CALL TO ORDER: President Ernie Moscoso called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and he led the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary called the roll and eight (8) members were present: John Basteghian, Ernie Moscoso, Monica Austin-Jackson, Inez Morin, Ben Moore, Florence Dorick, Sarah Ramsawack, and Dr. Wung Chang. (Absent were Judy Harris, Nancy Milner, and Stacey Johnson)

OPENING REMARKS: President Moscoso welcomed everyone and spoke about our meeting place at the Arminta School, and the charges that may be imposed by the Los Angeles Unified School District.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 7, AND OCTOBER 21, 2010 AND NOVEMBER 18, 2010: The President called for approval of the Minutes and the following motion was made by Sarah Ramsawack, (with a printed copy to the president and to the secretary) that read: “Mr. President, In light of the unusually high number of errors in the Minutes for October 7, 2010, and for October 21, 2010, I do move that we do not approve these Minutes since the condition does not represent the values and good intentions of this Neighborhood Council, until they have been written with corrections in spelling, in facts, and in the formal style befitting this agency of the government of the City of Los Angeles, at which time, when corrected they can be approved and placed on the Website for all the world to see. Signed, Sarah Ramsawack”

There was no second and there was no discussion. The President said the matter would be tabled to the February meeting.

COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING DONE:
LAPD Officer Esther Vasquez gave a report on the local crime activity and provided a non-emergency number for everyone to use: #1-877-ASK LAPD.

Thomas Soong from DONE spoke about city budget cuts and the impact on DONE as a department. He spoke on the Bylaws Resource Team and the Volunteer Mentor Program, and that a treasurers meeting will be held in the San Fernando Valley at the Braude Center in February--the date to be determined.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: Erick Garcia spoke about the newly installed North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council as Council #93 in the City of Los Angeles.

Real Estate agent and local 41-year resident, Jack Garant spoke about the prevailing foul odor in the area and the difficulty in getting rid of the offense.

Karl Kunak spoke about the intended capture of some 159 acres of rain waters to become a proposed Strathern Wetlands Park. He also wants us to disperse flyers in the four (4) elementary schools in our Council area.

Stan Thomas spoke about James Cordaro, long-time friend and third-time candidate for the seat of City Council District #6.

Augusto Bisani, a twenty-year businessman in the San Fernando Valley is a Candidate for CD#2.

Tiffany Kelly is a writer for the Website called North Hollywood-Toluca Lake PATCH. She said the PATCH is owned by AOL and they focus on community issues.

Hugo Mauricio Soto and Mark Hernandez of Platinum Collateral Loan spoke about wanting to start a pawnshop business at 12041 Roscoe Boulevard (on the North Side of Roscoe, technically in the area of the Sun Valley Neighborhood Council). They are waiting for their Hearing Date before the Planning Commission.

Other public comments were from Gary Hendrickson and David Hernandez.

8:30pm the President skipped Board Member Comments and Old Business and went straight to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ben Moore gave the Treasurer’s Report. Our beginning on July 1, 2010 was $65,552.00. To date we have allocated $22,734.15. We have a balance for this fiscal year of $42,817.85. Ben Moore also said that the file has been completed for East Valley Baseball to receive their check.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Moscoso called for a status report on the progress of the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee. Committee Chair Sarah Ramsawack gave a high-light report. Mr. Moscoso requested to have the changes noted so that differences can easily be recognized. Sarah Ramsawack pointed out it would be done to the best of the committee’s ability.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Moscoso made it clear that every board member who had not completed the required Ethics Training, must do so by the end of February.

The report on the Candidates Forum for February 17, 2011 was made by interim Outreach chairperson, Sarah Ramsawack. Mrs. Ramsawack made a motion that the event be funded for advertising, refreshments, printing, and any other expenses to the amount of $2500. The treasurer said that this would be line 301 of the budget. The vote was taken. There were eight (8) yes votes which was a unanimous vote in favor.

9:15pm Mr. James Cordaro, a candidate for the office of CD#6, arrived and was given an opportunity to speak. Mr. Cordaro proposes that the land of the former Montgomery Ward facility on Roscoe Boulevard could be converted to a vocational school for the San Fernando Valley.

9:30pm President Moscoso called for a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned without completing the agenda.

This is not a transcription of the recorded meeting.

Respectfully submitted

SARAH RAMSAWACK temporary recorder of the Minutes