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NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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BOARD MEMBERS of NHNENC:

Ernie Moscoso - Pres.
Ben Moore – VP & Treas.
J. Eric Freedner – Sec.

Ruben Borges
Florence Dorick
Dr. Wung Chang

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

NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 17, 2015 – 6:59 pm to 9:40 pm

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

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

The meeting was called to order by President Moscoso at 6:59 pm. Mr. Moscoso led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Secretary Freedner then called the roll. Nine (9) 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), and Dr. Wung Chang (At Large).

Board Members Ruben Borges and Jack Lindblad were absent and excused. The remaining unexcused Board members were: Salvador Guerrero and Ismael Rosales.

A quorum was announced. There were 7 stakeholders in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

Dr. Chang left at 8:40 pm.

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

Presentation, discussion and possible action: Allocate \$500 to support Halloween activity at Valley Plaza Recreational Center

Evan Nakamura, Co-Ordinator for Valley Plaza Park, addressed the Board about the proposed event and requested \$500 for candy; NoHoNWNC to contribute for game supplies.

Motion by Ms. Harris, seconded by Ms. Morin, to allocate \$500 in support of the Valley Plaza Park Halloween carnival, said funds to come from "Event Support" of our budget.

9 AYES: Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Dorick, Freedner, Ramsawack, Morin, Chang, Harris and Loring. **0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

VOTE: (9-0-0) PASSES

(End of Special Agenda Items.)

Item #2 on the Agenda – Comments by Government Officials

LAPD Officer Ester Vasquez, Caesar Huerta, Field Deputy for Councilwoman Nury Martinez, Kenny LaSalle from Councilman Tony Cardenas' office, and Lorraine Diaz from Councilman Paul Krekorian's office addressed the Board about community events and upcoming events.

Item #3 on the Agenda – Comments by President on Council activities since last Board meeting and future events

Mr. Moscoso reported that our Neighborhood Council sponsored a clean up in the Hart Street area; NHHENC is partnering with Valley Village to do a Run/Walk on October 31, 2015. The last showing of Movies in the Park is September 19, 2015.

Item #4 on the Agenda – Stakeholders' comments on non-agenda items

None.

Item #5 on the Agenda – Comments by Board Members

Florence Dorick, Chuck Loring, Sarah Ramsawack, J. Eric Freedner, Judy Harris and Ernie Moscoso made comments about community matters.

**Item #6 on the Agenda – Approval of Minutes August 20, 2015
July 16, 2015 Minutes (no quorum was present)**

Ms. Ramsawack noted three errors in the August Minutes, namely, 21 stakeholders were actually present, Mr. Schmerelson's office address was omitted, and a vote tally was incorrectly recorded in which she voted "No" rather than "Abstain." Mr. Freedner promised to make those changes in the Minutes.

Mr. Moore thereupon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harris, to approve the August 20, 2015 Minutes as corrected.

8 AYES: Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Dorick, Freedner, Morin, Chang, Harris and Loring

1 NAY: Ms. Ramsawack **No Abstentions.**

VOTE: (8-1-0) PASSES

Item #7 on the Agenda – Request by DONE for a NC Public Works Liaison to work with Board of Public Works

Messrs. Moscoso, Loring and Morin volunteered to be liaisons to work with the Board of Public Works and attend its meetings downtown.

Item #8 on the Agenda – Appointment of DWP Liaison (meeting 1st Saturday each month, downtown, 8:00 to 10:00 am)

No volunteers, no appointments made.

Item #9 on the Agenda - Treasurer's Report

Ms. Morin gave the monthly Treasurer's Report. \$1,594.99 spent in August. Mr. Loring has spent \$522.56 for purchase of a laptop computer and miscellaneous software as he could not use the NC card; he requests reimbursement. Further discussion as to members' use of personal funds to buy NC items. Mr. Freedner requested that the reimbursement be included on next month's agenda. (Dr. Chang leaves the meeting.)

Item #10 on the Agenda – Approval of DONE Monthly Expenditure

Motion by Florence Dorick, seconded by Mr. Freedner, to approve the DONE Monthly Expenditure Report as presented by Ms. Morin.

8 AYES: Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Dorick, Freedner, Ramsawack, Morin, Harris and Loring. **NAYS:** None. **ABSTENTIONS:** None.

VOTE: (8-0-0) PASSES

Item #11 on the Agenda - Committee Reports

- A. Communications Committee – Ben Moore** – Attendance and publication of its Minutes on the NC website were discussed.

- B. Outreach Committee – Judy Harris** – A walk along was done by Judy Harris and Inez Morin in the area. The condition of the shopping center on Laurel Canyon and Victory, and putting drought-resistant plants in the medians was discussed. Discussion as to the shopping center being outside of our NC area, and on private land.

- C. Land Use Committee – Sarah Ramsawack** – Met on September 3, 2015 with 22 people present. The issue on Runnymede between Radford and Laurel Canyon was discussed. Spent \$55 to make and distribute flyers to residents in the area. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Fire Station.

- D. VANC – Sarah Ramsawack** – A report was given on the VANC meeting attended on September 10, 2015 regarding the LAUSD water fountains needing water flushing. Candidate filing to start in December 2015; elections start in April 2016; candidacy will open on December 25, 2015, Election Day will be on April 7, 2016 for Region 4; on-line registration will close seven days before the election day. There will be a VANC meeting in October 2015. The

November meeting will be an educational meeting dealing with leadership, what is expected of board members, writing a better CIS and filing on-line.

Item #12 on the Agenda – BYLAWS on EMPOWERLA.org and confirm accuracy for Stipulation sheet due October 1, 2015

General comments from Board members as to possible hours of election, lack of knowledge of the Stipulation Sheet itself. Also, whether By-Laws changes made in Committee were actually submitted to DONE, Ms. Ramsawack has additional changes she wishes to present. Ms. Ramsawack will try to obtain a 30 day extension from Gracie Liu at DONE for turning in the Stipulation sheet, and requests this matter be placed on next month's agenda.

Item #13 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action: support the VANC free training session on November 12, 2015 at CBS Studios amount up to \$200 for refreshments

Discussion as to what we would be paying for (catered meal), who else is contributing, if each member NC were to pay in the same amount it would be \$7,000 for the meal.

Motion by Ms. Ramsawack, seconded by Mr. Moore, that NHNENC contribute up to \$200 to support the free training session for November 12, 2015 VANC training session at CBS Studios, beginning at 6 pm; the Treasurer can have a check issued for the approved amount and made payable to: JCS Catering Company and send the check to VIC VIERECK by November 2, 2015.

3 AYES: Messrs. Moore, Ramsawack, and Moscoso

1 NAY: Mr. Freedner.

4 ABSTENTIONS: Messrs. Loring, Dorick, Harris, and Morin

VOTE: (3-1-4) PASSES

Item #14 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action: To honor past NC Presidents with a plaque showing their names and invite them to sit with the Board and participate in discussions, without the right to vote on any measure.

Motion by Sarah Ramsawack, seconded by Ms. Harris, to honor past Neighborhood Council presidents with a Plaque with their names and terms as an appreciation for their service, and with the invitation for them to continue to sit with the Board and participate in discussions but without the right to vote on any measure as evidence of showing appreciation for the care and commitment they have given to this community and to this Neighborhood Council. Allocate up to \$300 to create bulletin board at our Firehouse Facility to display plaques and information.

Discussion as to whether past presidents are even in town now or would want this to be done.

4 AYES: Messrs. Dorick, Harris, Morin, and Ramsawack

4 NAYS: Messrs. Moscoso, Freedner, Moore, Loring

No Abstentions

VOTE: (4-4-0) MOTION FAILS

Item #15 on the Agenda Presentation, discussion and possible action: “There is no requirement to keep minutes”

BONC to take up this matter in a week. Tabled.

Item #16 on the Agenda - Presentation, discussion and possible action: Maintaining our light standard Banners in our Council District

Tabled.

Item #17 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action: Allocate up to \$300 to create bulletin board at our Firehouse Facility to display plaques and information

Item #17 was addressed in Item #14.

Item #18 on the Agenda – NC Congress September 26, 2015

Mr. Loring said to go to NCCongress.com to sign up.

Item #19 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action: Letter to Board Member Ismael Rosales regarding absences and board action

Mr. Moscoso noted that Mr. Rosales has not attended the past three Board meetings nor the Retreat meeting, nor participated any further in NC events.

Motion by Mr. Moscoso, seconded by Mr. Loring, to declare Mr. Rosales’ seat vacant and to send a “thank you for your service” letter to Ismael Rosales effective September 17, 2015.

7 AYES: Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Dorick, Freedner, Ramsawack, Morin and Loring

1 ABSTENTION: Ms. Harris

VOTE: (7-0-1) PASSES

Mr. Freedner was directed to prepare and send the letter.

Item #20 on the Agenda - Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

MAGGIE SHUMAKER, MINUTE TAKER