

## **Special Board Meeting WNNC**

2:08pm Meeting Called to order by President Ernesto Castro.

Elaine Alaniz Present

Manuel Arevalo Absent

Danielle Cintron Present

Casandra Cisneros Present

Been working with the City for 15 years District Director

Over sees

Close to opening a new office off of 6<sup>th</sup> and Bonnie Brea, getting invitation to new office.

Columbia & 6<sup>th</sup> Garden CRA used to be a state entity that worked with each local government to obtain business taxes for low income properties. Nuisance lot worked together with Red Shield for a Community Garden with 30 people participating. CRA disappeared from Gov. Brown. City gets first right of refusal for parks Lack of Green space in that area and healthy food wanted to take the property. Before they can come back and garden, because of liability, must make sure it isn't polluted. Need to do an assessment, in order to reopen. In the meantime, mid season wanted to make sure plants didn't die, PD, NC and CPAP to figure out what to do with the lot, community center, play area, surveys CCNP did vision zero project for 6<sup>th</sup> Street. After School activities. Have the plots so the plants don't die. Sanitation will come out to mitigate the other location then allow it to open. Interest from community wondering what is happening. Type of partnership we could have with NC. What to do with the plots. Size of plots

Potted plants, 3 feet by four plots get other place running in a year. Union and 11<sup>th</sup>. Cesar Chavez Community garden.

Cintron: What is the size of the lots

Coexist in the plot. Rec and Parks. Foot print to work with. If it is bond money then there will be specific use, so if bond was for park then we can make it a park.

Cisneros: Anytime there's a party people use the lawn because it's a park.

Square footage

Possible play space, green space and rec room attached to the park, accessible bathrooms. Part of what ever ends up happening.

Rumor control, councilmember stepped up to save it. Reopen Bigger and Better, working with the seniors, work with the school around the corner with the school

to connect with the school, becomes an educational place. So cross over lots of interest. Since lack of green space, nothing has been contradictory about what can be built there. LAPD is a partner as a neighbor, we would represent the community and reach out to the block itself. There was a mini swap meet there. Local famers market Food trade.

Cisneros: Familiar with Ron Finley, gangster gardener the gorilla farmer to bring children to learn to grow. Everything's rotting, small market and terrible vegetable. There's no like super organic options. Create affordable access to better quality food.

Castro: In a year what is the plan?

Ortiz: More than a year. So discussion among partners, having a discussion what is feasible, how much money can be put into it and time frame. Not just having a blank canvas partnership coming up with general stuff. CCNP what are the facts, look at the results to put forward to the community. What does the community want to see? What resources do we have to get this back. What resources do we have to put towards this. If we're able to expand out we have to research that. One TFAR Air Rights the additional money goes into TFAR fund, ADF Cultural affairs department. Good Samaritan arts fund, they can help with that, geographically bounded, Might be outside some of the boundary. Quimby Funds for park space how far up they would come.

Johnson: What would you like us to do?

Ortiz: Working with our office. Working with us as we go through this process, outreach, Meeting scheduled in July Things will take time. Short run how you want to be involved. Materials \$100 per plot. \$3000, Luis can give us the details.

Mario: Community Plots Create a AD HOC Committee, temporary for particular item, exploratory, research, go the meetings report back, not subject to the Brown Acts, gives latitude.

Sponsor a plot for the school. Other ones are just residents. WE have a pilot project at the metro station. They cleared out the front, to get the folks to sell their vegetables at the market, economical aspect for the vendors. Outreach.

Have Luis talk to us about naming 6<sup>th</sup> Street, what would unite all these groups, all tried to name for individual regions, Mayan region, Mexican central destination point. Full blown market. Public safety and ADA to comply with for Mayan Corridor. MTA has never done anything like the pilot program with the station and duplicate it at other stations. If you don't have it organized in a certain manner than you have a criminal element there.

Items for next meeting; AD HOC Committee with Cedillos and Sponsoring Gardens for schools and neighborhood.

Mario: Talked about it before for board retreat training. Things you should be doing and need to be doing. Telling us about Lincoln Heights training. Go over with them, Agendas, the Brown Act (for transparency), regular meeting versus Special meeting, Posting requirements, Lots of boards don't understand how they take official action, simple majority etc. Julian going to do a piece on Data, pitfalls and demographics, and 311 Data, standing committees versus Ad Hoc. 9am-1pm. Usually typical to provide light breakfast and lunch. Matter of picking a date and time. Still trying to get a council member here.

Westlake South President, on board to adding together.

13<sup>th</sup> July NC Workshop Location TBD Castro to secure location.

Board Member Cisneros moves to vote for July 13<sup>th</sup> and to spend \$500 for food and expenses. Unanimous motion to approve.

Received an email from Board Member Loncka to move from resident to at large board member,

Motion to discuss for filling the at large vacancy Alaniz 1<sup>st</sup>, Cisneros, 2nds. Would have vacancy for the resident seat if we approve Sara Loncka into that seat. We believe she is an asset to our team and would love to keep her on board, she is great. The position that was left open by resignation.

Call for a vote, for appointing Sara Loncka be as At Large Member Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Budget, Item Johnson 1sts, Cisneros, 2nds.

Elaine Alaniz Budget Meeting

Motion for Budget Approval

General Operations: 17.000

NPG:15000 NPG

CIP: \$10,000

Total Budget: \$42000

Motion

Board Member Alternate Margarita Gomez has entered keeping Quorum.

Motion to discuss and approve a second card holder. Alaniz 1<sup>st</sup> Cisneros 2nds

Comments Discussion

Cisneros Alternate necessary, need to have someone else to have access to the funds.

Another card to take care the transactions,

Cintron: Can the treasurer take it on? Board Member Alaniz

Margarita: had issues with CC before when person wasn't available, at the time the other non profit had to spend money so having 2 card holders good idea.

If both people are out of town, a board member maybe to use it. Solution to order in advance and have someone else pick it up.

Board Alaniz as second card holder. Nominated by BM Cintron

Vote: 5/5 Passes Vote Unanimously

Item #7 Board member Alaniz Motions, Cisneros 2nds

Manuel would be interested in being on Outreach to be part of or to chair. Chair calling an outreach meetings, organizing events, getting the name out there and

Gomez: In the past used to have red cross meetings, outreaching to different organizations, strategies for the year, getting names out there, how many events are out there that you want to participate in, what role can you participate in, resource fairs, Cyclavia, do you want to participate and who can table the events. So those kinds of things Outreach committees talk to other organizations about their events.

So vote to make Board member Cisneros to chair of Outreach. Board votes to approve Casandra Cisneros as NC Outreach Committee Chair 5/5 Approve unanimously.

Item #8

Items for the next meeting

Cisneros: Who is in charge for keeping website updated for Agendas and dates and times. The mailroom handles it. Connect with her, for content. Pictures. Bring the banner and take a photos for website.

Agenda:

-Vacancy for Resident Seat

-6<sup>th</sup> and Columbia Bring a Rep to talk about Margarita updates on what was going on with CCNP

Discussing Parking Permit Streets We can bring to the table? Reach out to Luis or Ricardo Discussion about parking permit parking. Find out the process of painting spaces, permit spots.

Thinking about getting other people to appoint as an alternate. Vacancy.

Next Meeting, don't have any community members for translators. Need to get translator for every meeting. When we invite community members, not many community members, give flyers to CCNP. Council Needs to update translate, Send to council office for events as well. Promote the meeting. 630pm General Flyer to keep door hanger. Light poll banners. Banner in the Corridor Light Pole AAA Flag and Banner.

Meeting Adjourned Motioned Alaniz, Cintron 2nds