

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Meeting Notes

Meeting: May 2, 2020

Notes by Lou Caravella, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Presentation on Restaurant Program

- Conditional use permits take 6 months and cost at least \$13,000. This is a cheaper, speedier alternative.
- Would apply to sit-down restaurants. Not bars or clubs. Must have no more than 30% outdoor seating.
- Likely will present at June 11 Planning Commission meeting.
- One speaker advocated for City Planning enforcement and possible revocations. Instead of or in addition to enforcement by Building and Safety.

Deemed Approved Alcohol Ordinance

- Based on alcohol sellers who started selling before they were required to get City permit. So, they're "deemed approved," though not having gotten literal approval since it wasn't needed.

Neighborhood Council Congress for 2020 is postponed.

3. Update from Jack Humphreville on the City's Budget, Budget Advocates.

3a. Budget Updates: City Budget was in jeopardy before the pandemic. Neighborhood Councils expected to lose about \$10,000 each from next year's budget.

3b. CF 20-0416 on Virtual Meetings, Rollover of funds for Neighborhood Councils, etc.

- Council File 20-0416 was moved out of Budget and Finance Committee and goes to vote of full City Council on Wednesday, May 6, at 10:00 am.
- Other NCs are interested in this but haven't filed Community Impact Statements mainly because they haven't had virtual meetings yet to address the issue.
- Some plan on voicing their position prior to or at the City Council Meeting.

Each NC was supposed to have its Zoom account set up by May 1. Many reported into the LANCC meeting that they still aren't set up.

Bob Gelfand mentioned that Coastal San Pedro passed a resolution that proposed cutting DONE's budget by 20%.

4. Update from Mike Fong, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

- Fong: Each NC will get a Zoom account and license, valid for one year, allowing them to set up webinars. The President or a designee is the Host of the meeting.
- Unclear who the Admin of the meeting is. Danielle Sandoval asked and is concerned that might be DONE. She also wanted to know if Zoom accounts could be locked or monitored by DONE. Fong did not confirm one way or the other.

Another speaker said that there's a new chapter on Virtual Meetings in Robert's Rules of Order. In Zoom, chat sections are good for making motions, especially for including the correct wording of motions.

Glenn Bailey said a few parliamentary questions on virtual meetings have been referred to the City Attorney. For example, how do you recuse yourself in a virtual meeting?

Mike Fong said the word "telephonic" is used sometimes to describe the virtual meetings to emphasize that some people may be calling in to meetings on a phone. It's not meant to suggest that meetings are mostly or exclusively telephonic.

Fong would not answer on what basis DONE can say it may not recognize meetings when the City Attorney's Office told Terrence Gomes that virtual NC meetings may proceed if appropriately conducted.

Bob Galfand said he's taken five hours of DONE training and still doesn't know how to run a Zoom meeting. Fong said some people like the training.

BONC is meeting Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00pm

5a. DONE's New Protocols for NC Virtual Meetings

To learn more, go to EmpowerLA Virtual Governance Portal:

<https://empowerla.org/evg/>

5b. CF 18-0467 DONE Branding

DONE is still using branding focused on "EmpowerLA" rather than Neighborhood Councils. One example of this is the EmpowerLA Virtual Governance Portal, above.

6. Discussion and Possible Action in Opposition to CF 20-0491

LANCC passed this item, meaning that LANCC is referring it to Neighborhood Councils for their own consideration. 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain.

Gomes and another speaker suggested that NC Presidents update how they spent the \$5,000 in pandemic funds by blind copying email recipients to avoid a serial meeting.