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North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council

Regular Board Meeting Minute

Thursday, May 15, 2014, 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Los Angeles Fire Station #89-Conference Room

7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood, Ca. 91605

At 7:00pm, President Moscoso called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in the room. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

The secretary called the roll and ten (10) members were present: Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Zeke Barragan, Florence Dorick, Eric Freedner, Jeffrey Garner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, and Inez T. Morin. One excused absence was Jack Lindblad. One unexcused absence was Rubin Borges. A quorum was declared.

Chuck Loring arrived at 7:10pm, so the total members present became eleven (11).

There were five stakeholders present. The total attendance was sixteen (16).

Item #4 on the Agenda—Comments from government officials and the Budget Advocate

Brandon Pender, our Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate, spoke about the recently issued WHITE PAPER¹ where the Budget Advocates made several recommendations to the City Council and to the Mayor for saving city funds. The first area of concern on the document concerns the salary raises for City employees where the advocates recommend that for the next five (5) years that there be no salary and COLA increases for city employees. This item has a council file #CF14-0600 which Brandon Pender requests that the NC send a letter to support this 5-year moratorium.

¹ The WHITE PAPER entitled "A CITY OF DISCONNECT" for the fiscal year of 2014-2015 is attached.

Item #5 on the Agenda—Stakeholder comments

Bob Peppermuller has been attending the meetings of the DWP and told us about an upcoming three (3) year project to replace aging pipes on Lankershim Boulevard in North Hollywood, and that there will be three public hearing on Wednesdays, June 4th, June 11th, and June 18th, before the trenching begins, at the Amelia Earhart Library, at 5211 Tujunga Avenue, at the corner of Magnolia Street, in North Hollywood.

Item #7 on the Agenda—Board Member Comments

Florence Dorick expressed concern about how to get items onto the Meeting Agendas.

Eric Freedner is concerned about possible dangers on left turns at the intersection of Saticoy Street and Lankershim Boulevard. (Lorraine Diaz from the Office of Paul Krekorian, CD#2, said that she would put in a request for a traffic study for that location.)

Jeffrey Garner spoke about the upcoming weed cleanup for the Whitsett slope for Saturday, May 31, 2014. He also expressed some uncertainty about the upcoming CERT program sponsored by the Valley Plaza Library.

(7:30pm Amber Meshack our Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst (NEA) arrives.)

Zeke Barragan suggests that there should be a complete list of hard-copies for all Board Agendas, and Board Meeting Minutes. Zeke also spoke about the idea of communicating more effectively, and to bring ideas for the ad hoc Committee to work on for the Bylaw amendments.

Chuck Loring spoke about the work of the Neighborhood Council's committees to bring issues to the attention of the full board, and that we need to work in more unity so we can change from an "I did" to a "We did" image, like a united team.

Ben Moore stated that we need to improve our proficiency and to become more professional. He stated that we are an elected body with the purpose to serve the stakeholders and the community, and that we need to focus toward those goals. Ben spoke about conducting our meetings in a more professional manner.

Sarah Ramsawack requests that our president invite Kevin James, the president of the Department of Public Works to come to speak to our NC and to have an outreach of at least 1000 mailers to the public to encourage their attendance. Sarah also asked the president to reactivate the ad hoc committee as the window for amendments is coming in June and it is a short window. Sarah again expressed the need for the NC to stage a Retreat where feelings and concerns can be aired and we can recall successes, and we can question why some things did not work out. Sarah praised Florence Dorick for her work in publicizing the Whitsett Avenue project, with the united work of our NC and adjacent NH WEST NC, and for the Certificate of Achievement that was given to our NC at the VANC meeting on April 10th. The framed Certificate was presented to President Moscoso. Sarah concluded by urging each member to attend the Congress of

NCs on Saturday, September 20, 2014 , at City Hall for breakfast from 7:45am, then the morning workshops, Free lunch, and after the afternoon workshops, the closing session at 4pm. Registration will be open soon for this free annual event.

Ernie Moscoso gave his comment as “we are doing a good job”, and people “do their best, we don’t argue, but we do need to act more like a team. And we need to use the committees, and the Minutes must record the instructions, and we must communicate together.”

Item #6 on the Agenda— to approve three sets of Minutes: March, April, & May

Eric Freedner was concerned about the Minutes for April 17, 2014, where the name of candidate Bob Hertzberg should not be recorded since there was not a forum of all candidates.

Amber Meshack, our NEA, suggested that we should have these discussion on how to record the Minutes in our Retreat, and that the Minutes are to be our official record.

Concerning the Draft of the Special Meeting **Minutes for Wednesday, March 19, 2014**, Ben Moore had some suggested changes as:

- 1- On page 2- to delete the political statement made by Jack Lindblad
- 2- On page 5- to amend footnote #8 to read that the City made the renewal fee on existing pole banners effective July 1, 2012
- 3- The VANC report should be an attachment to the Minutes²—
- 4- Jeffrey Garner recommendation for the Retreat

After Ben proposed his changes Ben Moore moved that the Special Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2014, be approved as corrected and the second was by Chuck Loring. The vote was 4-yes, 2-no, 5-abstain, and two members were absent.

Those who voted yes to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2014, were, Ernie Moscoso, Sarah Ramsawack, Chuck Loring and Inez T. Morin. Those who voted no were Florence Dorick and Jeffrey Garner. Those who abstained from voting were Ben Moore, Zeke Barragan, Eric Freedner, Salvador Guerrero, and Judy Harris. Those members who were absent were Rubin Borges and Jack Lindblad.

² The VANC report will be attached to the Final Minutes beginning with June 19, 2014. However the written report is much longer than the spoken report, and a written report cannot replace the spoken sharing of important values to the full council. Sharing values from the VANC meeting is one of the duties of the secretary. If the Balance of shared material is a prime concern, then it might be an advantage for our NC and our community, for other Board members to also have important values to share with the NC and the community.

Concerning the Draft of the Regular Board Meeting **Minutes of April 17, 2014**, Eric Freedner asked that the name of candidate Bob Hertzberg be deleted.

Ben Moore also proposed changes:

- 1- On page 1, to delete the arrival time for Jeffrey Garner and Chuck Loring³
- 2- On page 3, to delete the paragraph about Stu Simen and how at any time there can be a motion to rescind a motion for more time to consider an action.
- 3- On page 8, to delete the last sentence of footnote #8
- 4- On page 9, to delete footnotes #9, #10, and #11.

Ernie Moscoso stated that he did not like footnotes and would like to delete all of them.

Ben Moore moved to approved Regular Minutes of April 17, 2014, as corrected and the second was by Chuck Loring.

Those eleven members who voted to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2014, were Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Zeke Barragan Florence Dorick, Eric Freedner, Jeffrey Garner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, and Inez T. Morin. There were 0-no votes, 0-abstains, and the two members who were absent were Rubin Borges, and Jack Lindblad.

Concerning the Draft of the **Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2014**, Ben Moore proposed the changes to:

- 1-On page 1, paragraph #3, delete comment of Ben Moore
- 2-On page 1,only Ernie Moscoso attended the meeting with CD#6, Nury Martinez
- 3-On page 2, Ben Moore to be the temporary treasurer
- 4-On page 4, paragraph #2, delete name of Ben Moore

Ben Moore made the motion to approve the Minutes for May 1, 2014, as corrected and the second was by Florence Dorick. The 9-yes votes to approve the Minutes were by Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Zeke Barragan, Florence Dorick, Jeffrey Garner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, and Inez T. Morin. There were 2-no votes by Eric Freedner and Chuck Loring. The two members who were absent were Rubin Borges and Jack Lindblad.

Item #4 (again) on the Agenda—with government comments

Lorraine Diaz, deputy for Paul Krekorian of CD#2, spoke on several community interest subjects. For example that is a Tip-a-Cop on Wednesday, May 28th from 8am to 7pm for the Jeopardy Program at Foothill Division at Bob's Big Boy on Sunland Boulevard.

³ As secretary it has become that one of my duties is to keep track of arrivals and departures of members from the meeting and one reason is to clearly state that a quorum is maintained to do business, therefore I must hold with the statement as written on page one (1). However, to gain freedom from duplication, I can delete the 1-line on page 3 about their arrival.

She spoke about the Salute to Kid's Event sponsored by the LAPD and the Gang Reduction to be held at the Valley Plaza Park on Saturday, June 21, 2014. She left flyers on the roster table. She also said that a projector, screen, and movies could be provided for a NC to have movies in the park, or like Boyle Heights, have an-alleys-project for community movies.

Item #8 on the Agenda—to fill two vacancies on the board

One of the two persons anticipated to be candidates to be affirmed by the full board, was Marcia Campbell and she could not attend the meeting of May 15th.

The other candidate was Marlene Cardozo, to fill the seat for At Large. Chuck Loring made the motion to nominate Marlene Cardozo and the second was by Zeke Barragan.

The vote was taken. There were 11-yes votes by: Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Zeke Barragan, Florence Dorick, Eric Freedner, Jeffrey Garner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, and Inez T. Morin. There were 0-no votes, 0-abstains, and the two members who were absent were Rubin Borges, and Jack Lindblad.

Amber Meshack led Marlene Cardozo in the Pledge as a new Board Member. There were two photos taken of the full board and Marlene took her seat as the fourteenth seated member on our NC board.

Item #11 on the Agenda—Treasurer's Report

Ben Moore, said we had to put on the agenda for June 19, 2014, the item for a demand warrant to reimburse Chuck Loring some \$51.79 that he had found it necessary to spend for the Spring Festival in the Valley Plaza Park on April, 2014.

Ben Moore also said that the P-card, the purchase card, that we can use for various small purchases should be received soon, but the absence of the purchase card is why we do not have any pizza for tonight's meeting.

Plans for the budget for the coming fiscal year of 2014-2015 and the strategic plan have to be prepared and turned into DONE before June 30, 2014. This is another item that needs to be on the agenda for June 19, 2014.

Ben Moore gave each board member a copy of the US Bank statement dated 004-21-14 showing an activity total of \$1,611.37. The report was reviewed by the full board. After discussion, Chuck Loring made the motion to accept the US Bank statement, and the second was by Florence Dorick. The motion passed with 11-yes votes by the following: Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Florence Dorick, Eric Freedner, Jeffrey Garner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez T. Morin, and Marlene Cardozo. There were 0-no votes, 0-abstains, and there

were three members absent: Rubin Borges, Jack Lindblad, and Zeke Barragan had left the meeting about 9:05pm before the vote was taken.

Eric Freedner stated that he has specifically asked DONE to provide accounting records for this fiscal year and a statement of the balance in our treasury for this NC at the training at Braude Center on April 26, 2014, and that he has not received any response.

Item #9 on the Agenda—Concerning the CERT program at Valley Plaza Library

Ben Moore stated his support of the CERT program, but this item is tabled to be put on the agenda for a vote on June 19, 2014.

Item #10 on the Agenda—CIS for two Nury Martinez CD#6 motions to City Council

Nury Martinez has shared with Ernie Moscoso two more of her motions for the City Council, on subjects to improve the quality of life in our streets.

Council File #14-0465⁴ deals with the proliferation of prostitution and a Control Ordinance. Secretary, Sarah Ramsawack had prepared a Community Interest Statement (CIS) for the approval of the board based on the discussion and the vote on the subject matter at the meeting of the Special Meeting on May 1, 2014. At that meeting the text of the motion(s) was provided to the board, and after discussion Zeke Barragan made the motion to support the action of #14-0465. The motion passed with seven yes votes, and the secretary was instructed to write the required CIS to send to the Mayor and the City Council.

The CIS that was prepared had to have a concluding statement and that was discussed at this Regular Meeting on May 15, 2014. The discussion of the board members began with the concern of Inez T. Morin to remove from our streets the presence of the prostitutes. and the discussion concluded with Salvador Guerrero stating that the issue is about the quality of life in our NC area.

It was decided that the Brief Summary Statement should read:

“We, fully support CF14-0465.”

Chuck Loring made the motion to accept this statement and the second was by Jeffrey Garner. The motion passed with 9-yes votes by: Ernie Moscoso, Sarah Ramsawack, Florence Dorick, Jeffrey Garner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez T. Morin, and Marlene Cardozo. There were 2-no votes by: Ben Moore, and Eric Freedner. And there were three board members absent: Zeke Barragan, Rubin Borges, and Jack Lindblad.

⁴ CF14-0465 The Nury Martinez text is attached to this record of Minutes for May 15, 2014.

The second motion made by Councilmember Nury Martinez, was **CF#14-0366⁵ concerning the proliferation of Marijuana stores.**

Ben Moore made the motion to have a summary statement **to support the motion of CF 14-0366**, and Chuck Loring seconded the motion. The motion passed with 9-yes votes by: Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Florence Dorick, Jeffrey Garner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, and Marlene Cardozo. There was 1-no vote by Eric Freedner. Four members were absent: Zeke Barragan left the meeting early, Rubin Borges and Jack Lindblad were absent, and Inez T. Morin was out of the room at the time of the vote.

This CIS item is being tabled to the agenda for June 19, 2014.

Item #13 on the Agenda—concerned the required postings per BONC

The new guidelines for posting of agendas has changed.⁶

Now our agendas are to be sent by email to NCsupport@lacity.org to be posted on the DONE website. Instead of five required posting locations we need to provide one location that will be widely posted. We will continue to put the agenda on our own NC website.

Ben Moore made the motion to have that one location be the Valley Plaza Library, and the motion was seconded by Chuck Loring. The motion passed with 11-yes votes, 0-no, 0-abstain, and three members absent.

The eleven yes votes were by Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Florence Dorick, Eric Freedner, Jeffrey Garner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez T. Morin, and Marlene Cardozo. There were 0-no votes, and 0-abstains. There were three members absent: Zeke Barragan, Rubin Borges, and Jack Lindblad.

As the hour was now 10:00pm, all unaddressed items will go forward to the agenda for the next meeting, and this meeting was unanimously adjourned to June 19, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by

SARAH RAMSAWACK, Secretary

Attachments:

1-NC Budget Advocates WHITE PAPER for 2014-2015 entitled
THE CITY OF DISCONNECT

⁵ CF14—0366 The Nury Martinez text is attached to this record of Minutes for May 15, 2014.

⁶ Exact wording of the new guideline on posting will be provided.

- 2-Text of the Nury Martinez motion for CF14-0467 regarding and Interim Control Ordinance against prostitution
- 3-Text of the Nury Martinez motion for CF140366 regarding Illegal Marijuana Dispensaries