

Minutes for LA-32NC General Meeting, January 8, 2020

Prior to the official call to order, Brian Micó was sworn in as council treasurer.

1. Welcome and Acknowledgments

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order / Roll Call

A general meeting of the LA-32NC was held on January 8, 2020 at El Sereno Senior Center. It was called to order at 6:19 PM and presided over by President Sylvia Cruz, with David Chacon as secretary. The Pledge of Allegiance followed immediately. The roll call was as follows:

p	Sylvia Cruz, President
p	Johnny Gurski, Vice President
p	Brian Micó, Treasurer
p	David Chacon, Recording Secretary
p	Cynthia Sandoval, Corresponding Secretary
p	Ester Petschar, At Large Community Organizational Director
p	Carmen Tata, At Large Regional Director
a	Tom Williams, North Region Director
p	Peter Kightlinger, North Region Director
a	Jose Medina, West Region Director
p	Christopher Perez, East Region Director
p	Jorge Garcia, East Region Director
a	Erika Crenshaw, South Region Director
a	Kelly Morales

Enough directors were present for a quorum.

4. Community / Government Reports and Announcements:

a. LA City Council District Representative

Julio Torres expressed thanks for participation in the Winter Jubilee. And moved on to the topic of homelessness. Mr. Torres' office is particularly concerned about the group at the veteran's monument. His office offers services to the homeless on a daily basis.

b. LAPD Senior Leads

no one present

c. Government Departments/Agencies/DONE

Mario Hernandez, of DONE, gave instruction about board-member recusal. If a member is recusing himself, he should state in the meeting that he is recusing, the reason for the recusal,

and leave the meeting. Make sure those three pieces of information are recorded in the minutes.

Mario also announced that the department Office of Community Engagement will be offering classes in data literacy throughout the city. The first will be on January 22 in the south LA area. One will also be offered in this area, but no date is currently available. This training will give community councils access to many data sets and a lot of information that will be useful when the council wants to make decisions. The Office of Community Engagement is also inviting each NC to designate up to three data liaisons, who once trained will be able to understand and organize the available open data at the City of Los Angeles level using RTIF [Real Time Interface]. Also available will be some mapping tools allowing adding, joining, and layering from a live atlas. Watch out for information about this on the General Manager's weekly newsletter.

d. Community Organizations

no one present

e. Budget Advocate

no one present

f. LAUSD Representative

no one present

g. RYLAN (Ready Your Los Angeles Neighborhood)

Jennifer of RYLAN came this evening not to give the full RYLAN presentation, but, at the invitation of the Public Safety Committee, to give a brief overview of what RYLAN will present in February to prepare our community for emergency. That presentation will be given in English and Spanish. Outreach by stakeholders and the council needs to be done to reach out to Spanish speakers, home bounds, and seniors to make sure that they are not disenfranchised from this information.

Emergency information given in this in this introduction included the instruction to get under a desk during an earthquake. If no desk is available, get, don't move from where you are, but cover your head and neck. Most earthquake injuries are not from the building collapsing but from things inside the building falling, e.g., ceiling tiles, and from people falling while trying to move.

RYLAN knows that in case of a large disaster that people need to be prepared to support themselves and those around them because there are 4 million of us and only a few thousand police and firefighters. The person to rescue you will be the person next door. So, the Ready Your Los Angeles Neighborhood (RYLAN) is based on a one block plan. The reason it is based on a single block is because it is all about the person conversation, e.g., "I have a ladder, I can share it with the person across the street. The block-level presentation is about 90 minutes and usually given in a home. Attendees will walk out of the meeting with an emergency plan, including contact information of their neighbors—who might need additional help, where are their children, where are their pets. A personal disaster preparedness program does not need to

be done all at once. It can be achieved by doing things as simple as picking up an extra can of food at the store.

Because of the need to have the actual full plan be at the single residential block level, the February Community Council meeting will not be a full workshop but will be about a one-hour presentation covering things like how to put together an emergency kit and what needs to be done with their family within the first hour after a disaster. Jennifer views this NC meeting as a building block to hosting a block meeting.

Jennifer challenged each person in the room to sponsor a home workshop. It is important that the invitation comes from a neighbor and not from some government person knocking on their door. A side benefit of having the meeting is getting to actually know the people on your block that you wave to.

Jennifer invited anyone who has a safety question that needs answering before the February council meeting to phone her at the contact number she left with Sylvia. Jennifer's final bit of emergency preparedness information was to check for natural gas leaks by smelling the air. If the smell is detected, turn of the gas pipe with a quarter turn. There is also an automatic gas shutoff tool available that is motion activated.

Old Business

5. Discussion and possible motion to approve minutes from the December 2019 General Board Meeting.

David moved to approve the minutes. Johnny seconded. The council took the time during the meeting to read the notes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) for the months of November 2019 and December 2019.

7. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction.

Anthony Manzano from the Public Safety Committee

For the last 10 years, he worked with Mona Curry of The City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department in preparing the May Your Neighborhood (MYN) program, which is forerunner to the RYLAN program and very similar to it. He was at the MYN meetings in Mount Washington and other areas and said the program is very effective. Together with Mona, he is considered the station 14 neighborhood preparedness ambassador. He took the training years ago and considers himself really well prepared. The fire department did not have a utilities team, which turns off gas, electricity, and water, until he proposed it to them. Previous to that, all they had were the medical, fire prevention, search, and rescue teams. Coming up on January 16 in Herman at 7:00 is a CD 14 candidate forum. And on January 23 in Eagle Rock at Occidental College there will be CERT training. To go one step above the RYLAN take the CERT training.

George Cabrera, Marketing Director for *The Lincoln Star*

The front page of the January/February issue features several holiday events. Page 5 features the El Sereno Winter Jubilee. There is also mention and pictures of the Lincoln Heights Christmas parade. And the paper has a new cartoon feature on page 15 called “The Adventures of Sir George.”

February 20 is the deadline for submissions the March/April issue.

Cyndi Otteson, candidate for LA City Council District 14

She was born in CD 14 and currently lives in Eagle Rock where she is raising her two children—5 and 7 years old. She is here at this meeting to hear about things that are happening in El Sereno. She cares about the district and is running because she wants to be sure that the district has a representative that is for the people and not using this office as a steppingstone in their career. Because district 14 has been scandal ridden, she wants people to be aware that she is running a clean money campaign. She also wants people to know that she is committed to serving her full term as there is another candidate who is not. She served for three years on the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council where she learned how the city works and dealt with land use, safety, homelessness, and education.

Richard Acosta

The homeless problem is getting really out of hand. Some of the parents are complaining that they have had confrontations with the homeless on Huntington Dr. North. When their elementary level children are walking to school, the homeless are approaching them and trying to talk to them. One of the residents a block over from him reported that she ran upstairs in her house to do a quick change because she was having a couch delivered, and when she came downstairs a homeless man was standing in her living room. When she asked what he was doing there, he said that he wanted to kiss her. Another resident said that he observed a homeless person with a revolver in his hand. The resident phoned LAPD and got the response that they make random checks every couple of weeks. Mr. Acosta said it is time that the community be given Huntington Dr. North back. On the hot summer days all the apartment residents on Huntington Dr. used to sit on their porches with their children. Now residents are complaining that they can't even walk their dog because the dog is stepping on needles. Now in the area there is indecent exposure, masturbation, public urination. This is a problem the council should address.

Manny Hernandez

Mr. Hernandez complained that an unnamed board member, not in attendance, had sent out an email saying that the death of a member of the community, who was killed, was a hit by a property developer who has not yet met with the council. Mr. Hernandez believes that person should be removed from the board. He went on further to say that the man had been dismissive of a woman being molested, and that the board member was disrespectful of women. The speech, which went over time, concluded by accusing the board member of being prejudice against Hispanics.

8. Discussion and possible motion to fill current Board vacancies pursuant to LA-32 Bylaws Article VI: Section 3A: Vacancies: Vice President.

David Chacon moved to fill the vacancy and Johnny Gurski seconded. Cynthia nominated Johnny Gurski, and he accepted the nomination. In his campaign speech he promised big changes to the board. He also spoke about how the council previously didn't have enough members to have a quorum and said he already had someone good to fill the office he would be vacating so that the size of the board would not be diminished by him leaving his current office.

The vote was as follows:

y	Sylvia Cruz
y	Johnny Gurski
y	Brian Micó
y	David Chacon
y	Cynthia Sandoval
y	Ester Petschar
y	Carmen Tata
y	Peter Kightlinger
y	Christopher Perez
y	Jorge Garcia

Johnny needs to submit his letter of resignation of his West Region Director position tonight to assume his new role as Vice President.

Johnny's resignation was provided, and the appointment of a new West Region Director was added to the agenda for the next meeting.

9. President's appointment of the Land Use Committee chair.

Jorge Garcia nominated himself for the committee chair. David Chacon was also nominated but declined the nomination. There were no other nominees. Jorge spoke in support of his nomination saying that, as a board member he is eligible and as a member of the Land Use Committee, he is knowledgeable. Jorge was appointed by Sylvia Cruz. Because of this appointment, which removes Jorge as a committee member, the appointment of a new committee member will be added to the next agenda.

10. President's appointment of the Business and Economics Committee Chair.

As there were no nominations, including self-nominations, for this position, the item was tabled until the next meeting.

11. Discussion and possible motion to accept the Community Impact Statement (CIS) drafted by Jorge Garcia and Ericka Crenshaw pursuant to the October 16, 2019 Land Use Committee Recommendation to submit a CIS in support of the LA Council File 19-0623, which calls for researching the amount of vacant, habitable housing units in Los Angeles and the reason why they remain vacant; and examining an Empty Home Penalty, vacancy taxes and speculative taxes in other jurisdictions; and reporting policy operation for potential empty homes penalty structure in Los

Angeles for consideration by voters in 2020, with incentives and other policy options to place units into production use.

The drafted statement is as follows:

The LA-32 Neighborhood Council (LA-32 NC) extends its support to Motion 19-0623 calling for a report on the number of vacant habitable housing units in the city of Los Angeles as well as a report on policy options for an “Empty Homes Penalty.” The LA-32 NC acknowledges that there is currently a housing crisis that affects many Angelenos. The LA-32 NC further acknowledges that the number of over 100,000 unoccupied units creates a lower market supply. An Empty Homes Penalty will not solve the housing crisis on its own. However, the effectiveness of a policy like this, as well as a review of the state of vacancies in Los Angeles, and the impact it has on our housing shortages should be studied by the City.

Public comment

Bruce Wilson, a resident of the south region

The best way to stop a dragon is to slay it while it is still in the egg. And this is a monster. This is not only unconstitutional but is a direct affront to property ownership rights. The City Council wants to spend money researching this topic because they already want this law already on the ballot as early as March and no later than November. They have already made plans for that. They have already made it a foregone conclusion that greedy landlords are creating vacancies for profit. And this is what they have said. This law will stop that and cure homelessness—or partially cure it. This is all a wonderful mythology. Once it is on file, the public will snap it up like it is going out of style and go for it without any kind of fact finding on their part. Our high-speed rail is a perfect example of public wisdom. And it's true, you will find bad actors out there. You will find bad landlords. You will find bad tenants. You will find bad politicians. You will find bad priests. You will find bad boy scout leaders. But only a fool or a liar would try to pretend that all problems in the world are due to this group and the nasty things they do. The fact is that vacancies are a monetary loss to landlords. You do not make money by keeping a place vacant. Most landlords, especially small investor types, are pushed close to bankruptcy by every vacancy or any bad tenant.

The housing crisis is due to one factor only, supply and demand. The supply shrinks, the demand goes up, prices rise. It's not greed. It is how housing works. The city has not strongly supported an increase in supply since World War II. And has inhibited small investors through rules, regulations, tenant protections, price controls, and general inefficiencies.

I agree with all the rules and regulations but not in increased inspections expenses, increased liabilities, and decreased efficiency.

I'm in full support of tenant's rights. But against them maintaining an unfair advantage in civil court. Small investors have sold houses and properties rather than risk ruin. This suits large property incorporations who keep attorneys on retainer, large war chests, and rock star status all as normal business procedure in order to snap up property on the cheap and develop as they wish. Please do your own research into this unconstitutional infringement on property rights. Don't take my word for it. Don't take city council's word for it. My understanding is that this plan will fine all owners over any possible inhabitable units--second homes, pool houses, mother-in-law units, garage

conversions, etc.—any habitable unit. Several cities have been cited as if they all made successful efforts. Wrong. New York was mentioned, no; DC, no. There are only two cities that have anything like this law—Vancouver, Canada, who has been at it for three years and has been failing at it—and Oakland, whose law went into effect January 1, 2020. You can't cite stuff on any of this. And you can't go around saying all these other cities are doing it because they are not. DC and New York have nothing like this. No other cities have anything like this except Vancouver and Oakland. Council file 19-0623 provides zero benefits. Please reject it.

Cyndi Otteson

Thinks there is value in looking at data but that it should not be used to distress small property owners. She thinks that large corporations that have units that are being given tax benefits but have units they are holding vacant.

Manny Hernandez

Mr. Hernandez said that at the north end there are houses that are for sale that can't be sold because homeless in the area destroy the value of the properties with their presence and their tents. And he is unhappy with board members who support the homeless.

Richard Acosta

He is opposed to high rises.

12. Discussion and possible motion to accept the Civic Engagement Committee's draft of a "Social Media Policy" to be added the LA32 Neighborhood Council website.

This item was tabled per request from Cynthia. Sylvia encouraged all directors to research information regarding social media policies, to begin by looking at the policies of other NC's on the DONE website, and to pass their ideas on to Peter and Cynthia. Directors are currently being criticized regarding the appropriateness of things said in the social medial. And as an organization the directors need this policy for guidance.

13. Discussion and possible motion to accept the Civic Engagement Committee's draft of "Mission", "Vision", and "Values" Statements to be added to the LA32 Neighborhood Council website.

As maker of the motion, Cynthia requested this item to be tabled. Sylvia, again, reached out to other directors to be in touch with the Civic Engagement Committee in crafting this item. The need for this statement is to provide the committee with opportunity to make a stand for affordable housing in this neighborhood.

New Business

14. Discussion and possible motion to approve co-hosting and volunteering and participating in a promotional video for a Council District 14 (CD 14) candidate forum on or about January 17, 2020 along with other neighborhood councils in CD 14 including—but not limited to—the Historic Highland Park NC, Arroyo Seco NC, Eagle Rock NC, Boyle Heights NC, Downtown LA NC, and Historic Cultural NC pursuant to an updated report from Sylvia Cruz and Cynthia Sandoval to fund up to \$500 for cohosting costs, including—but not limited to—event marketing fliers, VIP and staff identification badges.

Per Sylvia, the focus of this item is that the board of directors are being asked to step up and volunteer Friday, January 17, from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Korean church [the Los Angeles Christian Presbyterian Church] on N. Eastern Avenue for the CD 14 candidate forum. This venue was skillfully obtained by Cynthia Sandoval. The venue has free parking. It is ADA accessible, and is gated for security. All five qualified candidates are available for this schedule.

Cynthia has approved fliers that she will have produced also as posters, and she implored those in attendance at this meeting to promote this upcoming event.

Sylvia reported that in December she and Cynthia attended a coalition meeting of the NC's participating in this event. Work assignments were decided in that meeting, and it is imperative for the LA 32-NC directors to step up and volunteer to help with security both inside and outside of the church and to provide escorts for the candidates.

Though not a director, Rosie Disake, a stakeholder in the audience, volunteered to help with the event. And this was very appreciated.

Per Cynthia, volunteers should arrive at 3:30 P.M. when the doors will open. And Sylvia added that the volunteers should wear an LA 32 tee shirt if they have or can find one.

Tom Williams reported that he had already seen a notice today for this event that had the LA 32 logo on it that must have been put out by another NC, which was surprising to all. It was speculated that this was the result of another NC overstepping its assignment. Tom expressed concern that there are multiple candidate forums and wanted to be sure which event LA-32 was aligned with.

Cynthia pointed out that the shared event with the Historic Highland Park NC, Arroyo Seco NC, Eagle Rock NC, Boyle Heights NC, Downtown LA NC, and Historic Cultural NC was already approved last month. And that the current vote was only regarding funding for advertising and badges.

At this point Anthony Manzano pointed out that while there has been discussion, no one has opened the motion.

Johnny Gurski then moved and Tom Williams seconded that the council now vote on the funding to support this activity.

Prior to the vote Anthony Manzano asked if the other participating NC's were also committing funding for this candidate forum. Sylvia assured him that all coalition NC's were committing \$500 of funding.

The vote was as follows:

y	Sylvia Cruz
y	Johnny Gurski
y	Brian Micó
y	David Chacon
y	Cynthia Sandoval
y	Ester Petschar
y	Carmen Tata
y	Peter Kightlinger

y	Christopher Perez
y	Jorge Garcia
y	Tom Williams

15. Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$200 for community sponsorship of the El Sereno Senior Valentine event to be held on or about February 13, 2020.

Tom Williams moved, and the David Chacon seconded to discuss this funding.

Cynthia explained that this is an annual event held by the organization that allows the NC the use of their building for these NC meetings and that the council had previously made a contribution to previous social events of this organization.

A stakeholder in attendance also spoke in support of funding this event.

The vote was as follows:

y	Sylvia Cruz
y	Johnny Gurski
y	Brian Micó
y	David Chacon
y	Cynthia Sandoval
y	Ester Petschar
y	Carmen Tata
y	Peter Kightlinger
y	Christopher Perez
y	Jorge Garcia
y	Tom Williams

16. Discussion and possible motion to review past board votes and to research archival board records concerning the LA-32 NC general board meeting agenda template and special committee meeting agenda template regarding disclosure statements and the listing of the LA-32 NC Historic Neighborhood.

Cynthia moved to open this item for discussion and Jorge seconded.

As a public comment Anthony said that as a previous president, he would have access to archival board records for the past 15 years and has a really good idea what is going on.

He said that the template was provided by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. LA-32 basically just put it logo on the template, which is what the other NC's do.

Sylvia said that two neighborhoods, viz., Emory Park and Sierra Park, are not currently listed on the template

Anthony is opposed to adding Emory Park and Sierra Park to the template because they are not officially recognized by the City of Los Angeles as demonstrated by the absence of blue identification

signs. He thinks the template should continue listing the four neighborhoods that currently appear because they are officially recognized by the City of Los Angeles.

Yoli said that there had been a petition to add Emory and Sierra Parks onto the template because But she says she is opposed to adding these two because there are, in fact, other “neighborhoods” in addition to Emory Park and Sierra Park not listed on the template, e.g. the Berkshire District, Sierra Vista, and El Sereno Hills. And rather than leaving any out, she thinks it is better not to list any neighborhoods so as not to exclude any that would want to be listed.

Cynthia clarified that the reason this item is on the agenda is because there are several templates floating around that are not exactly the same. The disclosure is different on some and information is incorrect on some. And she would like to see the Bylaws committee sit down and get this letterhead corrected.

The discussion moved into a direction of rebranding the LA-32 NC.

Sylvia pulled the discussion on this agenda item back into simply considering whether all the committee meetings should be using the same template with the same disclosure statements because that is not happening now and whether to add Emory Park and Sierra Park to the neighborhood template list.

All that is being voted on now is whether the board wants consistency in the template. What the template will look like will be proposed by the Executive Committee with input from the public and the archival records.

The vote was 10 “yes” and one “no” to send the template to the Executive Committee.

17. Discussion and possible motion to approve funding for up to \$300 for food and drink at the RYLAN presentation hosted by the February 2020 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Tom moved and Johnny seconded to discuss this item.

Anthony, a member of the Public Safety Committee, said that food allows the attendees the opportunity to feel relaxed and to interact and integrate with the meeting. And food makes it more inviting for the stakeholders to attend. Johnny agreed and requested all board members to attend.

The vote was as follows:

y	Sylvia Cruz
y	Johnny Gurski
y	Brian Micó
y	David Chacon
y	Cynthia Sandoval
y	Ester Petschar
y	Carmen Tata
y	Peter Kightlinger
y	Christopher Perez
y	Jorge Garcia
y	Tom Williams

18. Discussion and possible motion to sign a Community Impact Statement concerning the 710 Freeway extension that is currently being proposed through Alhambra Road in El Sereno.

Cynthia moved and David seconded that this be opened for discussion.

Guest expert, Troy Carvajal from the office of Assembly member Carrillo, District 51, explained that the freeway extension absolutely will not happen. But when the bill to create the extension moved to the state senate, the senate amended it. The amendment basically removed the Valley Blvd. part of the extension. Because of this change the community felt that it was vulnerable to a possible connector road to Alhambra Avenue. This is an issue that has been plaguing the community for over 50 years. And while Troy said repeatedly the freeway extension would not be built, a community impact statement (CIS) could potentially stop everything.

Manny suggested that money be spent to build a bridge over Valley Blvd. Troy's response was that money was not the issue.

The community is suggesting removing the portion of the 710 Freeway where it starts from the 10 to the 710, and that land to create a park.

Sylvia asked what happened to the diagram of Caltrans' proposed project that showed a connector road leading to a roundabout right where a little park is. Troy responded that the drawing was just a proposed option of what could be done.

Anthony requested that the agenda item be amended to add the language "and/or connector road" after "710 Freeway extension" for clarity. Anthony also reminded that there had been a previous resolution that said this extension was not wanted, which could be referenced.

Tom said that a basic problem is that the environmental impact report and statement includes the connector road from Valley Blvd. to Alhambra Ave. However, it depends upon the city of Alhambra. If Alhambra decides and can convince Caltrans not to close the 710 South stub from the 10 to Valley Blvd., then P1, which is one of the projects within the environmental impact report, can go forward. The thing for LA-32 to do is oppose P1, the connector road from Valley to Alhambra Avenue. Whatever is done south of Valley is up to Alhambra.

Troy added that a possible solution to this problem is to create new legislation.

Sylvia asked if Assembly member Carrillo would appreciate having a CIS regarding this issue. Troy said absolutely. But Mario pointed out that NC's are only authorized to submit a CIS to the city.

Mario referred to City Council file 19-1566, which he sent the board at the beginning of December, that will be going to the Council on January 14 and said if the board is going to submit a CIS it would need to be against this file.

The voted with 10 yes votes to assign Sylvia Cruz and Tom Williams to write a CIS on this topic.

19. Discussion and possible motion to purchase a printer for board activities.

Cynthia's original goal was to get a printer and cartridges to produce agendas for NC meetings. But when she became the card holder for LA-32 NC, she discovered that there was a business account with Office Depot and that Office Depot can print the agendas at a 75 to 80% discount, which would

be much less expensive than to purchase a printer and ink cartridges. So, the proposal to buy a printer is now irrelevant. But Cynthia needs a scanner. So, this item will be amended to fund a scanner for up to \$500 but remove the purchase of a printer.

The amendment to item 19 was passed with 9 “yes” votes.

The funding vote was as follows:

y	Sylvia Cruz
y	Johnny Gurski
y	Brian Micó
y	David Chacon
y	Cynthia Sandoval
y	Ester Petschar
y	Carmen Tata
y	Peter Kightlinger
y	Tom Williams

20. Discussion and possible motion to approve the purchase of a new laptop for board activities and outreach projects pursuant to research and cost estimates reported from Cynthia Sandoval designee with funds up to \$1,000.

David moved and Johnny seconded that this item be heard.

In public comment, Jenny Guerrero is in favor of this action and recommends using PC Fix It on Site.

Sylvia found in checking Costco, the Internet, and Best Buy that Best Buy had the lowest price. Johnny opined that the money be spent to buy a good computer not the least expensive one to accommodate Cynthia’s needs.

Cynthia requested that the purchased computer have a lot of RAM and that it not be too heavy.

Ester informed the board that the man has PC Fix It is going out of business because he has stage 4 cancer. And it would help his family if the purchase were to be made from him.

The funding vote was as follows:

y	Sylvia Cruz
y	Johnny Gurski
y	Brian Micó
y	David Chacon
y	Cynthia Sandoval
y	Ester Petschar
y	Carmen Tata
y	Peter Kightlinger
y	Tom Williams

21. Discussion and possible motion to approve the purchase to tee-shirts for LA-32 for board directors to use at board outreach events after obtaining an estimated cost and the directors provide their tee-shirt sizes to Sylvia Cruz or Cynthia Sandoval designate.

Cynthia moved and Johnny seconded to open this discussion.

Sylvia was not able to move forward because she was told that there was a designated place to obtain tee-shirts for the board and neither she nor Cynthia were able to find the information.

Stake holder, Vincent Rosiles, present at the meeting, offered to provide a quote.

Anthony suggested to get something better than a tee-shirt, something like a polo shirt.

In public comment, Jenny Guerrero is in favor of this action and recommends using local business, US Awards and Trophies on Huntington Dr. because it is a long-standing business that has always helped the local organizations.

Item 21 will be tabled for now until quotes can be obtained.

22. Discussion and possible motion to approve the purchase of an additional ethernet and Wi-Fi router box for use at El Sereno Senior Center for board activities and outreach projects pursuant to the research and cost estimates from Sylvia Cruz and Cynthia Sandoval designated to this case is David Chacon and to fund up to \$300 for the purchase of a Wi-Fi router box.

Cynthia moved and Brian seconded to open this discussion.

In public comment, Jenny Guerrero is in favor of this action and recommended using PC Fix It On Site.

David Chacon reported that per the general manager of the Senior Center, the board would have to buy a phone line to have the Internet connection because it cannot piggyback off their Internet connection. David does not yet know the Internet providers are for the area and does not yet have a quote for a government organization. He also wants to contact the city to see what contract agreement it might have. The benefit of buying the phone line is that the board would have it avail for use any time. And it would be a good outreach in that visitors would see that Wi-Fi is provided by LA-32 NC and know that the council exists. David recommends tabling this item until the February meeting when he could provide pricing. PC Fix It on Site will also be contacted for router pricing.

This was voted to be tabled.

23. Discussion and possible motion to approve the purchase of LA-32 business cards for each board director pursuant to research and cost estimates obtained by Sylvia Cruz and Cynthia Sandoval and to fund up to \$1,500 for the purchase of business cards for all the directors.

Tom moved and David seconded to open this discussion.

Vince Rosiles said he would like to bid on this procurement.

Johnny suggested the Department of General Services Printing Department. Johnny also questioned the \$1,500 price but agreed when after being told it was **up to** that amount for the entire term and that the board has turnover.

In public comment, Jenny Guerrero supports this item and suggests using Jeremy Espinosa on Huntington Dr. He is a local established business who helps the community.

The vote to approve the funding was as follows:

y	Sylvia Cruz
y	Johnny Gurski
y	Brian Micó
y	David Chacon
y	Cynthia Sandoval
y	Ester Petschar
y	Carmen Tata
y	Peter Kightlinger
y	Jorge Garcia
y	Tom Williams

24. Discussion and possible motion to approve the purchase of table nameplates for each board director to be used at the general board and special committee meetings pursuant to the research and cost estimates from Sylvia Cruz and Cynthia Sandoval or designee and to fund up to \$500 for the purchase of table nameplates.

Tom moved and Johnny seconded to open this discussion.

In public comment, Jenny Guerrero is in favor of this action and requests using US Awards and Trophies on Huntington Dr. for the reasons previously stated in comments for item 21.

Vince Rosiles requested the opportunity to give a quote for this item also.

Anthony likes Jenny’s recommendation. He has used Ray Lopez of US Awards and Trophies for many years. Ray could possibly do a package deal. But Anthony also suggested that the nameplate order be altered to include name badges. David moved to amend the motion to include name tags, and Johnny seconded the motion.

Peter suggested getting clear nameplate holders from Office Depot into which printed out paper name signs could be inserted. He suggested this more flexible option because there is turnover in the board. Peter said the nameplate holders were inexpensive—perhaps \$23 for a set of eight.

Sylvia asked Peter to take charge of this item.

The vote on this amendment to add name tags was 10 “yes” and 0 “no.” It was decided to leave funding the same because even though adding the name tags doubles the number items to be purchased, Peter’s suggestion is so inexpensive.

A separate rollcall vote was taken to approve the \$500 funding. The vote was as follows:

y	Sylvia Cruz
y	Johnny Gurski
y	Brian Micó
y	David Chacon

y	Cynthia Sandoval
y	Ester Petschar
y	Carmen Tata
y	Peter Kightlinger
y	Jorge Garcia
y	Tom Williams

25. Discussion and possible motion to approve board director reimbursement for current fiscal year copy costs with receipts for agendas and attachments.

David moved and Cynthia seconded to open this discussion.

The discussion revealed that no board member is currently seeking reimbursement. But Anthony suggested that if the board does wish to do it in the future, the board should take action before the expense is incurred to identify who is going to receive the reimbursement and up to a dollar amount.

David moved to strike this item from the agenda. The vote was unanimous to strike.

26. Discussion and possible recommendation that LA-32 NC Civic Engagement Committee partner with Los Angeles Walks on January 19,2020, 8:45 A.M. to 1:45 P.M. The committee with participate in the stakeholder walk through the 90032 area and connected areas. The LA-32 NC Civic Engagement Committee requests funding up to \$50. The funding will be used to purchase water and snacks for the LA-32 NC's civic engagement, the committee participants, and interested board directors.

Tom moved and David seconded to open this discussion.

Carmina Gomez, program manager for Los Angeles Walks, a non-profit that trains and mobilizes community members to advocate for walkable communities. One of the ways they do this is through public walks. This year the organization is walking the original borders of Los Angeles. This month they are doing the east leg starting at Jess Park and walking along Huntington Dr. down to Soto Street all the way to Indiana Street and ending on Indiana and Olympic Blvd., which is about a 6.5-mile walk which takes about 4 hours.

Anthony spoke in support of this program and informed everyone that one of the cornerstones of the Los Angeles pueblo is located in Jess Park.

The funding vote was as follows:

y	Sylvia Cruz
y	Johnny Gurski
y	Brian Micó
y	David Chacon
y	Cynthia Sandoval
y	Ester Petschar
y	Carmen Tata
y	Peter Kightlinger
y	Jorge Garcia

27. President's report

Peter and Cynthia are creating an LA-32 NC calendar and are bringing printouts for the directors to update.

Peter and Jorge suggested that the council name be changed from LA-32 to El Sereno. The original name, LA-32, is a reference to the council being the 32nd LA NC to be inducted into the Neighborhood Empowerment program. Further discussion of this possible name change will be a future agenda item.

The Public Safety Committee is planning a RYLAN event. The date and location are yet to be established. Rose Hills or the library are possible venues.

28. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.