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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH  
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Florence Dorick  
Marlene Cardoso  
J. Eric Freedner – Sec.  
Jeffrey Garner

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

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

**Thursday, January 15, 2015 – 6:40 pm to 9:40 pm**

**Los Angeles Fire Station #89 Community Room  
7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91605**

**Agenda Item #2** - The meeting was called to order by President Ernie Moscoso at 7:08 PM, who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**Agenda Item #3** - The secretary called the roll. Present were Board Members Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin, Ernie Moscoso and Sarah Ramsawack. Excused absences: Jack Lindblad, Ben Moore. Unexcused absences: Ruben Borges, Marlene Cardoso, and Jeffrey Garner. A quorum (8 present, minimum needed 7) was announced.

**Agenda Item #4 – Comments by Government Officials**

Chief Corey Rose

LAFD Fire Battalion Chief Rose introduced himself and discussed the department's new 4-bureau plan; also the need for people to use smoke detectors, and discard old Christmas trees for safety. He showed the Post Point app that details runs of the Valley Bureau, how to perform CPR, etc., and asked to be kept informed of NC agenda.

Lorraine Diaz, representing City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, of CD#2

Ms. Diaz distributed a mini-guide of city services, discussed volunteering for the 1/29 homeless count, the Mayor's Crisis Repsonse Team class on 3/2, and reminded everyone of the City water restrictions. Also there has been street repaving in our NC area. Trees are available for a limited time for parkways at cityplants.org. New

Directions for Youth has refurbished their offices from a grant – they perform graffiti control in our area.

### **Agenda Item #5 – Stakeholder Comments**

Jason Ackerman from Encino NC spoke favorably of a candidate for L. A. School Board. The candidate himself then addressed the NC, briefly stating his background and goals if elected.

Richard Valdez presented a petition signed by over 100 persons, stating the community is opposed to the proposed homeless shelter at Saticoy and Tujunga. Fears include increased crime and vandalism and lowering of nearby property values. He also requested that future meetings about this issue be bilingual with an interpreter present, including notification in Spanish as to when and where new meetings would be held.

Ann Porter representing the L.A. area of Move to Amend said her National Coalition is working for a Constitutional Amendment to regulate corporate contributions. She suggested everyone watch a 7 ½ minute video, “A Question of Personhood” on YouTube.

### **Agenda Item #6 – Comments by Board Members**

**Florence Dorick** asked that she be notified of future toy giveaway events, as she missed the December event because nobody told her of its date and time.

**Sarah Ramsawack** asked for an answer tonight as to whether Linda Gravani of Balboa NC might address the NC on how and why to write a Community Impact Statement; February would be better than March for Ms. Gravani; it might take about 20-30 minutes of the Board’s meeting time. Mr. Moscoso wondered if the NC should schedule a special meeting just for that event. Mr. Freedner noted that the NC should plan on having a much shorter agenda for February if the speaker were included; or hold the CIS training immediately prior to the regular Board Meeting. Bob Peppermuller of Midtown NoHo NC also volunteered to assist in CIS training. Discussion followed as to whether our NC even wants to write CIS’s, and that they should reflect the request and opinions of stakeholders. Mr. Moscoso declared that a 20-minute CIS training would take place on February 15, directly before the regular Board meeting, and those Board members who were interested could attend.

**Esther Vasquez** of LAPD, who had just arrived, spoke about increasing car burglaries and car thefts in our NC area, perhaps because Proposition 47 was letting more criminals out into the street. Also, distraction-robberies at local grocery stores, where groups of 5 to 8 kids would enter, and then one grabs something and runs.

**Cesar Huerta**, Field Representative of Councilwoman Nury Martinez, invited everyone to her office on Saturday. [Salvador Guerrero leaves the meeting, approx.. 8:30 PM, quorum remains.]

**Eric Freedner** reminded the Board that at Board and Committee meetings, stakeholders' testimony might be factual or mere opinions, and urged the Board members to carefully consider what was being presented to them.

**Chuck Loring** hoped we put up a unified front, "we need to be intelligent and compassionate in everything we do."

**Judy Harris** expressed sadness that we had missed out on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day events but there was a lot of red tape and liability issues connected with our sponsorship of the event.

**Ernie Moscoso** attended Treasurer Training at MidtownNoHo NC, and is interested in collaborating with other local NC's in a NoHo project. He believed that a stakeholder had taken something completely out-of-context regarding the homeless shelter comment attributed to Mr. Kraft. But it taught us how the Land Use Committee should react to situations, and we should prepare for other such items, including availability of translators.

#### **Agenda Item #7 – Approval of November 20, 2014 Minutes**

Ms. Ramsawack noted so many, many errors, misspellings and incomplete voting records that she said we shouldn't approve the minutes until February after suggested changes had been made. She was also concerned that, contrary to the provisions of our By-Laws, the proposed November Minutes had not been distributed to the Board within 2 weeks after that meeting, but just two days prior to this meeting. Mr. Moscoso agreed to table this item until the next meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #8 – Presentation, discussion, possible action: Motion to Allocate up to \$1,200 to continue funding a Minute-taker through June 2015**

Ms. Ramsawack spoke against this motion, saying that we could spend taxpayer money in a more efficient way.

Mr. Moscoso believed that the minutes-taker provided a useful service including recording the meeting, and that approving the Minutes used to be easy, but recently has become "a hassle every month." After further Board discussion, during which it was calculated that the cost for an outside Minutes-taker for the remaining five months until June would cost less than \$1,200, Mr. Freedner moved:

That the Neighborhood Council allocate up to \$800 to retain a Minutes-Taker through June 30, 2015, said person to also take Minutes of any continuances of regular Board Meetings if possible; funds to be taken from Line 105 of the Budget.

Second: Mr. Loring

VOTE:	Ernie Moscoso	Business Rep.	Yes
	J. Eric Freedner	At Large	Yes
	Judy Harris	Comm Based Org.	Yes
	Chuck Loring	Comm. Interest	Yes

Inez Morin	At Large	Yes
Sarah Ramsawack	Comm. Based Org.	No
Florence Dorick	At Large	Abstain
Ben Moore	Resident	Absent
Ruben Borges	Resident	“
Jeffrey Garner	At Large	“
Salvador Guerrero	At Large	“
Jack Lindblad	Business Rep.	“
Marlene Cardoso	At Large	“

MOTION PASSES. (5 Yes-1 No-1 Abstain)

**Agenda Item #8 (A) – Committee Reports –**

Not given.

**Agenda Item # 9 – Presentation, discussion, possible action on Motion to support Veterans by sending a letter to our Mayor indicating our support of the LANCC Motion**

Not addressed.

**Agenda Items #10, 11 – Treasurer Report and Approval of Monthly Expense Report**

In the absence of Mr. Moore, Ms. Morin presented the Treasurer’s report. As of November 2014, we had \$29,538.57 remaining in the Budget. Payment for the Mural Dedication was reversed.

Ms. Ramsawasck moved: That the Board accept the November 2014 expense report as presented. Mr. Freedner seconded.

VOTE: Yes: Moscoso, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Harris, Loring, Morin  
 No: None Abstain: None  
 Absent: Moore, Borges, Garner, Guerrero, Lindblad, Cardoso

MOTION PASSES, 7 - 0.

Ms. Morin then presented the December 2014 Treasurer’s report, showing a \$28,184.67 balance.

Mr. Loring moved to accept the December 2014 MER as presented. Ms. Dorick seconded.

VOTE: Yes: Moscoso, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Harris, Loring, Morin  
 No: None Abstain: None

Absent: Moore, Borges, Garner, Guerrero, Lindblad, Cardoso

MOTION PASSES, 7 - 0.

**Agenda item #14 – Presentation, discussion and possible action – Approval for funding of \$100 for our web hosting fee and reimbursement to Ben Moore for payment of this fee**

Ms. Morin said she'd been asked by Mr. Moore to present this \$100 reimbursement item. Mr. Loring moved: that \$100 be reimbursed to Ben Moore for the web hosting fee that Mr. Moore had advanced. Second: Ms. Dorick

VOTE: Yes: Moscoso, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Harris, Loring, Morin  
No: None Abstain: None  
Absent: Moore, Borges, Garner, Guerrero, Lindblad, Cardoso

MOTION PASSES, 7 - 0.

**Agenda Item # 12 – Presentation, discussion, possible action – Allocation of \$500 for translation services when needed for Board meetings**

The background for this item is that many Spanish-speaking stakeholders live in our NC area and had attended the Land Use Committee Meetings, but no official translator was present at them; it appeared difficult for some to fully understand the comments being made. Several people spoke to the Committee in Spanish. The NC needs to have translation services available, and ready funds to pay for them, when requested in a proper and timely manner, at either a Committee or Board meeting. Mr. Loring therefore moved: That the Board allocate \$500 for translation services when needed at Board meetings; funds to be moved from Line 401 into Line 105 of the Budget for ready availability. Second: Ms. Harris.

Mr. Freedner asked if such funds weren't already in the budget, and Mr. Moscoso replied that after the allocation for a Minutes-Taker only \$7 remained, hence the need to move funds from some other category. Mr. Loring suggested taking from Line 401, School Support, with an understanding that the \$500 could be moved back, or to any other category, if the interpreter was not needed or cost less than \$500.

VOTE: Yes: Moscoso, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Harris, Loring, Morin  
No: None Abstain: None  
Absent: Moore, Borges, Garner, Guerrero, Lindblad, Cardoso

MOTION PASSES, 7 - 0.

**Agenda Item #13 – Presentation, discussion, possible action – allocate up to \$100 for VANC anniversary Mixer 3/12/15**

Ms. Ramsawack, citing the VANC Mixer as an educational opportunity for all Board members, moved: That NHNENC again support an educational activity of VANC by allocating \$100 for its Mixer and being listed on their flyer as an event supporter.

(Her pre-written Motion on this subject is repeated in its entirety:

“Whereas the VANC Mixer for Thursday, March 12, 2015, at the CBS Studios in Carla’s Café, is for an educational event for the Board Members, not limited to the opportunity to meet, greet, and converse with elected officials,

I move that the North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council again support the education efforts of The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council, and as a sponsor we approve up to \$100.00 from the Operations Category, Educational item #104, to be named on the VANC Flyer as a supporter of this VANC Mixer for Thursday, March 12, 2015, in the Carla’s Café on CBS Studios in Studio City, California.”)

Second: Ms. Harris

VOTE: Yes: Moscoso, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Harris, Loring, Morin  
No: None Abstain: None  
Absent: Moore, Borges, Garner, Guerrero, Lindblad, Cardoso

MOTION PASSES, 7 - 0.

**Agenda Item #15 – Presentation, discussion and possible action – vote to adjust the budget allocation for the NC to move funds where they may be needed.**

Not discussed.

**Agenda Item #16 – Presentation, discussion, possible action – allocate \$1,000 Land Use Committee used for any form of communication needed with stakeholders and include such things as designing mailers, printing, postage, translation and anything needed to improve the outreach for the Land Use Committee.**

Ms. Ramsawack clarified that this was an enhancement of a previous allocation of \$1,000 to the Land Use Committee (not a new request for more funds), *re-wording* it to include interpreters as needed and supplemental expenses. Her Expanded Motion is as follows:

“Whereas on November 20, 2014, a motion to allow a budget of \$1,000.00 for the balance of this fiscal year to end on June 30, 2015, for printing, distributing, et al of flyers for the Land Use Committee,

Whereas after November 20, 2014, when trying to organize a way for a larger stakeholder attendance to voice their concerns and to hear the proposal of Ken Kraft for the Crisis Center for the Homeless at the location of 11350 Saticoy Street,

Whereas, persons attending the meeting on November 20, 2014, did request for Spanish interpreters, and after November 20, 2014, we were advised that translation services were not part of the intent of the motion, and plans had to be contrived to circumvent that omission and to still get a reimbursement honored,

I do at this time on January 15, 2015, move a rewording for the budget: for the Land Use Committee to be not limited to designing flyers, mailers, printing, postage and for the interpreters where needed and with any supplemental supplies for the education of the committee members and the stakeholders, so that with Best Practices and open communication we may help to bring honor and increase to this Neighborhood Council.”

Second: Mr. Loring

In response to a question by Mr. Freedner, Ms. Ramsawack said she had the numbers of three translation services which she could call upon in short notice if and when she received a request for an interpreter at an upcoming meeting.

VOTE: Yes: Moscoso, Ramsawack, Freedner, Dorick, Harris, Loring, Morin  
No: None Abstain: None  
Absent: Moore, Borges, Garner, Guerrero, Lindblad, Cardoso

MOTION PASSES, 7 - 0.

**Agenda Item #17 – Presentation, discussion, possible action – Motion to approve new CIS CF14-14-1551 regarding debris in City Parks.**

Tabled

**Agenda Item #18 –Presentation, discussion, possible action – Board Vacancies**

Tabled

**Agenda Item # 19 – Discussion – Code of Civility Training and Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment Mandate**

Brief discussion by Ms. Ramsawack – members can go to the Empower LA website and read and sign the Code of Civility or sign up for training. It is a requirement for every Board member, although the consequences of not doing so remain unclear. Deadline to comply, March 1, 2015.

**Agenda Item # 20 - Presentation, discussion, possible action – Participation in Martin Luther King Jr. Day with CD6 or other partners – re-allocation of funding.**

Mr. Moscoso noted that the \$4,000 previously allocated for the MLK event remains in the budget and will be re-allocated.

### **Agenda Item #21 – Announcements**

Responding to a comment by Ms. Morin, Mr. Moscoso suggested those still needing nameplates or business cards contact him.

Mr. Freedner suggested that the Outreach Committee email stakeholders, advising them of the two Board vacancies, to determine if there is anyone interested in joining the NC Board.

### **Agenda Item # 22 – Homeless Count L.A. Housing**

Already addressed by Ms. Diaz.

### **Agenda Item #23 – CIS Training – NC Retreat follow-up**

Tabled as to Retreat, already discussed as to CIS Training.

### **Agenda Item # 24 – Adjournment**

There being no further business to transact, and due to the lateness of the hour, Ms. Harris moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Loring, and by unanimous vote of those present, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

**J. Eric Freedner, Secretary**