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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
 REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, July 21, 2011, 7:00pm to 9:30pm in the Conference Room of  
 LOS ANGELES FIRE STATION #89  
 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood, California**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Vice President, John Basteghian, at 7:00PM for President Ernie Moscoso, who had to be absent.

The installation pledge was read to new member Jeramy Kelley for him to repeat. The Board stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The attendance roll was called, by acting Secretary Pro Tem. Those present included Florence Dorick, Ben Moore, Judy Harris, Inez T. Morin, and Jeramy Kelley, John Basteghian and Sarah Ramsawack. There was a quorum to conduct business. Those absent were, Ernie Moscoso, Monica Austin Jackson, Dr. Wung Chang, Stacey Johnson, and Nancy Milner.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Welcome was expressed to everyone by V. P. John Basteghian.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 16, 2011.** Two corrections were suggested to the Minutes: Ben Moore stated that during the conversation where Eric Freedner was challenging our Revised Bylaws against Censure, that he, Ben Moore was at that time censured. Also, the question came up that the Minutes to the Special Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 7, 2011, had not been approved.<sup>1</sup> This will be investigated and reported on at the August 18, 2011, meeting. Sarah Ramsawack moved to accept

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to Minutes dated Thursday, June 16, 2011 at Arminta School: Ben Moore made the motion to approve the Minutes for May 19, 2011, and John Basteghian moved to approve the Minutes for Special Meeting of Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the Fire Station #89. Both motions passed with unanimous votes. The corrected and approved Minutes of June 16, 2011, can with corrections included, go to our Website.

the Minutes of June 16, 2011, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Ben Moore. The vote was six (6) yes, -0- no votes, and one (1) abstain.

**GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS:** There were no government persons, but LAPD Officer Esther Vasquez, who had to be out of town sent a written report of the recent Crime Activity, which was read aloud by Sarah Ramsawack.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The first Speaker's Card was for Mr. John Horn of LA Family Housing. He thanked the Neighborhood Council for the storage bins for the residents while they resided at the LA Family Housing. He also invited this Council to use their facility for our summer months if needed.

John Horn, in his work, has interactions with many of the Homeless of our City, and he defines them as some of the most vulnerable, which means the most likely to die on the streets. He asked us if we could participate in the Annual Homeless Registry which will take place on Monday, August 29th through Wednesday, August 31st. There is a need for about seventy (70) volunteers who will work from 4-6am to collect data from these individuals. The contact goal is to learn about over 100,000 individuals and move them into permanent housing by July of 2013. There is a free training session from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Sunday August 28, 2011 at the Valley Shelter at 7843 Lankershim Blvd., in North Hollywood. Volunteers will work in teams of four (4) to identify homeless persons and conduct a short survey.

The next Speaker's Card was Mr. Andy Schraeder of the Valley Green Team that holds the next meeting on Friday, July 22, 2011. He came to our Neighborhood Council tonight regarding the 'State of the Oceans' and our need to protect our oceans. He spoke about two pieces of Legislation that are Pending: SB-568 to ban the use of styrofoam food containers. He expressed surprise and concern that our Assembly-member, Felipe Fuentes opposes SB-568.

The other pending legislation is to discontinue the use of styrene which is 65% styrofoam and is considered to be carcinogenic and to ban the single-use carry-out plastic bags in Los Angeles. The 2008 Los Angeles City Council promised to vote on this issue.

Mr. Schraeder provided a formal letter addressed to Council Member Tony Cárdenas and a letter to Assembly Member Felipe Fuentes in Sacramento, with both letters to be signed by our Neighborhood Council President Moscoso and mailed to Mayor Villaraigosa and all Council Members.

Ben Moore made the motion for the Board to accept these two letters {and to send the signed letters} to the addressees. Judy Harris seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous with 7-yes votes, -0- no votes and -0- abstains.

The third Speaker's Card was from Mr. David Hernandez. He spoke about the current Redistricting Issue based on the Census for 2010, and he encouraged us to each go to

online to the [www.WeDrawtheLines.com](http://www.WeDrawtheLines.com). He said that based on the demographic changes in the 2010 Census that there is a new North East San Fernando District made up of Sylmar, Panorama City, North Hollywood, Sun Valley, Mission Hills, Van Nuys, Arleta, and Pacoima. This is a result of combining Federal District 27 & 28. The candidates for this new federal congressional office are Tony Cárdenas and David Hernandez.

Mr. Hernandez also commented about the over 4000 miles of broken sidewalks in the City of Los Angeles, and the City plans to cite the Homeowner who must respond in ninety (90) days, using and a City approved contractor, and he suggested this matter should be on our August agenda.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Vice President, John Basteghian commented that after two (2) years he has just received his Pawn Broker's License, and we all applauded his long-awaited success.

Florence Dorick continues to volunteer to make coffee for the Board Meeting and to clean up after the Coffee. She commented about a great quality-family-outing that is now available with great ships in the port of Los Angeles, and suggested that interested persons can go online to learn more at [www.portofLosAngeles.org](http://www.portofLosAngeles.org).

Florence also indicated that she has registered to attend the Congress of ninety-five (95) Neighborhood Councils on Saturday, September 24, 2011, and she encouraged other members to register to attend.

Jeremy Kelley enjoyed the tour of the Fire Department that he had before our Board Meeting began at 7pm.

Judy Harris let the Board know that the Outreach activity is to join the Summer Night Lights at the Valley Plaza Park on Friday August 5th at the Council Information Table, and she spoke of the upcoming Coastal Clean Up in September.

Sarah Ramsawack spoke about our improved compliance with the Ethics Training which is now at 83% participation and that the Congress in September is another opportunity to comply with the State Law that governs the System of Neighborhood Councils.

And Sarah Ramsawack said that this Council does need to receive its two parking passes and that the passes are to be assigned to two specific users.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A status report concerning the Revised ByLaws was given by Sarah Ramsawack: that our ByLaws were submitted to DONE, and that Grayce Liu is the sole person at DONE in charge of reviewing all of the ninety-five (95) ByLaws for the Neighborhood Councils. Then the city attorneys review the document and then DONE will return to us with an APPROVED STAMP and date.

We are awaiting that stamp of approval from DONE with an effective date.

Treasurer Ben Moore gave the final quarter report of 2010-2011. Due to a vendor error the fourth purchase for the Fire Department #89 did not get recorded in time for the purchases that were to end the fiscal year on June 30, 2011, therefore we must put that purchase #4 onto the Agenda for August 18, 2011 to be spent from the funds for the Budget of fiscal year 2011-2012.

Ben Moore also gave us a projected Budget for 2011-2012 fiscal year, from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012.

Regarding the credit card report, Sarah Ramsawack moved to accept the report and Florence Dorick seconded to approve the report. The vote was unanimous with seven (7) yes votes, -0- no votes, and -0- abstains.

Inez T. Morin brought us up to date on the progress of the solar lighting at Valley Plaza Park improvements and to get the measurement for lights in the Soccer Field on Van Owen Street located in CD#2 with Paul Krekorian.

Judy Harris gave a report of the Outreach committee meeting of June 14, 2011, and that the recommendations with dollar values will be on the agenda for the August 18th Board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Florence Dorick had some signs to pass out to each Board Member in an individual Outreach Activity, however the speaker from DONE was not in attendance to explain how to do the work most efficiently to advertise the Neighborhood Council and to introduce ourselves to the Homeowner Stakeholder.

An up to date report on the SEPTIC ORDINANCE was given by Sarah Ramsawack. It was pointed out that since the work on this ordinance and the outreach to the Stakeholders began in 2010, that the number of high-risk septic systems<sup>2</sup> was found to be greatly reduced from the original of nearly 3,000 properties, to about 190 high risk properties.

Sarah Ramsawack has obtained a list of those high risk systems in our Neighborhood Council and wants to do, as further Outreach to those, less than twelve (12) Stakeholders in our area, and to send a letter to each identified property, for the owners to expect further response from the Dept. of Sanitation when this ordinance passes in the City Council.

Item #13, the Council Retreat was discussed. Ben Moore and Florence Dorick both suggested that each Board Member should bring to the table what they would like to

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<sup>2</sup> High Risk means that the Septic user's drain field is within either 600 feet of State identified impaired water bodies due to nitrogen and bacteria, or within 900 feet of an active well of drinking water. There will be financial consequences for both conditions of the 190 high risk properties.

include in a Council Retreat. This item should be tabled to continue on the agenda for August 18, 2011, and the voting on expenditures could take place at that time.

Item #14, dealing with Land Use, Sarah Ramsawack presented several considerations. It was pointed out that we have an important and lengthy task ahead as we participate in the complex land development and uses in a system that is over 65 years old (last overhauled in 1946) and needs to be updated.

The City of Los Angeles has retained KH Consulting Group(KH) with Woolpert, Inc. to assist in the developing of this Development Reform Strategic Plan which will include a Continuing Process of Zoning Code Simplification, and a Comprehensive Zoning Code Reform, which is a long-term effort, and to update the CEQA Process. We must also know our Community Plan.<sup>3</sup>

Under announcement, Ben Moore asked for alternate food choices besides pizza. It was decided that in August we would try Subway sandwiches.

Jeremy Kelley made the motion for the meeting to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Judy Harris. The vote was seven (7) yes votes, -0- no votes, and -0- no abstains.

The meeting was adjourned and closed at 8:45pm.

The next regular Board Meeting will be at the Fire Station #89 on Thursday, August 18, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH RAMSAWACK,( for secretary Monica Austin Jackson who was absent)

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<sup>3</sup> Our Community Plan is listed in ZIMAS as the Sun Valley-La Tuna Canyon Plan of North Valley.