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NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING Thursday, June 16, 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: (ITEM #2 ON AGENDA)

President Ernie Moscoso welcomed everyone, and the NHNENC meeting began.

At the roll call, those present were: Ernie Moscoso, John Basteghian, Benjamin Moore, Dr. Wung Chang, Florence Dorick, Inez Morin, and Sarah Ramsawack. Judy Harris came in at 7:40pm. Monica Austin Jackson, Stacy Johnson, and Nancy Milner were absent.

President Moscoso reminded everyone that this is the last meeting that will take place in the Arminta Elementary Auditorium until further notice. Our new meetings will be held at Fire Station #89 located at 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91605

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES: (ITEM #3 ON AGENDA)

Ben Moore made a motion to approve the May 19, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Sarah Ramsawack. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously (7-YES, 0-NO, 0-ABSTAIN)

John Basteghian moved to approve the June 7, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Florence Dorick. After discussion, the motion was passed unanimously (7-YES, 0-NO, 0-ABSTAIN)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (ITEM #5 ON AGENDA)

- 1) Jeramy Kelley presented on Identity Theft and Fireworks shows that will be available to us
- 2) Karl Kunak talked about speed humps on Strathern St. near Beck. He explained how drivers often swerve and try to avoid the humps, and how that endangers the pedestrians near the school. He requests the Council to sign a petition and send a letter to the proper authorities regarding the matter.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES: (ITEM #4 ON AGENDA)

- 1) Officer Ahedo from the North Hollywood Police Department spoke on several subjects:
 - a. Officer Ahedo talked about the Homicide that took place on Laurel Canyon Boulevard near Vanowen Street
 - b. There were a few car thefts near Saticoy Street near Tujunga Avenue
 - c. There were a few robberies with school kids as victims on Roscoe Boulevard near Vineland Avenue
 - d. The elderly are still targeted in their homes, and mothers with strollers are new targets at shopping malls and stores. Officer Ahedo gave his recommendations and precautions about how to deal with these situations

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: (ITEM #6 ON AGENDA)

- 1) Sarah Ramsawack discussed about how useful the Land Use Committee will be regarding, for example, cell towers and marijuana shops
- 2) Florence Dorick talked about the new carton recycling program offered by the city. Florence also talked about the Lawnmower exchange program offered, and provided a phone number to call if interested – (888-425-6247)
- 3) Benjamin Moore talked about the web site and our new agreement with the company who designs and supports our web site. Ben also welcomed any suggestions as far as food for meetings is concerned.
- 4) John Basteghian presented his report for the VANC meeting
- 5) Dr. Chang expressed his appreciation to Sarah Ramsawack for her work towards the Council, along with Ben Moore and John Basteghian
- 6) Inez Morin talked about the lighting at Valley Plaza Park
- 7) Ernie Moscoso talked about the new rules and regulations when the Bylaws are passed and approved

MICHELE WOODS: (ITEM #7 ON AGENDA)

Michele Woods (a retired Parole Administrator) talked to everyone about herself and what it is she does. She served for Los Angeles County, Pasadena, and the Antelope Valley. She provided us with her contact information in case anyone needs her help or advice (661-312-8352)

EMILY WILLAIMS: Deputy Chief of Staff for Tony Cardenas

- 1) Emily presented us with some budget numbers that concern everyone:
 - a. \$6.9 Billion in Budget
 - i. \$4.38 Billion is in the General Fund
 - ii. \$2.53 Billion is in the Special Fund
 - iii. \$193.8 Million in the Reserve Fund
- 2) Emily informed us the libraries will be open six days a week for the summer
- 3) Emily informed us that \$1.95 Million was spent on improvements to paving and alleys near residential communities
- 4) Emily also talked about “granny flats” – which are usually illegal additions to houses which usually accommodate elderly family members. She talked about how there is research being conducted on prevention of the “tear-down” of these so called units.
- 5) Emily also talked about the deterioration of streets due to buses, which causes a 15-year-lifespan pavement to last only about 5 years.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT: (ITEM #8 ON AGENDA)

The Bylaws Committee expressed its appreciation towards the Board for all their helpful input and suggestions to improve the Bylaws of our Council. Sarah Ramsawack informed us about the separation of the Outreach and Elections Committee, which now reads:

- 1) Outreach Committee
- 2) Elections Committee

Speaker Eric Freedner commented about the “censure” part of our Bylaws, and how he claims this is “absolute freedom of speech censure.” He also commented that the removal of a Board Member by 200 stakeholder signatures is a bit “faulty.” Freedner suggested the board to use caution against these two parts of the Bylaws. Board Member Ben Moore expressed his experience of being censured in this interaction.

Sarah Ramsawack made a motion to accept and approve the Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Benjamin Moore. After discussion, the motion passed (5-YES, 1-NO, 1-ABSTAIN)

TREASURER’S REPORT: (ITEM #9 ON AGENDA)

Ben Moore made available our budget, and discussed a few key points which can be helpful to the Board. Ben suggested that reimbursements to board members is a “significant process” and should be stopped. He suggested we use the P-Card instead, which will make the process much easier. Ben also informed us that all our past year’s purchases will be posted up on the web site soon.

WEB MAINTENANCE: (ITEM #10 ON AGENDA)

Ben provided the new contract agreement with the company that provides the Council with the web site and its maintenance. He informed us that the contract was fairly similar to last year’s contract, and that very little has changed. Sarah made the motion to approve the acceptance of the contract for the maintenance of the web site. The motion was seconded by Florence Dorick. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously (7-YES, 0-NO, 0-ABSTAIN)

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: (ITEM #12 ON AGENDA)

There was an issue regarding access to the minutes of the meeting, which prevented the possibility of a report. There was no report presented

BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES: (ITEM #13 ON AGENDA)

Jeremy Kelley expressed his wishes to join the AT LARGE – FACTUAL BASIS vacant seat on the Board. Inez Morin made a motion to accept/elect Jeremy to the Board. Judy Harris seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passes unanimously (8-YES, 0-NO, 0-ABSTAIN)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (ITEM #16 ON AGENDA)

The next meeting, and meetings to follow, will be held at Fire Station 89. The address is 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91605

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 John Basteghian, and seconded by Judy Harris. With unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm (8-YES, 0-NO, 0-ABSTAIN)

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