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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Thursday, August 16, 2012 6:40pm to 9:45pm

Conference Room of Los Angeles Fire Station #89

7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd., NORTH HOLLYWOOD CA 91605

1. CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:15pm President Moscoso said we would begin with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, and wait for one more board member to arrive for the roll call.

At 7:17pm Dr. Chang arrived, thus we had a quorum of seven, and the roll was called. Those absent were Judy Harris and John Basteghian.

2. OPENING REMARKS:

President Moscoso welcomed everyone. He introduced Jackie Keene the new field deputy for Councilman Paul Krekorian's office. Ms. Keene noted the newly laid walking path in the northern four acres of the Valley Plaza Park between Hart Street and the apartment buildings on Sherman Way. She said the new mow strips are being installed and per her conversations with the Department of Recreation and Parks that the new solar lights are to be installed. She also alerted us to a new \$5000 grant from the Office of Community Beautification that we could access.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (CORRECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 27, 2011) and
for the previous month of JULY 19, 2012:**

With the absence of John Basteghian and the absence of final minutes for July 19, 2012, Sarah Ramsawack moved that the approval of Minutes for July 19th be tabled to the September 20, 2012 meeting. The Minutes for October 27, 2011 had to be corrected to include the figure of \$3500 for the Outreach Committee. Sarah Ramsawack made the motion to approve with the limit up to \$3500. Florence Dorick seconded the motion and it was unanimous with seven yes votes.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Karl Kunak spoke about the recent CPAB meeting and the need to get the ninth grade students across the street from Polytech High School to the new campus on the grounds of Byrd Middle School on Arleta Avenue.

6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Sarah Ramsawack spoke about two items in the comments on July 19, 2012, that were requested to be on the agenda for August 16th that do not appear on the agenda:

- a. To better help ourselves by having a Peer-Support Group to help each board member to understand and focus on the community, and
- b. To establish an ad hoc committee that will work on the Standing Rules for our Council. Both items are again requested to be on the agenda for the next meeting which is Thursday, September 20, 2012.

Also, Sarah Ramsawack spoke about our best participation ever at the Congress last year, 2011, with seven of our members attending. Everyone is encouraged to participate this year at the Congress on Saturday, September 22, 2012, at City Hall and to be available at 8am in the Chambers of the City Council for the NC roll call.

Florence Dorick spoke about the experience as a volunteer for the election on Saturday, August 4, 2012, at Polytech High School for the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council. She was inspired by the experience and hopes that we can have a BBQ for voters as they leave our election on Thursday, on September 20, 2012. No motion was proposed and no votes were cast.

Ben Moore said that money for the folders for the students of our four elementary schools has been spent and that we need for the Outreach Committee to develop a flyer to be inserted into each folder before they are distributed to the students.

Chuck Loring was concerned that 36 T-shirts would cost some \$500.

Inez T. Morin volunteered as a Spanish speaker to help on the election for the Pacoima Neighborhood Council inside the quad of Pacoima City Hall. She was impressed with the signs of good planning for the event and she liked the idea of how well the variety of food was provided at the election. The event also attracted much street traffic with banners, and many balloons. And she commented on how their efforts were very productive.

Dr. Chang praised his fellow Board Members.

Ernie Moscoso had volunteered to help the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council at Polytech High School where they had 45 voters on August 4, 2012. He stressed the beneficial ways we can spend our money for our Neighborhood Council.

OLD BUSINESS

8. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ben Moore presented the bank statement dated 07-23-12 for questions and approval. He made the motion to accept the bank statement; it was seconded by Dr. Chang, and the vote was unanimous with 7-yes, 0-no, and 0 abstentions.

Then Ben Moore discussed the budget where we have \$40,000 for 2012-2013, and that we must allocate \$3,000 to the 2012 elections for our council which will be on September 20, 2012. What we do not spend of the \$3,000 will be turned over to the General Fund for the City of Los Angeles.

Item #12 (under New Business)

President Moscoso presented our guest speaker which is #12 on the agenda. There was a presentation by the FOOD AND WATER WATCH, by Jessaica Para-Fitch. She encouraged our viewing of the free documentary entitled "Over Troubled Waters" on Tuesday, August 28, 2012. The viewing begins at 7:00pm at the Landmark Theater at 10850 West Pico Blvd. The event is free and open to the public.

Jessaica Para-Fitch also spoke about the practice being used called Fracking and how it can create a water crisis around the world. The gas and oil industry combines the horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing, (or fracking) to extract large quantities of oil and natural gas from the shale formations. The practice can contaminate the ground water, and endanger public health, with long-term damage to underground water resources. Fracking can also affect the air we breathe with the release of toxic gases and the practice can be a factor in some rock movement with up to 3.0 on the Richter Scale. Another frustration that supports the oil industry is that the companies are not required to report the chemicals used in the fracking process.

President Ernie Moscoso requested that a form letter be sent from the Council so that we can use it with the Stakeholders, to stimulate public awareness in the item that will be on the agenda for our Neighborhood Council for September 20, 2012.¹

Steven Box came into the meeting and wanted to speak to the Board Members. Mr. Box, the election coordinator for Los Angeles, wanted to encourage everyone to file the candidates-filing-form before the deadline on Tuesday, 5pm, of August 21, 2012, so that their name will be on the ballot for Sept. 20, 2012. Mr. Box also commented that the average Neighborhood Council is larger than the majority of cities in Los Angeles County. (He did not indicate the measurement to be by population or acres.) He does like the larger regional voice such as the VANC, but he clearly believes, that "When it matters, you talk to persons face to face."

Item #7 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

¹ Sample for Stakeholder awareness on dangers of fracking attached.

- a. Outreach--Chairperson was absent
- b. Land Use--Chairperson was ill and could not attend the meeting on August 11, 2012.
- c. City Services--Chairperson was absent
- d. Communications--Ben Moore encourages more ideas for the Website
- e. Ad hoc Committee on the Community Assessment Survey²--related to Land Use/ Zoning--Chairperson, Sarah Ramsawack, gave a report on places of Value in the North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council area, and invited the board members to add their ideas. Then, Sarah Ramsawack, made the motion to accept the report. Dr. Chang seconded the motion, and the vote was 7-yes, 0-no, and 0 abstentions.

Item #9, about the election, there was no report. Deadline for candidate filing is August 21, 2012. The election for our Neighborhood Council is on Thursday, September 20, 2012, from 3pm to 7pm. Then the regular board meeting for our NC will begin shortly after 7pm. After the election results are certified, then the board can elect the four new executive officers for the next term.

Item #10, Inez T. Morin, felt everything was said earlier by Jackie Keene from Krekorian's office about the work in the Valley Plaza Park area.

Item #11, Florence Dorick spoke about the event of the National Night Out on August 11, 2012, with the Strathern Neighborhood Watch.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #13, **Done Interim Director**, Grayce Liu was not present. However, President Moscoso requested that we create a letter of congratulations and support to Grayce Liu.³

Item #14, **VANC report**.⁴

Our Neighborhood Council had three board members at the VANC meeting. They were Florence Dorick, Inez T. Morin, and Sarah Ramsawack. When Grayce Liu arrived at the VANC meeting she received a good round of applause. The guest speaker was Wendy Greuel, Controller for the City of Los Angeles, and candidate for mayor in the November 2012 election for the City of Los Angeles.

In her work as city controller and conducting over 60 different audits of departments and branches in the City she has found millions of dollars of ways that the city has over-spent, carelessly spent, lost money, or never had a process to collect monies. It was appalling to learn that the city has no idea of how many parking lots are or should be on the city inventory for revenue, and that the city has no effective

² The report Places of Value in the Area of our Neighborhood Council is attached.

³ Letter to Grayce Liu attached.

⁴ The written VANC report is attached.

collection process for collecting unpaid taxes. The bottom line is the lack of revenue is a factor in our financial dilemma. As mayor Wendy Greuel seeks to give the controller the authority to examine the business figures of the parking lots to calculate the amount of unpaid taxes.

Item #15, Funding for 2012 Congress for Sept. 22, 2012

Sarah Ramsawack made the motion to send up to \$500 from line #202 of the budget to help fund the 2012 Congress of Neighborhood Councils at City Hall from 8am to 4pm on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Ben Moore seconded the motion and it passed with 7-yes votes, 0-no and 0-abstentions.

President Moscoso reminded the Board that on Thursday, August 23, at 7pm here in the Fire Station Conference Room we are to meet with Gary Benjamin and the Community Forum that he has organized. And, for the purpose of attaching labels to the folders for all the students in the four elementary schools in our area, we must come at 6pm to work on the labeling job.

The motion was made to adjourn by Ben Moore and seconded by Dr. Chang. It was unanimous to adjourn at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

SARAH RAMSAWACK, (pro tem in absence of an elected Secretary)

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August 17, 2012

Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment
200 N. Spring Street, 20th Floor
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

Re: Interim General Manager for DONE

Attn: Grayce Liu

Dear Grayce:

The North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council is pleased to thank you for accepting the position of the interim General Manager and we wish to offer all support and encouragement in the challenging duties as General Manager. We believe in your dedication to our community and to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Ernie Moscoso, President
EM/sr



CALLING ALL
STAKEHOLDERS--



THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST
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wants to alert the community to the---

**DANGERS TO HUMAN
HEALTH
FROM--- FRACKING---TO
GAIN MORE GAS AND OIL**

FRACKING-----is a risky industrial-scale drilling technique being used by
the drillers to break the rock shale to release gas and oil.

The process can contaminate the ground water aquifers that humans and
live stock drink. Much of that same fresh ground water will be used in the
hydraulic fracturing process. At this time there is no law that requires the
oil industry to declare the chemicals used in the process. We need laws for
standards for public disclosure and support for Bureau of Land
Management in protecting ground water from contamination.

Resources where we can make a difference: <wilderness.org>,
<earthjustice.org>,
<www.nbclosangeles.com>

http://action.foodandwaterwatch.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_K=97607

