



Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Congress
Senate Meeting
Minutes

Saturday, June 3, 2006
DWP Building, Los Angeles, CA

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:18am by Len Shaffer, Chairman.

2. Participants:

Len Shaffer	Tarzana NC
Brady Westwater	Downtown Los Angeles NC
Gary Baratta	Mid-Town North Hollywood NC
Joe Vitti	Granada Hills North NC
Greg Martayan	Encino NC
Stan Mohr	Historic Highland Park NC
Stephen Cawelti	South Robertson NC
Dan Pasley	Coastal San Pedro NC
Luciana Dar	West Van Nuys / Lake Balboa NC
Rob Kadota	Mar Vista NC
David Strouse	Mid City West NC
Charley Mims	Greater Griffith Park NC
Roger Kulpa	Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC
Carole Ozanian	Winnetka NC
Humberto Camacho	Pico Union NC
Adrienne O'Niell	Harbor Gateway South NC
Dan Villegas	North Hills NC
Charlotte Laws	Greater Valley Glen
Bob Gelfand	Coastal San Pedro NC
Ken Draper	Mid City West NC
Porter Thomason	West Hills NC
Dominic Ehrler	Historic Cultural NC
Cherie Miller	Silver Lake NC

3. The proposed Agenda for this meeting was approved after one typo correction.

4. Edward Boks, General Manager of Los Angeles Animal Services, was the Guest Speaker. He announced that pet adoption is up (130%) and pet euthanasia is down (35%) this year. He reported that New York became very "no-kill" when he was there. The Department is running many off-site adoption events. It has set up a "Foster Program" (short-term foster care for cats and dogs). He said the Department will be getting new shelters, with new landscaping and solar power.

5. Public Comment: Daniel Wiseman said that stakeholders are more than just homeowners and the definition of a stakeholder needs to be more uniform among neighborhood councils, including addressing if stakeholders are "legal" residents/individuals.

6. Brady Westwater gave the Structure Committee report, including the motion for a 5th officer, a 2nd Vice Chair. Mr Westwater said the specific duties of the two vice-chairs would be defined by the Structure Committee for the next meeting. Bob Gelfand said creating a position without specific responsibilities is a bad idea. Adrienne O'Niell suggested having vice-chairs for the committees, rather than a 2nd vice-chair for the full LANCC Senate. Dan Villegas agreed more vice-chairs were needed to get more work done. Dan Wiseman said that having 4 officers is dysfunctional. The motion to add a 2nd vice-chair **passed** 18-3.

7. Budget Committee - David Strouse reported that the paperwork for a 501(c)(3) has been put together. He distributed several copies of the Articles of Incorporation of the UNCOLA (United Neighborhood Councils Of Los Angeles) for reviewing, as well as copies of its proposed Bylaws and a printout entitled, "Potential Activities of UNCOLA". Much discussion followed regarding the creation of the non-profit organization and the LANCC relationship with it. David Strouse stated that its principle purpose would be to support the Congress, so the LANCC would have funds to operate, prepare a database and do public relations, etc. Charley Mims moved to postpone voting on giving support to the creation of UNCOLA, which was defeated by a vote of 3-14. David Strouse clarified that UNCOLA would be independent from LANCC, and that the bylaws state the Officers of UNCOLA would not receive payment. David Strouse finished by saying, "support us to support you". The original Budget Committee motion to support the formation of the 501(c)(3) **passed** 17-1-1.
8. Brady Westwater gave the report for the DONE Congress Committee. He stated that at the DONE convention, the LANCC would have a table to hand out LANCC materials, would have a room to conduct 3 different sessions, and that nominations for the July 8 election of officers would be accepted.
9. Communications/Outreach Committee status report handout was presented by Ken Draper. No new council joined the LANCC this month; current total: 40 members. Outreach to other neighborhood councils would continue. Carole Ozanian gave a report on how Home Shows would be a great place for outreach; she was appointed Home Show Goddess.
10. NC election problems were discussed. Bob Gelfand reported that he and Ken Draper met with Deputy Mayor Larry Frank on the problem of DONE cancelling elections. Gelfand said he told the deputy mayor that an NC's bylaws are part of the covenant with its stakeholders. Roger Kulpa gave a report of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council's fight with DONE; Councilman Zine had called DONE Interim GM Lisa Sarno to City Council June 2; after 2 hours on the Council floor, DONE finally agreed to meet with the WHWCNC; after another 1½ hours, DONE agreed to let the WHWCNC hold its June 20 elections. *(DONE later backed down from its June 2 agreement and cancelled the WHWCNC elections afterall.)* Kulpa reported that the biggest problem was the lack of oversight or control of DONE, who was now forcing every neighborhood council to comply with the Citywide Election Rules, as well as additional DONE rules and interpretations, or DONE would cancel the neighborhood council's elections; yet, DONE was breaking the Citywide Election Rules without retribution. Dan Villegas said the City Council needs to mandate a time requirement of compliance of DONE. Bob Gelfand stated that the Citywide Election Procedures are flawed and need to be changed; he said that neighborhood councils and the LANCC need to keep putting pressure on the City Council and the Mayor's office. Ken Draper stated that the problem with NC elections is a major issue, therefore the LANCC should do more. Len Shaffer said the Election Procedures need to be removed from The Plan, so they are guidelines, not law.
11. It was clarified that the election for LANCC Officers would be held Saturday, July 8, 2006. Nominations could be made at: a) this June 3 meeting; b) the June 17 DONE convention; and c) the July 8 meeting before the elections.

The following nominations were made at today's June 3 meeting:

Chair -

Leonard Shaffer, Tarzana NC
 Brady Westwater, Downtown Los Angeles NC
 Charley Mims, Greater Griffith Park NC

Vice Chair -

Luciana Dar, West Van Nuys Lake Balboa NC
 Gary Baratta, Mid-Town North Hollywood NC
 Brady Westwater, Downtown Los Angeles NC

Secretary -

Jeff Jacobberger, Mid City West NC

Treasurer -

David Strouse, Mid City West NC

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm.