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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH
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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

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 15, 2015 – 7:00 pm to 9:45 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 Mr. Moscoso at 6:58 p.m.

Mr. Freedner then called the roll. Eight 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), Judy Harris (Community Based Organizations), Chuck Loring (Community Interest), and Dr. Wung Chang (At Large).

Board Members Ruben Borges, Salvador Guerrero, Jack Lindblad and Inez Morin were absent and unexcused.

A quorum was announced. There were 8 stakeholders in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

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

Mr. Moscoso mentioned two events set for 10/31, the Village Run/Walk from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the Halloween event at Valley Plaza Park in the afternoon.

Item #2 on the Agenda – Comments by Government Officials

Caesar Huerta, Field Deputy for Councilwoman Nury Martinez

Announced various community events affecting our area.

A. Lorraine Diaz, Field Deputy, Councilman Paul Krekorian

Updates on various City projects, resurfacing streets; Whitsett slope cleanup is October 17 and 18, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

B. David Gonzales, LA Unified School District

LAUSD is seeking the next Superintendent.

C. Kenny LaSalle, Congressman Tony Cardenas's Office

Veterans Day Forum, November 11, 2015 at Richard E. Bird Middle School

Item #7 on the Agenda – Meet Commissioner Joel Jacinto Board of Public Works

Commissioner Joel Jacinto introduced himself and took comments from the Board and stakeholders.

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

Claire Torentino spoke regarding getting the LDS Saticoy Church youth involved in area cleanups.

Item #5 on the Agenda – Comments by Board Members

A. Sarah Ramsawack – The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners is trying to redefine the definition of Community Interest Stakeholder. She requested it be put on the Agenda in November to discuss the terms “Substantial and Ongoing” as part of a definition of a Community Interest Stakeholder. An unidentified City Attorney stated that no minutes need to be kept. Not official City action.

B. J. Eric Freedner – Mentioned the letter that Councilman Paul Krekorian wrote proposing installation of digital billboards on city properties as a possible agenda item.

C. Ernie Moscoso – If a committee meeting is canceled, appropriate steps need to be taken regarding notification of cancellation. Scheduled meetings are needed. Other committee members can chair the meeting.

D. Dr. Chang – He stated he respects all the Board Members.

E. Ben Moore – Spoke regarding participation of Board members as it relates to their particular skills.

F. Judy Harris – Said she appreciates all the board members and their participation.

- G. Chuck Loring** - Thanked everyone for the outstanding result of the Congress. He recommended adoption of a Handbook for potential Board members. Storage facility bill is presently going to City Hall and needs to be changed so it comes to our post office box address for payment as we are now overdue.

Item #6 on the Agenda – Approval of minutes September 17, 2015, October 7, 2015 (Special)

Chuck Loring made a motion, seconded by Judy Harris, to approve the Minutes of October 7, 2015 as read.

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

VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES

Chuck Loring then made a motion, seconded by Judy Harris, to approve the Minutes of September 17, 2015.

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

1 NAY: Sarah Ramsawack

VOTE: (7-1-0) MOTION PASSES

Item #9 on the Agenda - Committee Reports

A. Communications Committee – Ben Moore –No meeting last month.

B. Outreach Committee

Florence Dorick – No meeting held.

C. Land Use Committee – Sarah Ramsawack – The project of 27 units at 11815 Runnymede Street and the new Costco Business Center on corner of Sherman Way and Tujunga was discussed at the Land Use Committee Meeting.

D. VANC – Sarah Ramsawack – The workshop meets on November 12, at 5:30 p.m.

**Item #10 on the Agenda - Presentation, discussion and possible action:
Maintaining our light standard Banners in our Council District – Allocate up to \$15,000**

Ms. Dorick provided a lower estimate of \$8,493.31 to purchase 60 banners, with 50 to be put up at new locations, 10 kept in storage. Further discussion as to where the new banners will be hung, whether old ones will be moved around to different areas.

Motion brought by Chuck Loring, seconded by Judy Harris, to purchase the 60 banners at a total cost of \$8,493.31.

7 AYES: Messrs. Moscoso, Moore, Dorick, Chang, Harris, Loring, and Ramsawack

1 NAY: Mr. Freedner

VOTE: (7-1-0) MOTION PASSES

Item #8 on the Agenda – Approval of DONE Monthly Expenditure

Not discussed due to the absence of Ms. Morin.

Item #11 on the Agenda – Appointment DWP Liaison 1st Saturday of month meeting

Chuck Loring volunteered and was appointed as DWP Liaison with no objections by the Board.

Item #12 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action:

“There is no requirement to keep minutes”

Brief discussion, not certain where the comment originated. By consensus, it was agreed that Minutes would continue to be taken.

Item #13 on the Agenda -- Feedback – Congress September 26, 2015

Discussion and recap of the Congress by the members who attended.

Item #16 on the Agenda — Presentation, discussion and possible action: Presentation of Website Maintenance agreement.

Mr. Moore said that while he thought DONE would supply website services, so far they have not; and we are currently operating month-to-month and owe \$216.30 for website hosting.

Motion made by Mr. Freedner, seconded by Ms. Dorick, to approve expenditure of \$216.30 to pay for our website services for October, 2015.

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

VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES

Item #14 on the Agenda -- Establish ad hoc bylaws and standing rules committee for the purpose of scheduling the 2016 NC Retreat

Sarah Ramsawack brought a motion, seconded by Dr. Chang, to set up an ad hoc committee for bylaws and standing rules to be discussed at the 2016 retreat.

Comments by various Board members, including Mr. Freedner.

4 AYES: Messrs. Moore, Chang, Loring, and Ramsawack

4 NAYS: Messrs. Harris, Moscoso, Freedner, and Dorick

VOTE: (4-4-0) MOTION FAILS

Item #15 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action:

Appoint an Animal Services Liaison to work with The Dept. of Animal Services

Item #15 was tabled.

Item #17 on the Agenda - Board Member assignments for upcoming October 31, 2015 Events. Need board member/stakeholder participants

Discussed earlier this evening. Valley Village 5k Walk volunteers: Messrs. Harris, Dorick, Moscoso, and Loring. Valley Plaza Park Halloween Event volunteers: Messrs. Harris, Dorick, Moore, and Loring.

**Item #18 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action:
Tradition of honoring the Presidents Allocate \$240**
(Mr. Moore left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.)

Motion by Sarah Ramsawack, seconded by Dr. Chang, that the North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council establish a tradition to remember with gratitude and pride the contributions of each of our presidents since certification in 2002, and that going forward, that we purchase a wooden gavel that will bear an inscribed metal band around the barrel that will say the name of this North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council. This gavel will not belong to any one person, but will be the symbol of authority of the president that is in the term of service. The gavel will always belong to this Neighborhood Council – and it will be passed by the retiring president in a Ceremony of the Transition of Position to the newly incoming elected president. The retiring president will be welcomed a seat of honor at all future Council meetings and may participate in the discussion but will not have any voting privileges at the time of taking a vote on any action. Further, to display a record of the names of the presidents a wooden plaque will have metal plates with the name of the presidents and the dates of their terms of service. The cost for the gavel and the plaque, with the given inscriptions can cost up to \$150.00.

Objections raised by Mr. Freedner: same motion as presented and voted down last month; attempts to allow someone to sit as a non-voting Board member may be contrary to our By-laws or other state or local rulings.

2 AYES: Messrs. Chang and Ramsawack

4 NAYS: Messrs. Harris, Moscoso, Freedner, and Dorick

1 ABSTENTION: Mr. Loring

VOTE: (2-4-1) MOTION FAILS

Item #19 on the Agenda – Invite Greg Bartz to our next meeting to review the Memo of Understanding with DWP and responsibilities of DWP Liaison

Item #19 was tabled until Mr. Bartz could come, perhaps in January or February 2016.

Item #20 on the Agenda - Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Loring, to adjourn the meeting, as tonight's business has been completed.

7 AVES: Messrs. Chang, Ramsawack, Loring, Dorick, Freedner, Harris and Moscoso. **MOTION PASSES (7-0-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

MAGGIE SHUMAKER, MINUTE TAKER

Edited by J. Eric Freedner, Secretary