



At the intersections of a rich and varied community life, the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP) reaffirms its mission of neighborhood organizing and advocacy. We are guided by and committed to working within the spirit of the city's "Seizing Our Destiny" efforts. We see ourselves as the principal citizen's advisory body on neighborhood quality of life in the City of Riverside and as a primary incubator, coach, consultant, and friend of neighborhood groups. The RNP exists by action of the City Council, and works to be the "go through group" which unites and supports the 26 neighborhoods of Riverside by facilitating the creation and ongoing growth of various neighborhood groups; by educating the various constituencies we serve on neighborhood quality of life issues; and, by advocating for public policy that encourages the strengthening of local neighborhood life.

Monday, May 5, 2014

**Joyce Jackson Community Center, 5505 Dewey Avenue
MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Linda Baker, Henry Funderburk, Jose Barragan, Roland Doepner, Damien O'Farrell Paul Chavez, Mia Villeta Alvarado, Chris Fielder, Alejandro Salas, Janet Gilmore, Cecile Johnson, Gurumantra Khalsa, Jeff Kraus, Frances Posoisky, Larry Utesch, Paul Davis and Jeff Wright

Members Absent: Scott Andrews, Frances Fernandes, Kathryn Curtis, Patricia Verwiel, Bob Garcia,

1. **Call to Order** – 6:35 p.m. by Chair Jeff Wright
2. Cecile Johnson made motion to approve Minutes with Jeff Wright's recommended corrections: 1) Location was Hunt Park, 2) Frances Posoisky seconded the motion to approve minutes. Approved unanimously.
3. **Public Comments** –
 - Jeff Wright – East Hills Community Church, interested in activities throughout Riverside.
4. **Communications from Local Government**
 - Bruni Mercado and Wells Fargo Representative - Event on May 3 at 10-2 with home ownership, down payment assistance program. Get flyer from Bruni Mercado.
 - Councilmen Jim Perry - Mayor's Walk in Arlanza (100 people) learned History of Camp Anza, Neighborhood Livability like homeless and aggressive panhandling.
 - Michelle Davis - April 12th, Walk to End Homelessness. www.endhomelessness.info. Get flyer from Michelle Davis.
5. **Reports and Actions**
 - a. Yvette prepared and presented a Status Report on 26 in 26.
 - Request of Board Committee chairs to report on Action Plan from January. Damien O'Farrell stated Conference Committee used the Action Plan and found helpful. No other Committees gave updates.
 - Discussion ensued on how to deal with identification of Neighborhoods, can it birth more neighborhoods? RNP gave feedback to City Staff that it is important to recognize all neighborhoods as they recognize themselves

- b. Jay Eastman gave report on Smart code interview outcome. Optics' selected to go forward for recommendation to City Manager. 26 in 26 should be folded in going forward.
- c. Sign Code (no update to report).
- d. Erin Gettis gave report on Grow Riverside Event, invited anyone interested in attending the April 21 2014. Erin Gettis to get information on the Outcomes meeting for GrowRiverside.
- e. Erin Gettis gave report on HPNUD staffing changes and presented an HPNUD budget memo.

Erin Gettis also mentioned on behalf of the Mayor's Office: Bike with the Mayor on April 26, MNO May 7, Cool California Challenge.

- f. Erin Gettis presented report on NUSA.
 - Discussion ensued that sending Younger/newer members better, and/or More members going would be better. Additional observation is \$2200 is a woefully low number, strongly encourage City Government to increase that number, even if that includes some independent grant writing.
 - Motion by Mia Alvarado to send Gurumantra Khalsa and Jeff Wright entirely as they are speakers at the conference.
 - Substitute Motion proposed by Jeff Kraus to send Gurumantra Khalsa, Jeff Kraus and a 3rd TBD member utilizing Jeff's travel funds.
 - Substitute Motion amended by Jeff Wright to let Executive Committee decide who attends in 3rd slot. Seconded by Mia Alvarado. Approved unanimously.

6. Standing committee reports.

- a. Awards - Linda (no report)
- b. Bylaws – Larry Utesch
 - Discussion of new member, refer to Membership Committee.
 - Discussion that youth inclusion language in Bylaws is not necessary, all seats can be occupied by youth.
 - Discussion by Damien O'Farrell that the Board operates by a majority vote. Majority of RNP has voted, 3 new seats for youth.
 - Discussion amongst Board on vote to direct board to add 3 seats in May.
 - Discussion by Jose Barragan regarding monopoly of youth positions and concern about broad representation.
 - Bylaws committee is directed to produce language for adoption of youth inclusion policy.
 - Chair decided to appoint (per the Bylaws) a separate Youth Inclusion Committee to address the youth inclusion action by the Board. Appointees TBD by Chair.
- c. Conference – Damien O'Farrell
 - Reimagining Conference (smaller rather than larger), necessity for us as Board Members to identify more people. Need to be fun, provide food, draw of significant content. 26 leaders identified will help with the determination, perhaps wait on launch dates, maybe pushing it back a little further to do it right.

- d. Marketing – Gurumantra Klalsa, conditioning of 26 in 26 to determine what to do. Need activity logs to determine what is critical. April and May. Need Area 1 reps to step up and pick out who you are going to feature at the next Neighborhood Success Story.
 - e. Membership - Bob Garcia (no report)
 - f. Executive - Jeff Wright gave a report.
- 7. New Business to Introduce.** Approved by unanimous consent of the Board as follows:
- a. Procedures and Policies Manual - referred to Bylaws Committee.
 - b. Travel Policy - referred to Bylaws Committee.
 - c. Northside Neighborhood Boundaries - to an ad hoc committee yet to be appointed.
- 8. Board Member Activity and Announcements (none given)**
- 9.** Jose Barragan made motion of emergency decision for adjournment to May 5th instead of the 12th, 2014 motion to be repealed to a location yet to be determined. Needs 2/3 vote (or 9 members).
Approved by a Vote of 9-3.

Adjournment at 8:30 p.m. to Joyce Jackson Community Center, 5505 Dewey Avenue

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