request? A – no. There are other splinter groups but this group represents the original tribe, all members are geniolocally certified. We are certified by the State of CA.

4 – do you yourself Tonga? A – No. The word Tonga means “where the people use to grind their seed on the rocks.” So it has not been used correctly.

This is a sacred site, at the Eagle Rock. Tooawt Totay is Eagle Rock in our native language.

12 moves to write letter, 8 second, 6 abstained, motion carries.

III. m. Consider submitting

6 – m.1. \$9610 from previous meetings was supposed to come up for vote, but has moved to another committee. We were asked to write a letter, and we also need to submit a community impact statement through online system. 10 so moves, 7 seconds, unanimous vote.

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m.2. Beekeeping in neighborhood impact zones. Change to municipal code to allow beekeeping in R-1 zones. 7 – moves to write a letter in support, 6 second. Mr. Ramirez abstains. Motion carries.

m.3. Motion BSS and other departments report on best practices on humane alternatives to extermination for migrating bees. 7 moves to support, 1 second. Unanimous vote.

m.4. Sets standing rewards for info in hit and run crimes. Larger rewards would be similar to other capital crimes that require council motions. This motion is for standing smaller rewards. 8 moves to support, 4 seconds, 12 opposed 10 and 7 abstain. Motion carries.

m.5. In 2009 there was a move to reduce size of billboards. Complicated proposal. Perhaps send to land use committee. Tabled.

III n.

6 – one vacancy due to resignation. Bylaws require posting.

III.o.

6 – schedule next elections committee meeting. This will be done and announced.

III.p. next executive committee and regular board meeting.

7 – 2/4 for full board.

1/28 for executive board.

6 so moves, 7 seconds, 11 abstains.

8 mmoves to adjourn, 5 seconds, meeting adjourned at 9:48

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Councilmember Bernard Parks, Chairperson
Los Angeles City Council, Education & Neighborhoods Committee (via email)

Dear Councilmember Parks and Members of the Committee,

On 01/07/14, the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) voted unanimously (12-0) to support a request that the Education & Neighborhoods Committee schedule CF #13-0907 before the full City Council. This file is a Budget and Finance Committee Report relative to re-appropriating \$9,610 in reverted funds to the ERNC.

As stated in the original Motion, in June 2011, the ERNC expended \$9,610 from their Fiscal Year 2010-11 funds for a North Figueroa Corridor Revitalization Project. The project was to provide concrete bus benches for a section of Eagle Rock that desperately needed them; while the fabrication was in process, however, the City of Los Angeles placed green metal benches from its own vendor in the intended locations.

The bench order was subsequently cancelled, and \$9,610 was credited to the ERNC's purchasing card during the 2012-13 fiscal year. However, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), upon receipt of the credit, returned the funds to the uncommitted balance for FY 2010-11, and the funds reverted to the General Fund. The ERNC requests that the \$9,610 be returned to the Stakeholders of Eagle Rock for their immediate use.

This request should not be considered precedent-setting, since its circumstances are unique: The decision to accept the \$9610 refund was made at a time when the ERNC board was changing over from one elected group to the next; the outgoing board, who made the decision to accept the refund, presumed the funds would be immediately available to the ERNC, since there are no published DONE guidelines or regulations regarding purchasing-card refunds. If they had known that the funds would be denied to the ERNC, an alternative would have been sought, such as other goods or services provided by the same vendor.

In light of this, the ERNC will use this \$9610 only to complete public benefit projects that fill a similar need to the original bus-bench project, augmenting the work of the City of Los Angeles and providing public funding where none is currently available. ERNC members have recently spent many volunteer hours on behalf of the people of the City of Los Angeles, planning improvements for pedestrians and public-transit users in the most heavily used, and most service-starved areas of Eagle Rock, that we now need to fund. Completion of projects like these, in collaboration with the City Council, will both revitalize our streets and confirm the utility of the Neighborhood Council system.

Respectfully Submitted,

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