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MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD

THURSDAY, MAY 20 2010, from 7:00PM to 9:30PM

STRATHERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 7939 ST. CLAIR AVE. NORTH HOLLYWOOD

CALL TO ORDER: President Moscoso called the meeting to order at 7:10PM and Judy Harris-Brice led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Dorick called the roll. Present were: Judy Harris-Brice, Inez Morin, Phil Manson, Dr Chang, Ernie Moscoso, Florence Dorick, and Sarah Ramsawack, for a quorum.

OPENING REMARKS: President Moscoso welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He noted that there were seven Board Members and that there were seven Stakeholders in attendance, and all were invited to have pizza, coffee, and cake. Also he brought to the attention of everyone the change in the order on the Agenda for our meetings. By moving Board Member Comments up to #6 instead of being the final item on the Agenda gives the Stakeholders the opportunity to hear the thoughts and concerns of the individual Board Members. Previously by the time we got to Board Member Comments most of the Stakeholders had left the meeting.

President Moscoso reminded everyone about our Website, and our telephone number. He said that when the telephone number is called, it goes to an answering service directly to Ernie Moscoso, and he can forward certain calls to Sarah Ramsawack and she will call back.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The following corrections to the Minutes for April 15, 2010, were made by Mrs. Ramsawack. First the Website should read as www.nhnenc.org. She stressed the importance of our Minutes to be as exact and accurate as possible for this becomes the permanent record of our actions. (2) The banner to be displayed on the fence of the ball field for East Valley Baseball should have been included in the discussion. (3) Thirdly, to be added to the Minutes is the suggestion of President Moscoso that we have a petition for the Police Sub-Station at the Information Table on May 22, 2010, at Food 4 Less for signatures. (4) In the Treasurer's report, Ben Moore said that he needs a revised Grant for the library windows in the amount of \$1,264.00. (5) Finally, under Board Member Comments, President Moscoso said that he would reserve the library for the July and August for Neighborhood Council meetings.

At this point Mr. Manson made the motion to approve the Minutes with the corrections and Judy Harris-Brice seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7-yes and 0-no.

COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES: Olga Ayala, deputy for Councilman Tony Cárdenas for CD#6, reported that she had some very good news. She introduced the new Chief of Staff, for the Councilman's office as Ms. Emily Williams. Ms. Williams informed us of her credentials and said she was very pleased to meet the Board and would make sure someone from the CD#6 office would attend our meetings. President Moscoso welcomed her attendance and made note that the office of CD#2 was absent.

Olga Ayala then informed us of the grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony to take place for the Elmer Avenue Project. This pilot project is a joint Federal, State, and City effort to eliminate flooding during the rainy seasons in the San Fernando Valley. Each property owner on Elmer Avenue gave up five feet of frontage property. The properties were all landscaped, free of charge to the property owners, with California native drought resistant plants. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend the ceremony at 10:00AM on June 3, 2010, on Elmer Avenue, between Stagg Street and Keswick Street.

Olga Ayala told us about the upcoming 3rd Annual Pet-Care Fair sponsored by CD#6 on June 12, 2010, in the Woodley Park. There would be free services for spay and neuter. There will be low cost vaccinations for the first 100 pet-owners when they call for an appointment to phone #818-349-7388. And there will be an opportunity to adopt a pet at the Fair.

LAPD OFFICER ESTHER VASQUEZ: Officer Vasquez reported on the criminal activities in our area. She had just come from working on food vendors near the schools in our area. She had to stop an ice cream vendor from selling because there was no permit. She said that auto theft is going down for the North Hollywood Police Division, but it is going up for the Foothill Police Division. Again, she cautions everyone to not keep valuables in the car. She answered Stakeholder questions concerning how the police track sex offenders. She explained that there are rules as to where the offender can live, and as long as they abide by the rules, that there is nothing that can be done to expel them from the community.

Concerning the Q-Star cameras (that the NHNENC purchased 2009) which were installed in the Foothill area of our Council, are working well and are effective to reduce graffiti where they have been installed.

There was no representative from DONE or from the office of Paul Krekorian, CD#2 at the meeting.

President Moscoso thanked everyone for taking the time to come and participate in our Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

POLICE SUB-STATION: Stakeholder Karl Kunak reported that as of this date there is no official comment from the Foothill Police Division concerning a Sub-Station in our area.

President Moscoso allowed Stakeholder Karl Kunak to continue to report about the Sun Valley Watershed Project. He repeated that the opening for the Elmer Avenue Project will be on June 3, 2010.

A Stakeholder asked about having a block wall at Strathern and Irwin, and asked who does she discuss the problem with, and she learned that Deputy Olga Ayala at the CD#6 office is the place to start.

President Moscoso then asked about the pot holes in the area. He too was told to contact Olga Ayala. And Karl Kunak passed on the thanks to the Council from Arminta School for the security cameras and he also passed out an Arminta School Newsletter which also thanks the NHNEN/COUNCIL.

Stakeholder Sheldon Walter wanted to comment about local officials. He thanks Ziggy Schiff and City Controller Wendy Greuel for the report in the DAILY NEWS Paper for April 30, 2010, for the plans for the budget. He urges the National Bank to seek funds for twelve major Transportation Projects. He also commented about the article in the DAILY NEWS for Friday, April 23, 2010, the editorial concerning the work of Mike Antonovitch, Fifth District Supervisor for the County of Los Angeles,

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Judy Harris-Brice had no comment. Inez Morin suggested that a tape recorder might help to make the job easier for the secretary. Dr. Chang reported that his car which had been stolen recently had now been found. It was found where he had last parked his car some weeks ago and that some 300 miles had been added to the odometer.

Sarah Ramsawack had sent four different Memos to all board members. Her concerns were as follows: she said we needed the large Council map for Saturday, May 22, 2010, at the Food 4 Less for the Outreach event. She said that we need to have six Board Members who will work a selected two-hour shift for the Info Table on May 22, 2010. She asked about our Council-owned speaker & sound system and asked for the Instruction booklet to learn how to use it. She also said the next Outreach Committee meeting is Tuesday, June 1, 2010, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Valley Plaza Library. The meeting is open to all the Board and everyone is encouraged to participate. Sarah said that in April CD#2 had asked us about a deal: that the money we had voted to illuminate the acreage North of the Hart Street crossing to the Freeway crossing should be allocated for the Astro-turf soccer field for nighttime games, and that CD#2 will install solar lights in the section we wanted to make more available to the community. After she saw the BIG THANK YOU TO NHNENC for the security cameras on the electronic bulletin board for Arminta School--Sarah did call and speak to Principal Christopher Clarke to say our thanks. And lastly, it can be hoped that a banner can be for each of the other three schools in our area that shows support for our Neighborhood Council. The schools are Strathern, Camellia, and the Julie Kornstein Elementary schools.

Phil Manson said he had been asked about a Visitor Counter for our Website. But he he did not see much purpose for a Hit Counter on our Website. He gave out a Statistical worksheet to each Board Member but said that it was difficult to read. Mr. Manson urged the Board to remember that there is a timeline for the data for the Website. He also said that \$2,400 needs to be allocated for the Website for the next fiscal year of 2010-2011.

Ernie Moscoso wants the Board Members to work together. He noted that all are doing their best and it seems that some come for the jokes. Emily Williams (from CD#6) indicated that she had to leave, but she will bring more information of the sub-station to our next meeting.

Florence Dorick said that the tables and benches that the Council had purchased for the Strathern Elementary School (that were delivered to the school in August 2009) are still in the cartons and have not been assembled. She said that the custodians are so busy that they cannot do the job. She said it will take three men working 5 hours each to assemble the equipment. Then at \$10.00 per hour, it would cost \$150 to do the job. She asked for a motion to pay the \$150 for assembly of the equipment be on the next agenda. Concerning DONE and the current crisis, Mrs. Dorick explained how it has been decided that DONE should remain as a separate department. She gave everyone a copy of her written resignation from the position of Council Secretary.

TREASURER REPORT: Since Ben Moore had to leave early, this report was tabled for the June meeting.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: The Outreach Chair Person, Sarah Ramsawack had gone downtown to the Elections Division of the City Clerk to secure voter information. Despite her appointment the material was not ready so she was promised that the material would be mailed to her. It was noted that once the Neighborhood Council took possession of the election material must be retained if any question arises for one year. If the material had stayed in the City Clerk's office it would be destroyed if unchallenged after six months.

Our Neighborhood Council Election was held on Saturday, March 27, 2010. There were a total of 21 Stakeholders who voted. Seven of those named on the roster were unknown. Of the seven, only four names were viable and Sarah will follow thru with a telephone contact to invite them to the meetings. Ernie Moscoso said that we need to think out of the box and look for firms in our neighborhood and get {those business people} them involved. Stakeholder Karl Kunak suggested 8 1/2 x 11 posters for the windows of each business that say the words "We Support Our Neighborhood Council" with a picture on the poster of seven persons from different races.

GRANT TO SUN VALLEY GRAFFITI BUSTERS: Mrs. Dorick made the motion for our Council to support the Sun Valley Graffiti Buster with a check up to \$1,000. Phil Manson Seconded the motion and the vote passed with 7-yes and 0-no.

BOARD MEMBER VACANCY: With the encouragement of President Ernie Moscoso, Stakeholder and business man John Basteghian nominated himself in the category of Business Representative to become a member of the Council Board. Ernie Moscoso seconded the nomination. The vote was 7-yes and 0-no. Stakeholder Nancy Milner nominated herself (category to be determined) and Judy Harris-Brice seconded the nomination. The vote was 7-yes and 0-no. President Ernie Moscoso said that the new members would be installed at the June 17, 2010, meeting.

President Moscoso reminded everyone about the Ethics training on line. He thanked Phil Manson for his work on the advertisement in the Holy Rosary Sunday Church Bulletins. He said the Strathern auditorium will be closed during July and August and that the tentative meeting place can be the Valley Plaza Library

and we would start at 6:30pm and the library does close at 8:00pm. Phil Manson said he did not see why we should have to pay for the Strathern Tables and Benches to be put together. Ernie Moscoso said he would take it up with the Principal to see if parents could help to assemble the equipment.

Dr. Chang wants the Outreach Chair Person, Sarah Ramsawack, and the Webmaster, Phil Manson, to be given commendation for all their good work.

ADJOURNMENT: Judy Harris-Brice moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr, Chang seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the meeting closed at 9:35pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

FLORENCE A. DORICK, SECRETARY