

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition
A Coalition of Councils General Meeting Agenda
August 5, 2017 10:00 AM

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1. The City Engineering Department sent a representative to discuss the Safe Sidewalks Program This can provide up to \$10,000 in rebate money for sidewalk rebuilding to bring a property's sidewalk up to ADA standards. This money is required by a court settlement where LA City is ordered to spend \$1.37 BILLION over the next 30 years for sidewalk repairs. (I may have missed a change in the law but my reading of the California CEQA Act placed clear responsibility for maintaining curbs, parkways and sidewalks on incorporated cities or counties for unincorporated territory.)
2. After a lengthy discussion the attendees passed the following motion by a vote of 20 to 2. The 2 no votes were from attendees who stated that supported the spirit of the motion but believed it would be completely ignored by the Mayor and City Council.

Because the Board of Neighborhood Commission (BONC) could not achieve a quorum and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) (XXXXXX) Neighborhood Council respects the work and effort of the Commissioners of the Board of Neighborhood Commission (BONC). For its efforts to be effective, the commission must institute an attendance policy so that the Commissioners will be in attendance to do the work of the Neighborhood Councils. We also ask the Mayor's Office to review the attendance of the current Commissioners, and if any Commissioner has missed five meeting in the last twelve (12) months, the Mayor asks for that Commissioner's resignation and be replaced by an individual who will fully engage the Neighborhood Councils and the work they do, while fully representing the policies of the Mayor of Los Angeles. It is also critical that we request Mayor Garcetti to include respective Area Neighborhood Councils in the vetting process of persons being considered for appointment to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners that represent that area. The Commissioner not only represents the policy of the Mayor, but also represents the issues of the Neighborhood Councils in that area.

This motion stimulated much discussion about where the Neighborhood Council System is and where it is going. Several speakers were of the opinion that the forces at City Hall have worked to severely limit the impact of Neighborhood Councils. It was remarked that most Neighborhood Council Board Members appear to be totally unaware of the part of the City Charter approved by the voters in 1999 that established the Neighborhood Councils. Perhaps, it should be required reading for new board members.

On a more constructive note, Glenn Bailey pointed out that the greatest weakness of the Neighborhood Councils with regard to the City Charter responsibilities is that they do not aggressively attempt to gather community opinions and share them with the elected officials at City Hall. It was noted that Council President, Herb Wesson of CD10, has instituted rules to make Community Impact Statement (CIS) presentations to the City Council more visible and with five minutes to present instead of the usual two. It was pointed out that any stakeholder can have a written statement attached to the Council File for a City Council motion by sending it to the City Clerk.

Submitted by Chuck Ray