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Meets the **THIRD THURSDAY NIGHT**
 January through November at
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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
 REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
 Thursday, March 17, 2011, 7:00pm to 9:30pm in the Auditorium of
 ARMINTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 11530 Strathern Street, North Hollywood, California**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Ernie Moscoso at 7:18pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

OPENING REMARKS: President Ernie Moscoso welcomed every person in attendance on this St. Patrick's Day.

Those present were Judy Harris, Ernie Moscoso, Dr. Wung Chang, Ben Moore, Florence Dorick, and Sarah Ramsawack. Since there was not a quorum, President Moscoso, said we could not conduct official business and would proceed with the government representatives.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES: LAPD Officer Esther Vasquez gave a report on the most recent crime activity in the area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sheldon Walters spoke on the history of public transportation for the City of Los Angeles. Ben Moore asked him to prepare a written article on the subject to be added to the Council Website.

Karl Kunak spoke on the motocross¹ issue that is pending in Superior Court. He also spoke about a BMX Course in the Penrose Landfill opposite Arminta School.²

Inez Morin arrived at 7:35pm and a quorum is established for business to proceed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES: Judy Harris moved to accept the Minutes for the Special Meeting of October 7, 2010. The motion was seconded by Dr. Chang. The vote was seven (7) yes--unanimous.

Dr. Chang moved to accept the Minutes for the regular Board meeting of October 21, **2010**. The motion was seconded by Florence Dorick. The vote was seven (7) yes--unanimous.

Dr. Chang moved to accept the Minutes for the regular Board meeting of November 18, 2010. The motion was seconded by Judy Harris. The vote was seven (7) yes--unanimous.

Florence Dorick moved to accept the Minutes for the regular Board meeting of January 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by Dr. Chang. The vote was seven (7) yes--unanimous.

The Minute-taking protocol was discussed. Ben Moore made the motion (1) that when the secretary must be absent that she must designate someone to take the Minutes, (2) that a draft of the Minutes shall be provided no later than two weeks after the meeting, and (3) that we agree that we will accept a sparse recording of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Florence Dorick. The vote was seven (7) yes---unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: Sean Rivas, representing Strathern Elementary School, presented a thank you from the school³ and asked for the additional funding of \$500 to complete the purchase of the walkie-talkies.⁴ Sarah Ramsawack made the motion for us to add the \$500 for this purchase. Florence Dorick seconded the motion. The vote was seven (7) yes---unanimous.

¹ The Motocross issue was denied by the LA CITY COUNCIL in Feb. 2008. Both the City and Kark Kunak are the defendants in a lawsuit in Superior Court over this land use issue. LA Byproducts also wants to install a BMX Course on the Penrose Landfill which is across the street from the Arminta Elementary School.

² To learn about the Penrose Landfill across the street from Arminta Elementary School see the article by Chip Jacobs of the Los Angeles times. Go to <http://chipjacobs.com/aparforthe.html>

³ See the attachment from Strathern School concerning the use of the walkie-talkies.

⁴ See Minutes for October 21, 2010, on page 3, where the motion was made and passed to fund up to \$1000 for the walkie-talkies for student safety. The NHNENC to fund up to \$1500 total.

NEW BUSINESS: Chrissy Scarborough, a representative from the Sierra Club made a presentation about the need for Los Angeles to cease using coal to generate electricity and to move to renewable energies for electricity. She said that there are over 600 coal plants in the United States and that they emit the largest percentage of the pollution to our air.

She brought a sample letter written by the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council⁵ for us to consider if we request our Councilman for support toward the closure of the two coal plants currently used by the DWP to produce electric energy for the City of Los Angeles.

Ben Moore moved that our Neighborhood Council send a similar letter to Tony Cárdenas in support of closing the coal plants. Dr. Chang seconded the motion. The vote was seven (7) yes---unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ben Moore provided a current financial report and credit card reconciliation report.⁶ Ben Moore explained that an adjustment is needed on the financial report to show adequate funds for the lighting project in the Valley Plaza Park for up to \$5,500.⁷

Sarah Ramsawack moved that we move \$1500 from line 501 to line 303 in the Council budget so we could cover the \$5,500 amount for the lighting. Florence Dorick seconded the motion. The vote was seven (7) yes---unanimous.

Ben Moore presented the most recent credit card reconciliation report and permitted the Board Members to examine and to ask questions. Ben Moore moved that the credit card reconciliation be accepted. Dr. Chang seconded the motion. The vote was seven (7) yes---unanimous.

Further, Treasurer Ben Moore said that a question has come up with DONE about rollovers for our Council and that he expects to have the problem resolved soon. He also said that DONE does need to have a reconciliation by April 30, 2011.

The revision work of the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee was presented and an opportunity was given for questions from the other board members. After a lively discussion President Moscoso said that he expected every member to read these Bylaws carefully as we do anticipate that at the meeting on April 21, 2011, the motion can be made to accept the revision.

⁵ Sample letter to our Councilman to support transition to renewable energies.

⁶ See attachment for these two reports from Ben Moore.

⁷ See the Council Minutes of May 14, 2009, on page 4, the motion by Inez Morin to spend up to \$5,500. The motion passed.

The Outreach chairperson, Judy Harris said that the first meeting of the Outreach Committee will be at the Valley Plaza Library, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the conference room on March 24, 2011.

A followup report of the Candidates Forum was given by Sarah Ramsawack. She had high praise for the committee of eight (8) board members and nine (9) Stakeholders, and that because they worked well and everything went off smoothly. The four qualified candidates for City Council District #6 were all participating. The candidates were Tony Cárdenas, Rich Goodman, David Barron, and James Cordaro. The forum was conducted by the League of Women Voters. Sarah Ramsawack itemized the expenses involved with the budget up to \$2500. The total spent was \$2,222.66 which was under budget. The conclusion of the report is how much it takes in time, energy, and money to get the attention of the community.

A report was given by Inez Morin and Sarah Ramsawack who attended the Mayor's Budget day on Saturday, March 12, 2011, where the results of the budget survey was discussed. The report noted that the Neighborhood Council system may be in jeopardy of further cuts in the annual allotment. This possibility means that we may defend our ability to serve the community by attending meetings of the Budget and Finance Committee at City Hall and speak to the importance of keeping the system in place for our community.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH RAMSAWACK, for Secretary Monica A. Jackson, who was absent

Attachments include:

Thank You from Strathern Street School for the funding for the walkie-talkies for student safety.

Sample letter to support transition from coal to renewable energies for electricity from Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council

Financial Report and credit card reconciliation from the treasurer