



## Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress

### Senate Meeting

**Saturday, December 2, 2006**

**LADWP Building**

**Hope & First Streets, Los Angeles**

### Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:08am by Chair, Brady Westwater

Roll Call: Delegates from the following member Neighborhood Councils were present:

Arroyo Seco, Atwater Village, Downtown LA, Encino, Granada Hills North, Greater Griffith Park, Greater Valley Glen, Harbor Gateway South, Historic Cultural, Historic Highland Park, Lincoln Heights, Mar Vista, Mid City West, Midtown North Hollywood, North Hills West, Northridge West, Reseda, Silver Lake, Studio City, Sunland Tujunga, Tarzana, Venice, West Hills, West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa, Winnetka, and Woodland Hills-Warner Center.

2. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.
3. Under public comment, Bill Moreland was introduced as the new alternate for Granada Hills NC.
4. Reports:
  - a. The IGM did not follow the city charter when she presented her report to the Building and Safety Committee without notification to the NCs and BONC. The letter from the City Attorney regarding legality of LANCC, and the audit report by Controller Laura Chick were discussed.
  - b. A legal action committee was proposed to prepare a response to the City Attorney's letter. NCs asked these questions a year ago and were never responded to. The Charter specified that NCs should come together to discuss issues of common interest. NCs are the LANCC. Motion was made, seconded and passed with one abstention to set up the committee.
  - c. Erik Sanjuro, deputy to Janice Hahn, stated that he thought the City Attorney's letter was incorrect in its conclusions. Ms Hahn's office wants the LANC Congress to prepare and present the Congress of Neighborhoods, and Dennis Zine is helping promote this. He is reticent to give more power to DONE, but they can give more authority to BONC. The GM search will be coming to the E&N Committee soon. There are currently 22 applicants. He asked why an MOU has not been created with the Dept of Transportation.
  - d. City Councilmember Jose Huizar will soon hold another meeting on the Council File issue. We must do more outreach prior to the meeting.
5. Jeff Jacobberger stated that the council file number issue must be worked on immediately.
6. Raphael Sonenshein spoke regarding the Charter and the NCs. He felt the 912 Commission will do exactly what the Charter envisioned. He indicated that certain Charter provisions may be out of date, and that it states "selection" of officers, not elections. This is the only review specified in the Charter.
7. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that Mike Buhler work with the L.A. Times as co-chair of the Historic Resources Committee.
8. A proposal was made that the L.A. Times and LANCC should work together to co-sponsor various citywide community seminars on a variety of different subjects of interest to NCs and stakeholders. A trial seminar on historic preservation can be held in January. We should project the seminars out for a period of one year. This will help focus on how we can have NCs become part of the city process. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:18pm.