Sarah Ramsawack

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# NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 20, 2011, 7pm to 9:30pm in Conference Room LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION #89 7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, North Hollywood, Ca. 91605

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President Ernie Moscoso at 7pm. He led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Moscoso welcomed everyone present, but since only six board members were present we did not have a quorum and we began with public presentations.

## **GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS:**

1. Bryan Trussell¹ from the Department of Sanitation began at 7:03pm with a 25-minute presentation on the Waste Water Infrastructure, and the proposed rate increase. He explained about the 6700 miles of sewers that exist in the city that accepts waste water. Daily some 350,000,000 gallons of waste water flow to one of the four treatment plants, and of that amount some 79,000 is recycled daily.

Trussell explained how a Closed Camera Television is used to clear and monitor the aging sewer lines and that currently there are some fifty projects in progress to repair the old sewers. He explained that the average life span of a sewer line is some eighty years and that currently most of our lines are over sixty years old, and on the current city budget, we can theoretically pay to replace sewers only one time every 168 years.

Rate adjustments will be voted on by the City Council in January 2012.2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bryan Trussel was not on the posted agenda.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> To learn more about adjustments online, go to <a href="http://www.lacitysan.ortg/sc/cwps2011.htm">http://www.lacitysan.ortg/sc/cwps2011.htm</a>
To learn more about how you may qualify to minimize the charge, go to <a href="http://www.lacitysan.org/fmd/ssc1.htm">http://www.lacitysan.org/fmd/ssc1.htm</a>

## MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2011:

Sarah Ramsawack, said that we can not approve Minutes that have so many errors of spelling and factual detail.

Inez Morin made a motion to hire a Minutes-Taker and Sarah Ramsawack seconded the motion. President Moscoso said that he had not asked for a motion.

There was no roll call, but quorum was made at 7:40pm with the arrival of Judy Harris.

Board Members present were: Inez T. Morin, Ernie Moscoso, Benjamin Moore, Florence Dorick, Sarah Ramsawack, Dr. Wung Chang, and Judy Harris. Those absent were: Monica A. Jackson, Stacey Johnson, Nancy Milner. Two board members had given advance notice that they could not attend: John Basteghian and Jeramy Kelley.

#### **GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS were continued:**

2. LAPD Officer Esther Vasquez gave reports of frequent criminal activity, such as the snatch-and-run of gold necklace chains from the necks of pedestrians; and it also has been discovered that there have been a number of robberies from recycle centers.

Officer Vasquez continues to encourage everyone to take personal property with you when leaving the locked car, or to carefully conceal the property to reduce temptation for a break into the car and steal personal property.

HATS-OFF is a program as an attempt to reduce criminal activity from businesses by asking the customer to remove the hat or hoodie that can conceal the face on the security cameras while in the place of business.

- **3.** Sulma Hernandez the new deputy from CD#6, office of Tony Cárdenas, reported about the Health & Safety Fair sponsored by CD#6 on October 29, 2011, at the Japanese Gardens on Woodley, South of Victory Boulevard.
  - Sulma also told us that again, Tony Cárdenas will sponsor the VETERANS VIGIL on Friday, November 11, 2011, at the Byrd Middle School, North of Roscoe Boulevard, at 8501 Arleta Avenue, Sun Valley, Ca., 91352.<sup>3</sup>
- 4. Leyla Campos from DONE spoke about another new mentoring program beginning called C4C or COUNCIL FOR COUNCIL. It is a peer mentoring program. Applicants must apply by October 31, 2011, on the form on the EMPOWERLA dated October 20, 2011. If chosen for the program there will be a training period. This proposal is Chaired by Palms Neighborhood Council President, Dee Olomajeye.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Reservations are required and can be made by calling the local CD#6 office at #818-771-0236.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> To learn more about Palms Neighborhood Council go to www.palmsla.org

Leyla Campos also talked about how DONE conducts a Saturday or a Sunday Retreat program for all of the Board Members, and open to Stakeholders, and lunch can be served in the five hour program. For more information on the Retreat, please call Leyla at #213-485-1360.

### PROGRAM PRESENTATION:

At 8:10pm there was a twenty-five minute presentation by FIX NATION, a TNR, Trap, Neuter, and Return for Feral (wild) Cats.

The slide presentation was presented by Sila O'Gradaigh and her associate. Fix Nation is a non-profit FREE spay and neuter service for homeless Feral Cats. There is a charge for cats that are pets. The big concern is the rapid reproduction rate of cats: in seven years the population can begin with two cats and produce some 420,000 cats. Sila said that the city of Los Angeles has some 1,000,000 cats and that taxpayers do pay \$75 per cat to euthanize.

The County of Los Angeles has an right-ear-tip to identify when a cat has been sterilized. Fix Nation is on Clybourn, North of Saticoy in 91605.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Alex Kuprin wants to expand his Pawn Shop location and asked to be put on the agenda for November 17, 2011.

Karl Kunak announced that with Sulma's help from CD#6, that the speed hump on Strathern Street at Arminta Elementary School has been corrected. Karl had a package of numerous things he wanted to share with the Stakeholders, including information about the Dispute Resolution Service of the Los Angeles Bar Association<sup>5</sup>

Chuck Cameron, from the Hope of the Valley on Tujunga and Valerio commented about the 7,000 to 8,000 homeless in the San Fernando Valley, and that includes some 2,300 families. He said there is a new super thrift store located at San Fernando Road and Vineland.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Florence Dorick made a motion to provide up to \$2500 for Hope of the Valley. Judy Harris seconded the motion. After discussion the vote was taken: 7-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstain.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS AGAIN (at 9:20pm)**

Several members of the Save a Heart, Save a Mind spoke of their gratitude to Susan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> To learn more about the Dispute Resolution Services, now called the Center for Civic Mediation online go to <a href="https://www.centerforcivicmediation.org">www.centerforcivicmediation.org</a>

Williams for her help for the youth. Susan wants some \$5000.6

Sarah Ramsawack said she had two things to say about the group. (1) Is the address of 11328 Magnolia Boulevard correct? The response was yes. Sarah said the boundary of our Neighborhood Council is Van Owen Street and that anything South of Van Owen is not in our Council area. The purpose of our Neighborhood Council is to spend our money for the people and the community of North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council. Sarah gave to Susan Williams a two-sided report that shows the map of the Magnolia address and the DONE data page that gives the boundaries and name of the president, Mary Garcia with her phone number in the area of the MID-TOWN NORTH HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL.number was provided.<sup>7</sup>

(2) The second thing that Sarah said to Susan Williams was that she could attract more serious money if she got a good editor (or webmaster) for her website.<sup>8</sup>

With the information about the proper Neighborhood Council, Judy Harris said that it may be possible to share with Mid-Town N.H. N.C on the project. Sarah Ramsawack added that agreement might happen if Mid-Town makes that suggestion. At that time we could consider it with evidence that a good number of her youth actually live in our Neighborhood Council area.

### **OLD BUSINESS:** (9:40pm)

Ben Moore gave the treasurer's report. He also stated that there were other ways he hoped to serve on the Council and that he planned to resign as treasurer in a few months

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As the hour was getting late President Moscoso said that we would close this meeting and call for a Special Meeting at the Fire Station on next Thursday, October 27, 2011<sup>9</sup> at 6:30pm, and that all unaddressed business on the agenda would be tabled to October 27, 2011.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Ramsawack (for Secretary Monica Jackson, who was absent)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For Save a Heart, Save a Mind, go online to <u>www.Saveaheartsavea</u>mind.org

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> DONE data page for Mid-Town North Hollywood Neighborhood Council with their boundaries and the name of president Mary Garcia and Mary's phone number is attached.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Mrs. Williams spoke to Sarah after the meeting and said that she would check with her own Neighborhood Council immediately.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The Special Meeting for October 27, 2011, at the Fire Station has been scheduled for 6:30pm.