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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
Special Board Meeting, October 27, 2011, 6:30pm to 9:30pm at  
Los Angeles Fire Department #89, 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd., N. H. Ca 91605**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President Ernie Moscoso at 6:30pm. He led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The President welcomed everyone present.

The roll was called. Those present were Ernie Moscoso, John Basteghian, Inez T. Morin, Judy Harris, Florence Dorick, Ben Moore, and Sarah Ramsawack, and Jeramy C. Kelley. There was a quorum. There were four unexcused absences: Dr. Wung Chang, Monica A. Jackson, Nancy Milner, and Stacey Johnson.

**MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2011:**

The Minutes for the meeting of September 15, 2011, were approved. Ben Moore made the motion to approve, and Florence Dorick seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstained.

There was some discussion of the kind of format for the Minutes of this Neighborhood Council. Ben Moore said he believed the Minutes should be brief and reflect the vote correctly. Florence Dorick said she wants to be sure that votes for all money motions be recorded correctly. Ben Moore suggested that the VANC reports should be attached to the Minutes. Concise Minutes, with brief and comprehensive wording seemed to be agreed by consensus.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Public speakers were Stakeholder Karl Kunak, and Jim Kompare, president of the North Hollywood WEST Neighborhood Council, and he expressed the desire to work together.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

The VANC report for October 13, 2011, was given by Sarah Ramsawack.

Florence Dorick is very concerned about neighborhood Beautification and volunteered to chair a Beautification Committee. She said that our Neighborhood Council can buy

some equipment to lend to the Neighborhood Watches as they do cleanup projects. She asked for a motion to be on the agenda for November 17, 2011, for the Council to purchase a weed wacker and a leaf blower, for up to \$500 for the purpose of helping the Watch Groups to do cleanup projects more efficiently involving our NC area.

Jeremy Kelley is concerned about stray animals and the many broken sidewalks in our community, and he had met a Mr. Gallegher with Street Services and wants us to send a letter to him for assistance.

Ben Moore wants to step down as treasurer in March 2012, and he wants to focus on building a strong data base to send more notifications and newsletters to the Stakeholders. He wants to use the roster pages to create addresses and email addresses.

John Basteghian extended kudos to Kark Kunak for the speedy correction of the speed hump on Strathern Street near Arminta School.

Judy Harris wants more Board Members to join the Outreach Committee. She also wants a Mixer with North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** (Item #7 on the agenda under Old Business and #18 for New Business)

Mr. Gus Lopez, a city contractor from Valley Plaza Solar Lights, spoke on the advantages of LED energy savings.

**OLD BUSINESS:** (Item #8 on the agenda) Sarah Ramsawack gave an update on the approval of the Revised Bylaws that are submitted to Grayce Liu at DONE.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** (Item #9 on the agenda)

Ben Moore presented the September credit card statement from US Bank showing a total spent of \$2,115.99. The first quarter statement for July, August, and September 2011, for total \$2,384.89, was also presented to the Board. Ben Moore moved to approve this report. The motion was seconded by John Basteghian. The vote was unanimous with 7-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstain.

(Item #10 on the agenda)

The Outreach Committee stated that it was difficult to pursue some goals because of the need to regularly get funding approval from the Board. Some Outreach activities require quick action on little notice and waiting for the Board to approve funding has caused the Council to miss some opportunities and has led to delays in some Outreach projects. The Treasurer noted that the Board could, with some restrictions, authorize the Outreach Committee to act on its behalf with regard to some expenditures. The issue was discussed by the Board and it was considered to make such an authorization on an

experimental basis. The motion was put forth to allow up to \$3500 for the Outreach to use as needed on the credit card, and the motion was seconded: the motion passed on a vote of 6-yes and 1-no, zero abstains.

(Item #11 on agenda) Sarah Ramsawack presented to each Board Member a sample of the form letter to be sent to members who have been repeatedly absent without any notification, or according to the approved Revised Bylaws, for three or more unexcused absences from the Board Meetings. The prepared form letter was approved by consensus and was signed by the president, and mailed to Stacey Johnson and to Nancy Milner. Approval was by consensus.

(Item #12 on the agenda for Old Business)  
President Moscoso gave an opportunity for each person who attended the Congress of Neighborhood Councils in the City Hall on September 24, 2011, to give a statement about their experiences. After this review, Ben Moore suggested that we need to develop volunteer levels in our Neighborhood Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (Item #14 on the agenda)

Susan Williams was asked to speak. Inez T. Morin, recused herself from any discussion on the matter and Inez left the room. Florence Dorick asked Susan Williams, 'who pays the rent for the location of 11328 Magnolia Blvd?' The response was the son of Susan Williams. Her son has his own business under the name of K-A Corporation, and that company makes skateboards.

Susan Williams emphasized the three rules for the youth in the group called: **Save a Heart, Save a Mind**: (1) honor your parents, (2) maintain good grades, (3) clean up after yourself. She presented a list of furniture and supplies for the location of 11328 Magnolia, and President Moscoso suggested to her a place where these items can be purchased for a less costly amount.

Mrs. Williams says that of the three Neighborhood Councils that have the name of North Hollywood included, that our NC is the only Council she has approached, even though she was given the name and phone number for the president of Midtown North Hollywood Neighborhood Council at the regular meeting on October 20, 2011.

Judy Harris suggested that all three councils that include the name of North Hollywood could be involved. Sarah Ramsawack moved that with the membership by names and addresses that live in North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council should help us to decide whether to partner with the other councils. A Second was not permitted and the President rejected this motion so it could not proceed.

John Basteghian suggested to support the **Save a Heart, Save a Mind** up to \$1500. Ben Moore moved to go to \$2000. Judy Harris seconded. The vote was 6-yes, 1-no, and no abstain.

(Item #15 on agenda) Further to the presentation on September 15, 2011 on the pros and con for the rate increase by the LADWP, and need for this council to voice a position on the increase, Sarah Ramsawack moved that in a letter to Councilman Tony Cárdenas, “that the North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council recommend that before any rate increase is put into place, that the Ratepayer Advocate must be selected and in place, and given time to get oriented to speaking for the ratepayers.” Ben Moore seconded the motion. The vote was taken on October 27, 2011, was unanimous with 7-yes votes.<sup>1</sup>

(Item #17 on agenda for New Business)

For our council to voice a considered position on the four proposed reforms to the Neighborhood Council system as presented by Councilman Paul Krekorian, there was a review and discussion. Ben Moore had concerns, and will write a statement on improvements to the funding reform. Sarah Ramsawack had a strong statement that the training for all persons on the Boards for Neighborhood Councils should have more effective leadership training. Ben Moore moved that these concerns should be sent to the office of Paul Krekorian in a letter form to meet the deadline of October 31, 2011. Judy Harris seconded, and the vote was 7-yes, 0-no, and 0-obstain.<sup>2</sup>

At 9:50pm Ben Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Florence Dorick and the vote was unanimous. Unaddressed items #13 and #16 on the agenda were to be tabled to the next meeting on November 17, 2011.

Respectfully submitted by

SARAH RAMSAWACK (for Secretary Monica Jackson, who was absent)

<sup>1</sup> see page attached to Tony Cardenas

<sup>2</sup> see pages attached to Paul Krekorian