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Florence Dorick
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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday March 19, 2015 – 6:40pm to 9:40 pm
Los Angeles Fire Station #89 Community Room
7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91605**

Item #1 on the Agenda – Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by President Moscoso at 7:00 pm and he gave a welcome to everyone attending. The President led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Item #2 on the Agenda - The secretary called the roll. Those eleven (11) board members and their representative Board category that were present at the roll call were: Ernie Moscoso (Business), Ben Moore (Resident), Sarah Ramsawack (Community Based Organizations), Ruben Borges (Resident), Florence Dorick (At Large), J. Eric Freedner (At Large), Salvador Guerrero (At Large), Judy Harris (Community Based Organizations), Jack Lindblad (Business), Chuck Loring (Community Interest), Inez Morin (At Large). A quorum was announced.

Absent (unexcused) members were: Jeffrey Garner (At Large) and Marlene Cardozo (At Large), and they remained absent for the entire evening.

There are two vacant seats for the board.
There were (30) stakeholders attending the meeting.

Item #3 on the Agenda – LA Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) “Raise the Wage Presentation”

Imelda Padilla - LA Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) - an update was given on Raise the Wage Campaign. Ms. Morin sponsored an agenda item to present this to the Board for a Community Impact Statement next month.

Item #4 on the Agenda – Comments by Government Officials

LAPD Officer Ester Vasquez – an update on crime in the area was given; The Jeopardy Program is for at-risk youth from 8-18 years. It is a boxing program. It is on March 29, 2015 at 1:00 pm, the attendance cost is five dollars.

Kenny LaSalle, Rep U.S. Rep Tony Cardenas - Affordable Care Act has been extended until April 30, 2015, and there will be a fine levied on all who do not comply; Tax season deadline is April 15, 2015; Immigration Executive Action workshop is Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Panorama High School.

Kevin Suscavage, Rep. Assemblywoman Patty Lopez District 39

Upcoming Events: Women’s Self Defense, Income Tax Preparation seminar, Legislator Briefing, Women In Action, 20th Annual Community Job Fair, Cesar Chavez Day, Mobile District Office; 14 Bills have been introduced, email: asmcd.org/lopez, Address: 9300 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Arleta, CA, telephone (818) 504-3911; Categories of interest by Assemblywoman Patty Lopez are child care, foster care, adult education, special education, environmental issues; high speed rail was discussed.

Brandon Pender – Budget Advocate

An update was given on the Budget and the White Paper, which has been released to the Mayor.

Item #5 on the Agenda – Stakeholder Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Ismael Rosales stated that the 8124 Shady Lane Avenue project is going to be a treatment facility, not a single family residence.

Item #6 on the Agenda – Comments by Board Members

Jack Lindblad commented on affordable housing in Los Angeles, local sustainability, and community gardens; also the need to check code violations for every building.

Judy Harris – St. Baldrige Event is 7 am – 1 pm; Daca and Dapa Event is Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 1-3 pm.

Chuck Loring– He suggested that the Neighborhood Council Congress support a workshop on mobile home parks and their residents’ rights in Neighborhood Council districts.

J. Eric Freedner – commented on the very low number of people voting in the last election, and the problem of unsightly weed-filled lawns in the neighborhood.

Sarah Ramsawack – Congress of Neighborhood Councils is the last Saturday of September, Board Members need to sign the Code of Conduct declaration, the deadline is April 1, 2015; she stated she is resigning as Budget Representative; the next meeting is the last Saturday of March, 2015.

Inez Morin – She stated she supports the Wage Increase and again requested it be put on the Agenda next month.

Florence Dorick- Clean Up is Saturday March 21, 2015 on Whitsitt Slope from 9 am – noon. Also soliciting St. Balderick’s table.

Salvador Guerrero – Commented on the immigrant project and other events mentioned.

Ernie Moscoso – He thanked everyone for attending and encouraged them to get involved with the neighborhood council.

Item #7 on the Agenda – Approval of Minutes February 2015

Jack Lindblad made the motion to approve February 2015 Minutes as corrected, seconded by Judy Harris

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1 NAY: Sarah Ramsawack

VOTE: (10-1-0) MOTION PASSES

Item #16 on the agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: Allocate up to \$2500 for Spring Fair Festival at Valley Plaza Park

Chuck Loring made a motion that North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council approve up to \$2500 for the Spring Fair Festival at Valley Plaza Park, funds to be taken from Line 202 of the Budget. Seconded by Florence Dorick.

Presentation by Mr. Nakamura of Dept. of Recreation & Parks. Discussion as to what the money would be spent for: baskets for 300-400 kids, bags of candy, extra gift for the finder of a special egg. Ms. Harris to fill out funding paperwork.

11 YEAS: Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Sarah Ramsawack, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Jack Lindblad, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin

VOTE: (11-0-0) MOTION PASSES

Item #17 on the agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: Allocate up to \$3000 for a PA system for Valley Plaza Park (NoHo West to participate with matching funds)

Brief presentation by Mr. Nakamura, the park's former small PA system was stolen. Bottom-line cost revealed to be \$740. Ms. Dorick said that Outreach Committee, at tonight's meeting, suggested no more than \$500 be allocated for this. Mr. Moore stated that we cannot buy a PA system, it would have to be a grant or some sort of transfer.

Judy Harris made a motion that North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council approve up to \$500 for a PA system for Valley Plaza Park. Funds to be taken from Line 401 of the Budget. (With the understanding that NoHo West NC is to participate with matching funds.) Seconded by Chuck Loring.

9 YEAS: Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Jack Lindblad, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin

1 NAY: J. Eric Freedner

1 ABSTENTION: Sarah Ramsawack

VOTE: (11-1-1) MOTION PASSES

Item #8 on the Agenda Presentation by City Attorney's Office Deputy City Attorney Diego Edbler

The City Attorney representative was not present

Item #10 on the Agenda – Presentation, Discussion and possible action BONC online voting review

Independent Election Administrator and Election Coordinator Glenn Bailey addressed the Board. He seeks Council input on whether on-line voting for NC elections should be allowed, so that this matter can go before City Council for a vote. Brief discussion by Board members. Mr. Moscoso tabled this item until next month.

Item #9 on the Committee Reports

Ernie Moscoso appointed Inez Morin as sponsor for CIS Community Impact Statement on proposed Minimum Wage Increases.

Outreach Committee

Florence Dorick – The North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council meeting dates are now listed in the Pennysaver newspaper, under Neighborhood News.

Judy Harris – Neighborhood Council is hosting a community clean-up on April 11, 2015, St. Baldrige Event Saturday is March 21, 2015 at the Fire Station.

Land Use Committee – Sarah Ramsawack gave an update on: 3/5 meeting - residents' concerns about Saticoy/Tujunga Crisis Center Proposal, the homeless count, LA Family Housing on Lankershim, and Mr. Loring spoke about the mobile home park. The next Committee meeting is on April 2, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Fire Station 89. Special Land Use Committee meeting is Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

VANC – Ernie Moscoso – an update was given on the party hosted by VANC and the award received for efforts at the Whitsett Slope.

Ad Hoc Bylaws – Ernie Moscoso – The basic By-Laws revisions will be turned in by May 1, 2015.

By-Laws Committee – Sarah Ramsawack – An update was given.

Chuck Loring – Sun Valley Neighborhood Council and Tujunga/ Sunland have received an award for best presentation of video work.

Item #11 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action

Motion to approve By-Laws Committee, Recommendations to amend By-Laws

Motion by Sarah Ramsawack that North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council accept changes listed below::

Whereas, in Meeting #2 on February 12, 2015, it was discussed that there are two areas of potential and or necessary changes for our Bylaws, and

Whereas, the first and most important change is to make corrections that do now appear on our Bylaws with the recording date, by DONE, of approval for 01-26-14, and that those changes take precedence, and

Whereas, on February 25, 2015, the committee did approve the Needed Corrections for Edition date of 01-26-14.

Those changes are now presented in the three (3) page document with the Section A. NEEDED Corrections of the Edition dated 01-26-14, and the ad hoc committee does recommend that the full board approve these changes in the meeting on March 19, 2015. Seconded by Inez Morin.

11 YEAS: Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Sarah Ramsawack, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Jack Lindblad, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin

VOTE: (11-0-0) MOTION PASSES

Item #12 on the Agenda – Treasurer's Report

Ben Moore gave the Treasurer's Report

Item #13 on the agenda: Approval of DONE Monthly Expenditure Report

Sarah Ramsawack made a motion to approve the current Monthly Expenditure Report. Seconded by Chuck Loring.

11 YEAS: Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Sarah Ramsawack, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Jack Lindblad, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin

VOTE: (11-0-0) MOTION PASSES

Special Agenda Item #1 – Presentation, discussion and possible action: Participation North Hollywood Community clean up with Upward bound on April 11, 2015, allocating up to \$4000

Mr. Moscoso requested that the Special Item, since it concerns funding allocation, be discussed next in order. Judy Harris made a motion that North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council approve up to \$4000 for North Hollywood Community clean up with Paul Kerkorian's Office on April 11, 2015, and there will be a special meeting with an itemized list of each cost for this event. Seconded by Inez Morin.

In response to a question by Mr. Freedner, Mr. Moscoso said the funds would be used to purchase T-shirts, food for the volunteers, and flyers to publicize the event.

Further discussion: some members unhappy that a budget for these specific expenditures had not been drawn up and presented to the Board tonight, as previously promised.

8 YEAS: Ernie Moscoso, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Jack Lindblad, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin

2 NAYS: Ben Moore, J. Eric Freedner

1 ABSTENTION: Sarah Ramsawack

VOTE: (8-2-1) MOTION PASSES

Item #15 on the Agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: Motion to approve the purchase and installation of 84 New Banners for a total of \$11,865 plus tax of \$753.35 and \$493 permit fee. Total \$13,112.65 or 1st alternative, 36 Banners, 6 extra and Permit \$7007.98 or 2nd alternative, 25 Banners and Permit \$4919.36

Mr. Moore reminded the Board that a contract had to be entered into to spend the \$13,112.65 or \$7,007.98 alternative. Mr. Freedner suggested a "straw vote" whereby the Board might get an idea from its members as to which alternative it might want. Nobody voted for the \$13,000 or \$7,007 options. Thereupon,

Florence Dorick made a motion that North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council approve \$4,919.36 for 25 banners including the commit fee and to allocate funds from Line 206 -promotional items on the Budge. Seconded by Chuck Loring.

11 YEAS: Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Sarah Ramsawack, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Jack Lindblad, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin

VOTE: (11-0-0) MOTION PASSES

Item #14-B on the agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action, vote to adjust the budget allocation for the council to move funds where they may be needed

Because certain line items of the Budget were now too low, but other categories had ample unused funds in them, the Board agreed that reallocation was needed.

Judy Harris made a motion to approve revised budget by moving monies from Line 203 to Line 206 in amount of \$1300 and from Line 302 to Line 206 in amount of \$2500. Seconded by Ruben Borges.

11 YEAS: Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Sarah Ramsawack, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Jack Lindblad, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin

VOTE: (11-0-0) MOTION PASSES

Item #14-A on the Agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action

Appointment of 2 board members to attend Civic University April 2, 8 and 15, 2015, from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Police Administration Building

Ernie Moscoso and Judy Harris to attend the Civic University on April 2, 8 and 15, 2015. The Board by acclamation approved.

Item #18 on the agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: Allocate up to \$1500 for Strathern Street School May 8, 2015 Kindergarten Field Trip

Ms. Hirsch, a teacher at Strathern Street Elementary, addressed the Board about the need for funding for bus transportation for the Kindergarten field trip.

Sarah Ramsawack made the motion that North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council fund up to \$1500 for six Kindergarten classes to have a field trip to conclude the year's educational study on where our food comes from at the Underwood Family Farms, in Moorpark, CA on May 8 2015. Seconded by Chuck Loring.

10 YEAS: Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Jack Lindblad, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin

1 NAY: J. Eric Freedner

VOTE: (10-1-0) MOTION PASSES

Item #19 on the agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: Allocate up to \$2500 for Strathern Street School Emergency Preparedness supplies

Item #19 was tabled.

Item #20 on the agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: Board Vacancies

No action taken.

Item #21 on the agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: From Ad Hoc Eco-Resilience Committee

Jack Lindblad addressed the Board on the importance of creating an Ad Hoc Eco-Resilience Committee. Various Board members questioned the need and purposes of such a committee. Mr. Moscoso tabled this matter until next month.

Item #22 on the agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: Discussion regarding e-mail from Dr. Pablo Nankin regarding remarks by Board member Lindblad's remarks reported by the press

Item #22 was tabled, Dr. Nankin was not present.

Item #23 on the agenda: Announcements

CicLavia is March 22, 2015 on Lankershim and Ventura Boulevards.
Empower LA 2015 Planning Meeting is March 26, 2015 at 12:30 pm.

Item #24 on the Agenda – Adjournment at 10:35 pm

The Agenda matters having been concluded, Judy Harris moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Florence Dorick. Passed by unanimous vote.

**Respectfully Submitted,
MAGGIE SHUMAKER, MINUTE TAKER**