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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

THURSDAY, September 16, 2010, 7:00pm to 9:30pm

ARMINTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

11530 Strathern Street, North Hollywood, California

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Ernie Moscoso at 7:15pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The roll was called. Present were Ernie Moscoso, Sarah Ramsawack, Florence Dorick, Ben Moore, Judy, Harris-Brice, Inez T. Morin, Dr. Wung Chang, Monica Austin-Jackson, and John Basteghian.

OPENING REMARKS: President Ernie Moscoso welcomed all of those in attendance and noted that there was a quorum. He indicated that we have an extensive agenda and asked that everyone try to be brief. He also expressed thanks to all of the government officials who are able to attend our Neighborhood Council meetings.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 19, 2010: The Minutes for August 19, 2010, were corrected by Sarah Ramsawack. Ben Moore made the motion to approve the Minutes as corrected and Judy Harris-Brice seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS: Olga Ayala from CD#6, made the announcement regarding the Coastal Clean-up on Saturday, September 25, 2010, beginning near 6926 Morella Avenue. North Hollywood and Sun Valley residents along with a group from Heal the Bay will work to clean-up the neighborhood. Olga Ayala

said that CD#6 is also sponsoring a Deaf Festival on September 25, 2010, in the Woodley Avenue Park, South of Victory Boulevard.

Officer Esther Vasquez of the LAPD Foothill Division announced that the Foothill Division will have their Annual Open House on October 2, 2010, and will hold their TIP-A-COP Fundraiser on October 28, 2010, at Big Jim's Restaurant at 8950 Laurel Canyon Boulevard. Officer Vasquez also warned about the recent theft of personal property from automobiles, and she repeated the police motto, "Lock it, Hide it, Keep it."

Daniel Hackney from the Bureau of Sanitation spoke to the Board and Stakeholders. He urged the renewal of the partnership between the Neighborhood Council and the Bureau of Sanitation. Questions were taken from the attendees about concerns about recycled items being stolen. Also there were concerns about the draining of water and with trash from the clean-ups being left unattended. Mr. Hackney hopes to return again in the next months to discuss these concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Teri Markson from the Valley Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library said that libraries are suffering from the reduction in hours due to the City Budget cuts. Ms. Markson also requested to be added to the agenda for October for the funding request for bulletin board and announcement space for the Valley Branch.

Stakeholder Karl Kunak gave the Board a written list of suggestions.¹ Ben Moore indicated that the Board is currently working on some of these items.

Stakeholder Sheldon Walters gave a brief report regarding Metro promoting the continued expansion of mass transportation for the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Walters believes this could bring an increase in employment opportunities for the community. Mr. Walters also believes that we need to accelerate the production of the rail system through Measure R.

Sheila Gershon, representing a developer for property located at 6950 Simpson Avenue, in North Hollywood, explained the development plans and came to ask for the support of the North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council. The hearing with the City Planning Commission and Judy Harris volunteered to attend the hearing that is scheduled for 8am on October 5, 2010, in the Braude Center on Van Nuys Boulevard. Judy wanted to attend this hearing since the subject property is so close to her residence. Ben Moore made the motion to support the construction of three single family dwellings on this lot which previously had one single family dwelling. Mr. Moore made the motion with the caveat that Judy Harris will attend the hearing and represent this Neighborhood Council. Dr. Chang seconded the motion. The vote was six yes, two no, and one abstention by Sarah Ramsawack.

PROGRAM CONCERNING HOW THE VOTE IN THE CITY COUNCIL IN DECEMBER WILL AFFECT EVERY USER OF THE 12,000 SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN THE CITY: Of

¹ This list should be an attachment after the Minutes have been completely written.

the 12,000 septic systems in the City of Los Angeles, about 2/3 of them are in the San Fernando Valley. Since research with the Bureau of Sanitation showed that some 142 of those systems are currently in use in the boundaries of our Neighborhood Council. Letters about this meeting were sent to every address with a septic system by our Outreach Committee. Therefore Mr. Chandra Silaban, from the Bureau of Sanitation came to speak to the Board and Stakeholders who had been invited to learn about this. When the septic systems were originally installed the Valley was 'out in the country' and all agricultural. This was before the San Fernando Valley connected to the City of Los Angeles sewer lines. And these systems do work most efficiently, particularly when well maintained. And over the years there has been little money spent beyond normal care. Mr. Silaban said that in compliance with the federal and state laws governing the safe drinking water laws there is a mandatory vote for the City Council in December 2010. And regardless of the vote, going forward there would be charges and costs that have not previously been required. Those systems in the low risk area not near an active underground well, would have to pay a permit fee, and pay for future system inspections for certification. Those systems in the high risk area would be within 200 feet of an active well and may be required for safety reasons to pay for connecting to the city sewer line.

NEW BUSINESS: President Moscoso appointed two Board Members, Sarah Ramsawack and Inez Morin to represent this Neighborhood Council to attend the Mayor's Budget Day at City Hall in Los Angeles on Saturday, October 16, 2010, and to report back to the Council.

The Los Angeles Housing Center on Lankershim Boulevard requested funds for \$5400 to purchase plastic bins for residents of the Transitional Living Center. Mr. John Horn said that the bins would always remain in the rooms for the next resident-occupants. This item was tabled for the October Board Meeting and may reduce the dollar amount.

Mr. Keenan Zeno of the Cake Theatre Center made a presentation about a multi-cultural theatre production involving the youth at risk and their families. Some of the performers attend the New Directions for Youth facility on Lankershim. The production is planned for a theater located at 11126 Magnolia Boulevard in North Hollywood, California. He asked for \$2500 to help support this activity. This request too was tabled for further information concerning how to support this.

BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES: There are still four vacancies for position on this Board.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Due to time constraints, no comments could be heard.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ben Moore the treasurer submitted a written report.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Due to time limitations the Outreach Committee could not make a report.

President Moscoso said that he would call a Special Board Meeting to discuss items that were left unfinished.

Judy Harris-Brice motioned to adjourn at 10:15pm and Monica Austin-Jackson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted for Monica Austin-Jackson, Secretary,

by Sarah Ramsawack