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MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2010, 7PM TO 9:30PM ARMINTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 11530 STRATHERN STREET, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91605

CALL TO ORDER -- The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by President Ernie Moscoso. The president led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those Board Members who were present were: Judy Harris-Brice, Nancy Milner, Florence Dorick, Sarah Ramsawack, and President Ernie Moscoso. Since that number did not constitute a quorum, the roll was not taken, and Minutes of the July 15, 2010, meeting could not be approved. The President did extend welcome to the 40-some Stakeholders present.

COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES -- LAPD Officers present were: SLO Officer Walker came as substitute for our SLO Officer Esther Vasquez, from the Foothill Division of the LAPD. From the North Hollywood Police Division were Tom Hardie, from the PALS, and our SLO Officer Gabriel Ahedo. Both SLO officers gave current reports on Criminal Activities in the area of this Council. And both SLO officers gave tips on how to protect ourselves from criminal activities. Both officers encouraged the Board Members and Stakeholders to attend the Town Hall Meeting being sponsored by the Pacoima Neighborhood Council on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, at the Alicia Broadous-Duncan Multi-Purpose Senior Center, at 11300 Glenoaks Boulevard, in Pacoima, to meet our LAPD Chief Charlie Beck.

For non-emergency calls to the LAPD in the San Fernando Valley, Officer Walker gave the phone number of #818-734-2223. For more serious issues, the direct number to Chief Joseph Hiltner is #818-756-8860. We were given the LAPD hot-tip phone number

of #1-877-LAPD247, or #1-877-527-3247 to make anonymous reports to the police.

Two uniformed Fire Fighters from the Los Angeles Fire Department spoke on the problems when air temperatures get in the triple digits. The City of Los Angeles has 106 fire stations. The City sponsors Cooling Centers for those persons who do not have air conditioning. The Cooling Center in North Hollywood is in the North Hollywood Recreation Center.¹ More information can be found online at **LAFD.org**. Fire Chief Drake spoke about home safety and stressed the importance of keeping good batteries in the smoke detectors and in checking all detectors twice yearly.

The deputy from the office of City Councilman Tony Cárdenas of CD#6 came to the Council meeting. Olga Ayala spoke about the City Budget, and despite the financial crisis, that 80% of the city budget is for safety issues such as police and fire protection.

Deputy Olga Ayala installed Stakeholder John Basteghian as our newest Board Member. After the Oath, Mr. Basteghian took his seat with the board. With member Inez Morin who came about 7:30pm, the Council now had a quorum for business.

As Olga Ayala had encouraged participation in the Coastal Clean-Up (that does not begin at the ocean, but rather in the higher elevations to reduce run-off of debris as it goes down stream) President Moscoso then skipped to item #18 on the agenda. The president asked for a motion concerning our expense for food for this event. Judy Harris-Brice made the motion for the Council to allow up to \$1,000 for food for this Coastal cleanup that is happening on Saturday, September 25, 2010. The motion was seconded by Nancy Milner, and the vote was unanimous with seven yes votes.

The President Moscoso went back to item #13 on the agenda, with guest speaker Detective Dana Harris from the Detective Support and Vice Division of the LAPD, downtown. At 8:25pm Detective Harris told us about the problem of Human Trafficking in the East part of the San Fernando Valley. He defined Human Trafficking as involuntary servitude and when behavior is forced out of fear. An area for this activity can be seen near the intersection of Lankershim Boulevard and Saticoy Street, around 5pm when the prostitution activities begin. Detective Harris spoke with genuine care and concern for the vulnerable young girls that are caught in this vicious cycle of fear. The detective also gave a special phone number to call when the behavior is observed or suspected as: #213-486-0910.

As the hour is getting late, and officials and Stakeholders have expressed concern and asked question, President Moscoso, at 8:55pm skips to agenda item #21, and confirms that this move from Strathern Elementary School to the new location at Arminta Elementary School will become our permanent home meeting place. This is as a result of a warm invitation from Principal Christopher Clarke to hold our meetings here.

¹ Cooling Center is located at 5211 Tujunga Avenue, from 10am to 6pm, from Tuesday through Saturday and the phone is #818-766-7185.

With time becoming very limited, President Moscoso wanted to move faster. President Moscoso went to item #16 concerning the Septic systems in use in the boundaries of this Council. The Outreach Committee Chair presented a bilingual flyer to be mailed to the addresses provided by the Department of Sanitation. This flyer is to advise Stakeholders of the upcoming mandatory vote to be taken by the Los Angeles City Council in December 2010. As a Neighborhood Council we are obliged to help Stakeholders to understand what the vote means and how property owners will all have some form of financial impact as a result of this vote.

The motion was made by Sarah Ramsawack to fund the distribution of 142 flyers with printing charges and postage charges up to \$100 and Judy Harris-Brice seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous by the seven Board Members present.

Then President Moscoso went back to agenda item #8. This item concerns the deal proposed by Paul Krekorian, Councilmember for adjacent CD#2 for park lighting.² New Board Member, John Basteghian moved that we accept the compromise presented by Paul Krekorian and that a letter be sent to accept the compromise. Florence Dorick seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Skipping to agenda item #17, Guest Chuck Cameron, representative of the Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission spoke. The Mission served over 160,000 meals in this past year. Nancy Milner moved for this Council to spend up to \$1000 for food for the Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission, and Florence Dorick seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Skipping to agenda item #21, concerning our Neighborhood Council statement of support for the health services to our veterans at the Sepulveda Ambulatory Center in North Hills, Sarah Ramsawack moved to table this item as there was not sufficient time remaining to develop the kind of understanding that leads to a thoughtful vote. President Moscoso will table this item to the September meeting.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Ben Moore, the written budget for fiscal year 2010-2011, which was adopted on June 17, 2010, was handed to each Board Member. President Moscoso called attention to line #106, and said that in September we should include on the agenda the hiring of a professional recorder for the Minutes.

² Inez Morin, last Spring, wanted to expand use of a 4-acre part of the Valley Plaza Park, North of the Valley Plaza Library. At that time we had walked the area with the CD#2 deputies, Eric Menjvar and Joaquin Macias and the engineers, and grounds personnel of the Dept of Rec. and Parks. It was determined that some five poles and lights could make it a safe place for evening walks and activities. In May 2009, the Council voted on the motion to spend up to \$5,500 to illuminate the 4-acre area. Then the DWP advised that a \$100 per month maintenance charge would be into perpetuity. As this would exceed our NC limits because we cannot enter into a contract, an alternate plan was created and proposed. CD#2 would install solar lights in the 4-acres--thus not requiring a monthly maintenance, if we would reallocate our monies to pay for the lights for the Nocturnal Soccer Field on the Astro-turf paid for by Wendy Greuel from her CD#2 funds left-over after she was elected to be the City Controller.

Skipping to agenda item #9, Karl Kunak spoke about FEMA expanding their map of the flood plain area into Burbank. He requested that a FEMA speaker come to the meeting on September 16th to explain more about the Sun Valley Watershed Project.

At 9:20pm, member, Nancy Milner has to leave.

PUBLIC COMMENTS -- Stakeholder Jack Lindblad introduced himself and said that he will be a candidate running for the California State Assembly, 39th District (in the upcoming election in March 2010).

Stakeholder Karl Kunak urged everyone to prevent attempts that would invalidate the property protections of Proposition 13. He urged everyone to contact Alex Padilla, in the State Senate, and to contact Felipe Fuentes in the California Assembly.³ Mr. Kunak urges us to contact these elected officials and to ask that they vote to keep the protections of Proposition 13.

Stakeholder Ed Hernandez expressed appreciation of the recent successful cleanup activity. He urged participation on Saturday, August 21, 2010, at 7am in the area near Kohls Store on Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Webb Avenue in Sun Valley.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS -- Judy Harris-Brice reminded everyone about the Summer Night Lights program.⁴ from 5pm to 11:30pm which takes place in North Hollywood at the Valley Plaza Park between Victory Boulevard and Archwood. She said the nights were Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Judy Harris-Brice repeated the need for volunteers for the Coastal Clean up on Saturday, September 25, 2010, which will begin on her residential street at 6926 Morella Avenue, at 10am and the work will end as a Block Party about 3:30pm.

Inez Morin is looking for the temporary Skate Park to be used in Valley Plaza Park.

At 9:35pm, President Moscoso commented about how the old Mango Tango is closed, and that new property owners want to remodel for a variety of entertainment forms.

Florence Dorick observed that she has learned that the LAUSD may want to charge rents for the use of their facilities to the minimum amount of some \$244 for two

³ San Fernando Valley California Senate District 20- Alex Padilla has a local office at 6150 Van Nuys Blvd., #400, Van Nuys, CA. ph# 818-901-5588. Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes for 39th District--has a local office at 9300 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, first floor, Arleta, CA. ph#818-504-3911.

⁴ Summer Night Lights Program was organized as an anti-gang activity. It was begun in 2008 and has had a positive reduction in gang related homicides. The program began with 12 identified neighborhoods with the highest gang-related crime. For 2010 the Mayor of Los Angeles expanded the SNL program to 24 parks in the city. To identify the 24 parks, go online to <http://mayor.lacity.org/Issues/GangReduction/SummerNightLights/index.htm>

meetings. She also wants to put on the September agenda an item for John Horn of the Los Angeles Family Housing that needs \$5,400 to improve the transitional living program.

President Moscoso opens a new idea for the ongoing Council meetings to permit Stakeholders to present ideas to be put on the agenda as well as the requests of Board Members.

Member Sarah Ramsawack repeats a request to place on the September agenda an item for a motion to hire a professional as the Recording Secretary for the Minutes.

Then, Sarah Ramsawack states that as she sees so much work to be done for the Council that after three years as the Outreach Chair Person, she wants to resign and take on other jobs such as to Chair the Bylaws Committee to incorporate the standardization coming from DONE. She hands her written four page resignation to President Moscoso. The resignation is to be effective September 17, 2010.

A motion is made at 9:50pm to adjourn. Many voices seconded the motion. The decision was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

SARAH RAMSAWACK, secretary pro tem, due to absence of Monica A. Jackson.