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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, September 15, 2011, 7:00pm to 9:30pm in the Auditorium of  
 Arminta Elementary School  
 11530 Strathern Street., North Hollywood, California 91605**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Ernie Moscoso at 7:05PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Moscoso welcomed everyone. At the roll call, those present were: Ernie Moscoso, Benjamin Moore, John Basteghian, Dr. Wung Chang, Florence Dorick, Jeramy Kelley, Inez Morin, and Sarah Ramsawack and quorum was announced. Those absent were: Monica A. Jackson, Stacy Johnson, Judy Harris, and Nancy Milner.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR August 18, 2011:**

The motion was made by John Basteghian to approve the Minutes for the August 18, 2011, meeting. It was seconded by Ben Moore. The motion passed unanimously with 8-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstain.

**GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS:**

LAPD Officer Esther Vasquez, (Senior Lead Officer from Foothill Division) gave us recent crime updates and told us of the lowered overall crime in this Council area.

Quincy Reid, field deputy for Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes, introduced himself and expressed his interest in helping this Council area. He added that the local office of Felipe Fuentes is on the ground floor of the same building as our City Councilman Tony Cárdenas (on the second floor) at 9300 Laurel Canyon Boulevard in Arleta.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Susan Williams talked to the board and the audience about how she helps children in need and was requesting funding for her cause called SAVE A HEART-SAVE A MIND

at 11328 Magnolia Boulevard in North Hollywood, California. She also requested to be added to the agenda for October 20, 2011.

2. Karl Kunak talked about the illegal speed hump in front of Arminta Elementary School on Strathern Street.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

1. Sarah Ramsawack talked about the time change for using #311; the upcoming Congress; and reported about the guest speaker Wendy Greuel, City Controller and the monies she has found for the City at the VANC meeting on September 8, 2011.
2. Florence Dorick talked about John Horn and the outcome of the survey of the homeless in our Council area and Florence Dorick requested that this be on the agenda for October 20th, with a motion (up to) \$2500 for the Hope of the Valley in advance of the Thanksgiving Season.
3. Ben Moore talked about the Council website and the need for valuable material for the website.
4. Dr. Chang encouraged the audience to join the Council Board.
5. John Basteghian talked about how people can photograph their belongings to improve their chances of recovery in the event goods are stolen.
6. Inez Morin talked about the Valley Plaza Park and the possible skate board park construction.
7. Jeramy Kelley talked about the Strathern Wetlands Park and the meeting that will be held at Byrd Middle School on Saturday, September 17, 2011, and he will report to the Council on October 20, 2011.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF WATER & POWER FORUM ON PROPOSED RATE INCREASES:**

- **GREGG BARTZ**, our Neighborhood Council liaison from the DWP gave a presentation and explained some of the required mandates that will affect the rate increases as we transition from coal producing plants that currently supply over 40% of our electricity for Los Angeles to the Green and Renewable energies for electricity.
- **JACK HUMPHREVILLE**, a member of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, and a columnist spoke in opposition to the substantial rate increases. (The opposing speaker was specifically requested by the Outreach Committee in their last committee meeting.) As a recognized activist, Mr. Humphreville spoke in detail against the rate increases until a well-informed and well-qualified Ratepayer Advocate has been selected and given time to study the rate problem<sup>1</sup>

Both speakers helped to inform the Board and the Stakeholders about the reasons for the proposed rate increases for all users of the LADWP.

#### **BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- Sarah Ramsawack informed us that our proposed Bylaws are still in the process for the approval stamp.

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<sup>1</sup> A grass-roots measure was on the ballot for March 8, 2011, and it passed for a non-partial individual to be named Ratepayer Advocate between the DWP and the utility users.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ben Moore informed us that the last statement that was provided to us was incorrect, and he provided us with a new statement.<sup>2</sup> Ben Moore made a motion to accept the credit card bank statement that was provided, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Chang. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously with 8-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstain.<sup>3</sup> Ben Moore also provided us with an updated budget report for 10-11.<sup>4</sup>

Looking ahead for the needs of the Council, Ben Moore also moved to consolidate lines 104 and 107 into one single line, with a total of \$1,000.00 only, and the rest of the allocated money of \$300.00 in lines 104 and 107 would be moved to line 501. John Basteghian seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously with 8-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstain.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT:**

There was no Outreach Committee Report because the Committee Chair was absent.

**BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES:**

Ben Moore noted that the same absentees were absent again at this meeting: i.e., Monica Jackson, Stacey Johnson, and Nancy Milner. Ben also noted that in the meeting of August 18, 2011, which was held at the Fire Department #89, that no motion had been made for how to handle the vacancies. However, President Moscoso did direct Sarah Ramsawack to prepare letters of NOTICE for two vacancies: one for Stacey Johnson and one for Nancy Milner.

Those two letters were prepared by Sarah Ramsawack, pending the signature of President Moscoso. When Ben Moore pointed out that no motion had been made to handle these two seats, President Moscoso said that we would not use the letters and that he would personally call the two persons.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Moscoso said we did not know the location for the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The motion was made by Ben Moore to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by John Basteghian. The vote was unanimous with 8-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstain, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

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

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<sup>2</sup>See Attachment A

<sup>3</sup> See Attachment B

<sup>4</sup> See Attachment C