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**MINUTES of the MONTHLY MEETING of the  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, January 21, 2010

*Strathern Elementary School Auditorium, 7939 St. Clair Avenue, North Hollywood, CA*

CALL TO ORDER: Sec. J. Eric Freedner called the meeting to order at 7:00, Mr. Manson led the pledge of allegiance and Mr. Freedner took roll. Present were: Board Members Dorick, Freedner, Harris-Brice, Manson, Pelych and Ramsawack. Members Moscoso, Morin and Chang arrived shortly afterward, such that a quorum was established.

COMMENTS FROM GOV'T REPRESENTATIVES: None present at this time, see below.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Anjuli Kronheim of L.A. Parents Union spoke about the new Julie Korenstein Elem. School on Saticoy Street; public election to be held at which parents and stakeholders can vote among 5 different operators as to plans for the school. Information meeting: January 28 at Sun Valley Library Branch, 6 PM. Advisory Elections: Feb. 2 and 6 at Strathern St. School. Mr. Freedner asked, how do operators get paid? To which Ms. Kronheim responded, no extra tuition costs except perhaps student uniforms.

LAPD Officer Esther Vasquez, upon arrival, distributed crime statistic maps and spoke about car thefts along Laurel Canyon Blvd.

Eric Menjivar now works for Councilman Krekorian, Whitsett Ave. synthetic soccer field was opened last Saturday, a meeting will be held soon regarding Valley Plaza Nature Park lighting, perhaps some Quimby funds can be applied to solar lights. Also a skatepark will be considered at Kittridge St. & Vineland Ave. in N. Hollywood.

Karl Kunak reported Valley Rescue Mission served over 1,000 Thanksgiving meals, 3,200 Christmas meals and gave out about 5,000 toys. He also has concerns about water drainage at the proposed mall at Lankershim and Strathern St.

Brenda Sandoval and Laura Martin introduced themselves – restaurant owners on Laurel Canyon Blvd., want info on how to place a large sign so people on the street can know of their business, landlord has placed restrictions on this.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER '09 MINUTES: Mr. Manson moved: to approve all 3 sets of November Minutes (2 special meetings, 1 regular); Dr. Chang seconded; passes unanimously, 9 – Yes, 0 – No.

RESIGNATION OF PRES. LUSE: Mr. Moscoso formally announced that Randal Luse had emailed that he couldn't continue on the NC because of personal reasons; this is "a big loss for us, he was a great person with a great vision."

TREASURER'S REPORT & BUDGET REVISION: Ms. Morin presented the report on behalf of Mr. Moore. An annual Budget per DONE's new guidelines was drafted and distributed to those present. Mr. Freedner suggested that it be entitled "Revised Budget" as we had already voted on and submitted a 2009-10 Budget, also DONE seemed to want a "revised budget" at this point. The Board concurred. Barry Stone of DONE, who had just arrived, noted that Mr. Moore would be the first signatory but someone else also has to sign funding requests. As Mr. Moscoso has not taken treasurer training, and Mr. Freedner had not taken it in years, Ms. Morin agreed to fulfill that duty.

Responding to a question by Ms. Dorick, Mr. Moscoso explained that a stakeholder cannot propose agenda items. A Board member must "sponsor" such requests. After further discussion, Mr. Freedner moved: That NHNENC accept and adopt the 2009-2010 annual budgets, with the only change being its title as "Revised Budget." Second: Mr. Manson. VOTE: 8 – Yes, 0 – No.

Mr. Moscoso noted that the website funding is now included in our budget.

ELECTIONS ADVERTISING: Ms. Ramsawack noted that spending limit on the credit card is \$1,000 but her updated estimate of the Daily News full-page ad is \$1,200 as several other NC's declined to share in the costs. Mike O'Gara of SVANC estimates the cost to be \$200 additional. She therefore opposes the funding for this advertising. General surprise of the Board but consensus that this matter is "already in the past" as Ms. Ramsawack put it.

#### OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Ramsawack – Committee met Jan. 4. 3 recommendations: the Daily News ad be scrapped for us. Second, that we take out an ad in the North Valley Reporter. She spoke with Darren Martinez, City Attorney, who advised that we not pay Cindy Martinez for artwork as Ms. Martinez is also a candidate for the Sunland-Tujunga NC, but we can still contribute to the ad announcing election day, which is estimated to cost \$864. Asks that we fund \$250. Third, to also promote the NC elections, a newsletter circulated by Academy Mailing in our NC area at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.

Mr. Manson suggests prominent mention of our new website, Nhnenc.Org, which mentions candidate filing requirements. Mr. Stone wondered if it was already too late for this, he checked with the City Clerk and no certified candidates had yet signed up, January 26 is the deadline to submit applications for inclusion on the ballot. Also, all present and future members are required to take ethics training, which is good for two years. Also, all Board members are encouraged to contact Rodger Shimatsu to take funding training.

Ms. Ramsawack moved: that the Board approve spending up to \$4,500.00 for Academy Mailing to distribute flyers throughout our NC area. Second: Mr. Manson. VOTE: 8 – Yes, 0 – No.

Ms. Ramsawack next moved: that the Board approve spending up to \$250.00 to be contributed to an ad with other nearby NC's in the North Valley Reporter. Second: Ms. Dorick. VOTE: 7 – Yes, 1 – No.

ARMINTA STREET SCHOOL SECURITY CAMERAS: Mr. Moscoso, noting Principal Clarke's presence in the audience, said "we got the principal to come out!" Mr. Clarke noted schools are a magnet for graffiti and vandalism, but after the first two cameras were installed, this has gone down dramatically. He's recently spent \$30,000 on new computers and projectors in classrooms. LAUSD has a \$500,000 insurance deductible on theft, with two more cameras he can achieve 360-degree coverage for the school. Ms. Ramsawack moved: that NHNENC allocate up to \$4,893.16 for two additional cameras for Arminta Street Elementary School. Second: Dr. Chang. Mr. Freedner noted this is for purchase and initial installation of cameras, not ongoing maintenance or moving them about. With that understanding, the Board voted: 8 – Yes 0 – No.

FUNDING FOR COMPUTER AND CAMERA TO L.A. FAMILY HOUSING: Ms. Dorick spoke in favor of purchase of a computer and security cameras, up to \$3,000. Mr. Horn had requested \$15,000 from us but she thought these two items were the most important out of the list of improvements he had submitted to the Board. Mr. Freedner expressed concern that we are holding our elections in the faculty, it looks like a "pay to hold elections" deal. It was noted that the facility where the improvements would be installed is not the same building within L.A. Family Housing where the elections would take place. Mr. Moscoso suggested the funding be taken from Lien 304 "Safety and Development" of our new budget.

Ms. Dorick therefore moved: That the NHNENC fund up to \$1,000 for a computer and \$2,000 for security cameras and monitors at the L.A. Family Housing building at 7843 Lankershim Boulevard. Second: Ms. Harris-Brick. Responding to a question by Mr. Freedner, Ms. Dorick said use of the computer would be by management, not the homeless people in the facility. Vote; 8 – Yes, 0 – No.

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Moscoso – suggests that if someone comes to a meeting about a specific motion (such as Mr. Horn, who came but had to leave early), tell the chair and we might be able to move topics around to accommodate them. Also, Mr. Manson worked very hard on the new website; and let's work as a team and try to respect time limits placed on agenda items.

Ms. Harris-Brice – wants to do more outreach, maybe we could clean up our neighborhoods, work on a median strip.

Ms. Morin – suggests showing a list of things we can spend money on.

Mr. Manson – let him know about any info that might be put onto our website.

Mr. Freedner – We need to get industrial area interested in the NC too. Mango Tango Club still closed.

Dr. Chang – appreciates Mr. Manson's efforts with the website.

Ms. Dorick – received thank-you notes from Valley Rescue Mission and Valley Interfaith Council for our donations. AT&T has “remote call forwarding,” we can get messages which can be retrieved by Board members, costs \$221.70 plus 3.5 cents/minute for each call received. Requests this be placed on February agenda. Also, following up on Jeff Brooks’ restitution, he paid \$50, then \$108. Money to go to DONE and then hopefully to us.

Ms. Ramsawack – next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be devoted to NC elections and meeting our new chief of police. Frank Miceli requested funding to take Little League players to Cooperstown, requests this be put on our Feb. agenda. At the Valley Alliance of NC’s, to which she and Ms. Dorick went last week, Wendy Greuel spoke, said she’s willing to go to any NC who wants her to come and speak to them. Also put on agenda how we can send letter to Capt. Hiltner, we want a police substation at the Strathern/Lankershim proposed shopping center. Candidate info meeting on Saturday in Tujungua. Email for graffiti reports: <http://anti-graffiti.lacity.org>

ADJOURNMENT: Due to the lateness of the hour and lack of a quorum (several members having left), Mr. Freedner moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Morin, Vote: 6 – Yes 0 - No. Meeting concluded at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ERIC FREEDNER  
Secretary