

North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council
Minutes of Board Meeting
April 19, 2012

Taken By: Ben Moore

Location: Fire Station #89 Community Room, 7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard

Attendance at Call to Order (7:06PM):

(7) Moscoso, Moore, Harris, Chang, Dorick, Loring, Morin.
Excused - Bastehian, Ramsawack per Moscoso

Opening Remarks:

Moscoso: Welcome. DONE is expected to get a new intern, who will likely help with finances.

Minutes:

October 27, 2011 Board minutes are not ready. They will be revised by Ramsawack and presented when available.

March 15, 2012 Board minutes were presented. MOTION: *Approve minutes as presented.* (Moore-Loring)(7/0/0)*

Public Comments:

Karl Kunack: Cutouts on sidewalk at Arminta Elementary are complete. The legal action regarding LA Byproducts is resolved and there will not be a motocross at Tujunga and Strathern. The Flood Insurance Maps have been revised, reducing the area of flooding in our area and thereby reducing the requirements for purchasing of flood insurance. Work to develop the Strathern Landfill into a park or recreation area may be starting as soon as early summer.

Ken Craft: The Valley Rescue Mission has been able to purchase a 12-bedroom house in Pacoima that will be converted into a 30-bed shelter for women and children, to be known as Genesis House.

Kelley Tyler: Librarian at Valley Plaza Library spoke to the Council, regretted that she was not able to attend more meetings, and inviting the Council to post and publish more information at the library. She also spoke about library hours and how the library will be mostly protected from potential City budget cuts.

Richard Valdez: Richard introduced himself as a candidate for the 9th district.

Comments from Government Representatives:

Sulma Hernandez (City Councilmember Cardenas): Sulma introduced Jenny, a new member of the Councilmember's team. She spoke about the streetlight conversion in the area to efficient LED lights and that the conversion is expected to be complete about the end of May. She stated that the Sheldon Arleta landfill development may include a sport field complex, that a grant was requested to fund the improvements, and that we expect final word on the grant award in June. She also stated that the new

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Council District boundaries would be in effect by July 1, and that our NC would include area represented by Councilmember Krekorian.

Esther Vasquez (LAPD Foothill Division): Esther reported a successful prostitution sting in the area and that the names of the "Johns" were published. She noted a recent increase in crime, particularly door-knock robberies, for which she stated that her own decision would be to answer the door but remain protected rather than staying quiet. She also noted recent recyclable thefts including people invading backyards to steal recyclable materials.

Funding for Foothill Police Station Lockers:

Esther requested funding for the Foothill Police Station to store officer's personal equipment bags. These bags are currently stored in private vehicles and may contain firearms or other important items. Lockers would allow the bags to be stored at the station, reducing risk. Esther stated that the total cost of the lockers was expected to be about \$8,000, but that funding would be requested from other sources. MOTION: *Move \$3,000 in funding from Budget Line 501 to 302 and allocate \$3,000 from Budget Line 302 for partially covering the lockers.* (Dorick-Harris)(7/0/0)*

Treasurer's Report:

Moore presented the Treasurer's report. He forgot the credit card statement, but promised to provide it at the next meeting. He did present the Credit Card Reconciliation for January to March 2012. MOTION: *Approve Credit Card Reconciliation as presented.* (Chang-Dorick)(7/0/0)

Moore noted that the allocations that have been made have not been in line with the budget in one instance. He stated that this was an accounting oversight and required the Board to adjust funding between Budget Lines. MOTION: *Move \$700 in funding from Budget Line 201 to 302.* (Loring-Harris)(7/0/0)

Presentation by RePower Campaign:

RePower, an independent organization, made a presentation about their ideas to improve DWP. They spoke about the importance of energy efficiency and about how much of DWP's current workforce is nearing retirement. They envision a new DWP workforce that would make efficiency upgrades for businesses. The workers would be entry-level employees who could study at night for permanent DWP positions while working during the day. They are presenting their vision at various groups, looking for letters of endorsement. Moscoso stated the question would be placed on a future agenda.

Outreach Committee Report:

Harris discussed proposals by the Outreach Committee to hold a movie night for the Council with open admission. The Outreach Committee will continue to discuss the planning for the event and present more details at a future meeting.

Harris also stated that the Outreach Committee is considering placing light post banners in our area. More details on this will be presented at the next meeting.

Partner with NoHoWestNC Regarding Cleanup:

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No update on this topic.

Pawnstar.com Conditional Use Permit:

The LAPD has responded that the business is clear for permit. MOTION: *Approve the permit for Pawnstar.com. (Moore-Harris)(6/0/1)**

School Notification Portfolios:

At the request of the Board, Karl Kunak discussed the idea for distributing folders to school children to track classwork and also provide a means for the Council to distribute information to kids and families in the Council area. Mr. Kunak has communication and support from several of the elementary school principals for the idea. The Board questioned details of the plan and asked how to deal with potential problems. Mr Kunak was asked by the Board to provide a written plan of how the distribution would work and how it would integrate into the school policies.

Hope of the Valley Mission:

Hope of the Valley Mission requested \$2375 in funding for cots for the homeless. This shelter provides housing for the homeless, and these army-style cots would provide additional beds for local needy. MOTION: *Move \$1,800 in funding from Budget Line 301 to Line 401 and allocate \$2,375 from Budget Line 401 for Hope of the Valley Mission (Loring-Chang)(7/0/0)*

Funding of NHNENC Elections:

Elections are planned for the fall of 2012 and much of the Board will be up for election. We have been allowed to allocate funding from the current Fiscal Year for election expenditures in the next fiscal year. MOTION: *Move \$2,000 in funding from Budget Line 301 to Line 205 and allocate \$3,000 from Budget Line 205 for election expenditures. (Moore-Dorick)(7/0/0)*

Funding for Storage Locker:

Loring has found a good deal for a quality storage locker from a local storage company. \$800 would cover rent and allow leftover funds for shelving or other furnishings. MOTION: *Allocate \$800 from Line 303 for Storage Locker rent and appropriate furnishings. (Loring-Harris)(7/0/0)*

Safety Vests for NC Projects:

Safety vests would be necessary for proposed cleanup operations. MOTION: *Allocate \$225 from Budget Line 303 for safety vests. (Dorick-Morin)(7/0/0)*

Funding for Strathern Watch Signs:

Funding would be for 200 Neighborhood Watch signs to be placed in home windows. Moore indicated that this might be considered a gift of public funds and that some adjustment would be needed to fund this item. Dorick indicated that the signs, referencing the Councilmember, could not be easily altered to advertise the NC. This item is tabled until a future meeting

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Adjournment (9:45PM)

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