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Ben Moore – VP &  
Treas.

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Florence Dorick  
Marlene Cardozo  
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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 nine (9) 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), Judy Harris (Community Based Organizations), Chuck Loring (Community Interest), and Inez Morin (At Large). A quorum was announced.

Absent (unexcused) members were: Salvador Guerrero (At Large), Jeffrey Garner (At Large) and Marlene Cardozo (At Large), and they remained absent for the entire evening. Jack Lindblad (Business) was excused and arrived at 8:12 p.m.

There are two vacant seats for the board. There were (13) stakeholders attending the meeting. Ben Moore left at 9:57 p.m., Ruben Borges left at 9:50 p.m.

**Item #3 on the Agenda – Comments by Government Officials:**

**LAPD Officer Ester Vasquez** – An update was given on crime in the area. There has been a dramatic increase in property crime (auto and home theft), domestic crime also increased.

Community Coffee the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at Bob’s Big Boy in Sun Valley, Clean-Up at Sun Valley Park is Saturday, April 18, 2015, Earthquake Preparedness is April 25, 2015.

**David Gonzalez – LAUSD School Representative** – Job Resource Fair is May 8, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at North Valley Occupational Center.

**Kevin Suscavage, from Assemblywoman Patty Lopez District 39 office** - Website is [asmcdc.org/lopez](http://asmcdc.org/lopez). Assemblywoman Patty Lopez's interests are senior citizens, education, foster care, water and wildlife, human services. She has introduced 14 Bills. For information on the bills submitted in Sacramento, go to the website: [leginfo.ca.gov](http://leginfo.ca.gov). Phone number is 818-504-3911.

**Lorraine Diaz – Councilman Paul Krekorian's office** – An update was given on: sidewalk repairs, repaving of streets, tree planting, RV parking, Art Contest, Laurel Canyon Plaza project. Videos can be seen on-line at [lacity.org](http://lacity.org) of Community Budget Presentation and Mayor Garcetti's State of the City Address. Green Living Fair in Studio City is Saturday April 18, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Annual Festival of Books at USC is the weekend of April 18, 2015, Armenian Genocide Centennial Commemoration is April 23, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall; and a March in Little Armenia is April 24, 2015.

#### **Item #4 on the Agenda – Stakeholder comments on non-agenda items**

No comments

#### **Item #5 on the Agenda – Comments by Board Members**

**Inez Morin** – She approves of development going on at Macy's in North Hollywood.

**Sarah Ramsawack** – Survey for Neighborhood Councils response is needed by April 20, 2015; watch for the on-line registration for Congress; requested to be put on the Agenda for May to allocate up \$1,000 to support the Congress 2015 and allocate up to \$500 for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates before the fiscal year; good assessment planning for the Retreat is needed; a copy of Robert's Rules of Order was given to Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore and Eric Freedner.

**Eric Freedner** – Participated in the area clean-up.

**Ernie Moscoso** – He gave a report on his attendance of the Civic University.

**Chuck Loring** – He stated there is a need for advance planning for an event.

**Judy Harris** – Clean-up in the area was very successful. Ben Moore was thanked for his attendance.

#### **Item #6 on the Agenda – Approval of Minutes March 2015**

Brief discussion on attaching vote tally forms for funding issues, Amber Meshack of DONE explained that this is not a requirement.

*Ben Moore made the motion to approve March 2015 Minutes, seconded by Florence Dorick.*

**8 YES** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin, Ruben Borges.

**1 ABSTENTION:** Sarah Ramsawack

**VOTE: (8-0-1) MOTION PASSES**

#### **Item #7 on the Agenda Presentation by City Attorney's Office Deputy Diego H. Edber**

City Deputy Attorney Edber was not present.

#### **Item #8 on the Agenda – Presentation by LA County Metro Transportation Authority Metro Station Parking**

Lillian DeLoza-Gutierrez, San Fernando Valley Area Deputy for LA County Metro Transportation Authority gave a presentation and answered questions. (Mr. Lindblad arrives.)

**Item #24 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action: Partner with North Hollywood International Film Festival and all 3 NoHo NC's under one banner to put on as many free screenings as possible. Allocation not to exceed \$1500**

Nicholas Goodman, co-founder of the North Hollywood International Film Festival, presented his plan to the Board to hold movie-nights in various parks starting in April 2016, free to the public, and requesting funds for this event. Their budget is roughly \$7,000 for rental of a big screen. Several other NC's have also offered to pay some of the costs, they have also found several private sponsors. The group is a certified non-profit organization. Lorraine Diaz mentioned the possibility of Councilman Krekorian's office providing matching funds for our NC under the community grant program.

*Judy Harris made a motion to allocate not to exceed \$1500 to partner with North Hollywood International Film Festival and all 3 NoHo NC's under one banner to put on as many free screenings as possible, funds to be used via a community grant – Line 402 of the Budget; seconded by Inez Morin.*

Mr. Freedner asked for clarification that the minimum number of films to be shown for this allocation be quantified as an exact number; it was set at six movie dates, at a minimum. Also discussed was what publicity our NC would receive in return.

*Motion amended to delete "as many free screenings as possible," replaced by "six or more screenings" and seconded as before.*

**10 YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin, Jack Lindblad

**VOTE: (10-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

**Item #13-B on the Agenda - Presentation, discussion and possible action Appointment of additional Community Impact Statement (CIS) writer(s)**

Discussion as to which Board members might be interested in this.

*Ben Moore made a motion to appoint Judy Harris, Ernie Moscoso, Sarah Ramsawack, Inez Morin and Jack Lindblad as CIS writers, seconded by Florence Dorick*

**10 YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin, Jack Lindblad.

**VOTE: (10-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

**Item #16 on the Agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: CIS Council File 14-1371 minimum wage**

*Ben Moore made a motion to approve CIS Council File 14-1371 minimum wage, seconded by Sarah Ramsawack.*

**9 YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin.

**1 NO** – J. Eric Freedner

**VOTE: (9-1-0) MOTION PASSES**

**Item #9 on the Committee Reports**

**Outreach Committee** – Florence Dorick gave an update was given on the Spring Egg Hunt event. Mr. Moore reported that we had allocated \$2,500 for the event but spent only \$781.96 for candy, baskets, etc. so the balance remains in our Budget.

**Land Use Committee** – Sarah Ramsawack gave an update on the Community Plans, the next Committee meeting is the first Thursday of May 2015; Committee members will visit an existing LA Family Housing facility on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. at the Palo Verde Apartments.

**VANC** – Sarah Ramsawack also gave an update on the last VANC meeting, Councilman Herb Wesson was the speaker.

**Item #12 on the Agenda – Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s Report was given by Ben Moore.

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

Mr. Moore presented the Board with the latest MER.

*Ernie Moscoso made a motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report as submitted, seconded by Florence Dorick.*

**10 YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin, Jack Lindblad.

**VOTE: (10-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

**Item #15 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**

Explanation by Mr. Moore that the Board had allocated items tonight from categories in which insufficient funds remained, and we needed to move available funds around.

The Board appeared to concur with this. Suggestions were taken.

*Motion by Ben Moore to move \$1,500 from line 301 of the budget into line 402, seconded by Judy Harris.*

**10 YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin, Jack Lindblad.

**VOTE: (10-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

Mr. Moore also reported awaiting approval from DONE for the \$4,919.36 allocated for banners. Of the \$4,000 allocated for the April clean-up, only \$704.68 was spent on refreshments, plus \$1,000 for T-shirts. He also reminded the Board that a Budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year was due by June 30, also the Strategic Plan by same date.

**Item #14 on the Agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action, appoint NC Budget Representatives (June 27, 2015)**

Ms. Ramsawack announced that she was no longer willing to serve as Budget Representative. No one volunteered or was appointed in her place. Ms. Morin is still willing to participate as our one representative.

**Item #21 on the Agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: Board Vacancies, send letters to Board members with unexcused absences.**

Mr. Moscoso noted that Jeffrey Garner and Marlene Cardozo had not attended Board meetings or other NC functions during the last three months, and had not been excused from doing such.

*Ben Moore made a motion to declare Jeff Garner and Marlene Cardozo’s Board seat vacant as of this evening; and to send a letter to declare such to Jeff Garner and Marlene Cardozo, seconded by Florence Dorick.*

**10 YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin, Jack Lindblad.

**VOTE: (10-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

Mr. Freedner was directed to compose and send such letters.

Dr. Wung Chang and Ismael Rosales (both in attendance) expressed an interest in joining the Board. Mr. Moscoso is to put this on the Agenda for next month.

**Item #19 on the Agenda: Update on: Strathern Street School for May 9, 2015 Kindergarten Field Trip**

Sarah Ramsawack requested that this item be tabled and put on the Agenda for May 2015, as it hasn't yet occurred.

**Item #20 on the Agenda: Update on Allocation to Strathern Street School Emergency Preparedness supplies**

Florence Dorick requested an amount not to exceed \$2,900 for emergency food for 890 people at the Strathern Street School to be put on the Agenda for May 2015. She reported that such supplies were not available through FEMA.

**Item #18 on the Agenda: Update on CD2/NHNENC April 11 clean up and Valley Plaza Spring Fair**

An update was given by Judy Harris on the CD2/NHNENC April 11 Clean-up and Valley Plaza Spring Fair. Mr. Loring was thanked for his services as MC.

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

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

*Sarah Ramsawack made a motion to add a By-Laws Standing Committee, an Elections Standing Committee, and to add a Public Safety Standing Committee, By-laws Committee also is for Standing Rules, seconded by Inez Morin.*

Discussion as to the duties of those committees and the need for all three; also, Mr. Moore questioned who would participate in even more committees.

**8 YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Sarah Ramsawack, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin, Jack Lindblad.

**1 NO:** J. Eric Freedner

**1 ABSTENTION:** Judy Harris

**VOTE: (8-1-1) MOTION PASSES**

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

Item #10 was tabled.

**Item #22 on the Agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: Create Ad Hoc Eco—Resilience Committee**

Mr. Lindblad explained that the mission of such a committee is to join up with a citywide alliance started by Laura Mack, and creating a building and awareness of eco-resilience in our NC area; and to bring local building into line with Federal, state and City incentives. Discussion as to committee being Ad Hoc, or Standing; to be Ad Hoc for up to one year; and purpose and goals of the Committee.

*Ernie Moscoso made the motion to appoint an Ad Hoc Eco-Resilience Committee with Jack Lindblad as Chair and Ismael Rosales as a member, seconded by Jack Lindblad.*

**6 YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Sarah Ramsawack, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin, Jack Lindblad

**1 NO:** J. Eric Freedner

**VOTE: (6-1-0) MOTION PASSES**

**Item #17 on the Agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: Appoint Ad Hoc committee to Plan NC Retreat**

Ms. Harris volunteered to be on this Ad Hoc Committee.

*Ernie Moscoso made a Motion to form a Retreat Ad Hoc Committee to set up a Retreat, seconded by Inez Morin.*

**7 YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Sarah Ramsawack, Florence Dorick, Judy Harris, Chuck Loring, Inez Morin, Jack Lindblad.

**1 NO:** J. Eric Freedner

**VOTE: (7-1-0) MOTION PASSES**

**Item #23 on the Agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action: Discussion regarding e-mail from Dr. Pablo Nankin regarding remarks by Board member Lindblad as reported**

No action taken.

**Item #25 on the Agenda - Presentation, discussion and possible action: Partner with Assembly Member Patty Lopez and NoHo West NC Town Hall Meeting May 22, 2015 allocate up to \$500 for advertisement and refreshments**

No action taken.

**Item #26 on the Agenda - Adjournment**

The Agenda items having been discussed and action taken as indicated, and due to the lateness of the hour, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**MAGGIE SHUMAKER, MINUTE TAKER  
(Edited by J. Eric Freedner, Secretary)**