7:00PM CALL TO ORDER
President Moscoso called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. He made comments of welcome to every person in the room.

Item #3 on the Agenda
The Secretary called the roll. Fourteen Board Members were present: Ernie Moscoso, Zeke Barragan, Jeffrey Garner, Sarah Ramsawack, John Basteghian, Ruben Borges, Marlene Cardozo, Ronald M. Cross, Florence Dorick, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Ben Moore, Inez T. Morin, and Tina Sunderland. The excused absence was Edan Harris.

There were 14 Stakeholders at the regular Neighborhood Council meeting.

Item #4 on the Agenda to Approve Minutes for September 19, 2013
President Moscoso does not wish to use the footnotes which he suggests are the personal opinion of the Minutes taker. Ben Moore stated that frequently the footnotes did provide important clarifying information. On page #1 concerning the possible reconsideration for case #ZA-2012-3207-C for the 7-ELEVEN at 7955 Laurel Canyon Blvd., to operated 24/7, there was a motion to not reconsider. The vote was 4-yes, 5-no, and 4-abstains. On page #3, there was further discussion about the statement to try to better understand the statement of President Moscoso, that he wants only himself and Vice President Zeke Barragan to be the speakers for our Neighborhood Council. Ben Moore suggested that this might need to be clarified in the Standing Rules. Stakeholder Karl Kunak stated that his issue\(^1\) was supposed to be on agenda

\(^1\) Kunak's issue is with acreage, the former Penrose Landfill, a trash dump for the City of Los Angeles, accessed today at 11501 Strathern Street, and the present owner M.Mc Allister who is attempting to make a community compatible landfill conversion for the some 72-acre property. This property is in the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council.
for October 17, 2013, but is absent from the October agenda. He focused his frustration toward the secretary for not including this directive in the Minutes for September 19, 2013.

Ben Moore moved that the Minutes be approved as corrected. Sarah Ramsawack seconded the motion. The Minutes of September 19, 2013, were approved with the vote of 12-yes, 0-no, and 1-abstain.

**Item #5 on the Agenda for Comments from Government Representatives**

Officer Esther Vasquez, our Senior Lead Officer\(^2\) from the Foothill Police Division spoke about increase in auto thefts, robberies, and property stolen from cars. She said that during the holidays, that we may see some mounted police in the area.

Brandon Pender, our Budget Advocate for the NCBAs came to give more information about the City Budget, and that the work of the Budget Advocates did generate a WHITE PAPER which was presented to the Mayor and the City Council. He also reminded everyone that the NCs are all to send two representatives to the City Budget Day on Saturday, October 26, 2013.\(^3\) Brandon Pender also stressed that the Budget Day is also open to all Stakeholders and encouraged Stakeholders to accept the opportunity to participate on October 26th.

Thomas Soong, our deputy area analyst from DONE spoke to encourage stakeholders to participate in the Budget Day on October 26th at City Hall. He also told the Board that our Neighborhood Council has full compliance with the trainings for Ethics and for Funding. He also encouraged attending one of the four DONE Leadership training classes starting Oct 19, 2013 at the Braude Center at 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., in Van Nuys.

**Item #6 on the Agenda--Stakeholder Comments on Non-agenda items (7:45pm)**

President Moscoso told Karl Kunak that he could have up to six minutes for his presentation to speak about the LA By-Products and the activities on the prior landfill accessed at 11501 Strathern Street.

Mr. Kunak spoke about the dust and fumes on this property that are hazardous to the health of residents adjacent to the property. He was intensely angry and said he would file a grievance. He also said that he wanted it recorded in the Minutes\(^4\) for September 19, 2013, for the record, that he wants the Neighborhood Council to provide a letter to the Mayor of Los Angeles on this matter.

**Item #7 on the Agenda--Board Member Comments (7:49pm)**

Judy Harris reported that our SLO from the North Hollywood Police Division, Officer Gabriel Ahedo has been awarded the honor of the **Senior Lead Officer of the Year 2013 for the North Hollywood Division**.

Ben Moore made the request that committees set the goal of regular meetings.

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\(^2\) Our Senior Lead Officer of the LAPD, can be contacted on her cell phone at \#818-634-0854. She is good about returning phone calls. Other calls can go to the Foothill Police Division at \#818-756-8861.

\(^3\) The Budget Representatives for our Neighborhood Council are Inez T. Morin and Sarah Ramsawack.

\(^4\) We are in this record for the meeting of October 17, 2013, recording his request, since there can be no change to the Approved Minutes of September 19, 2013.
Zeke Barragan hopes that we can see more opportunities for involvement and express more opinions and reflect more thought in our words and actions.

Jeffrey Garner hopes to see more commitment in the Strategic Plan, and he believes that each committee should have a Mission Statement for their work. He also encourages personal telephone calls among the Board Members.

Florence Dorick anticipates Halloween and the amount of candy the Trick or Treaters can collect, and she hopes there might be a buy-back of all the candy. She also looks forward on the calendar to November 11th, Veteran’s Day and encourages that each of us should remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the Freedoms we all enjoy. Then, the month of November concludes with the feasting of Thanksgiving. Florence Dorick told us that Ken Kraft from the Hope of the Valley has contacted City Council members in the San Fernando Valley, the Council Members will be paying for buses to pick-up the homeless to bring them to the Thanksgiving dinner which will be served on Wednesday, November 27, 2013.

Inez T. Morin spoke about enjoying the pleasure of findings on our water issue on the recent Delta Tour in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River delta.5

Marlene Cardozo spoke about the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council and their scheduled Clean-up for Saturday, October 19th at 8am to be staged on Coldwater Canyon and Sherman Way. She also said the teenagers that will be participating will have a fundraiser to collect recyclables for funding a trip to take an East Coast College Tour.

John Basteghian said that he was glad to be back with the board and glad to see a good board attendance.

Ernie Moscoso stated that we should increase the transparency details on the committee agendas. He praised the work of Chuck Loring and his work on the organization committee for the CONGRESS 2013. Mr. Moscoso also stated that we need to involve more people with our work and we need to increase our communication. And, in closing, President Moscoso stressed the importance that each Board Member needs to be participating more with the Council.

(8:08pm Edan Harris arrives for a total of 15 seats filled for the Council.)

Sarah Ramsawack commented on the work of the Council and encouraged participation in the first of four DONE Leadership Trainings. The Valley session is Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 8am to noon at the Marvin Braude Center in Van Nuys. If a board member cannot attend the session in Van Nuys, there will be the second session in the Hollywood Constituent Center from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday, November 2, 2013.6

Sarah Ramsawack also reported that she recently took a DONE sponsored Secretary’s Roundtable and learned that most NC secretaries do keep an active folder for CERTIFICATES

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5 Inez and Sarah Ramsawack took the Delta tour in September and have much to share with the Board.

6 The Hollywood Constituent Center is at 6501 Fountain Ave., Hollywood, Ca. There is free parking in the rear of the building.
OF THE ETHICS TRAINING, as one of the duties of the NC secretary is to keep records of current compliance with the State Mandate to take Ethics training every two years while participating in the Neighborhood Council System. Some of our Board Members have provided photocopies of their Certificates of Compliance. The secretary is requesting that all Board Members provide a photocopy of their current Certificate.

Sarah Ramsawack also referred to the closing session of the CONGRESS 2013, of September 28, 2013, with the two motions that were presented and approved at the Congress.

Cindy Cleghorn moved that
“when a Board Member comes to speak to the City Council Members, and is representing their NC, and has a detailed presentation that the usual 2-3 minutes should be expanded to up to 5 minutes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

The second motion was
“that when the City requests feedback from the NCs, that to have enough time for the NC to spread the message to the Stakeholdeders and, that the NC response time should be from 30-60 days to allow time for Outreach and NC to formulate a response.”

This second motion was also unanimously passed.

Sarah Ramsawack did request that this matter of time for thoughtful comments and debate be listed on the Agenda for November 21, 2013.

(back to Item #5 on the Agenda--Government Representatives)
Lorraine Diaz, Deputy for Paul Krekorian for CD#2 brought some handouts of useful names and telephone numbers from the Councilman’s office. She talked about the numerous locations in the North Hollywood area selling marijuana. She said the details of Proposition D are that the goal is to close many locations, or to require that they move by mid-December 2013. She also stated the the locations that are close to schools are first on the target for change. Ms. Diaz stated that violators of the law will be fined. She also said that with currently only eight Neighborhood Prosecutors that managing the closures may take a long time for the city to complete the city-wide challenge. She said that North Hollywood has the highest quantity of pot shops.

Board Member, Chuck Loring spoke about the terminology of ‘pot shops’ and he said that there are persons with legal prescriptions for the use of medical marijuana, and that we should avoid derogatory words and employ the language which recognizes their needs.

7 Cindy Cleghorn of the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council is the Chair Person for organizing the annual Congress of Neighborhood Councils.

8 It must be remembered that the NC response must utilize the assigned Case number used by the City Council when making any response.

9 Proposition D is a nonproliferation law. It’s goal is to reduce the number of medical marijuana dispensaries to 135 locations which was approximately the number that was allowed by the city prior to the 2007 moratorium. There have been up to 1700 to 1800 dispensaries in the City of Los Angeles.

10 Go online and GOOGLE Proposition D to learn more details about the closures of marijuana businesses.
Lorraine Diaz concluded by saying that about 135 dispensaries, or collectives will remain in the area, with about 13 to be located in North Hollywood.

Lorraine Diaz also spoke about the growing number of collection bins, such as “Go Green, and “Children of Vets, and Planet Aid” and we may get more on this subject in the near future.

Item #8 on the Agenda--Committee Reports
(a) Communications--
Chairman Ben Moore wants to build a library of Documents for our website. This committee meets every second Thursday at 6:30pm. And he said that the NC Facebook is ready to use.

(At 8:29pm, Board Member Ron Cross had to leave the meeting. This leaves 14 board members attending.)

(b) City Services--
Chairman Zeke Barragan said that this committee will meet from 5:30pm to 6:30pm prior to the Communications Committee meeting every second Thursday.

(c) Outreach--
ChairPerson Judy Harris spoke about the reopening of the Cascades in Sylmar in the 100th anniversary of bringing water to the Los Angeles area by engineer William Mulholland, and the celebration at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at the Mulholland Fountain on Los Feliz Boulevard.

(d) Land-Use--
ChairPerson Sarah Ramsawack reported that at the last meeting of the committee that a packet was examined for property that is being constructed at 6905 N. Tujunga Avenue, in North Hollywood by a business named Bobrick Washroom Equipment, and the plans for this business with attractive landscaping to be an opportunity for local jobs in an attractive environment.

The committee anticipated the Hearing of Appeal by 7-ELEVEN proposed for 7955 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, in North Hollywood, at Strathern Street. The Hearing was before the North Valley Area Planning Commission on Thursday, October 3, 2013. The appeal was to overturn the decision of the Zoning Administrator and his DENIAL of the permit to operate 24/7. The APC of five commissioners listened to all the comments on both sides and took their vote. The decision of the APC was to support the Denial of the Zoning Administrator. There were three of our Board Members plus community stakeholders attending this Hearing. Since the ZA and the APC both denied the permit for 24/7 we have been advised that there is no further appeal possible on Case #ZA-2013-3207-CUP.

Also this committee had been invited by the representative for the developer to join in an onsite inspection on Saturday at 10am on October 5, 2013, of an existing apartment building on Lankershim, inspection and details are on the agenda for the next committee meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2013.

Since the fourth Thursday of the month of November is actually Thanksgiving Day, there will be
no Land-Use Committee in November. The last meeting for the calendar year of 2013 will be on Thursday, December 5th and we will have another much needed training session. The leader will be Challis Mac Pherson, one of the original organizers of the PLANCHECK for NCs.

(e) VANC--Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils report--

The VANC had its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2013. Grayce Liu, GM of DONE, spoke about the change in terminology and meaning which will require a change in each NCs Bylaws. The City Council passed the motion to delete the term ‘Factual Basis’ to describe a seat on the Neighborhood Council Board. The new term will be “Community Interest” to reflect the degree of repeated involvement in a community group on an ongoing participation. Mayor Eric Garcetti has re-appointed Grayce Liu as the General Manager of DONE.

New parking permits will have computer chip that will open the gate to the parking at City Hall. The parking pass is not transferrable, and if the card is lost the registered owner of that card must pay $40.00 to replace the pass.

Stephen Box, in charge of Outreach for Elections 2014, said that our NC Election is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2014, and that the Elections Stipulation Worksheet must be submitted by November 22, 2013 to avoid defaults being applied. Each NC must decide on a polling location with ADA accessibility and adequate parking and other details.

Judith Daniels of the Chatsworth NC read a letter to the VANC members concerning the sudden resignation of five female Board Members and one female Stakeholder committee member from the North Hills West Neighborhood Council (NHWNC) dated Sept. 19, 2013. Each Board Member of our NC was forwarded this letter by our President Moscoso on September 23, 2013.

As a result of the united protest CouncilMember Nury Martinez has made a motion in the City Council. Both she and Bernard Parks, chairman of the Education and Neighborhoods Committee in City Council, signed this motion under file #11-1017-51. The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils did pass a motion to send a letter to Nury Martinez and to Mayor Garcetti and the full City Council to support the motion to institute the training and that DONE should take every step to have a full investigation of the claims of harassment and misconduct. this is a matter that our NC should have on our agenda for November 21, 2013, to discuss and to provide a Community Impact Statement, CIS, using the file #11-1017-51 and send it to the Mayor and the full City Council.

Jay Handal, restaurateur and co-chair for the NC Budget Advocates praised the work this year of the 36 advocates who created the WHITE PAPER urging the City Council to follow the three following priorities:

--The City to live within the City Means
--Use Performance based Budgeting
--Get Business back into the City of Los Angeles

11 Please refer to the lengthy message that was sent to every NC in email dated 09-23-13 from NHWNC concerning these resignations and their efforts to find a solution prior to their decision to resign.

12 The motion by Nury Martinez CD#6 is attached.
Cindy Cleghorn closed the VANC meeting by praising the committee for the success of the CONGRESS 2013 and she named great thanks to Chuck Loring for his expertise in the technicalities for the Congress. She also praised the work of Ratepayer Advocate, Dr. Fred Pickel who will be sitting in the horseshoe at the City Council.

**Item #9 on the Agenda--Treasurer’s Report**
Jeffrey Garner, reviewed the credit card statement and much discussion followed. The report showed a total spent of $111.79. Ben Moore moved to accept the report and Zeke Barragan seconded the motion. The report was accepted with the vote of 14yes, 0-no, and 0-abstains.

Also Jeffrey passed out keys to the Council storage unit #69 at 7361 Laurel Canyon Blvd. to the following persons: Chuck Loring, Judy Harris, Jeffrey Garner, Florence Dorick, Ernie Moscoso, and Sarah Ramsawack. Jeffrey Garner said that President Moscoso has 1-key to the U.S.Postal Box #16478

The treasurer expressed the desire for Outreach to take care of the meeting food for Thursday, November 21, 2013. Jeff states that he wants to stop being responsible for the pizza at the monthly meetings. Discussion followed but no decision was formulated.

The treasurer also said that an Inter-department transfer is being arranged for the approved $4,000 to be available for the chairs at the Valley Plaza Library.

**Item #13 on the Agenda--Request from Korenstein Elementary School**
Brent Pope the Resource Teacher from Julie Korenstein Elementary School came to request assistance in providing uniforms for needy students. He said that some 77 of the children enrolled at Korenstein are disadvantaged or homeless and funding is difficult for the parents. In order to help provide a level social playing field, the school has the policy of uniforms for the boys of pants and polo shirts and sweater, plus for the girl of skirts and polo shirts and sweater.

Brent Pope requests to have two sets of clothing for each of 30 students. He provided an estimated cost inventory from Sigfred’s Official School Uniforms of Pacoima for $1,422.36. He is asking the Neighborhood Council to contribute $1,000 toward the total purchase for this purpose.

Jeffrey wants to have an entry in the Korenstein Newsletter to the Parents telling about the Neighborhood Council.

Ernie Moscoso moved that the NC provide up to $1,000 for the uniforms for students of Korenstein Elementary School. The motion was made and seconded to support the uniform purchase up to $1,000, pending receipt of the documentation of the exact cost. The motion passed with 14-yes, 0-no, 0-abstains, and 1-member was absent.

(9:25pm out of sequence on Agenda--

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13 Statement of September 2013 for $111,79 is attached.

14 The food for the meeting is another issue that might be determined in the Standing Rules.
It was determined that the Outreach Committee will have to change their regular meeting to the 2nd Wednesday monthly at 11:30am, at the Valley Plaza Library. The next Outreach Committee will be November 13, 2013.

Item #10 on the Agenda--Cleaner North Hollywood #2 on November 2, 2013--up to $700
Marlene Cardozo provided an agenda\textsuperscript{15} for A CLEANER NORTH HOLLYWOOD, which will be staged on the West side of Lankershim Boulevard at the corner of Vose Street. She expects 40-50 student volunteers and needs Board Members for team leaders, and the NC canopy and the table to be set up. The Council does not need to buy tools as they will be provided by the City. The NC has gloves and masks for use at that event. One Board Member said that we need a First Aid kit available.

Jeffrey Garner moved and Ben Moore seconded the motion to provide up to $250 for supplies for the cleanup event. Stakeholder Yasser Durghalli was introduced to the Board, and he has offered to provide ice, and water to this cleanup event on November 2, 2013. He was thanked for his generosity.

In conclusion, Jeffrey Garner and Marlene Cardozo said that in the event of rain that the event cancels.

Item #11 on the Agenda--Re: Website up to $3000
Ben Moore who is our Council contact with Wendy Moore, our Website manager, said that there is an upgrade for the Website called Drupal, or Drupal core.\textsuperscript{16} This technology is a software that can redesign a website and simplify the use of the site, and it has a one-time cost of $3000, which is a separate cost from the annual maintenance of $2,400 and the annual hosting of $80.00.

Florence Dorick made the motion to make the software upgrade to our Council website at the one-time cost of $3,000 and Zeke Barragan seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13-yes, 1-no, and 1-member was absent.

Item #12 on the Agenda--Parking Passes for our Neighborhood Council
Currently there are two persons for assigned DONE parking passes to City Hall. These passes contain a computer chip that will open the gate. The passes are not transferable, and if lost the assigned holder must pay $40.00 to replace the pass. The approved users are President Moscoso and Sarah Ramsawack, Secretary. Inez T. Morin made the motion to approve these persons for the parking passes to City Hall and Chuck Loring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 14-yes votes, 0-no, and 0-abstain, and 1-member was absent.

Item #14 on the Agenda--Assign Liaisons to our four Elementary Schools
Florence Dorick volunteered to be the liaison to Strathern Elementary School.

\textsuperscript{15} The agenda for the Community Clean-Up for November 2, 2013, is attached.

\textsuperscript{16} Per Wikipedia, Drupal is ‘a free and open-source content management framework written in PHP, a server-side scripting language designed for web development’. And PHP is a free software released under the PHP License and can be deployed on most web servers free of charges.’ Drupal has the advantage of being a content management framework or otherwise described as a ‘web application framework.’ Google the word DRUPAL to learn more.
Ernie Moscoso volunteered to be the liaison to Julie Korenstein Elementary School. Marlene Cardozo volunteered to be the liaison to the Arminta Elementary School. Sarah Ramsawack volunteered to be the liaison to the Camellia Elementary School. Judy Harris volunteered to contact Bellingham Elementary School which is South of our Neighborhood Council boundary and is located in the Mid-Town North Hollywood Neighborhood Council.

(At 10:00pm Ben Moore must leave the meeting for the night. That left 13 members and quorum remains.)

Item #15 on the Agenda--Appoint DWP Liaison
Jeffrey Garner volunteered and was appointed to be the DWP liaison from our Council.

Ruben Borges expressed the desire to become the Liaison to the Department of Public Works with the City.

Item #16 on the Agenda--to support the VANC Holiday Mixer up to $250
Judy Harris made the motion for our Council to support the VANC Holiday Mixer up to $250 and Ruben Borges seconded the motion. The motion passed with 11-yes, 1-no, 1-abstain, and 2-members were absent.

Jeffrey Garner needs a flyer, but when we make payment with Vic Viereck, our name will be on the VANC flyer in the list of Contributors for this event, and we will receive a receipt from Carla’s Cafe.

Item #17 on the Agenda--Thanksgiving event up to $1,500
Florence Dorick described the need for our Council help the Hope of the Valley with their Thanksgiving Event up to $1,500 for the rental cost of chairs, tables, and sound equipment for the entertainers. Zeke Barragan so moved and Florence Dorick seconded the motion. The motion passed with 11-yes, 1-no, 1-abstain, and 2-members were absent from the meeting.

Item #18 on the Agenda--Advertising on the bus stop benches up to $200
Florence Dorick moved that the Council pay up to $200 (at the rate of $45 per bench) for the advertisement about joining the Neighborhood Council, and Jeffrey Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed with 10-yes, 1-no, 2-abstain, and 2-members were absent.

Item #19 on the Agenda--Whitsett Avenue slope beautification up to $2000
Jeffrey Garner moved that trees, shrubs, plants and rocks are needed on the beautification project for the West side of Whitsett Avenue adjacent to the Dept. of Transportation building at a cost of up to $2,000. The second was by Inez T. Morin. The motion passed with 6-yes, 4-no, 3-abstains, and 2-members were absent from the meeting.

Item #18 on the Agenda--Elections Stipulation Worksheet for March 20, 2014
Zeke Barragan, V.P. of the Council and Elections Chairman, had to ask the Board for some decisions of approval for details for the upcoming Elections on March 20, 2014. We had to decide to have a public election period for four (4) or six (6) hours. For the four hour window there were 7-yes, 5-no, and 1-abstain, and 2-members were absent.
The decision for the window for the election was from 4pm to 8pm was unanimous with 13 show of hands, and 2-members were absent.

The choice of locations were, first the Conference Room of the Fire Station #89, and the alternative is Conference Room at the Valley Plaza Library. This was unanimously selected with 13-show of hands.

The ballots are to be in English with translations available in Spanish and in Armenian. This too was accepted unanimously with 13-show of hands.

The final decision to be approved regarded VOTE BY MAIL. It was decided unanimously by a show of 13-hands to not use the Vote By Mail.

Zeke Barragan is our named contact person for the Elections.

Zeke Barragan also said that DONE is helping the NCs to get lists from the Los Angeles Registrar of Voters for the registered voters in our specific area to help us in community Outreach.17

Item #19 on the Agenda--Items for the meeting of November 21, 2013
1. Motion to support the VANC Anniversary Mixer of Thursday, April 10, 2014 up to $250
2. Council to discuss and possibly vote for our NC re the two motions passed in the Closing Session of the CONGRESS on Sept. 28, 2013.
3. Report from the Budget Representatives
4. To read and discuss the motion for Nury Martinez Case #11-1017-51 concerning training to be required for all NC persons, City workers, etal on recognizing and removing sexual harassment, and un-becoming behavior and for DONE to make full investigation when claims arise,etal. This may be a matter on which the Board Members may want to issue a CIS.
5. Time for Karl Kunak
6. Bus Benches

Item #20 on the Agenda--Adjournment
At 10:33pm there was a unanimous decision to adjourn until next meeting on November 21, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

SARAH RAMSAWACK, Secretary

Attachments are:
#1 Statement received on 10-17-2013
#2 Agenda for Clean-Up for Nov. 2, 2013
#3 Motion by Nury Martinez Case #11-1017-51

17 However, it is to be noted that a voter for the Neighborhood Councils is not required to be a citizen.