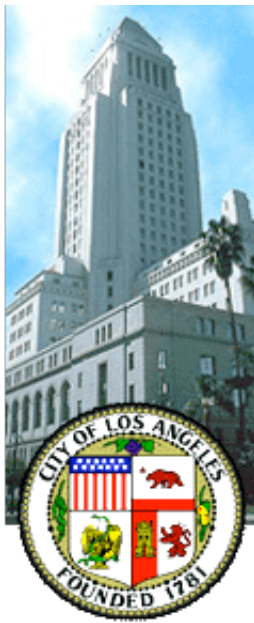


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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES for REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, September 19, 2013, 6:30pm to 9:30pm**  
**Los Angeles Fire Station #89, Conference Room**  
**7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91615**

The meeting was called to order by President Ernie Moscoso at 7pm. The President led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our American flag.

The roll was called by the secretary. Those present were: Zeke Barragan, Ronald Cross, Florence Dorick, Jeffrey Garner, Edan Harris, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez T. Morin, Ben Moore, Ernie Moscoso, Sarah Ramsawack, Tina Sunderland, and Marlene Cardozo. There were thirteen members present at the roll call. Absences were: John Basteghian, Unexcused. Rubin Borges had an Excused Absence.

There was a stakeholder presence of 22 attending the meeting.

The president took the Special Meeting portion of the evening's agenda first, and that was to have a second look at the information for the proposed 7-ELEVEN to replace the existing 76-Gas Station at the location of 7955 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, under Case #ZA-2012-3207-C-1A. The motion to reconsider the Council's original decision about the business hours of 7am to 11pm for the proposed 7-ELEVEN was made by Chuck Loring and was seconded by Ben Moore. In discussion it was the hope that new expanded information would help the council and community to be more informed. The vote to reconsider was 4-yes, 5-no, and 4-abstain.

The Minutes for August 15, 2013, were approved as written.

### **ITEM #5 on the Agenda--Comments from Government Representatives**

Our Senior Lead Officer, Officer Esther Vasquez gave a report on the criminal activity in our area. She also told the Council about the efficiency of the two Q-Star Cameras which our Neighborhood Council purchased for the Foothill Police Station. She said that the camera in the "T" shaped alley behind the Church of the Nazarene at 12120 Strathern Street, has been very helpful, and that she can record photo images with dates and times of activity. Officer Vasquez indicated that the Q-Star camera behind the Collision repairs on Lankershim has a malfunction that is being repaired, but that it has been beneficial for reducing the incidents of graffiti and criminal activity.

Lorraine Diaz from the office of Paul Krekorian, CD#2, gave a report of coming events. She also called to our attention the new traffic lights that have been installed for greater safety on Lankershim and Valerio, and on Tujunga at Cohasset.

Caesar Huerta, deputy for Nury Martinez, the newly elected City Council Member for CD#6, which includes a North East portion of our Council area and goes as far West as Balboa Boulevard. He spoke about the proposed Caesar Chavez Park in the Valley.

Deputy Franklin Ochoa for California State Assembly Member Raul Bocanegra, and Mr. Ochoa encouraged persons needing employment to contact him for the Employment Development Dept. (EDD).

### **ITEM #6 on the Agenda--Stakeholder comments re Non-Agenda issues**

Sarah Glasser of NEXT DOOR, a new community based cell phone network with a website for helping neighbors to be connected with what is happening in their area. It markets itself as a Private and Safe space for local information.

### **ITEM #7 on the Agenda--Board Member Comments**

Chuck Loring encouraged the board members who plan to attend the Congress at City Hall on Saturday, September 28, 2013, to wear their yellow T-shirts identifying themselves as members of this Neighborhood Council.

Jeffrey Garner said that he and Chuck would go to the store on Laurel Canyon to retrieve the speakers, amplifiers, and all associated equipment from John Basteghian who was storing them for the Neighborhood Council.

Jeff also said that DONE wants a motion on who gets the parking passes. And Jeff says we need to have a Liaison with the Dept. of Public Works to be on the agenda for October 17, 2013.

Florence Dorick asked about the yellow shirts the Council had purchased being available to the new Board Members. She asks for all Board Members to watch and report on the condition of the Neighborhood Council banners in the Council area.

**8:02pm** Officer Gabriel Ahedo arrived from the North Hollywood Police Station that cares for our Council area between Saticoy Street and Van Owen Street. He said that

tagging and graffiti is on the increase on businesses and on the RailRoad sidings. He said there is new enforcement where the parents of juvenile taggers are to be fined. He also said that it is not all gang tagging, but juveniles at idle work. And he said that girls are becoming the offenders. Officer Ahedo said that the Q-Star Camera mounted on the wooden pole at Simpson Avenue and Hart Street has been effective in reducing criminal activity. He thanked us for that Camera.

### **8:15pm we resumed with Item #7 on the Agenda**

Sarah Ramsawack spoke about the role of Oversight, and how each person can do two things for our Community: (1) See, and (2) Report to the Authorities.

Sarah Ramsawack also talked about how each Board Member can be proactive and do over-sight for our Community by doing two simple things: (1)see a problem and (2) report a problem to the proper authority.

She spoke about how the City Council can commit expensive errors when, without adequate oversight, per the report from Jay Handal<sup>1</sup> that the city is throwing away \$850,000 in work that that it never reviewed. And that the need for greater oversight is a reason for the Budget representatives and the Budget Advocates to be strongly committed. The bottom line is, that oversight is a process in which we can all share.

Zeke Barragan stressed the need for being proactive and to report findings in the community.

Ronald Cross said that the Neighborhood WATCH is good for helping the community to know what to report and which authority to contact.

Edan Harris said that he would be in Korea in February 2014.

Marlene Cardozo spoke about her work with youth and that she cannot attend the 2013 Congress in City Hall. She also spoke about having one or two high school students as interns with the Neighborhood Council.

Ernie Moscoso spoke about the need for more Board Members to step up to do the work of the Neighborhood Council. He also spoke about the requirement for full compliance with each Board Member for taking the Ethics Training and the Funding Training. Our president said without the training the Board Member will not be eligible to vote on any motion concerning money. President Moscoso also said that he wants himself and Vice President Zeke Barragan to be the speakers for our Neighborhood Council.

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<sup>1</sup> See Email of Sept. 14, 2013 from Jay Handal-Co-Chair of the Budget Advocates to the full board.

### **BRANDON PENDER, Our Budget Advocate**

Brandon Pender spoke about the work of the Budget Representatives and the Budget Advocates. He said that the 2013-2014 Budget Day at City Hall will be Saturday, October 26, 2013, from 8am to 12:00pm. Each Neighborhood Council is to provide two names of representatives to Jay Handal or Marcello Robinson, the co-Chairs for the Budget Advocates. Mr. Pender explained that this year the NC Budget Advocates will be paying for this Budget Day Event and for the work for the entire year. The Budget Advocates now have a budget of \$20,000 for the entire year. The Advocates are elected from the Representatives that attend the Budget Day on October 26, 2013. Those chosen to be Advocates will work on a monthly basis for the entire year with elected officials, with the mayor, with the Controller's Office, the City Council and others and will create a WHITE PAPER for controlling wasteful spending for our city. Also, you do not have to be a Board Member to work as an Advocate. Mr. Pender lives in the Studio City NC, and is an Advocate, though he is not a member of the NC.

### **ITEM #21 on the Agenda---Appointment of NC Budget Representatives**

President Moscoso appointed Inez T. Morin and Sarah Ramsawack to continue to be our Neighborhood Council Budget Representatives.

### **ITEM #8 on the Agenda---Committee Reports**

Outreach Committee--there was discussion about missing agendas and missing chair for the Committee. President Moscoso directed the committee to have its meeting on the 2nd Tuesday monthly at 1pm at the Fire Station #89 with its agenda by the previous Friday. Florence Dorick was designated to be the the alternate Chair of the Outreach and Florence did provide the committee minutes to the full Council. Florence also found that there is an Outreach opportunity at the Valley Plaza Library Book Sale on October 5, 2013, from 10am to 2pm.

Communications Committee--Ben Moore asked for more ideas that can be posted on the website, and that we provide ideas at the next committee meeting. He also brought up the idea about posting DRAFT Minutes on the website and wanted feedback. Sarah Ramsawack said that she had as DONE about this practice and it was not seen as a Best Practice. She had recently attended a NC Roundtable for Secretaries and they too rejected the idea of posting Draft Minutes. Zeke Barragan sees the draft as an added layer of transparency. Ben said that the Draft would be posted about the 3rd week after the regular meeting. A straw vote was taken to post draft Minutes and there were 11-in favor and 1-no, and 0-abstains. Also in Communications, there effort to get the Neighborhood Council on Facebook is being handled by Zeke Barragan, the Facebook Administrator. Zeke says that any person will be able to post on Facebook that is connected with GOOGLE/PLUS.

City Services Committee--chaired by Zeke Barragan, praises the cell application MyLA311 for graffiti removal.

Land-Use Commitee--is planning to attend the Hearing before the Area Planning Commissioners concerning the property at 7955 Laurel Canyon Blvd, and the proposed

7-ELEVEN at the Braude Center in Van Nuys, on October 3, 2013, at 4:30pm. The committee had met on August 29, 2013, and had learned more about what the applicants wanted to do, and about the changes in ordinances that gave more protection to the residents and the businesses, and with the help of Karo Torossian, the Land-Use Deputy for CD#2, the committee took a second vote. The new information had changed some of the thoughts of the committee members with a majority in favor of the 7-ELEVEN operating 24/7.

The committee has three more properties to examine for changes in our Council area, and the next meeting will be at the Fire Station on September 26, 2013, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Standing Rules ad hoc Committee chaired by President Ernie Moscoso said that a first meeting would be scheduled, and needed feedback from the Board.

Liaison for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Jeffrey Garner has been attending the first Saturday of the month LANCC meetings in Hollywood and will be reporting to our Neighborhood Council.

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC)

Sarah Ramsawack reported that the City is trying to reorganize the City Planning Department, the Building and Safety, and the Code Compliance Unit for greater ease in utility and efficiency. The name of the new department will be determined, with hopes to be able to begin on January 1, 2014. Problems over the years have been unwieldy, greatly due to the absence of communication between the above three departments, under what has been labeled as the Legacy of Silence.

It is the City Council, with the Mayor that sets city policy. In April 2013 PLUM, the Planning and Land Use Management Department, accepted a report from Building and Safety and it all went to the City Council on September 23, 2013, and there should be a CIS (Community Impact Statement) forthcoming from the Matrix Consulting Company that is consulting on this project. The CIS is expected to be online by September 23, 2013.

The City Attorney has the duty to design the verbiage of the ordinance, and to establish the NEW department, and to create a new General Manager over the entire new department.

There will be a new Conditional Compliance Unit (CCU) for Code Enforcement to monitor and enforce entitlements and conditions. There needs to be a funded system to monitor the CUPs. Presently there are only two (2) persons monitoring conditional compliance. There needs to be greater time spent on code inspections, but in recent years their the inspection staffing has been cut some 50%.

There are two upcoming events with VANC where our NC can make a contribution toward the larger success:

-----Thursday, VANC HOLIDAY MIXER (new date) of December 12, 2013, where VANC will host a reception for our Elected Officials. We ask that this item be on the October 17, 2013 regular Meeting Agenda for up to \$250, and our NC name will be listed as a sponsor of the event.

-----Thursday, April 10, 2014, VANC will have an Anniversary Mixer. I am asking for this to be on the Agenda for October 17, 2013, for our NC to support this event up to \$250 and our NC name will be listed as a sponsor of the event.

#### **ITEM #9 on the Agenda--Treasurer's Report**

Jeffrey Garner, Treasurer, provided the new report form to the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment for August 2013. The expenses related mostly to the supplies and items needed for the area clean-up of August 3, 2013, for a total of \$2,621.78.

#### **ITEM #15 on the Agenda--Save Coldwater Canyon**

Sarah Boyd, a resident near the Harvard Westlake School is asking our Neighborhood Council to oppose the expansion plan for the school to cross Coldwater Canyon with a bridge to a new construction of a parking garage on the West side of Coldwater, and to have a practice athletic field on the roof of the garage.

Sarah Boyd says that Lake Balboa NC has taken a stand of opposition. The about 100 protected trees that have to be moved (the trees are not identified) and that traffic problems will increase during the estimated three years of construction time.

One Board Member asked, "how many Neighborhood Councils of the 34 Councils in the San Fernando Valley have been contacted for support?" There was not a complete answer.

A group called the Hillside Federation has about 200,000 members opposing the project with Harvard Westlake School. Zeke Barragan said that we need to do our homework and to research online.

The Harvard Westlake School is in the area of the Studio City Neighborhood Council and their Land-Use Committee has discussed the project (for some three months) and has not made any recommendation to the full board.

Ben Moore made the motion for our Neighborhood Council to support the objection in a letter similar to that of Lake Balboa NC, and it was seconded by Ron Cross.

In discussion, Zeke Barragan expressed concern about the precedent this could set.

The vote to oppose the Coldwater Canyon project was 11-yes, 1-no, and 0-abstain.

#### **ITEM #18 on the Agenda--LA By-Products Company presented by Karl Kunak**

Karl presented a history of the former dump site on the North side of Strathern Street, across the the street from Arminta Elementary School at 11530 Strathern Street, land

which is now owned by a man named Robert McCallister. Karl Kunak says that the land is supposed to be for recreational purposes. He says that earthmoving on the land makes breathing difficult for resident with COPD, and he believes that the students of the Armita School are at risk. There was little time for in-depth questions and further discussion is tabled to the October agenda.

**ITEM #10 on the Agenda--the Second Cleanup scheduled for October 12, 2013**

There was discussion to reorganize for the next clean-up, and the date of the event was changed to Saturday, November 2, 2013.

There was a motion to use up to \$300 for supplies, water, and snacks for the cleanup.<sup>2</sup> The vote was 11-yes, 1-no, 0-abstains.<sup>3</sup>

**ITEM #13 on the Agenda--Holiday Toy Drive for North Hollywood Police up to \$700**

Jeffrey Garner, Treasurer, said we need a flyer for this 'public event' with a list of the purchase items for the North Hollywood Police Department. Jeffrey Garner made the motion to fund up to \$700 for the toy purchases, and Zeke Barragan seconded the motion. The vote was taken and there were 11-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain, and Chuck Loring had left for the evening, leaving 12 board members remaining with a quorum secured.

**ITEM #14 on the Agenda--Holiday Toy Drive for the Foothill Police Dept. to \$700**

A motion was made and seconded to provide up to \$700 for toys for the Foothill Police Dept.<sup>4</sup> The vote was 10-yes, 0-no, 2-abstains.

**ITEM #20 on the Agenda--Halloween Festival at Valley Plaza Park up to \$500**

There was discussion of purchases for decorations, supplies, and candies for the Halloween Festival at the Valley Plaza Park for up to \$500. Ernie made the motion to provide as stated.<sup>5</sup> The vote was 11-yes, 1-no, 0-abstain.

**ITEM #21 on the Agenda--NC Budget Representatives**

President Ernie Moscoso appointed Inez T. Morin and Sarah Ramsawack to again be the Budget Representatives to the Budget Day at City Hall on October 26, 2013, at 8am.

At 10pm, Member Ben Moore had to leave with 11 members with quorum secured.

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<sup>2</sup> Please advise who made the motion and who did the second for the correct information in the Minutes.

<sup>3</sup> Both Judy Harris and Edan Harris stated they had complied with Ethics and Funding and were eligible to vote, and thus their votes were included in the count on all money motions.

<sup>4</sup> We need to identify who made the motion and who made the second for toys for Foothill Division. Please advise.

<sup>5</sup> Please advise the name of the person who seconded the motion for \$500 for Valley Plaza Park.

**ITEM #11 on the Agenda--Re the Project Recode LA**

Zeke Barragan wants to be part of the City Project with the Zoning Advisory Committee. He needs a letter from the Council to support his application to be considered for this project. The deadline for receiving his application with the letter of support is October 13th. The letter has been signed by President Moscoso and sent to the Planning Department, attention Tom Rothmann on September 23, 2013.<sup>6</sup>

**ITEM #16 on the Agenda--Member John Basteghian, 3rd consecutive absence**

This item is tabled to October 17, 2013, as tonight's meeting is the third consecutive absence without an excuse. The seat will be declared a vacancy at the October meeting.

**ITEM #19 on the Agenda--Discussion of adding a Document page to the Website**

President Ernie Moscoso said that we do not need to have Neighborhood Council approval for this matter.

**ITEM #12 on the Agenda--Re-Power LA**

Re-Power LA is a group that offers things to the homeowner to promote home efficiency and save money. The Green The Block group meets on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 9am to 1pm, at the Pacoima City Hall at 13520 Van Nuys Blvd., at Oneida Avenue.

**ITEM #22 on the Agenda--Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn was unanimous at 10:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by

SARAH RAMSAWACK, Secretary

Attachment #1:

Letter to Tom Rothmann

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<sup>6</sup> Attachment #1 is copy of the letter sent to Tom Rothmann at City Planning Dept. naming Zeke Barragan as an applicant for the re:code LA project.



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Re: PLAN re:code LA

Attention: Tom Rothmann

Dear Mr. Rothmann:

We, the North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council, give our support and recommendation for Zeke Barragan's application to the Re:Code LA project.

Zeke Barragan is an active member of this Neighborhood Council, and is the Vice President, and a member of the Land Use Committee.

Sincerely,

Ernie Moscoso, President  
EM/sr