

AGENDA Opening Remarks

1. Call to Order / Roll Call: 6:13 p.m.
 - a. Sylvia Cruz, President (Present)
 - b. Johnny Gurski, Vice President (Present)
 - c. Brian Mico, Treasurer (Present)
 - d. Cynthia Sandoval, Corresponding Secretary (Present)
 - e. David Chacon, Recording Secretary (Present)
 - f. Esther Petschar, At Large Community Organizational Director (Present)
 - g. Carmen Tata, At Large Regional Director (Not Present)
 - h. Dr. Tom Williams, North Region Director (Present)
 - i. Peter Kightlinger, North Region Director (Present)
 - j. Jorge Garcia, East Region Director (Present)
 - k. Karen Aceves, East Region Director (Present)
 - l. Erika Crenshaw, South Region Director (Present)
 - m. James Marin, South Region Director (Not Present)
 - n. Jose Medina, West Region Director (Present)
 - o. Anthony Lopez, West Region Director (Present)

2. Community / Government Reports and Announcements:
 - a. LA City Council District Representative - Mark Fuentes, Field Deputy, CD-14
 - i. To start, the board and residents are reminded that this coming Sunday, Sept 6, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. there will be a back to school rally to give out about 500 backpacks filled with school supplies to local students in the community. Along with the supplies, there will also be food provided for families in need and families affected by COVID-19.
 - ii. Regarding rental assistance with the city – the office has been getting a lot of requests to know how people can get aid in regards to rental assistance programs. Notifying the board and residents that they are more than welcome to go and discuss those matters with Barrio Action. If you have any questions or concerns, it is recommended you reach out to Barrio Action and speak with them.
 - iii. Updates in regard to Figotech Cleanup crew – if you see any items that need to be specially handled that are in the street, the cleanup crew will take care of it. People ask when they request this service, many people ask why it hasn't been serviced the same day. The reason is because they often get a big workload and those assignments are put into a queue, so the volume of the assignments can impact the expediency of service.
 - iv. Shower of Hope Program – El Sereno Library. This event is sponsored to aid in keeping the community as clean as possible, particularly with COVID-19. It's a weekly shower for homeless residents that's held every Thursday. Along with the shower of hope, LAHSA Reps are also there on site to sign up any individual that is seeking homeless services, housing services, and things of that nature. Come to the shower to utilize those services to get people housed and into temporary shelters. Mobile COVID testing has also been introduced. Last week was the first time the mobile

testing service was available, and it's available to both homeless residents and residents in the area. Currently, the program is dependent on whenever resources are available, they are hoping to lock in the mobile COVID testing units for every Thursday. Still in the talks with LAHSA and LAFD to make it a weekly, ongoing program. If any new information is learned, Mark will pass this info on to Sylvia.

- v. Update on the concerns regarding a Port-A-Potty that was left at Stillwell and Huntington Dr N that was made available to homeless residents on the center median. The goal was to help keep the area cleaner by giving them a Port-A-Potty. The Port-A-Potty was ordered by the mayor, not CD-14. The Port-A-Potty was leaking and the mayor's office has been notified. The Port-A-Potty is being moved tomorrow. Next week it will be replaced by a Port-A-Potty ordered by CD-14. The new Port-A-Potty will be cleaned weekly. We are now at 2 Port-A-Potties and 4 washrooms in the area. There are CDC guidelines that the city has to follow in regards to how they interact with homeless in the area and are being urged to not move any homeless encampments to prevent spread of COVID from moving around the encampments. Cleanup crew is sent out to clean up trash every morning, and works with the Department of Sanitation to provide cleaning services weekly at those locations on Fridays, plus a once a month major cleanup. Mark will start going out with LAHSA to those locations to make sure they're getting the help they need and people are getting the resources they've been promised.
 - vi. Update on the center medians along Huntington Drive – most notably around Monterrey Road and Herriman's/Collus – We know those center dividers in Huntington Drive have become overgrown with weeds and vegetation, and a lot of residents have asked to have those medians trimmed. Right now, we are working with the mayors office to get that accomplished, we are just waiting on the Mayor's office to sign off pending other ongoing matters.
 - vii. They are still working on other projects, but cannot share that information at this time. Will be announced at future meetings.
- b. LAPD Senior Leads^[1]_{SEP}
- i. No hands raised
- c. Government Departments/Agencies/DONE/RYLAN
- i. Lorenzo Briceno – Department of Neighborhood Empoerment – Registration through congress is now open, there will be a number of workshops. [inseatcongressla](#)
 - ii. Vote by mail feedback survey for input and thoughts on vote by mail for elections. Elections will be Tuesday, April 13.
 - iii. Sylvia: Around January is when DONE opens up their candidacies for running for office, is that right?
 - 1. Lorenzo: I believe it is late December.
 - iv. Sylvia: For anyone looking to run for neighborhood council, you can run in the election. Just keep checking the DONE website.
 - v. Troy Carbajal: Good evening board. State Assembly Agency. An update

on some bills – legislative session ended Monday and I will run down the list of the following bills.

1. AB3336 – Safe Food Delivery Act
 2. AB2325 – Child Support Suspension Bill
 3. AB3088- Tenant relief act (co-authored)
 4. AB1196 – Use of Force (co-authored)
 5. AB1775 – False Reports and Harassment
- vi. Troy.carbajal@asm.ca.gov for more details on any of these bills. They are currently collaborating with EDD to make sure residents are getting their benefits. If anyone needs assistance with EDD claims, send them to Troy to be assisted.
- vii. Besides that, they are involved in serving food in different areas, including El Sereno and other areas.

d. Community Organizations

- i. Dulce Acosta – Represents for University of Southern California, Executive Director of Community Partnerships. El Sereno, Boyle Heights for community partnerships and development. Providing some updates as they've dealt with the climate of COVID
- ii. Victory Outreach – Sponsoring back to school rally. Cynthia was provided a flyer. Partnered through USC and YMCA, over 50,000 Grocery Bags have been distributed to the elderly and communities in need. Were able to screen all volunteers and leaders there. Have hired 52 young adults and given them work force education and receive a \$1,200 a month stipend. HOA neighbors made the group aware that a local Sears was in bad condition, the group was able to clean that up and it's now in good shape.
- iii. Next steps – Connect with CD-14 and Julio Torres to support them with grocery bags for the Shower of Hope on Thursdays at the library in El Sereno.
- iv. Genny Guerrero – Thank you again to LA32 for the support they've given to the El Sereno Centennial committee. Food distributions are continuing but have taken a turn with kids going back to school. Continuing on. This Saturday at All Saints Church from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- v. Is there any way that LA32 would like to lend a canopy that says LA32 during the food distributions for promotion at the food distributions?
- vi. Sylvia: We have to put the canopy on the agenda, so in the future, any committee members or partners out there, let Sylvia know ahead of time so it can be on the agenda.
- vii. John Vangelisti: Calling from North Highland Park in regards to a development that's already begun on a hillside called Poppy Peak. There's many neighbors who are against this development and would like to become a coalition group with LA32. If time is available he would like to explain it, and there's a meeting that will go over it on Sept. 8th at 7p.m. The Alliance for River communities. Mayor Garcetti will speak to open the session, then the group representing Poppy Peak will present for ten minutes. There is also a website and YouTube page devoted to the cause.
- viii. Sylvia: I tell community representatives and agency representatives that

they have a limited amount of time to provide an explanation. Could you explain more and how it correlates to El Sereno?

- ix. John Vangelisti: Poppy Peak is the tallest peak in North Los Angeles at 1,035 feet, and is one of two watersheds. 26 continuous parcels have been bought by builders and the builders have already began development, meaning oak trees are being dug out and construction is being put in. The development of Poppy Peak will cause issues for residents of Poppy Peak and its surrounding environments. The watershed is not just connected to this local area, but also provides water to Yosemite, Lake Johnson, the Valley, and a number of other places. John is reaching out to all the communities on the watershed of the river. They are trying to buy the land with Prop 68 funds. The funds are set aside to decrease global warming and to put a Natural Restorative Park for the community on Poppy Peak. There's a growing lack of indigenous plants and animals from these developments. John has also worked with the Kizh people, who suggested that a Natural Restorative Park would be a good idea. The basis is that we're all in this together and that we all should come together for this call.
- x. Sylvia: Can you please give one reason why we're connected to those watershed communities?
- xi. John: We are all connected by the watershed and we all share the same resources, including LA32. If the water dries up, and we've built over watersheds, then the water will go into the streets instead of the watershed. For example, the brand Sparklett's pulls water that originates on the Poppy Peak hillside, even though they're production facility is miles away. The meeting will be on Zoom on Sept 8th at 7p.m. It's a supergroup of all the communities. Google SavePoppyPeak for more information as well.
- e. Budget Advocates^{SEP} 6:55 p.m.
 - i. Liz Amsden: Brom the Budget Advocates as of their meetings on Monday, they expect a number of drafts to be sent to neighborhood councils in the area soon. There is an event this Saturday to help with the economic pressures that we're dealing with, the networking session will be participatory.
 - ii. The following Saturday we'll be having a town hall on how to distribute resources equitably and how to confront problems faced by inequality. Want to focus on constructive representations and solutions. Want to bring up a dialog on what Budget Advocates do and what stakeholders can do to help.
 - iii. Today, the city council signed a resolution declaring a state of emergency based on fiscal circumstances due to COVID-19. This allows the city more latitude to lay people off which will affect services for many people. They're a little fuzzy on what's actually come in from the Federal Government versus what's been paid out, and we'd like more transparency.
 - iv. New website should be up and running sometime later this month. Will include information from the previous website, as well as information for city councils on how to be advocates.

- v. Will send Sylvia a copy of the PDF Agenda for the Elias River Community event for the 8th.
 - vi. Sylvia: So you'll email me that, and I'll provide to the board. I'd like to provide that for the community, can you give me some information for that?
 - vii. Liz Amsden: PDF can be posted on the website, if people have access to Facebook they can get on there and find information.
 - f. LAUSD Representative
 - i. No representatives
 - g. Homelessness Liaison
 - i. No representatives
3. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items: Comments from the public on nonagenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed two (2) minutes.
- a. Anthony Manzano: Former president of LA32 board. Received information recently that a board member has provided false information to residents that would cause issues for multiple neighborhoods. They're proposing that the old El Sereno boundaries extend all the way to the Arroyo Seco, which is exaggerated. This board member was advised not to be promoting information like this. This information is not promoted at the city level, county level or state level.
 - b. Manny Hernandez: Had a conversation with the President of the Board a month ago about being cordial to other board members. On Jan 9 2002, Manny was neighborhood president of Highland Park. His daughter was killed in McClellan Park. There was a board member who had the mentioned what happened in January 2002 to Manny and brought it back up to him. Manny took screenshots of the conversations they had. His family moved out of state when he lost his daughter. Thanks to Mayor Hahn, Councilman Ed Reyes, Pacheco, and Assemblywoman Carol Liu helped him get through that time. But for the board member to bring up reminders of this event is hitting below the belt in Mr. Hernandez's eyes. Madame President, please talk to your board member.
 - c. Sylvia: Thank you for your statement. You have been heard and you will be contacted.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Discussion and possible motion to approve the Neighborhood Purpose Grant submitted by the El Sereno Community Garden located at 5466 Huntington Drive South in El Sereno for an amount up to \$5466 for ADA compliant ramps' installation to support their disabled community members and visitors. This item will include an approval from Cal Trans and a project design. ^[L]_[SEP]
- Sylvia: Does any board member move that we open this for discussion?
 - Lorenzo Seconded.

- Erika Crenshaw recused as she is a member of the community garden.
- Karen Aceves also recused as a member of the community garden.
- Sylvia: They both can listen but just can't participate. We have a member of the public who can present on that after public comment.

Public Comments:

- Manny Hernandez: How did we go from \$4,000 to \$5,000 from last month, because last month you said it was only \$4,000. Is this something new to the agenda because I know it was brought over from last month, and at that time the budget called for \$4,000.
- Veronica Polanco: The new east side representative for the Mayor's office. Joining today to let everyone know she's here and will be sending information regarding the census –
- Sylvia: We're talking about Agenda Item number 4. Please speak now
- Veronica Polanco: The East Side and South LA have the lowest responses to the Census and those responses affect how resources are distributed. Areas in the East Side also have high COVID rates, so we want to share mobile popups in the East Side for testing, and that relaxed parking has been extended until October 1st. The LA Relief Grant for small businesses application ends this Friday. If you apply for this round, you won't have to submit your application for future rounds. Even if you don't qualify for this round, you will be on the list for future rounds.
- Sylvia: How do we access those?
- Veronica: There's a website, called LA Covid Relief fund
- Jose Guevara-Johnson: While growing up in El Sereno, the community garden made them feel very safe. There they wrote screenplays that were shared in the community garden. As someone who now has a wheelchair temporarily, they now realize how inaccessible Los Angeles is for people who use wheelchairs.
- Samyrh Hasaba: Providing an update on behalf of Elena Pierce. Cal Transit has verbally expressed that they want to approve this project but what they need is an encroachment permit in order to get it approved by the city and back to Cal Trans to give us the go-ahead. Elena Pierce made a great document to show where the money is going and how much is being budgeted for the project. Mobility justice is a really big issue and it's an exciting project to make this garden more accessible.
- Genny Guerero: Wanted to show support for this project and for the funding, resident hopes they're able to assist with this. She's had the ability to go to the garden and encourages everyone participate in it. In that, it would be great for all members of the community to go to the garden and enjoy it, and accessibility and inclusivity is important to the community.
- Sylvia: A couple things:
 - o I will accept responsibility for having changed the amount from \$4,000 to \$5,000 for the reason that the executive committee has no right to lower the amount request, only the board has that right. Although I have been directed in the past that this was just common procedure and that this was the way it is, you learn something new every day and no, that's the wrong way to do it, because it violates transparency. The amount, if you look, I

asked the amount of it be put on the website and therefore went back to that item to give the board the opportunity to say whether they should get their full amount or not. That's the reason it went from \$4,000 back up to \$5,456. Going forward, all amounts will be discussed by the board whether they go lower or not.

- Originally, the attachments sent for this item included an email from the Department of Transportation. I'm asking Brian to add the original attachment from someone named Pinuela from the DoT who has authority on this issue, letting us know that it had been approved. "Good morning, this request has been approved. Kris will draft a letter." This was written in response to Erika Crenshaw.
- [Screen share of email shown]
- Another item was sent to the board at 6:17 p.m. and is being included in this. This is what Samyrha just referred to: [shows screenshot of letter from CalTrans Right of Way Agent Kris Ozaki talking to Erika re: the community garden.]
- "Attached you will find two forms that need to be filled out completely and sent back to me completely, along with design plans for the ramp. This needs to be done so I can do my part in getting other offices to sign off on the plan. This is the process to get the encroachment permit needed. Once I get the forms and plans from you, I can then start my process. I don't know how long this will take but it will take some time to get all together." Sylvia thought it was approved as she had an official give approval, but is now paused in light of the new revelation. Directors, please comment on if you're ready to proceed on this item.
- Jose Medina: From last meeting to this meeting, he sees a lot of good information from this, and it's getting to the point where it's clear the board has done their homework and it looks like the plan is official and looking good. In regards to the encroachment permit, it sounded like maybe Sylvia thinks the board should wait.
- Sylvia: It's for the board to decide.
- Jose Medina: Right now he thinks it's a good idea, but doesn't know what the encroachment is. It's sort of making him a little bit offside, requested going over the encroachment permit one more time.
- Sylvia: Should I email it to you?
- Jose: Can you just summarize it?
- Sylvia: I can but I believe a picture says a thousand words, as well as a letter. Did you see the letter yet Lorenzo?
- [Lorenzo shares screenshot of the letter re: Encroachment Permit]
- Two items are attached to the email from Kristofer Ozaki, as well as a design plan for the ramp.
- Jose: Are those forms difficult to complete or is it basic information? Do they have to be absolutely correct to move forward?
- Sylvia: I was hoping Elena Pierce would comment on that, and she has technical ability on the design. She would know more about that.
- Lorenzo: There's an attendee, Samyrha, who can speak to that.

- Jose: You brought something out really good for me to get a grasp of what you're describing, and you'd mentioned that the person who's filling out the forms is someone who's very proficient in this situation. I just wanted to figure out who's doing those forms. If it's an expert, I feel comfortable those forms will be okay.
- Samyrha: Speaking on behalf of Elena Pierce. She's an engineer as well and has been facilitating communications with Cal Trans. The permit is not very difficult at all, and it just makes sure there's no right of way areas being disrupted. A right of way area is a place where transport, oil and gas, or electric lines are. Due to the location of the garden, there shouldn't be any encroachment of a right of way area in the process of building the ramp.
- Jose: You mentioned something of approval. Even after that, is there a chance we may not get approved or is that only the encroachment part of it?
- Samyrha: They're really taking over for us and helping us get through the steps of getting an encroachment permit that the city needs to go through.
- Tom: The \$4,616 in one of the cost estimates doesn't agree with the \$5,466. In regards to the encroachment, one of my solutions was we impose tasks, there is a sign board on the site. And this path goes immediately adjacent by the sideboard, and thereby the green area on the drawing includes it. There's two sections that look like an I Beam. [Shows map on screen] If you look where it says "Proposed Access ramp" there are two little dots there. That may be the encroachment as the dots represent two different signs. There's the access ramp themselves and then also the garden beds. The garden beds cost money because they're being manufactured and imported from elsewhere. The basic element is why is the cost estimate \$4,616 instead of \$5,466. There's the other matter that this is only the beginning of the proposed access ramps, and the rest of the ramps will have to be extended. I'm quite concerned about providing access not only to this particular part of the site, but the rest of the site as a whole
- Jose: It sounds like maybe we underbid it and maybe might have to add more money to this because he had mentioned that there might be some other discretionary expenses. It seems like you guys are on the right path, but now after what was just said it seems maybe we should go back and increase that amount just in case of those expenditures. That's just a thought.
- Sylvia: I want to address the discrepancy, and their letter of explanation. Documents speak for themselves and they were trying to be mindful of our budget, which is why they turned back a little bit. Tom made an excellent point that they should reconsider in their bill. Also pointing out that these are essentially living documents and they change all the time, based on our particular needs and what the project is. We can perhaps resubmit with an additional amount. On CalTrans, let CalTrans do what they decide to do. They'll tell us what they decide and whether or not the encroachment

permit goes to us.

- Brian Mico: Loves the idea for the community and he would fund it. As far as payment goes, 1) Even if approved today, wouldn't pay it until all the paperwork has been authorized. 2) Brian can't pay anymore than that the invoice says for the item so it's important to get the numbers nailed down. Need authorization from CalTrans and to nail down the numbers.
- Tom made a motion to continue the item to the next agenda. Brian Mico seconds.
- Jose: If we're gonna propose to continue it, we are going to want to consider increasing that amount. Can we get an estimate from someone before we continue this?
- Sylvia: Any objections that these issues be tabled? No objections. Tabled.

5. Discussion and possible motion to vote to approve the payment of the LA32NC polo shirts, previously approved in FY19-20, encumbered up to \$750, to be paid in FY20-21. ^[SEP]

- Cynthia moves to open, David seconded.

Public Comment:

- Anthony Manzano: I want to support purchasing polo shirts for the board. It's appropriate that polo shirts are purchased and it gives a good honest, comfortable feeling for the neighborhood council to wear at various events and meetings. Feel free to put the logo on there and pick a nice color.
- Sylvia: Hold on we have to bring back Erika and Karen, as they recused each other from the last item. I will text them.
- Manny Hernandez: Just wants to know two things – will this be done in the community with one of our small businesses? And who's going to pick the color?
- Concludes public comment on item number 5.
- Sylvia: The color selected for the shirt is grey, the logo is green, black, and grey.
- Cynthia: Are James Marin and Anthony Lopez on our list?
- Sylvia: Yes. There was another agenda item that caused us to pause on this wherein there was questioning on whether we should change the LA32 name and Logo. After the motion to change the name didn't go through, COVID hit so it's been delayed, plus the fiscal year ended in June prompting emergency meetings. This money has already been approved, it's encumbered, and if we don't use it we lose it. \$750 is also a great deal for the shirts after looking at prices at multiple places.
- Anyone not up to date on fiscal training will not be able to vote.
- Sylvia: Yes
- Johnny: Yes
- Brian Mico: Yes
- David Chacon: Yes
- Cynthia Sandoval: Yes
- Carmen Tata: Yes
- Esther Peschar: Yes
- Anthony Lopez: Yes

- Jose Medina: Yes
- Karen: Ineligible
- Jorge Garcia: Yes
- Tom Williams: Yes
- Peter Kightlinger: Yes
- Crenshaw: Yes
- 13 Yes's, No No's, 1 Ineligible, 1 Absent

6. Discussion and possible motion to vote to approve the payment of the LA32NC Covid19 Zoom licenses for the LA32NC Committees, previously approved in FY19-20, encumbranced up to \$3000, to be paid in FY20-21. ^[1]_{SEP}

- Tom moves, Brian Seconds.

Public Comment:

- No public comment

Directors:

- This item hasn't been agendized until now, since we've already voted and it's been approved, we can act on it now.
- Brian: We can do that now.
- Sylvia: Let's vote and see if we can pay it now.
- Cynthia: We'd have to ask for an increase on the credit card limit. The current limit is \$600.
- Lorenzo: The limit is \$2,000, but if it's \$600 you're good.
- Sylvia: How many Zoom licenses will we have?
- Brian: 6 total.
- Jorge, Tom, and Erica have committees. Peter can no longer be chairs of committees. His two chairs were Green and Beautification. One of those chairs is now gone. The other is vacant.
- Brian: I'm going to spend \$600 for one year of 5 licenses.
- Sylvia: Environmental green, public safety, homelessness-
- Brian: I did it by committee, not by chairs, so that way every person who needs a zoom license has one.
- Sylvia: I'd like to keep it six in case a committee pops up. Just want to vote now to act on it. \$3,000 has been budgeted but likely will not all be used. All we have to do is vote yes or no if the committee wants to pay that during this fiscal year.

Vote:

- Sylvia: Yes
- Johnny: Yes
- Brian Mico: Yes

- David Chacon: Yes
- Cynthia Sandoval: Yes
- Carmen Tata: Yes
- Esther Peschar: Yes
- Anthony Lopez: Yes
- Jose Medina: Yes
- Karen: Ineligible
- Jorge Garcia: Yes
- Tom Williams: Yes
- Peter Kightlinger: Yes
- Erika Crenshaw: Yes
- 13 Yeses, No Nos, 1 Ineligible, 1 Absent. Motion is approved.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion and possible motion to approve the Neighborhood Purpose Grant submitted by the Anahuacalmecac International University Preparatory of North America Public Charter School Grades TK through 12 located at 4736 Huntington Drive South in El Sereno for an amount up to \$10,000.00 to support their \$450,000 initiative to convert their current academic programs to an online platform due to the COVID19 pandemic quarantine for their students and their instructors, for immediate and continuing use.
 - David moves, Tom seconds.

Public Comment:

- Brad Davies, LA32 stakeholder. That school was eligible for PPP funds and not sure if they received it or where the money went. Doesn't see any reason to give them any money, as that money was not provided to public schools.
- Anthony Manzano: Believes that this approval should not go through, as all their funds are designed to benefit the public, not a charter school. Anthony Manzano would oppose this application and at most give them \$1,000. They are part of LAUSD and should receive their funds elsewhere instead of burdening the community. Either don't vote for this, or vote to drop it to \$1,000.
- Manny Hernandez: This is outrageous, giving that much money to a charter school. They already receive money from the district, the state, and the federal government. There's no reason to take money from the community.
- Rick Acosta: Agrees with Anthony, Manny and everyone else. The charter schools are funded by LAUSD, the State, and FEMA. Not only are they funded by LAUSD, they have refused in the past to be audited by LAUSD, so we have no way of knowing where the money is going. They may have already received money for this.
- Bruce Wilson: Would like to remind directors that historically this organization has supported poor and disenfranchised children in this neighborhood. This year,

we are going to have a massive increase of people who sincerely need help, and would implore that the directors be frugal with their funds so reserves can be used for help that will be desperately needed this winter.

- Public comment is over.
- Sylvia: Would like to reserve the rep from the charter school to respond. This is an example of putting the amount of \$10,000 as a transparent mode. Secondly, wishes the representative was here to address these concerns, as according to the rep they did not get PPP or extra funding from LAUSD. They are looking for funding, but they claim they did not receive the funding that others are assuming they received. The other item is that this is a school that is in El Sereno. This goes directly to our children. It's socially unjust to say that they shouldn't get any money because it's not a public school. It's a community school. It's socially unjust to deny them the opportunity to present their stance, and it's socially unjust to decide they don't deserve \$10,000. Of course things will be taken into consideration, but it's socially unjust to deny a school the opportunity to present this request and to deny them at least some substantial portion of what they asked simply because they're not a public school. This is a traditionally lower-economic school. Moreover, this particular organization has never asked for any money because they are uncomfortable with the hostility they've been treated with. Takes umbrage with those comments that were so dismissive to members of the community. What happened with Marcos Aguilar, who was supposed to be here tonight. As already said, if they are having technical difficulty we will let them speak later tonight, but would like to give them the opportunity to answer questions of the public tonight.
- Karen Aceves: The grant is specifically to fund Apple Pencils and iPads for educational purposes. The organization would have to submit as a 501©3 that 1) Those items will ONLY go to those items and 2) those items will only be used in the manner intended (educational purposes). It would be helpful to see an itemized breakdown of who's receiving these benefits and to see how far it will go. It might be a big amount, but if it helps everyone in that school, that's something we should consider.
- Tom Williams: My concern is we have 9 months more to survive before the next fiscal year, and due to COVID there should be some limits to not run out of money as more needs arise. Concerned with the amount and the contribution to a specific organization. We don't support in general LAUSD which has a larger population and people who need the same sort of assistance. Would highly recommend a much lower figure to reward them.
- Jose Medina: Wouldn't mind hearing more about giving some stuff to students that live in El Sereno. Could be interested in hearing more about this and giving them the opportunity to discuss that and see what can be done. The bad thing is we don't have anybody here to speak on their behalf. We should allow them to come back and propose and give us that information and discuss this.
- Sylvia: Just because it says \$10,000 doesn't mean we have to give them \$10,000. Brian is very mindful of the budget and this item was sent to everyone on the board. Money can also be moved around. On the one hand, \$10,000 of the annual budget was lost, but money is being saved in other ways due to not meeting in

person. Doesn't mean the board has to say an outright "No" but can get partial. Some stakeholders in the community last year received \$5,000+ from the board.

- Cynthia: Move to postpone this item until the representative who represented himself at the board meeting is present to provide more information.
- Seconded by Anthony and Jorge.
- - No objections to table, matter is tabled.

8. Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$200 for purchase and yearly subscription of the Adobe Acrobat Pro DC for the LA32NC laptop.

- Ericka Crenshaw moves, David seconds.

Public Comment: No public comment.

- Cynthia: Was requested by their representative from the city clerk's office that Cynthia was to turn those two documents into a combined file. When I went to work on the file, Adobe would not work. Monica put them for me and sent them back to me in a PDF file that can be up to ten pages. Asked if that's something that can be purchased for the laptop and was told that's something that indeed can be purchased for that laptop.
- Brian Mico: In order to combine PDFs, Brian can do it using the same software to do the same things.
- Erika: Wants to vote in favor of the request, Erika also uses the software and it's helpful and necessary. Cynthia cannot function in a secretarial role without it.

Vote:

- Sylvia: Yes
- Johnny: Yes
- Brian Mico: Yes
- David Chacon: Yes
- Cynthia Sandoval: Yes
- Carmen Tata: Yes
- Esther Peschar: Yes
- Anthony Lopez: Yes
- Jose Medina: Absent
- Karen: Ineligible
- Jorge Garcia: Yes
- Tom Williams: Yes
- Peter Kightlinger: Yes
- Erika Crenshaw: Yes
- James Marin: Absent
- 13 Yeses, No Nos, 1 Ineligible, 2 Absent. Motion is approved.

9. Discussion and possible motion to amend the name for the LA32NC Homeless Ad Hoc Committee to the Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee. [SEP]

Tom Moves, Erika Seconds

Public comment: No public comment.

Sylvia: I learned that the correct term for this issue is not homeless but Homelessness. It's the official term used for this issue by governments, community groups, etc. I believe I made a mistake in calling it the Homeless Committee and would like to change it to the Homelessness committee.

Erika: Homelessness is fine. There's other terms such as Houseless or People Without a Home, but this name is fine for what we're trying to accomplish. I'd urge the community to be mindful of how we refer to the people we are helping.

Karen: Been on several committees for using the homelessness dollars through Measure H. The newer preferred is houseless or Unhoused Neighbors. There are different ways to address them, and what I've been seeing is Unhouse Neighbors or Houseless, as it restores the humanity in a lot of these people.

Sylvia: Wants to add that in addition to serving the unhoused, we're also servicing the neighbors of the unhoused neighbors. They are in crisis mode as well given ongoing matters.

Tom: The basic element is that whatever it's called should be consistent with what the city of Los Angeles does for how they address these issues. For the general approach, it should be the same as whatever the department or bureau addresses it as.

Vote:

- Sylvia: Yes
- Johnny: Yes
- Brian Mico: Yes
- David Chacon: Yes
- Cynthia Sandoval: Yes
- Carmen Tata: Yes
- Esther Peschar: Yes
- Anthony Lopez: Yes
- Jose Medina: Absent
- Karen: Ineligible
- Jorge Garcia: Yes
- Tom Williams: Yes
- Peter Kightlinger: Yes
- Erika Crenshaw: Yes
- James Marin: Absent
- 13 Yeses, No Nos, 1 Ineligible, 2 Absent. Motion is approved.

Non-funding item, so no BCA record needed.

10. Discussion and possible motion to have an update from the Homeless(ness) Ad Hoc Committee. ^[L]_[SEP]

Tom moves, seconded by Cynthia.

Public Comment: No public comment.

- Erika: There have been 7 appointees of the adhoc committee and the only person she hasn't met with yet is Cynthia, who has been busy. There are some ground rules to establish as a committee before they can make moves. Looks like everyone, including stakeholders, are involved for the right reasons.
- Sylvia: Adding that 1) they need to coordinate with Lorenzo for his availability for the first meeting, as he graciously agreed to run it. 2) Sent the agenda template to Erika, including stakeholders and committee members in word format so she can change it if she'd like. Sent instructions to Erika as well that when she determines the date, to let Sylvia know so Sylvia can put the Zoom link on NC Support. What does the timeline look like?
- Erika: Once I get the Zoom license and other administrative assessments down, and check with Lorenzo's schedule, then we can adapt and have the committee pick a date and time so the public can be informed and participate in the meeting. Most likely within the next three months.

11. Board Member Reports. Reports from the Board on Directors' own activities and brief announcements. ^[L]_[SEP]

- Tom moves, seconded by Cynthia.

Public comment: No public comment.

- Cynthia: Two items that have been previously approved – business cards first and foremost. Please consider making non-personal emails for business cards. Second update, Cynthia is working on getting the invoice and estimates for Adobe Acrobat before actually making the purchase. Looking forward to wearing polo shirts and handing out business cards.
- Sylvia: We need to add Karen to the business card roster as well.
- Cynthia: That's already been taken care of.
- Sylvia: Have the cards been sent to the directors?
- Cynthia: Yes, pending their approval they will get printed.
- Sylvia: Thank you for taking initiative on this item.
- Brian: On the budget, we'll be getting the finance committee back together shortly. We received an extra \$5,000 in rollover funds, which brings the total of the budget to about \$37,000. Our budget is looking much better than it was as our encumbrance funds are being used.
- Cynthia: Wanted to reach out to Peter Kightinger for his contact information.
- Lorenzo: I actually have his contact information and can provide that for you.

12. Motion to adjourn. ^L_{SEP}

Tom moves, Cynthia seconds. Meeting adjourned 8:55p.m.