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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, June 17, 2010--7:00PM TO 9:30PM
STRATHERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7939 ST. CLAIR AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA**

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President Ernie Moscoso, at 7:10pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Present were Ernie Moscoso, Dr. Chang, Monica A. Jackson, Inez Morin, Florence Dorick and Sarah Ramsawack. New member Nancy Milner was sworn in by Emily Williams, the Chief of Staff for City Councilman Tony Cárdenas of CD#6. With the inclusion of Nancy Milner we now had seven Board Members for a quorum.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL A motion was introduced by President Ernie Moscoso and seconded by Sarah Ramsawack to appoint Monica A. Jackson to the position of Secretary.

OPENING REMARKS President Ernie Moscoso welcomed all of those in attendance and noted that there was a quorum with the newly sworn in Board Member, Nancy Milner.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES The Minutes for June 17, 2010 were corrected by Sarah Ramsawack: (1) The phone calls for the Neighborhood Council go first to the President Ernie Moscoso, then to Sarah Ramsawack. (Mrs. Ramsawack did not remember her name being on that list but she did agree to answer the calls.) and (2) Under the Comments from Government Representatives

the correction for Olga Ayala to be from CD #6, instead of CD #2. With these corrections the Minutes were approved.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS Emily Williams from CD#6, office of Tony Cárdenas spoke about the successful Pet Fair of the previous weekend. Over 1000 leashes and other pet goodies were distributed to the participants.

Emily Williams also indicated that she had attended the recent meeting of the North North Hollywood Neighborhood Watch (which is North of Van Owen Street, and she encouraged all of the Board members to also attend these meetings.

Mrs. Williams indicated that there is a new Animal Shelter located at 14409 Van Owen Street (East of Van Nuys Boulevard) There seemed to be some confusion about this location.* She stressed that pet owners can get spay and neuter service, flea medications, and micro-chipping at low cost. She thought that this Animal Shelter would open on July 12, 2010.

Mrs. Williams also reported that the Wright Institute Los Angeles Economic Crisis Program has low-fee financial counseling and educational services for those affected by the economic downturn.

Sarah Ramsawack stated that she had heard it said by a deputy of CD#6 that “no one was in favor of a police substation” in our area. Mrs. Williams asked to know the details of who and where this was spoken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Frank Briggs and Melanie Magruder presented their ideas in a proposal to the Neighborhood Council to host and fund an Annual No Ho Arts Festival. Frank and Melanie both said that the cuts in Arts in the schools, the Community has a need for an Arts Festival. The proposed Festival could include a Battle of the Bands, a picnic, cash prizes, and the involvement of High School age students and younger school age children. A potential site could be the Valley Plaza Park. Emily Williams from CD#6 stated that Ruben Zaragoza put on a similar event and could help with permits and other items. Emily Williams also stated that Van Nuys will be celebrating its centennial this year.

There will be a Block Party for the Strathern Neighborhood Watch on Wednesday, August 18, 2010, from 6pm to 8pm on Arminta Street and St. Clair, South of the Strathern School. (It is a Potluck so bringing food is the ticket to share.)

*The former location of the Animal Shelter on Sherman Way was changed with the opening of the new shelter on Van Owen Street in May of 2007. The Van Owen shelter did not have a special opening on Monday, July 12, 2010.

Karl Kunak brought up the subject of the upcoming fireworks expected for the Fourth of July Celebration. He asked that everyone “play it safe”. Mr. Kunak also mentioned that the Fourth of July Celebration can also be a time for home burglaries while people are out watching the displays. Mr. Kunak said that the Valley Rescue Mission located on the corner of Tujung and Valerio has changed its name to the Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission and that it has received their 501 (c) (3) tax exemption status. The Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission also did receive the \$1000 contribution form this NHNENC, and this NC has also received their thank you letter. Mr. Kunak reported that the ARMINTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL raised \$15,767 on recycling and that they spent the money on field trips for the students. Sarah Ramsawack commented that the school will install their security system on Monday.

LAPD Officer Esther Vasquez reported on the success of the Q-Star Camera* located near Stagg Street and Lankershim Boulevard. She said that the camera had captured the presence of a tag and a moniker.**

Officer Vasquez reported that most of the common crimes in the area (of the Foothill Division) are burglary from motor vehicles and from houses. She does ask all Stakeholders to please report anyone who comes to your door with strange requests. All legal solicitors must have identification. Officer Vasquez reports that a suspect has been captured for the shooting on Gault Street.

Florence Dorick thanked Officer Vasquez for the elimination of the vendors around the schools. Officer Vasquez explained that the vendors that must have a prepackaged product for sale, and a authorizing sign on the front of their cart to qualify as legal. Further, she said that catering trucks are regulated by the Department of Transportation.

Nancy Milner asked about how to handle illegal fireworks, because she finds that by the time the police are called that the culprits are already gone. Officer Vasquez indicated that LAPD will have two extra crime suppression vehicles out in the field. Also, she said that gang crimes are down in this area although the Vineland Boys Gang is still active.

***This is one of three locations for Q-Star Cameras purchased by the NC for the LAPD to install at determined locations of need in 2009.**

****Monikers indicate a presence of gang activity.**

Joaquin Macias, Field Deputy for Paul Krekorian CD#2 told his farewells to our Neighborhood Council, as tomorrow, (July 18, 2010) would be his last day as deputy for the City Council District #2. President Ernie Moscoso thanked Joaquin for the great amount of help he gave to our Neighborhood Council, and we all do thank him for his time and service.

Joaquin Macias announced a new CERT class will begin on Monday, June 28, 2010, at the local Fire Station #89, from 6pm to 9pm. Classes are FREE and presented by the Los Angeles Fire Department.*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS Sarah Ramsawack thanked Karl Kunak for his announcements. She presented the need to revisit an old unsolved NC issue, (see attachment); that the DWP plans to give monies to the City of Los Angeles: and provided a training internet Path for Board Members to access more about the DONE system; and encouraged Board Members to go online to review the training schedule.**

Florence Dorick thanked Monica A. Jackson for taking the notes for the Minutes.

Dr. Chang said that the NC should write an official recommendation letter for Joaquin Macias. He also reminded the Board Members that he does send photos to each member of the Board. Monica A. Jackson, Inez Morin, and Nancy Milner had no comments.

OLD BUSINESS

CONCERNING POLICE SUBSTATION Karl Kunak said that he attended the June 6, 2010, CPAB-Foothill Meeting at Big Jim's Restaurant, and there were six police officers and the City Attorney. The Neighborhood Council agreed that we are going to lay low for the summer and hit this subject hard for the fall season. A concerned Stakeholder, Gary Henderson said that he thought that it was a good idea to have a substation in our area.

UPDATE ON SUN VALLEY WATERSHED PROJECT Karl Kunak said that the only people affected are on Tujunga Avenue and that very few other people are going to be affected. President Ernie Moscoso asked if the Project had anything to do with the smells on Tujunga? Mr. Kunak said that the whole street on Elmer between Keswick and Stagg has been changed. He showed how we could see how many driveways, sidewalks, and landscaping has been done by the city, free of charge to the homeowners, for this example of what can be accomplished.

*Station #89 is located at 7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, South of Sherman Way.

**The next DONE training schedule is at the Braude Center in Van Nuys for July 10, 2010, from 8am to 1pm.

NEW BUSINESS (The Lakers Win!) Due to the absence of Phil Manson, the updates to the Website will be tabled. There is an issue for the Website in the budget. President Ernie Moscoso and the Neighborhood Council are looking for a picture that can identify our Neighborhood Council on our Home page. Inez Morin suggested the walkway that crosses the freeway near Hart Street and Laurel Grove Avenue.

TREASURER'S REPORT The treasurer, Ben Moore, did not attend as he was out on a pre-arranged vacation abroad; he sent a written statement and a budget for the new fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Sarah Ramsawack indicated that the food line item #106 should be changed from \$800 to the \$1,000 which was a previously approved motion; and that the business cards line #107 should be increased from \$400 to \$1,000. Inez Morin moved that accept the Budget as amended. Dr. Chang seconded the motion. Six Board Members voted aye and one abstention (Sarah Ramsawack). Karl Kunak shared that Councilman Paul Krekorian of CD#2 should be acknowledged for his support of the Neighborhood Council System.

Monica A. Jackson moved to continue to honor our commitments from this fiscal year into the next fiscal year (2010-2011). Florence Dorick seconded. The vote passed with 6 yes votes and 1 abstention.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT Sarah Ramsawack reported that at the meeting of the Outreach Committee on June 1, 2010, they did assess the results of the Meet the Stakeholder--Information Table at Food 4 Less Grocery* at which was held on May 22, 2010. They did welcome two of those Stakeholders at the Committee meeting: Stacey Johnson and her daughter June. The guest speaker at the Committee meeting was Mike Khalid Printing Services. Mr. Khalid presented ways to reach and capture the attention of Stakeholders because his service is able to present the names of residents. The Committee also reviewed the way that we distribute the North Valley Reporter can be a tool to make contact with business people and build rapport with the businesses in our area. Sarah Ramsawack also indicated that the meeting of our Neighborhood Council is listed in the online CD#2 Newsletter. Sarah suggested we could have a guest speaker---Al Abrams who is our Commissioner on the Board of Neighborhood Councils (BONC).**

In reporting about the VANC* (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) it was noted that Al Abrams, our Commissioner on BONC said that Krekorian would be conducting town hall meetings soon. And that the City Council votes against the**

Location for Food 4 Less Grocery is 8035 Webb Avenue, North Hollywood.

**** North Valley Reporter is a FREE Local Newspaper edited by Nina Royal.**

*****VANC meets the second Thursday monthly at Sherman Oaks Hospital on Van Nuys Boulevard at 6:30pm.--Free Parking-**

Mayor's proposal to merge DONE and the CDD.* We currently have 91 NCs and more are developing. DONE has increased our credit card limit (now called the purchase card) from \$1000 to \$2,500 per single transaction because DONE estimates that it costs about \$215 to issue a check from a demand warrant.

VANC also considered the use of convenience checks from the bank, tied to our credit card as a was to replace petty cash. There was a motion to investigate this procedure and the motion passed.

ARMINTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BANNER Nancy Milner presented a motion to fund the Banner for Arminta Elementary School up to \$310. The motion was seconded by Dr. Chang. The vote was unanimous in favor.

BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES Stacy Johnson is interested in becoming a Board Member, and she has been in the community for 45 years.

LOCATION FOR THE SUMMER MEETINGS FOR JULY 15, AND AUGUST 19, 2010
Because of the hospitality of Principal Mr. Christopher Clarke, we will be meeting at the Arminta Elementary School for both July 15, and for August 19. We will have access from 6:00pm to the close at 9:30pm.

FUNDING REQUEST FOR EAST VALLEY POLICE ACTIVITY LEAGUE A written proposal was submitted for funding for the PALS (Police Activity League Supporters). The NC tabled the matter of this funding until Mr. Jim Hardie from PALS is able to attend.

FUNDING \$150 FOR STRATHERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Sarah Ramsawack moved that we give \$150 to the Strathern Elementary School to pay for the costs to assemble the tables and benches that was funded by this Neighborhood Council.** The motion was seconded by Florence Dorick. Three votes were Yes. One abstention. No votes were not totaled. The motion was denied.

There were closing announcements. Mr. Moscoso said that our Sound System and Speakers are now stored. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted with four attachments,

Monica A. Jackson, Secretary

*CDD is the Community Development Department

**On December 13, 2007, the motion was made and passed to purchase equipment requested by Principal Mrs. Williams for the students of Strathern School. Due to many problems the equipment was finally delivered to Strathern in August 2009 when the new principal arrived.

