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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 and he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Secretary called roll and the members in attendance were: Ernie Moscoso, Florence Dorick, Sarah Ramsawack, Ben Moore, Judy Harris, Inez Morin, Monica Austin-Jackson, Nancy Milner, and John Basteghian. Dr. Wung Chang arrived later.

OPENING REMARKS:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes for September 16, 2010, were approved. The Minutes for the special meeting of October 7, 2010, were not available and could not be approved. President Moscoso tabled the approval of October 7, 2010, Minutes to the next meeting.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS:

Olga Ayala, Deputy for Tony Cárdenas of CD#6, thanked everyone who participated in the Coastal Clean-up Day of September 25, 2010. North Hollywood and Sun Valley residents along with Heal the Bay removed over 30,000 pounds of trash from our district. Our community won the recognition award for cleaning up the most trash. First Place certificates were given by Olga Ayala to the North Hollywood North

East Neighborhood Council and to the North North Hollywood Neighborhood WATCH. Certificates were accepted by Ernie Moscoso and Judy Harris.

The next trash removal and beautification event is scheduled for September 17, 2011.

Olga Ayala also announced the Health Fair to be at the Japanese Gardens on Saturday, November 13, 2010.

7:30pm John Basteghian changed the tape on the recorder being used for the Secretary to record the Minutes of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Teri Markson, librarian at Valley Plaza Branch Library, told how libraries were suffering due to the reduction of hours, because of the City budget Cuts.

Karl Kunak thanked the office of CD#6 for translating flyers and for Arminta sending the flyers home with the students.

Gabino Quiroz and Francisco Castillo from the Valley Plaza Recreation Center came to the meeting.

Mrs. Brenda Olortequi, principal of the new Julie Korenstein Elementary School on Ben Avenue and Saticoy Street, spoke enthusiastically about the goals of rigorous training to prepare students for college. Mrs. Olortequi also extended a hospitable invitation to the Board Members attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new school for November 18, 2010 at 10am. President Moscoso will present the Council banner PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY to Mrs. Olortequi at that Ceremony.

Steven Schulock, a stakeholder and long-term resident on Tujunga Avenue commented about service and maintenance contracts in the LAUSD with the schools being responsible for repairs.

At 7:50pm LAPD Officer Esther Vasquez gave the recent crime updates. She said that robberies of liquor stores is up. There has also been an increase in the number of walk-up ATM robberies. There has been an increase in burglaries from single family homes.

Officer Vasquez announced that the "Tip-a-Cop" a fundraising event for the Jeopardy Program is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2010, at Big Jim's Restaurant on Laurel Canyon Boulevard at Sheldon Street.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ben Moore told Stakeholders and Board Members that they can access the treasurer's report online at the Neighborhood Council website. He stated that all credit card expenditures must be approved by the Board on the credit card reconciliation. Ben Moore indicated that there was one small expenditure that did not have a receipt. Florence Dorick moved that we accept and approve the treasurer's report and the

motion was seconded by Nancy Milner. There were ten (10) Yes votes which was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Teri Markson of Valley Plaza Library has asked for our help for a display cabinet to be used for public interest items in the Library and this item was on the agenda. Ben Moore moved to fund up to \$500 for a display rack and bulletin board for the Valley Plaza Library. Dr. Chang seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with ten (10) Yes votes.

Mrs. Olortequi, principal of the Korenstein school requested funding for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for \$930.11. Dr. Chang moved that we support the new school up to \$930.11 and the motion was seconded by Florence Dorick. The vote was unanimous with ten (10) Yes votes.

Also on the agenda was an item for Strathern Elementary School. Sean Rivas and Principal Anthony Aquilar explained how for student safety they wanted to get five (5) walkie-talkie units for the staff to use on the campus. Sean Rivas said that the school presently has twelve(12) units but needs five(5) more for a total of seventeen (17) units. These units are used by the administrative staff and the eight (8) campus aides. They said the cost would be about \$1500, and had asked for that amount to be on the agenda. However, the agenda only recorded an amount of \$1,000.

A motion was made by Sarah Ramsawack to provide \$1000 to Strathern School for the walkie-talkies and Nancy Milner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and there were nine (9) Yes votes and one (1) abstention.

(There was an statement from a Stakeholder against the representatives of the Strathern Elementary School. This came as such a shock to both the Board and the Stakeholders that everyone was stunned into silence. The speaker was not stopped from his angry comments.)

Monica Austin-Jackson moved that the Council approve \$2,500 to support the Cake Theatre Center, a multi-cultural theatre production at the North Hollywood Arts Center at 11136 Magnolia Blvd., North Hollywood, Ca 91601 for the community youth and families attend the production for 100 tickets costing \$25 each. Judy Harris seconded the motion. The vote was taken with nine (9) Yes votes and one (1) abstention.

John Horn of the LA Family Housing Center asked for support for storage units for the residents, and the units remain at the Center when the residents leave. Florence Dorick moved that we spend \$2,025 these 35 gallon bins and to have labels attached that say "Contributed by North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council". John Basteghian seconded the motion. The vote was taken with ten (10) votes which was unanimous.

Guest public speaker was Susan Shu regarding the National Flood Insurance. FEMA, the National Flood Insurance has had a 15% rate reduction for homeowners in the flood zone. Ms. Shu said that about 1000 home parcels would be impacted. She also said that there is a Sun Valley Watershed Master Plan, and that the Los Angeles County has purchased the Strathern Pit for the purpose of collecting flood waters. Ms. Shu said that the FEMA engineers want to have more public outreach meetings and that there may be meetings scheduled for January or February 2011.

The Outreach Committee had one project to finish, that is, the other three banners needed to complete the PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY project with all four elementary schools in our Neighborhood Council. Sarah Ramsawack moved that up to \$750 be spent for the three banners for Strathern School, Julie Korenstein School, and Camellia Elementary School. Florence Dorick seconded and the vote was taken. There were ten (10) Yes votes and was unanimous.

Inez Morin and Sarah Ramsawack attended the Mayor's Budget Day on October 16, 2010 and reported on the event. In conclusion of the report it was stressed that in the Spring we would all have the task of taking the Budget Survey to help handle the crisis on the City General Fund.

The VANC report for October 14, 2010, was given by Sarah Ramsawack. Sarah Ramsawack moved that we contribute \$100 to support the educational event sponsored by VANC for the Land Use Forum for November 11, 2010 at the CBS Studios on Radford Avenue. Florence Dorick seconded the motion and the vote was taken. The vote was eight (8) Yes votes and one (1) abstention, and one (1) No vote.

Sarah Ramsawack moved that the Council contribute \$100 to support the Holiday Party that will have to be in 2011. Nancy Milner seconded and the vote was taken. The vote was ten (10) Yes votes.

Judy Harris reported on attending the Hearing concerning property at 6950 Simpson Avenue, and the Planning Commission approved the plan. [And Judy Harris said she will call for the Outreach committee to meet in January 2011, and the meeting date will change to the first Thursday of the Month.](#)

President Moscoso urged Board Members who have not taken the Ethics Training to attend the training with the City Attorney on October 28, 2010, from 6pm to 9pm at CBS Studios.

At 9:50pm, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

| (This is not a transmission of the recorded Minutes.)—

Respectfully submitted,
SARAH RAMSAWACK, pro tem

