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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, July 15, 2010---7:00pm to 9:30pm
ARMINTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
11530 STRATHERN STREET, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. 91605**

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. President Ernie Moscoso asked for a moment of silence to remember our Board Member and friend, Phil Manson.

Roll was called. Those present were: President Ernie Moscoso, Sarah Ramsawack, Florence Dorick, Ben Moore, Judy Harris-Brice, Inez Morin, Nancy Milner, Dr. Wung Chang, and Monica Austin-Jackson.

OPENING REMARKS-----President Ernie Moscoso welcomed all of those attending and noted that there was a quorum. President Moscoso indicated that the facility at Arminta Elementary School is quite nice and is greatly appreciated. The President was glad to see the representatives of government officials in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 17, 2010----The Minutes for June had a statement that Candidate Stacey Johnson had been requested to provide a resume and business card. Sarah Ramsawack said that this was misinformation and after that was deleted, there were no further corrections. Dr. Chang made the motion to approve as corrected and Ben Moore seconded the motion. The vote to accept was unanimous.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS----Angelica Ayala, representative from the Office of Mayor Villaraigosa, introduced herself and made several announcements.

The Summer Night Lights Program, which is an effort to reduce gang activity by keeping the City Parks open from 6pm to Midnight, kicked off the season on July 12, 2010. This program is in effect four nights per week, from Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and through Sunday throughout the summer. The parks in the San Fernando Valley that are in the program are: North Hollywood Valley Plaza Park, Van Nuys Park, Sepulveda Park, and the Hubert Humphrey Park. ¹

Inez Morin asked about the Skate Park that was advertised to be in the North Hollywood Valley Plaza Park. She indicated she had gone to look and did not see the Skate Park.

Angelica Ayala also distributed booklets of information about the Federal Stimulus Dollars and where those Dollars are working.

Olga Ayala, the deputy from CD #6, office of Tony Cárdenas, (no relation to Angelica Ayala) announced that the Coastal Clean-up Day is on September 25, 2010, and all are welcome to help. North Hollywood and Sun Valley residents, along with Heal the Bay, will work together.

Olga Ayala also announced that the Strathern Neighborhood Watch will be having their second Block Party on Wednesday, August 18, 2010, from 6pm to 8pm on Arminta Street at St. Clair, which is South of the Strathern Elementary School. Since it is a Potluck, the admission ticket is to bring food to share.

PUBLIC COMMENTS----Stakeholder, Karl E. Kunak reported about the meeting of the CPAB, the Community Police Advisory Board where Detective Harris reported an increase of tagging since the school students are on summer vacation. Mr. Kunak also reported that there is an increase in Internet Sex Crimes. He also announced that there will be an Air Show at the Hansen Dam on July 24, 2010.

Stakeholder, Gary Hendrickson requested that the Neighborhood Council needs to bring additional copies of the agenda to the meetings for those who do not have them. Mr. Hendrickson also alerted everyone to expect trash fee increases.

Stakeholder, Edward Hernandez, who had been invited by Karl Kunak, had attended the Sun Valley Watershed meeting. He talked about the flooding that occurs during heavy rain storms. The flood waters can wash down sand and silt that accumulates and when not removed, it dries and then is lifted by the wind. He indicated the desire to have the sand cleared sooner so that the wind does not blow sand and silt through the community.

¹ Sepulveda Basis Park is a large expanse in Lake Balboa. Hubert Humphrey Park is in Pacoima.

Mr. Hernandez said that over the past 30 years, the word has been that the Strathern landfill was someday going to become a golf course. Now there is a golf practice range is on this site. He also told how the Sun Valley Watershed manager expressed serious doubt that the proposed Strathern Water Park would take 30 years to construct. Mr. Hernandez cautions, that the Board and the Stakeholders should stay motivated about community projects, and city services, especially during times of fiscal crisis.

Mr. Karl Kunak, questioned the dangers of the dry dust after rain storms, and wondered how much of it was a health hazard to the community. Mr. Kunak, furthered commented that the City has the resources to send out parking personnel to ticket the teachers around the school, but that the City cannot afford to pick-up the trash.

President Moscoso recognized Stakeholder Albert Pelayo in the audience and thanked him for his artistic logo for our Council. Mr. Pelayo was glad that the logo he had designed was appreciated.

BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES----Candidate Stacey Johnson introduced herself and told how she was born and has lived all her life in the North Hollywood area and was enthusiastic to become a Board Member. Sarah Ramsawack moved that Stacey Johnson become a new Board Member and Dr. Chang seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Angelica Ayala, the deputy from the office of the Mayor administered the installation oath. Stacey Johnson then took her seat with the Council Board.

NEW BUSINESS----LAPD Officer Jim Hardie, on the Board of Directors for PALS, came to the Neighborhood Council representing the East Valley PALS, Police Activity League Supporters, with a list of items that were needed to further their work with the Jeopardy Program at the North Hollywood Police Division. There was a list of twelve items that were needed and the prices that ranged from \$500 to \$5800. Ernie Moscoso asked why the police didn't have money for the PALS since he believed that the LAPD is one of the only City agencies that did not receive funding cuts. Dr. Chang expressed his concern that since the police from his area (of the Council area, which would be South of Saticoy Street) do not attend the Neighborhood Council meetings, wonders why should we fund them.

Sarah Ramsawack reminded the Board Members that PALS is a organization that is focused on the at-risk youth and their parents in the community. Florence Dorick asked why PALS was asking for police related equipment if the funding is for a group focused on the at-risk youth and their parents. Monica Austin-Jackson suggested that we review specifically the items #1 and #2, which do add up to \$2000. Sarah Ramsawack moved that we fund up to \$2000 for the first two items on the PALS List. Those items are modifications of the security windows in the Kit Room for \$1, 250, and the Covert Camera Car Modem upgrades for \$750.00 which total \$2,000.00. This expenditure would be with line item #302 on the Neighborhood Council budget. The vote was by a show of hands. There were eight ayes, There was one Abstention, (by Dr. Chang). ***²

² The vote should have totaled ten. Above the total is nine.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS----Board Members discussed the possibility of funding more youth organizations. Inez Morin suggested that maybe the Neighborhood Council can look into funding a skate park. Inez Morin said she has observed a great need for a skate park in the community.

Dr. Chang suggested that the Neighborhood Council could write an official letter to invite the North, North Hollywood Neighborhood Watch to our meetings.

President Moscoso thanked all Board Members for their efforts.

Stacey Johnson thanked all the Board Members for accepting her on the Neighborhood Council.

Florence Dorick shared that she had a thank you letter from the Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission for the Council's previous donation and she read the letter to the Board. She also announced that the Clinico Veterinary Services will officially open on July 21, 2010, at the new Animal Shelter at 14409 Van Owen Street, in North Hollywood, and that the Clinico Services can be accessed through the door from the parking lot on the West side of the Animal Shelter.

Florence Dorick proposed that each Board Member create a wish list for funding distribution of who and what should be funded in the community. Florence Dorick also said that she has tried repeatedly to contact the previous Secretary Eric Freedner for the achieved Minutes from all the past years of his service and she has not had a response.

Sarah Ramsawack thanked Dr. Chang for his photography work. Sarah Ramsawack thanks Monica Austin-Jackson for the use of attachments to the Minutes. And she thanked Ben Moore for jumping into his service as Treasurer for the Council. Thanks were also extended to President Ernie for moving from the Interim acting President to the Elected President for the Board.

Sarah Ramsawack reminded the Board of the CD#2 Deal concerning the monies we had approved for illumination of the four some acres at the far end of the park above the Valley Plaza Library. That four acres are North of the line from Hart Street, going West to the Pedestrian crosswalk over the Hollywood Freeway. Since the DWP was going to charge \$100 per month into perpetuity, and the Council cannot enter into a contract, the offer from Paul Krekorian of CD#2 was that his district would pay for solar lights for the four acre area. In exchange we would reallocate our approved monies for lights on the Astro-turf for nocturnal soccer games. A request was made for this to be on the August 19th agenda.

Ben Moore was appointed to replace Phil Manson as the new Webmaster. Ben Moore explained the purchase agreement proposed by Wendy Moore in the amount of \$2400.

Ben Moore made the Motion to accept the agreement for \$2400 and the Motion was seconded by Sarah Ramsawack. The vote was by a show of hands and there were nine ayes and one abstention (Inez) for a total of ten votes.

Ben Moore said that all material for Web updates should be sent to his email address of dexterfox@gmail.com.

Dr. Chang said that this is the best Neighborhood Council meeting he has ever seen with us, and he is proud of all the Members.

TREASURER'S REPORT----The treasurer, Ben Moore submitted credit card statements for review. Nancy Milner moved that the Board accept the statements as submitted. The motion was seconded by Judy Harris-Brice. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Florence Dorick asked about the status of the money collected by DONE for the restitution from Jeff Brooks. Florence Dorick said that she had heard from Jackie Mendez that our Neighborhood Council would not be receiving any of the \$28,000+ restitution money.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE----The committee has returned to the effort to get tee-shirts for the Outreach events. The first attempt with Staples was unsuccessful as other charges accumulated over the bottom line. Sarah Ramsawack moved that the Board approved the new recommendation, to order 24 tee-shirts not to exceed \$400. Nancy Milner seconded the motion. The vote was by a show of hands and the Board approved with ten ayes.

The highlights of the VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) meeting of the of July 8, 2010 were presented by Sarah Ramsawack. VANC discussed the details concerning the Sepulveda Veterans Hospital and is requesting a letter from our Council to support keeping this property dedicated and used for our Veterans. The hospital property is in the area of the North Hills West Neighborhood Council and a Coalition of Opponents to the plans is growing. ³ This subject is requested for the August 19, 2010, agenda.

The Outreach Committee further wants to get the information out to the Stakeholders about the mandatory vote that is scheduled for the Los Angeles City Council in December 2010, that will affect every property owner who currently uses a Septic/ Sesspool System, also known as OWTS, or Onsite Wastewater Treatment System. A list of residents in our Council area has been obtained by Sarah Ramsawack and she is asking that this subject be put on the agenda for August 19, 2010, and a flyer will be prepared to be mailed to the 142 known users of the OWTS. And a speaker will be obtained for the meeting of September 15, 2010. The speaker will help Stakeholders to

³ With the current 15 NC opposing the actions that deprive our Veterans of the immediate medical service that they need, represents over 705,050 Stakeholders to which we would join our support.

understand why the State Water Quality is taking this step and the potential costs involved.

Sarah Ramsawack moved that for those Council members who need business cards and badges the cost should not exceed \$999. Dr. Chang seconded the motion. The vote by show of hands was unanimous.

Sarah Ramsawack moved that the Council should fund the \$150 needed to assemble the tables that we donated to the Strathern Elementary School. Stacey Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was by show of hands. The motion (allegedly passed) with five ayes to approve and four abstained.⁴

Inez Morin moved that the meeting be adjourned and Florence Dorick seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH RAMSAWACK, Secretary pro tem for Monica Austin-Jackson

⁴ However, this count of votes is not accurate because 5 + 4 does not equal ten votes.