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Ernie Moscoso - Pres.
Ben Moore – VP
J. Eric Freedner – Sec.
Inez T. Morin - Treas

Ruben Borges
Florence Dorick

Salvador Guerrero
Judy Harris
Jack Lindblad
Chuck Loring
Sarah Ramsawack
Ismael Rosales
Dr. Wung Chang

NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday August 20, 2015 – 6:55 pm to 10:040 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 – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Moscoso at 6:55 pm. Mr. Moscoso led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Secretary Freedner then called the roll. Eight (8) board members were present: Ernie Moscoso (Business Rep.), Ben Moore (Resident), Florence Dorick (At Large), J. Eric Freedner (At Large), Sarah Ramsawack (Community Based Organizations), Inez Morin (At Large), Judy Harris (Community Based Organizations), Chuck Loring (Community Interest).

Board Member Ruben Borges was absent and excused. The remaining unexcused Board members were: Jack Lindblad and Ismael Rosales.

Salvador Guerrero arrived at 7:10 p.m. and Dr. Wung Chang arrived at 7:53 p.m.

A quorum was announced. There were (21) stakeholders in attendance.

Item #1 on the Special Agenda – Financial support of \$1,000 to Valley Family Services for “Village Run/Walk.”

Mr. Moscoso explained that this was a last-minute funding request that had to be voted on this evening as the event is to take place on October 31, 2015. Proceeds from the event go toward abused and neglected youth. The run/walk starts at 9 AM

and ends around noon in North Hollywood. Mr. Moscoso will be in charge of the paperwork.

Motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Loring, that the NC approve \$1,000 as a grant for the Village Run/Walk.

VOTE: Yes – Messrs. Moscoso, Freedner, Dorick, Loring, Moore, Morin, Harris, Ramsawack.

No – None Abstentions – None.

PASSES 10-0.

Item #2 on the Special Agenda – Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2015 Board Meeting.

Mr. Moore moved, and Ms. Harris seconded, that the Minutes of the 6/18/15 Board Meeting be approved.

Yes – Messrs. Dorick, Freedner, Harris, Loring, Moore, Morin, Moscoso

No – None Abstention – Ms. Ramsawack

PASSES: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstention

Item # 5 on the Regular Meeting Agenda – Approval of Minutes, 7/16/15 and Special Meeting 7/18/15

Discussion as to whether the meeting notes taken on 7/16, when no quorum was attained but no roll call made, counted as “Minutes.” Ruling from the Chair: they are not, and therefore will not be voted upon.

(Board Member Guerrero arrives at 7:10 p.m.)

Motion by Mr. Moscoso, seconded by Mr. Loring, that the Minutes of the Retreat meeting of 7/18/15 be approved.

VOTE: Yes – Messrs. Dorick, Freedner, Harris, Loring, Moore, Morin, Moscoso

No – Ms. Ramsawack Abstain – Mr. Guerrero did not cast a vote

PASSES: 7 - Yes, 1 - No, 1 - Abstain

Item # 3 on Special Meeting Agenda – purchase of a commemorative gavel and plaque honoring terms of NC presidential service

Mr. Moscoso noted that he already has a gavel, and feels there is no need for this expenditure; feels NC volunteers are not interested in this sort of thing. Mr. Freedner noted that there have been 3 past presidents of the NC, not 2. Further discussion as to possibly giving out paper certificates of merit to past officers or Board members, and where a plaque would be displayed. No action taken on this item, and Mr. Moscoso adjourned the Special Meeting portion of tonight’s meeting at 7:18 pm.

Item # 2 on Regular Meeting Agenda – Comments by Government Officials

A. Scott Schmerelson, School Board Member for District #3

Introduced himself and welcomed everyone to visit his office at 6651 #A Balboa Blvd. Lake Balboa, CA 91406, 818-654-3785.

B. David Gonzales, School Board Deputy for LAUSD

Gave an update on the new semester starting and improving educational quality.

C. LAPD Officer Esther Vasquez

Suggested reporting youth activities on streets during times such persons should now be in school; monitoring 25 mph speed zones around schools, parking issues, tamper-resistant license plates, identity theft, monitoring credit bureaus, Community Police Academy, and illegal fireworks.

D. Brandon Pender – Budget Advocate

Update on Infrastructure, Report Card for City Services, Special Committee for 2024 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, putting together different committees for City Departments.

Item #3 on the Agenda - Stakeholder comments on non-agenda items

A. Imelda Padilla – Raise the Wage

Town Hall Meeting is Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 6:00 pm at Fire Station #89, will discuss workers receiving paid and/or additional paid sick days.

B. Cindy Sower, Sun Valley Neighborhood Council

Raised the problem of dumping on Runnymede Street and surrounding areas. Asked the Board to suggest solutions, discussion ensued.

C. Leticia Baer – Stakeholder

Discussed the need for speed bumps on Radford Avenue.

D. Gus – resident of Valley Village

Complaint about trying to attend a City Council meeting in Van Nuys where sidewalk repairs were to be discussed; he was given an Agenda with the wrong address, and complained to Councilman Buscaino about this.

(Board Member Chang arrived at 7:53 p.m.)

Item #6 on the Agenda –Retreat Review and Dialog

Ms. Ramsawack hoped that next time, the Retreat would be just that; not a combined Board Meeting and Retreat, taking time from issues to be discussed at the Retreat. Messrs. Moscoso and Moore spoke highly of the Retreat. Ms. Dorick commented that we are still making the same mistake of not analyzing the success of functions we supported, such as finding no place to distribute flyers at Movie Night in the park.

Item #14 on the Agenda to Land Use Committee recommendation ARCO Station single container sales

Ms. Ramsawack said that the committee had met on August 6. Although the committee seemed to favor the sale of single containers at the AM-PM Mini-Mart, it developed that the size of the containers was not addressed. She investigated and

found that, at the other two AM-PM markets in our NC area (Laurel Canyon at Roscoe and Lankershim at Strathern), no single sales were permitted, contrary to what the requesting parties had stated earlier. She went to an AM-PM at Laurel and Magnolia, far outside our NC area, where she was able to purchase a single 12-oz. can, which she displayed to the Board. In committee, it was explained by the applicants that they wished to sell as singles only 32 oz. containers. And lastly, that our NC had **not** been contacted by any governmental officials to render an opinion or vote on this issue.

However, Mr. Loring then moved, and Mr. Moore seconded: *"Based on the request from the proprietors of the AM PM at 6804 Vineland Avenue, the Land Use Committee recommends equity of business operations in regard to right to remain competitive in their chosen markets. If at any time in the future the governing agencies ABC and such change the conditions of these sales, then the NHNENC recommends that all like-minded vendors observe the same condition of change. When in the future if these conditions do change then the NHNENC will support the opinion of the Police and Council District 2 elected person."*

Further discussion as to beverage vessel sizes, which can vary widely, retailing should be on a play-even field, our Councilman in 2006 opposed single-can sales, not us.

VOTE: Yes – Messrs. Chang, Dorick, Freedner, Guerrero, Harris, Loring, Moore, Morin, and Moscoso

No – 0 Abstain – Ms. Ramsawack

PASSES: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstain

Ms. Ramsawack registered a protest that the Committee's exact motion that she had written was not taken up for a vote before the Board tonight.

Item #8 on the Agenda - Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report, covering the time period up to June 30, was given by Ben Moore. Only \$1,381.68 remained as a surplus for the fiscal year and was returned to the City. Treasurer Inez Morin gave the report for July.

Item #9 on the Agenda – Approval of DONE Monthly Expenditure

Motion by J. Eric Freedner, seconded by Sarah Ramsawack, to approve the DONE Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2015.

10 YES - Messrs. Chang, Dorick, Freedner, Guerrero, Harris, Loring, Moore, Morin, Moscoso and Ramsawack

No - None Abstain - None

PASSES: 10 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstain

Motion by Sarah Ramsawack, seconded by Florence Dorick, to approve the DONE Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2015.

10 Yes – Messrs. Chang, Dorick, Freedner, Guerrero, Harris, Loring, Moore, Morin, Moscoso and Ramsawack

No – None Abstain - None

PASSES: 10 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain

Item #10 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action – Allocate \$2500 thru January 31, 2016 for Treasurer assistance thru Apple one/or approved contractor.

Motion by Ben Moore, seconded by Chuck Loring, to approve \$2,500 through January 31, 2016 for Treasurer assistance through Apple One/or approved contractor.

YES - Messrs. Chang, Dorick, Freedner, Guerrero, Harris, Loring, Moore, Morin, Moscoso and Ramsawack

PASSES: 10 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain

Item #16 on the Agenda – Reintroduction to allocate up to \$2500 for NC lap top computer

Motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Harris, to approve up to \$2,500 for NC laptop computer.

Discussion – computer needs to be functional – appropriate software included, and editing software for video recording.

YES – Messrs. Chang, Dorick, Freedner, Guerrero, Harris, Loring, Moore, Morin, Moscoso and Ramsawack

No - None Abstain - None

PASSES: 10 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain

Item #13 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action - Define terms and seat category of Dr. Chang and Ismael Rosales

Mr. Moscoso explained to the Board that when Dr. Chang and Mr. Rosales were elected to their Board seats, their respective terms of office were not specified, and we needed to get this on the record.

Motion, by Chuck Loring, seconded by Judy Harris, to accept Dr. Chang for a term expiring in 2018. (That is, Mr. Rosales' term will expire in 2016.)

YES – Messrs. Chang, Dorick, Freedner, Guerrero, Harris, Loring, Moore, Morin, Moscoso, and Ramsawack

PASSES: 10 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 – Abstain

Item #15 on the Agenda - Appointment DWP liaison Meeting 1st Saturday (8am to 10am) of the month

No volunteers; tabled.

Item #17 on the Agenda – BONC Awards September 11, 2015 “Red Carpet Awards Ceremony”

Ms. Ramsawack self-nominated our NC with NHNWNC for an award for our efforts with the Whitsett Slope Mural.

Item #19 on the Agenda – NC Congress - September 26, 2015

All 96 NC's and stakeholders may register online. Mr. Loring will speak about low-rent residences.

Item #12 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action - Self Assessment worksheet

Mr. Moore solicited members' input as to our past year's efforts in a variety of topics per the City worksheet. Various members commented to assist in filling out the sheets, and Mr. Moore said he'd send a copy to everyone and give a short further opportunity for input before submitting the report on September 1.

Motion by Sarah Ramsawack, seconded by Chuck Loring, to support the Self-Assessment as presented, and as may be further developed.

YES – Messrs. Chang, Dorick, Guerrero, Harris, Loring, Moore, Morin and Ramsawack

NO - 0 ABSTAIN – Mr. Freedner ABSENT: Mr. Moscoso

PASSES: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 Abstain

Item #7 on the Agenda – Presentation, Discussion and possible action - Reformation of Standing Rules Committee

Mr. Freedner expressed concern that a Standing Rules Committee, if it has met, might be biased based upon a communication from another Board member, or not letting other Board members know of its activities. He suggested that the Executive Committee be charged with defining standing rules. Mr. Moscoso said that an Executive Committee meeting would be held in the future and this could be discussed. Mr. Moore suggested this could also be taken up at a mini-retreat. No further action was taken.

Item #4 on the Agenda – Comments by Board Members

Not heard due to time constraints.

Item #11 on the Agenda - Committee Reports

No reports were given, apart from the Land Use Committee as raised in Item # 14 above.

Item #18 on the Agenda – LA City Save the Drop Suggestions from Board members and Stakeholders to help save water.

Item #18 was tabled.

Item #20 on the Agenda - Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

MAGGIE SHUMAKER, MINUTE TAKER