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John Basteghian--Vice President
Ben Moore---Treasurer

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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, October 18, 2012----7:00 TO 9:30PM

LOS ANGELES FIRE STATION #89, CONFERENCE ROOM
7063 LAUREL CANYON BLVD. NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605

President Moscoso opened the meeting at 7:10pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. He welcomed everyone and made opening remarks. There was no Roll Call. Those board members present were Inez T. Morin, Judy Harris, Ernie Moscoso, Dr. Chang, Ben Moore, John Basteghian, Chuck Loring and Sarah Ramsawack. Florence Dorick was absent due to illness.

Item #3 on the agenda BOARD AFFIRMATION¹

President Moscoso began by calling the names of persons who had indicated an interest in joining the Board. The first name was Eric Freedner. Mr. Freedner stood up and told the President and the seated board that he had wanted a public election and only two days ago (October 16, 2012) had learned from Steven Box² that there would not be an election. He left the meeting.

¹ The agenda for 10-18-12 said in item #3 there were to be nine (9) Board Members to be affirmed. This needs to be clarified. When the meeting began at 7:10pm there were nine board members. Only five had to be affirmed because their term ended in 2012. Those were: Dr. Chang, Florence Dorick, Judy Harris, Inez T. Morin, and Sarah Ramsawack. Since Ernie Moscoso, John Basteghian, and Ben Moore were the only candidates on the public election in March 2010, their terms will expire in 2014.

The Factual At Large Representative for Chuck Loring was part of the board but was renominated later on October 18, 2012.

² Steven Box organized the Election program for the 95 existing Neighborhood Councils.

Other names called were: Edan Harris, Rubin Borges, and Jeff Garner. They took the Pledge administered by Tony Wilkinson when the affirmation of the formerly existing Board Members were Affirmed in agenda item #3.

Names of five board members to be affirmed were: Dr. Chang, Judy Harris, Inez T. Morin, and Sarah Ramsawack (excepting Florence Dorick who was ill) gathered to take the Neighborhood Council Pledge led by Tony Wilkinson.³

Item #4 on agenda **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS not filled by affirmation**

Ben Moore nominated Zeke Barragan as Resident Representative. Inez T. Morin seconded the motion. As Zeke Barragan was elected to fill a vacancy and was not listed on the list of candidates for 2012, his term will expire in 2014. The vote to accept was 9-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstain, by show of hands.

Dr. Chang moved to nominate Chuck Loring. Judy Harris made the second. The vote to accept was 10-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, by show of hands.

Judy Harris moved to nominate John Basteghian. The second was made by Edan Harris. The vote was 11-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstain by show of hands.

Tony Wilkinson had the above three take the Pledge to the Community.

Item #5 on the agenda **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

Positions were for President, Vice President, Secretary, and for Treasurer. Ernie Moscoso self-nominated to be President. Ben Moore seconded the motion. ***The vote was unanimous by show of hands for Ernie Moscoso to have another two year term as President.***

There were two self-nominated persons for the position of Vice President. Each candidate gave a statement to support their nomination.

Zeke Barragan stated that he has studied politics, and worked in city development with several (unnamed) elected officers and sees potential for our community. Ben Moore seconded the nomination for Zeke Barragan to be Vice President.

Candidate Edan Harris self-nominated and Judy Harris seconded. Edan Harris has graduated with a political science degree and has worked the past year in teaching English in the schools of Korea. As a long-time resident of the area he seeks to enrich youth involvement.

³ The current president of the Panorama City NC and the regional IEA, Independent Election Administrator.

The vote was 6-yes for Zeke Barragan and 3-yes by show of hands. There were 2 non-votes.

Zeke Barragan will serve a two-year term as the Vice President.

For the position of Secretary, Sarah Ramsawack self-nominated and Ben Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 9-yes, 0-no, 2-non-votes by show of hands. ***Sarah Ramsawack will serve as Secretary for the next two years.***

Since Ben Moore who has successfully served as the treasurer for the Neighborhood Council chose to resign the position to focus on the Communication needs for the Council. The new member Jeff Garner, with a background with money management self-nominated and Ben Moore seconded the nomination. The vote was 11-yes votes. ***Jeff Garner will serve the next two years as Treasurer.***

With all the board members in place, we had a 'get acquainted' break.

Resumption of the agenda at 8:10pm with

Item #7 on the agenda **COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Deputy Jackie Keene from CD#2, office of Paul Krekorian spoke on several concerns for this NC. Concerning the 4-acre area North of Hart Street and the pedestrian bridge over the Hollywood Freeway, she said that the decomposed path has been laid, the lights⁴ and exercise equipment will be installed. Jackie spoke on the issues of the (1) development of the 4-acre north of the Hart Street straight across to the pedestrian bridge over the Hollywood Freeway, (2) about the improvement needed on the west side of Whitsett Avenue adjacent to the DOT (Dept. of Transportation) from Saticoy South to the overpass of the United Pacific Railway, and (3) the condition of the private property with the address of 12136 Keswick Street and the space between the apartment building from the new traffic light on Laurel Canyon west to the intersection with Vantage (which is a corner) adjacent to the Keswick property. Jackie Keene said that the property owner has been contacted and the ownership conditions have been discussed. The phone number for Jackie Keene in the SFV office is #818-755-7676.

Sulma Hernandez, deputy for Tony Cardenas of CD#6 spoke about several items that CouncilMember Cardenas does annually for the community. This includes that annual Health Fair with free Flu shots, the observance of Veterans Day on November 11th which will be held this year at the Byrd Middle School on Arleta Avenue, the new water park project may be named to honor RORY SHAW, the city engineer who lost his life in the rain storm of 2005 when he came in the dark to inspect the large sink hole on Tujunga Avenue, north of Strathern Street in Sun Valley. Sulma Hernandez also spoke of the continued progress of the Skate Park in CD#6 near Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Sheldon Street which is expected to be complete in near future.

⁴ We have been assured these will be solar-powered lights in the subject 4-acre area.

Grayce Liu came and shared with the Board that the upcoming City Budget for fiscal year of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, may require DONE to further cut staffing another 10%. She thanked this NC Board for the letter that we sent to the mayor in support for her to be named the new Permanent General Manager of DONE. Photos were taken with Grayce Liu before she had to leave.

Item #9 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Angel Quintanilla, from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, located in Canoga Park, spoke about the need to serve the Homeless and he (working with John Horn of LA Family Housing) is looking for some 300 volunteers to participate in a homeless count for January 30 or 31st, 2013, from 7pm to 12 midnight.

He can be contacted at Email:

AQuintanilla@dmh.lacounty.gov

Ron Black, Square Dance Caller, with the Dept. of Recreation and Parks, spoke about how he is available to help at some of our events as needed. His contact phone number is 818-752-6810.

Karl Kunak spoke about crimes in his area and his conversations with the new Captain Malinowski at the Foothill Division of the LAPD. He encouraged awareness of the Crime Busters phone number of #1-800-222-8477 to make anonymous reports. He did clarify that when the name and contact is given by the caller that would make that report eligible for reward money if the lead promotes a conviction.

Tony Wilkinson spoke about how his NC has succeeded in serving the community by hosting health fairs and citizenship workshops. His NC, Panorama City Neighborhood Council meets the 4th Thursday nights in the Mission Community Hospital at 14850 Roscoe Boulevard.

Item #6 on the agenda **APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2012**

Dr. Chang moved that the Minutes be approved and Ernie Moscoso seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous to approve. (about 8:55pm)

Item #8 was skipped to allow Board Member Comments.

1. Member, Sarah Ramsawack, spoke about the CONGRESS on September 22, 2012. We have in attendance, President Ernie Moscoso, Treasurer Ben Moore, Inez T. Morin, Chuck Loring, and Sarah Ramsawack. As we had contributed to the success of this event our Council name is credited as a sponsor on page #17 of the event program. It was noted that on page #18 of the program where all 95 Neighborhood Councils are listed that the address of our council is obsolete. This is one of the errors that can accumulate in the system as the staffing is decreased and the workload is increased for those staff member who remain. The pressure is conducive to errors, and DONE needs help in correcting data. Every board member tonight was asked to update their data

which will be sent to our analyst at DONE. City Budget cuts increase our responsibility to be vigilant in accuracy on all levels with correct information details. The next Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be on September 28, 2013, at City Hall from 8am to 4pm.

Since our Council had passed the motion to support the educational forum on Planning and Land-Use by the VANC⁵ and the forum is for all members of the board, Sarah Ramsawack asked for a list that must have reservations for the event at CBS Studios on Thursday, November 8, 2012. The Director of the Planning Commission, Michael LoGrande will be the guest speaker. Reservations will be made for the following persons to attend: Zeke Barragan, Chuck Loring, Judy Harris, Edan Harris, Rubin Borges, Jeff Garner, Inez T. Morin, and Sarah Ramsawack.

Concerning the Mayor's Budget Day at City Hall we are required to provide two representative per Neighborhood Council. Inez T. Morin and Sarah Ramsawack will be attending and making a report to our NC and stakeholders. Other board members who wish to learn more about the Mayor's Budget, as it is developed for the Spring Citizen Survey (online), are welcome to attend. When it comes to voting on any matter only one vote can be counted. This matter cannot be on the regular Board Meeting Agenda for November 15th, as the Budget Day is on Saturday, November 17, 2012,

The Land-Use Committee of our Neighborhood Council will have its first meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, in the conference room of the LA Fire Dept. Station #89. Proper posting will be made as a Joint Board Meeting and Committee Meeting. The question was asked "What does the Land Use do?" It will be part of the learning experience to answer that question. The committee will be open to all interested members and stakeholders. This will not be in any violation of the Brown Act as no decisions will be made at this first meeting and no recommendations will be developed involving any money expenses for the Board. Several Board Members have shown great interest in this subject. All are welcomed to attend. Emails will be sent to the Board Members as we approach the date of November 20th We will meet from 6pm in the conference room and may stay, as needed up to 10pm.

Jeff Garner spoke about the Department of Street Services and he had brought some hardcopy of information he found online.

Tony Wilkinson suggested that we have a dedicated DWP representative (who works with our DWP liaison, Greg Bartz) and the DWP rep should be knowledgeable of the MOU with the DWP.

Dr. Chang extended welcome to the new Board Members.

⁵ VANC means the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. Of the 95 NCs in Los Angeles, about 37 Councils are in the San Fernando Valley. One can say the SFV is 1/3 of the entire system.

Edan Harris is enthusiastic and glad to work with our NC. He has just completed a teaching assignment for the past year in Korea. He comes as a political science major to join the board.

Judy Harris spoke with the happiness to have her son join the Board. She repeats her request that we have a mixer for all of our Board Members to get to know each other. She also spoke of the need for a skate park in the area of our Neighborhood Council. When asked by President Moscoso to name the committee members for OUTREACH, they were: Judy Harris, Inez T. Morin, and Florence Dorick.

Jeff Garner is currently a member of the North North Hollywood Neighborhood WATCH and he would like to see our NC host a resource fair.

Chuck Loring has a vision to help our youth learn in a program which he names; **START NOW--YOUR FUTURE HAS**. He would like to involve the students of our four elementary schools in learning about how they can see their communities and make a difference for the betterment of our community. Sarah Ramsawack applauded his vision and we look forward to see how he develops the idea. Chuck Loring also spoke about the tee-shirts and Ernie said he would talk to the printer.

Zeke Barragan said that he was a former teacher and that he did attend the 2012 Congress of Neighborhood Councils. He commented that there are a large number of Free programs and services in the City of Los Angeles that people need to know about.

Ernie Moscoso is happy to have the new executive officers in place. He publicly praised and thanked Ben Moore for his excellent service as our treasurer since he joined this Board.

Item #11 on the agenda **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ben Moore had a four page, (two pieces of paper) report of expenses for the first quarter of this fiscal year since July 1, 2012. Several questions were asked and some discussion took place, then President Moscoso asked for a motion to approve the report. Chuck Loring moved to approve the treasurer's 1st quarter report and the second was made by Judy Harris. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #10 on the agenda **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

10a-Chairperson--Judy Harris spoke about the school folders for the Outreach Committee. Karl Kunak said that the Arminta Elementary School is already using the folders with their students. There was no committee meeting for October 2012.

10b-Chairperson-Sarah Ramsawack reported that Inez T. Morin and she had attended the monthly meeting with the Planning and LandUse Commission on October 13th, in downtown Los Angeles. That VANC will be presenting the Land-Use Forum at CBS Studios on Radford Avenue in Studio City on Thursday, November 8, 2012. And our Neighborhood Council will have its first committee meeting on Tuesday, November 20th. Those who expressed an interest in participating were: Zeke Barragan, Chuck Loring, Jeff Garner, Rubin Borges, Edan Harris, Inez T. Morin, and Florence Dorick (in absentia).

10c-City Services Committee, Zeke Barragan eagerly chose the Chairperson position for this Standing Committee and Jeff Garner, Rubin Borges, and Edan Harris want to serve with him.

10d-Communications Chairperson Ben Moore wants to develop and improve our Website, may get us online with other sites. Judy Harris, Inez T. Morin, and Zeke Barragan want to work with Ben Moore on this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #15, CERTIFICATE OF OUR TENTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY FROM BONC

The Certificate of Certification for the tenth year was presented to President Ernie Moscoso at the meeting of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners on October 2, 2012, where members Judy Harris, Inez T. Morin, Florence Dorick, Chuck Loring, and Sarah Ramsawack attended. That certificate was framed for permanent display. The framed certificate was read aloud to everyone and presented to Mr. Moscoso. Photographs were taken.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at about 10:10pm

Respectfully submitted by

Secretary Sarah Ramsawack