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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH
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Ernie Moscoso - Pres.
Ben Moore – VP & Treas.
Ruben Borges
Florence Dorick
Marlene Cardoso
J. Eric Freedner
Jeffrey Garner

Salvador Guerrero
Judy Harris
Jack Lindblad
Chuck Loring
Inez T. Morin
Sarah Ramsawack – Sec.

**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday August 21, 2014 – 6:40 pm to 9:40 pm

Los Angeles Fire Station #89 Community Room

7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91605

Item #2 on the Agenda – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Moscoso at 7:02 pm and he welcomed everyone attending. The President led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Item #3 on the Agenda – Roll Call

Sarah Ramsawack, Secretary, called the roll. Eleven (11) Board Members were present: Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Jeffrey Garner, Judy Harris, Salvador Guerrero, Jack Lindblad, Chuck Loring, Inez T. Morin. A quorum was announced.

The excused member was Zeke Barragan. The two unexcused members were Rubin Borges and Marlene Cardoso. There is one vacant seat for the board.

There were sixteen (16) stakeholders attending the meeting.

Item #4 on the Agenda – Comments by Government Officials

Officer Esther Vasquez, Los Angeles Police Dept., Foothill Police Division, stated the crime in the area is up about 2 percent. Crime is down 17 % overall for the Division. She told us of incidents of increased violent crime and an increase of aggravated domestic violence assaults. She suggested checking window and door locks to

prevent burglaries. Officer Vasquez cautioned residents in the area not to fall for scams such as fake “IRS callers” asking for money (via ATM cards) or alleged DWP callers asking for money. The Community Supervisory Board will be putting on a Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) class in Spanish, the date to be announced.

Kenny LaSalle, a Deputy for U.S. Representative Tony Cardenas, spoke about the introduction of bills presented by Mr. Cardenas to the House. There is a grant-writing workshop on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 for non-profit organizations. They will instruct on the procedure of navigating the federal site (www.grants.gov), and the Census and Housing and Urban Development sites as well. There will be three workshops conducted in the area. Contact Kenny for more information at 818-504-0090.

Lorraine Diaz, representing the office of City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, of CD#2, spoke of the necessity to conserve water due to the drought and stated the days that watering is permissible (by even/odd property addresses). Lorraine spoke regarding the graffiti problems in the area and the clean-up of the medians. Their office needs suggestions of landscaped medians to clean up. Her office had “No Dumping” signs printed up and that bulky item offenders will be fined. Update on the Whitsett Slope mural given. She would like feedback on the email sent regarding the proposed Sidewalk Ordinance. Scholastic Publishing Company seeks to connect with community groups, businesses and neighborhood watch groups to have volunteers read in classrooms. She also gave an update on the Whitsett Soccer Fields.

Item #5 on the Agenda – Stakeholder Comments

Georgeanne Barrett from the Village Family Services introduced their services.

A stakeholder stated the center divider between Sherman Way and Lankershim and 170 freeway has been an eyesore for many years.

A stakeholder commented regarding the lights in the park around the track that have been out for one year and there is broken glass on the path.

Item #6 on the Agenda – To Approve the Minutes of July 17, 2014

Item #6 was tabled until next month for clarification. Mr. Moscoso stated an Executive Meeting will be held to clarify what the Minutes should look like and present the findings back to the Board for clarification and approval.

Item #7 on the Agenda – Southern California Gas Company

An update was given by Ray Virches of the Southern California Gas Company on the Advanced Meter Project.

Item #8 on the Agenda – Presentation by Jim Randal of LA County Department of Mental Health

A presentation was given by Jim Randal of the LA County Department of Mental Health on the services they provide.

Item #9 on the Agenda – Neighborhood Council 2014-2015 Strategic Plan

Motion was made by Mr. Garner to approve the Strategic Plan, seconded by Florence Dorick.

VOTE:	Ernie Moscoso	Business Rep.	Yes
	Ben Moore	Resident	Yes
	Sarah Ramsawack	Comm. Based Org.	Yes
	Florence Dorick	At Large	Yes
	J. Eric Freedner	At Large	Yes
	Judy Harris	Comm. Based Org.	Yes
	Salvador Guerrero	At Large	Yes
	Inez Morin	At Large	Yes
	Jeffrey Garner	At Large	Yes
	Jack Lindblad	Business Rep.	Yes
	Chuck Loring	Comm. Interest	Yes
	Zeke Barragan		Absent
	Ruben Borges	Resident	“
	Marlene Cardoso	At Large	“

PASSES, 11 – 0.

Item #10 on the Agenda – NC 2014-2015 Budget

Jeffrey Garner made a motion to approve our Neighborhood Council's 2014-15 proposed Budget without further changes. Seconded by Florence Dorick.

VOTE: Yes – Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Garner, Guerrero, Harris, Lindblad, Loring, Morin.
Absent - Barragan, Borges, Cardozo.

PASSES: 11 - 0

Item # 11 on the Agenda –Treasurer Report

Mr. Moore presented a report on the funds spent and remaining. Thereupon, Chuck Loring moved: to approve the current Monthly Expense Report as presented. Second by Judy Harris.

The motion passes with 11-yes votes by Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Garner, Guerrero, Harris, Lindblad, Loring, and Morin. Absent: Messrs. Barragan, Borges, Cardoso.

Item #11 on the Agenda – Funding Requests

Chuck Loring made a motion to approve the Funding Requests Forms for: Lateral Filing Cabinets \$100; Storage \$115/month; Board Meeting Refreshments, \$100; Reimbursement to Ernie Moscoso for CERT training meeting expenses \$18.98; Minute-Taker, \$1000; CERT Training, \$500; Printing \$40/month; Reimbursement to Chuck Loring for out-of-pocket expenses for materials used at the Easter Event Photo Booth, \$51; and contribution to the city-wide Neighborhood Congress, \$250.
Second: Ms. Dorick.

The motion passed with 11–Yes votes by Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Garner, Guerrero, Harris, Lindblad, Loring, and Morin.
Absent: Messrs. Barragan, Borges, Cardoso.

Item # 12 on the Agenda –Request allocation of \$500 to clean, repaint and maintain three metal sculptures on the 170 Freeway at Sherman Way

Chuck Loring made a motion to repaint the Sculptures at the 170 Freeway at Sherman Way, seconded by Jack Lindblad. Discussion by the Board including who/what agencies were originally supposed to maintain the artwork and whether our contribution, if approved tonight, would be a one-time assistance, as opposed to an ongoing commitment.

The motion passed with 10–yes votes by: Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Ramsawack, Dorick, Garner, Guerrero, Harris, Lindblad, Loring, and Morin. 1 – No vote: Mr. Freedner. Absent: Messrs. Barragan, Borges, Cardoso.

PASSES 10 Yes – 1 No.

Item #13 on the Agenda –Reimbursement to Benjamin Moore for \$63.20 for Board Meeting Refreshments

It was explained that the bank card had not yet been activated in July, and Mr. Moore had spent personal funds for the NC to pay for the refreshments. Chuck Loring made a motion to reimburse Mr. Moore in the amount of \$63.20 for such payment.
Seconded by Judy Harris.

The motion passed with 11-yes votes by: Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Garner, Guerrero, Harris, Lindblad, Loring, and Morin.

Absent: Messrs. Barragan, Borges, Cardoso.

Item #14 on the Agenda – Reimbursement to Ernie Moscoso for \$18.98

It was explained that Mr. Moscoso had advanced \$18.98 in personal funds to provide refreshments at the CERT Training on 7/21/14 at the Valley Plaza Library. Judy Harris moved to so reimburse Mr. Moscoso the \$18.98 from NC funds on hand for such purposes. Seconded by Judy Harris

The motion passed with 11–yes votes by Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Garner, Guerrero, Harris, Lindblad, Loring, and Morin.
Absent: Messrs. Barragan, Borges, Cardoso.

Item #14 (A) on the Agenda – Reimbursement to Ernie Moscoso for \$79.99 for Retreat

It was explained that Mr. Moscoso also spent \$79.99 for sandwiches and other refreshments at the Retreat, as the bank card had not yet been activated. Chuck Loring made a motion to reimburse Ernie Moscoso for \$79.99 spent in that manner, from the appropriate section of the Budget. Seconded by Judy Harris.

VOTE: The motion passed with 11–yes votes by Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Garner, Guerrero, Harris, Lindblad, Loring, and Morin.
Absent: Messrs. Barragan, Borges, Cardoso.

Item #15 on the Agenda – Committee Reports

Outreach Committee - Chairperson Judy Harris stated more members were needed for the Outreach Committee. Chuck Loring and Salvador Guerrero joined the Committee. Judy stated she would post the agenda and also send it to Ernie Moscoso to send out to the entire Board. The Outreach Committee will be hosting Movie Night on September 19, 2014 at the Valley Plaza Park. Georgeanne Barrett from Village Family Services is to partner with the Outreach Committee. A roster will be there for families to sign up. There will be a presentation of what the Neighborhood Council does as a whole and what the Village Family Services provides.

Allocate up to \$500 for the Movie Night Event in September

Jack Lindblad made a motion to approve \$500 for the North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council Movie Night on September 19, 2014, seconded by Judy Harris. The motion passed with 10-yes votes by Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Ramsawack, Dorick, Garner, Guerrero, Harris, Lindblad, Loring, and Morin.
1 Abstention, Mr. Freedner.
Absent: Messrs. Barragan, Borges, Cardoso.

Allocate Funds for The Halloween Haunt

Discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

Allocate \$1,000 for the Whitsett Slope Mural and Planting Dedication

Motion made by Jeffrey Garner to approve \$1000 for the mural and Whitsett Slope planting dedication, seconded by Florence Dorick.

The motion passed with 9-yes votes by Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Dorick, Garner, Guerrero, Harris, Lindblad, Loring, and Morin.
2 Abstentions: Messrs. Freedner and Ramsawack.
Absent: Messrs. Barragan, Borges, Cardoso.

Chuck Loring volunteered to act as the Master of Ceremonies for the event.
Land Use – Sarah Ramsawack – The Land Use Committee meets regularly. There will be a guest speaker at the Land Use Committee meeting on August 28, 2014 dealing with a very large apartment building with condos in the back at 7660 Lankershim Blvd. north of Saticoy.

City Services – Did not meet.

Budget Advocate's Report

Brandon Pender, our NC Budget Advocate, concerning the Budget for the City of Los Angeles and the White Paper, stated that he was re-elected for a third term as Budget Advocate for Region 4. He gave an update on Budget Day on August 16, 2014. Mr. Pender is going to be working with representatives from other Neighborhood Councils as well to find out what the Neighborhood Councils and stakeholders feel is important for the area. A survey form will be sent out.

All the Budget Advocates on the West side will convene on Saturday, August 23, 2014 to consolidate all ideas that have been presented.

Budget Day Report – Ms. Morin stated there was no report

DWP - Mr. Garner stated that DWP is pushing to recycle water in the area.

Item #16 on the Agenda – Formation of Ad hoc By-laws Committee

Committee members are Ernie Moscoso, Judy Harris, Florence Dorick, Jeffrey Garner, Jack Lindblad. Ernie will act as the initial Chairman until a Chair is elected. The first meeting to be announced by email.

Item #17 on the Agenda – CIS Council File #13-1493 - Tabled.

(Ben Moore left the meeting at 9:58 pm, quorum remains.)

Item #18 on the Agenda - CIS Council File on "Harassment"

Tabled until the October agenda.

Item #19 on the Agenda – To Obtain Election Documents from 3/20/14 Election

This request had been raised at a prior Board meeting and voted down. Ms. Dorick made a motion to reconsider the "no" vote on obtaining the voter registration, seconded by Inez Morin.

The motion **failed** with 3 - yes votes by Messrs. Ramsawack, Dorick, and Morin.
6 - No votes by Messrs. Moscoso, Garner, Guerrero, Freedner, Harris, Lindblad
1 abstention, Chuck Loring
Absent: Messrs. Barragan, Borges, Cardoso.

(Jeffrey Garner left the meeting at 10:13 pm, quorum remains.)

Item #20 on the Agenda – Allocate up to \$500 for Business Cards and Name Badges

Chuck Loring made a motion to allocate up to \$500 for Neighborhood Council Business Cards and Name Badges for the new Board members. Second by Judy Harris.

Discussion as to number of cards and badges actually needed. Chuck Loring moved to **revise** the amount to \$200 for Business Cards and Name Badges. Judy Harris accepted the revision to the motion.

The motion passed with 10–yes votes by Messrs. Moscoso, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Garner, Guerrero, Harris, Lindblad, Loring, Morin.
Absent: Messrs. Barragan, Borges, Cardoso.

Item #21 on the Agenda – Board Member Comments

No comments were offered.

Item 22 on the Agenda – Adjournment (10:16 pm) Due to the lateness of the hour and conclusion of the Agenda items for this date, Mr. Freedner moved that the meeting be adjourned; second by Judy Harris; vote – unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

MAGGIE SHUMAKER, MINUTE TAKER

[edited by J. Eric Freedner]