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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, May 19, 2011, 7:00pm to 9:30pm in the Auditorium of  
ARMINTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
11530 Strathern Street, North Hollywood, California**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ernie Moscoso called the meeting to order at 7:10pm which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING REMARKS:** President Ernie Moscoso welcomed everyone, and the NHNENC meeting began.

At the roll call, those present were: Dr. Chang, John Basteghian, Inez Morin, Ben Moore, Florence Dorick, Ernie Moscoso, and Sarah Ramsawack, and there was a quorum. At 7:15pm Judy Harris arrived for a total of eight members present. Those who were absent were Monica A. Jackson, Nancy Milner, Stacey Johnson.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES:** Benjamin Moore moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of March 17, 2011. The motion was seconded by Dr. Chang. It was a unanimous approval (8 YES - 0 NO - 0 ABSTAIN)

Per the motion by Ben Moore in the meeting of March 17, 2011, a letter was created for Councilman Tony Cárdenas, to encourage the City Council to support the closing of the two existing coal plants used to produce electrical energy for Los Angeles, and to support the transition to renewable energies. President Moscoso signed the letter for mailing.

**GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:** LAPD Officer Esther Vasquez gave her report about crime. She reminded us to keep our belongings hidden, and everything locked in order to help keep crime down.

Olga Ayala, deputy for Tony Cardenas, answered a few questions and concerns about Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Keswick Street. Olga also talked about the Coastal Cleanup Day (Saturday, September 17, 2011), and how we can maybe start encouraging schools to participate this year as well.

Captain Ruddell, one of eight Fire Fighters who attended our meeting, from the LAFD Fire Station #89, our local fire station, at 7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, spoke about changes made due to the city budget crisis and the impact to the Fire Department. He stated that station #89 is one of the largest in the City of Los Angeles, fully staffed, with two ambulances, one paramedic, one EMT, and Search and Rescue equipment, and that the latest "Redeployment Model" proposed by the Fire Chief does not impact our fire station like it does others. He also offered use of the facilities in the community meeting room in the new structure at the back of the property to the North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council.

Thomas Soong from DONE talked about changes that might affect all Neighborhood Councils such as the possible suspension of rollovers of our budgets, and possibly another 10% budget cut to the Neighborhood Councils annual allotment. Tom Soong also mentioned the June Regional Training to be at the Braude Center in Van Nuys. The training will focus on all Board Members about Ethics, and how to conduct effective meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Craig Clough introduced himself as editor of PATCH, an online local newsletter, owned by AOL. He encouraged everyone to contribute by posting events. Mr. Clough talked about how he often visits the marijuana "pot shops" all around our city and investigates their licensing status and eligibility to do business in our city.

Stakeholder Jeramy Kelley had a few comments to make. He talked about brochures that he had available to pass out that gave tips to the elderly on how to stay safe. Jeremy also talked about some Thomas Graphics magnetic cards to pass out.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Dr. Chang expressed his appreciation to the LAFD for their presence and what they do to protect our safety.

John Basteghian gave his report on the VANC meeting of May 12, 2011

Inez Morin talked about the shopping cart ordinance that is in process.

Ben Moore informed us that Thomas Graphics holds an account for us, and that we can easily have Neighborhood Council material printed there on account.

Florence Dorick posed a question on what we can do to request STOP signs or humps on problematic streets that get hit with speedy traffic.

Sarah Ramsawack requested to be appointed Chair of Land Use Committee. She also requested that we set up a committee to conduct a study City Controller Wendy Gruel's Audit of DONE and the Neighborhood Council System for January 2010.

**ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: TREASURER'S REPORT** - Benjamin Moore provided us a current financial report along with a credit card statement. There were some items that needed attention. Ben suggested that the Board analyze line #302 before we use money for LAFD. Ben Moore made a motion to move \$5000 from line 501 to line 302. Inez seconded the motion. After a discussion, the motion was taken back. After further discussion, Ben Moore made a new motion to move \$2000 from line 203 to 302, move \$5000 from line 401 to 302, and move \$5000 from line 501 to 302. Inez seconded the motion. Discussion was made that this will allow for over \$14000 in line 302 which will allow for a grant to the LAFD for their requests. The motion was voted on, and the results were unanimous (8-YES, 0-NO, 0-ABSTAIN).

Kelly Tyler from our local library (12311 Vanowen Street) had put in a request for funding for materials such as books, DVDs, and extra lending materials that were in demand. A motion was made by Florence to grant \$2500 to the local library to help purchase such materials. The motion was seconded by Sarah Ramsawack. After discussion and votes on the matter, the motion passed unanimously (8-YES, 0-NO, 0-ABSTAIN).

Another item on the agenda was a funding request from the LAFD local station #89. The fire department provided us an extensive and detailed list. After much discussion on the items and what purposes they will serve, Sarah Ramsawack made a motion to grant their request of up to \$10,000 in order to help in the purchase of items needed at the Fire Department Station 89. Judy Harris seconded the motion. After a bit more discussion, it was passed unanimously to approve the grant (8-YES, 0-NO, 0-ABSTAIN).

Sarah Ramsawack presented the committee report on our Revised Bylaws, and highlighted what changes were made to the revised bylaws. Ernie Moscoso expressed his ideas about the "restrictiveness" that the revised bylaws pose. There was talk discussion about the categories being changed to eliminate the Youth and Senior Category, and to expand the At Large category in the Revised Bylaws. Some members expressed concerns about "requiring" too much from board members, and that this might drive away potential new members. There was talk about maybe calling for a special meeting the first week of June in order to discuss this problem.

President Moscoso informed the Board that the meetings starting from July 21, 2011, will be in the community room of our local Fire Station #89, at 7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard. June 16, 2011 will be the last meeting at Arminta Elementary School, until further notice.

There was talk about calling for a special meeting before our next meeting in order to complete leftover items on the agenda, and make the budget deadlines for the present

fiscal year. Then with the need for a Special Meeting to further review the proposed Bylaws, the new budget for 2011-2012, and the upcoming Council Retreat, President Moscoso said there will be a meeting for 7pm to 9pm at Station #89 on Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

The rest of the items on the agenda were tabled to the next meeting's agenda. The motion was made for the meeting to adjourn by Judy Harris, and Dr. Chang seconded. With unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted by John Basteghian (for Secretary Monica Jackson, who was absent)