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NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 15, 2013, 7:00PM TO 9:30PM
 Los Angeles Fire Department #89
 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood Ca 91605

Vice President, Zeke Barragan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

7:05pm President Ernie Moscoso arrived and gave words of welcome to everyone present.

Item #3 on the Agenda--Roll call

The secretary called the roll and announced a quorum. There were 8 present: Zeke Barragan, Ronald M. Cross, Jeffrey Garner, Judy Harris, Inez T. Morin, Ernie Moscoso, Sarah Ramsawack, and Tina Sunderland. A quorum was declared.

There were 2 Absent and Unexcused: John Basteghian, and Dr. Wung Chang.
There were 4 Absent and Excused: Florence Dorick, Edan Harris, Chuck Loring, and Ben Moore.

Item #4 on the Agenda--Minutes of July 18, 2013 Meeting

President Moscoso asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of the previous meeting on July 18, 2013. Zeke Barragan moved that the Minutes be approved and the second was by Ronald M. Cross. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous with 8-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstain.

7:10pm Rubin Borges arrived for total of 9 board members present for the balance of the meeting.

Item #5 on the Agenda--Government Representatives

Caesar Huerta, deputy for the new City Council Member, Nury Martinez for CD#6. Her office is on Sylvan Street in the Van Nuys Office.

Franklin Ochoa, deputy for the State Assembly Raul Bocanegra, for District #39 introduced himself.

Captain Chuck Ruddell of the Los Angeles Fire Station #89 (our hosts) brought with him three other members of the staff. He introduced the new Captain Dave Fabela. He also presented two members of the Search and Rescue team at station #89. He said that the city of Los Angeles has only six (6) crews for Search and Rescue. Aaron Halverson and his associate, demonstrated the efficiency of the equipment called a Search Camera, an efficient piece of equipment to find victims and survivors in emergency rubble.

Patrick Kanan of the Valley Plaza Park Recreation Center talked about the donation that is proposed to help make basketball court improvements. He also said that the new mayor, Eric Garcetti wants to continue the Summer Nights Park Program for 32 city parks.

Stakeholder Karl Kunak spoke about the LA By-Products Company and their ATC truck being across the street from Arminta Elementary School without permits since 2003. President Moscoso to give Karl time on the September agenda.

Marlene Cardoza said that the youth that worked with the clean up on August 3, 2013, did enjoy their team work.

Yasser Durgalli, owner/manager of the Handy Mart at 8012 Laurel Canyon Boulevard generously offered to help the Neighborhood Council in their events with free water, etal.

Item #7 on the Agenda--Board Member Comments

Tina Sunderland talked about the success of the Summer Night Lights at the Valley Plaza Park.

Inez T. Morin spoke about the well-monitoring that is currently being done by the LADWP, and she asked Patrick Kanan of the Valley Plaza Park if there could be a area for a Neighborhood Garden.

Jeffrey Garner is also interested in a Community Garden.

Judy Harris expressed concern about the DONE email addresses.

Ronald M. Cross is interested in more information about the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the two proposed tunnels.

Zeke Barragan spoke about a new Book of BEYOND CHINATOWN by Steven P. Erie. Zeke said that he sent a draft on Standing Rules today. And Zeke will be in charge of collecting the locations of potholes and sending them to Aida Valencia at the Dept. of Street Services.

Sarah Ramsawack spoke about: (1) praising the board and all the workers and participation in the clean-up of August 3, 2013, (2) the need for more education of the water issues and involving the LADWP, and the BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN, and MWD regarding our water supply and cost, and asking for a speaker of authority for public education for the Council meeting on October 2013, (3) that Inez T. Morin and Sarah Ramsawack are planning an independent fact-finding trip to the DELTA for an educational tour on September 25, 2013, at personal expense and not using any tax-payer money, and to report back to the Council.

Sarah also spoke about the need for 100% Board Compliance on the Funding Training and the Ethics Training. There is a Valley Regional ETHICS Training on Thursday, August 29th, at 6:30pm at the Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, Ca.¹ It is important to comply with both trainings by September 1, 2013, so that each board member can vote on matters of money going forward.

Item #8 on the Agenda--Committee Reports

--a--Outreach,

Chair Person, Judy Harris, discussed funding for cleanups, brochures, and distribution. She wants local trash cans. and she asks for \$4000 for the requested library chairs, and \$700 for each of the Police Divisions for Holiday toys. She said the next 2nd community cleanup will be on Saturday, October 12, 2013, and that there needs to be a new staging area, maybe on Lankershim Boulevard and Sherman Way. She also wants the LAPD, the LAFD, and CD#2 to present a Town Hall on the issues of Safety and cleanliness in the Neighborhood Council.

--b--Communications,

Chairman, Ben Moore is absent.

--c--City Services,

Chairman, Zeke Barragan has found the NC Facebook page. He likes the App LA311, and he requested more sites for City Services.

--d--Land Use

Chair Person, Sarah Ramsawack, encouraged board participation and especially members of the Land Use Committee for the DONE training in Land Use 101 on Saturday August 17, 2013, in Pacoima from 8am to noon. Also, the next committee meeting will be on Thursday, August 29, 2013, at the fire station and will begin on time at 6:30pm. Since the owners of the property for the proposed 7-ELEVEN on the corner of Strathern Street, at 7955 Laurel Canyon have appealed to the Area Planning Commission to reverse the decision of the Zoning Administrator, the committee meeting will begin with a presentation by the owners and the architect at 6:30pm. After that presentation there will be two other properties to examine at the meeting.

--e--Standing Rules, Ad Hoc Committee

Chairman, President Ernie Moscoso said there will be a meeting date announced.

--f--Election Committee

Vice President Zeke Barragan, and Outreach Chair, Judy Harris will announce a meeting time.

--g--Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee

President Moscoso said No to activating this committee.

--h--VANC report of the meeting for August 8, 2013

The three Board members attended the meeting of the VALLEY ALLIANCE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS at the Sherman Oaks Hospital, were: Inez T. Morin, Ron Cross, and Sarah Ramsawack.

Among the issues on the VANC agenda are the actions needed for the NC Elections Committee: (1) our NC must locate a polling place and provide the address and the hours for the Election to DONE., (2) we need to decide if we want to offer VOTE BY MAIL to the stakeholders, (3) we need to watch the upcoming EMPOWERLA issues for trainings for Outreach, the Chair Person and the Co-Chair person and for poll workers, (4) there will be three

¹ Please see the EMPOWERLA for August 23, 2013, and scroll down the Right Hand column to the heading ETHICS TRAINING and click so that you can register for the training.

workshops on Elections at the Congress on September 28, 2013, (5) we need to understand the new definition of Stakeholder as defined by the City Council, and (6) we need to make a Council decision of Factual Based Member, if we want such a member on the Board.

Also on the VANC agenda is the need to help our Neighborhood Council with as many locations as possible for the Bureau of Street Services. The BSS speaker was Aida Valencia. She defines the damages to look for as: POTHOLE, as damage that is so deep that the dirt below can be seen., POP-OUT, as where the top surface has come loose and is absent, and EROSION as where breaks and cracks appear and they cause rough driving. Aida said the BSS plans to come to each area twice per fiscal year to repair damages to the asphalt. The operation is called the POTHOLE BLITZ, and it gives us an opportunity to make a great difference in our community and to justify our NC request to increase the annual allotment to each NC each July 1st.²

Lastly, on the VANC agenda was more discussion of the **\$3 BILLION Street Repair Bond** that the City Council proposed in January 2013. The attempt to get this matter on the May ballot was circumvented by the action of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates who stressed the need for the NCs to have more time to alert the stakeholders. Now, on August 6, 2013, the CASE #13-1300-S1 supported by Council Member Joe Buscaino and Council Member Mitchell Englander has prepared a report for the Public Works of the Los Angeles City Council with 24-recommendation. The first 9-recommendations relate to funding. There may also be a return TO THE 50/50 program for sidewalk repairs.

--i--DWP Liaison

Jeffrey Garner has been attending the meetings on the first Saturday monthly in Hollywood to learn more about the DWP for our Council. He encourages becoming a Partner with RePower on this issue.

Item #9 on the Agenda--Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Jeffrey Garner presented the statement dated 07-22-13 from the USBANK of the credit card purchases, showing a total activity of \$1,392.08. After questions and discussion of this report the motion was made by Zeke Barragan to approve the report, and the second was by Ronald M. Cross.. The approval was unanimous.

The statement about the total of Council funds spent and available was not presented.

Item #10 on the Agenda--Event of August 3, 2013

President Moscoso praised and thanked everyone who participated in **Cleaner North Hollywood Event of August 3, 2013**. Marlene Cardozo also expressed her happiness in how well the youth worked in their teams to accomplish their task. The next Clean-Up will be on Saturday, October 12, 2013, and the third event will be on a Saturday in January 2014.³

Item #17B on the Agenda--Recreation & Parks Valley Plaza request for \$2000 for Equipment

² Here, the goal that originated in the Congress and Mayor's Budget Day meetings of 2012 is to restore the annual allotment of \$50,000.

³ The proposed date for Clean-Up #3 was January 20, 2014, however, since that is a Monday, there will be a revision.

Patrick Kanan explained the need to purchase Baseball Equipment, and he requested up to \$2000 to buy the Equipment. Treasurer Jeff Garner needs to have an Invoice. Mr. Kanan said that if we purchase from the LA Parks Foundation we can get an 8% cut in the cost. Jeffrey Garner made the motion to authorize up to \$2000 from line #402 for this purpose and Judy Harris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. 8-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain, 6-absent.

Item #11 on the Agenda--Library chairs for the Valley Plaza Library

Jeffrey Garner said that he checked with Grayce Liu, GM of DONE, and learned that there can be an inter-department transfer of funds so that we can contribute up to \$4000 to the Valley Plaza Library for the purpose of providing four comfortable reading chairs for the library. He said that each chair costs \$899 (x 4) plus a delivery charge of \$375, plus sales tax of \$357.39 for a grand total of \$4,328.39. Jeffrey moved that this NC provide up to \$4,000, from line #401, and Judy Harris seconded the motion. The vote was 5-yes, 4-no, 2-abstain.

Item #12 on the Agenda--More Posting Sites for the Council Agenda

Sarah Ramsawack presented three more sites as: (1) Handy Mart, 8012 Laurel Canyon Blvd., (2) Blooming Flowers, 8000 Laurel Canyon Blvd., and (3) Old Sicily Pizza, 12061 Strathern Street. The motion to accept these additional sites was made by Ronald M. Cross, and was seconded by Inez T. Morin. The vote was unanimous.

Item #13 on the Agenda--\$500 for North Hollywood Police Division Holiday Toy Drive

Due to miscommunication the dollar figure requested by the Outreach Committee should have been \$700 per Police Division, so President Moscoso to table this item to the September agenda.

Item #14 on the Agenda--\$500 for Foothill Police Division Holiday Toy Drive

Due to miscommunication the dollar figure requested by the Outreach Committee should have been \$700 per Police Division, so President Moscoso to table this item to the September agenda.

Item #15 on the Agenda--Save Coldwater Canyon

This item will be tabled to the September meeting.

Item #16 on the Agenda--Membership status for Dr. Wung Chang,-seat to be declared Vacant

The Minutes of the Neighborhood Council indicate there were three consecutive Unexcused absences for Dr. Wung Chang on May 16, 2013, on June 20, 2013, for July 18, 2013, and tonight, on August 15th according to our NC Bylaws under SECTION 7--Absences, **“If a Board member has three (3) unexcused consecutive absences, optionally a total of six (6) meetings within a twelve (12) month period, from regularly scheduled Board meetings, the Board member’s seat will be considered vacant.”**

With the absence of Dr. Chang from the August 15, 2013 meeting, the motion was made by Zeke Barragan to declare a vacancy and the second was by Ronald M. Cross. The vote was 8-yes, 0-no, and 1-abstain.

As to the absences of John Basteghian, that matter will be considered on the September Agenda.

Item #17A on the Agenda---Nominations to fill the AT LARGE vacant seat of Dr. Chang

President Moscoso nominated Marlene Cardozo to be the new Board Member, and Zeke Barragan seconded. The vote was 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain. Franklin Ochoa, of the office of the new State Assemblyman, Raul Bocanegra, led Marlene Cardozo in the Pledge of Membership.

Item #18 on the Agenda-- Items for September 19, 2013

Two Outreach items were tabled, and One item for Coldwater Canyon will be on the next agenda.

Item #19 on the Agenda---Adjournment at 9:45pm.

Motion to adjourn by Zeke Barragan, second by Judy Harris, vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH RAMSAWACK, Secretary