

**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 21, 2016 – 7:00pm to 9:40 pm
Los Angeles Fire Station #89 Community Room
7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91605**

Item #1 on the Agenda –Meet & Greet

Item 2 of the Agenda – Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by President Moscoso at 7:06pm and he gave a welcome to everyone attending. The President led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Those eight (8) board members that were present were: Ernie Moscoso, Chuck Loring, J. Eric Freedner, Michael Menjivar, Drexel G. Heard II, Ruben Borges, Jack Lindblad, Ellen Oqanesyan

Excused were: Dr. Chang, Judy Harris, Salvador Guerrero

There were ten (10) stakeholders attending the meeting.

Item #3 on the Agenda – Comments by Government Officials (includes Budget Advocates)

Rita Higa, Field Representative for Assembly Member Patty Lopez

An update was given on the 13 Bills presented, all are active, Community Survey, Housing Workshop is Wednesday, July 27, 2016 from 5:00-7:30pm at San Fernando Japanese-American Community Center in Pacoima
Legislative Briefing is July 29, 2016 from 5:00-6:30pm at 13100 Eldridge St., Sylmar.

LAPD Officer Vasquez

Crime has increased 7% - mostly property crime. There were zero robberies and zero aggravated assault. Be vigilant in locking doors and windows.
They have been doing task force in the area targeting Sunland, Tujunga, Sun Valley, North Hollywood.

David Gonzales, Monica Ratcliff – LAUSD

Summer session is now in session. The first day of school is August 16, 2016. They are seeking applicants for several appointments, which are due Friday, August 19, 2016.

Brandon Pender – Budget Representative

Budget Day is Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 8:30a.m.at City Hall. Neighbor Councils need to send representatives.

Marva Moro – Los Angeles County Museum of Art

Launching a Summer Nights Program at NoHo Plaza People's Street

Every Saturday from 6:00-9:00pm there will be different events with art shops. Workshops will be established at the North Hollywood Library, Valley Plaza Library and the Rec Center at Valley Plaza for seniors.

A bus will be provided to LACMA to leave on a Sunday at 10:30 and return at 4:30 with a free tour.

They are looking for spaces in North Hollywood North East and North West to activate programs.

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

Carl Kunak stated he would like a copy of the minutes and requested a speaker card.

Bob Peppermuller – He inquired if there was a homeless representative on the board.

Sarah Ramsawack – She stated that board members should think of themselves as elected officials with responsibilities. The council has two police departments and is involved with two city councils to use as resources. She suggested using MyLA311 to report problems. The new executive members were presented with copy of 25 Different Ways To Improve Manners.

Item #5 on the Agenda – Comments by Board Members

Ruben Borges – He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Ellen Oganesyian – She stated she is still learning as the new secretary.

Chuck Loring – He stated he attended the Mayor's Lunch event with 150 people in attendance and the mayor has a huge initiative for the homeless, battered women and others who need help. He would like to see more of the neighborhood council members attend movie nights. He suggested moving on from the current exhaustive issues.

J. Eric Freedner – He stated that he wants to know when exhaustive efforts will be completed.

Drexel G. Heard, II – He read a statement acknowledging the problems with law enforcement and the shootings across the nation.

By-laws Committee met twice to recommend updates to existing by-laws.

He requested that his statement be added to the official Minutes.

Jack Lindblad – He stated it is important to be heard and remarked about the politics of the council.

Ernie Moscosco – By-laws need to be approved and complete the Retreat completed to end exhaustive efforts. He spoke on the problems with being able to pay commitments on time and other issues due to exhaustive efforts.

Item #6 on the Agenda –Discussion and possible action on filling vacancies;

- a. Community Based Organization**
- b. At-Large Community Stakeholder**
- c. At-Large Community Stakeholder**
- d. At-Large Community Stakeholder**

Ernie Moscosco brought a motion to nominate Donald Dorick to fill the vacancy left by his late wife for At-Large Community Stakeholder, seconded by Chuck Loring

8 AYES: Ernie Moscoso, Chuck Loring, J. Eric Freedner, Michael Menjivar, Drexel G. Heard II, Ruben Borges, Jack Lindblad, Ellen Oqanesyan

Ernie Moscosco brought a motion to nominate Ashot Oganessian as At-Large Stakeholder, seconded by Chuck Loring

8 AYES: Ernie Moscoso, Chuck Loring, J. Eric Freedner, Michael Menjivar, Drexel G. Heard II, Ruben Borges, Jack Lindblad, Ellen Oqanesyan

Item #7 Approval of Board Minutes for June 23, 2016

Drexel Herd brought a motion to accept the Minutes as presented for June 23, 2016, seconded by Chuck Loring

7 AYES: Ernie Moscoso, Chuck Loring, Michael Menjivar, Drexel G. Heard II, Ruben Borges, Jack Lindblad, Ellen Oqanesyan

1 ABSTENTION: J. Eric Freedner

Item #8 on the Agenda – Treasurer’s Report

Michael Menjivar presented the Treasurer’s Report

Item #9 on the Agenda – Discussion and possible action on approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports:

a. Monthly Expenditure Report – February

Ernie Moscosco brought a motion to approve MER for February, 2016, seconded by Chuck Loring

7 AYES: Ernie Moscoso, Chuck Loring, Michael Menjivar, Drexel G. Heard II, Ruben Borges, Jack Lindblad, Ellen Oqanesyan

1 ABSTENTION: J. Eric Freedner

c. Monthly Expenditure Report – March

Ernie Moscosco brought a motion to approve MER for March, 2016, seconded by Chuck Loring

7 AYES: Ernie Moscoso, Chuck Loring, Michael Menjivar, Drexel G. Heard II, Ruben Borges, Jack Lindblad, Ellen Oqanesyan

1 ABSTENTION: J. Eric Freedner

d. Monthly Expenditure Report – April

Ernie Moscosco brought a motion to approve MER for April, 2016, seconded by Chuck Loring

8 AYES: Ernie Moscoso, Chuck Loring, Michael Menjivar, Drexel G. Heard II, Ruben Borges, Jack Lindblad, Ellen Oqanesyan, J. Eric Freedner

e. Monthly Expenditure Report – May

Ernie Moscoso brought a motion to approve MER for May, 2016, seconded by Chuck Loring

8 AYES: Ernie Moscoso, Chuck Loring, Michael Menjivar, Drexel G. Heard II, Ruben Borges, Jack Lindblad, Ellen Oqanesyan, J. Eric Freedner

f. Monthly Expenditure Report – June

Ernie Moscoso brought a motion to approve MER for June, 2016, seconded by Chuck Loring

8 AYES: Ernie Moscoso, Chuck Loring, Michael Menjivar, Drexel G. Heard II, Ruben Borges, Jack Lindblad, Ellen Oqanesyan, J. Eric Freedner

Item #10 on the Agenda – Discussion and possible action to amend the NHNENC Bylaws as recommended by the Department and Bylaws Committee Vote: 3-0-0
Drexel Herd discussed the amendments to the Bylaws with board members.

Item #11 on the Agenda – Discussion and Possible action to reinstate Outreach and Elections Committee:

a. Appoint Chair and Members

Ernie Moscoso appointed Drexel Herd as Chair, seconded by Chuck Loring

9 AYES: Ernie Moscoso, Chuck Loring, Michael Menjivar, Drexel G. Heard II, Ruben Borges, Jack Lindblad, Ellen Oqanesyan, J. Eric Freedner, Ashot Oqanesyan

Members: Chuck Loring, Ellen Oqanesyan, Drexel Herd, Jack Lindblad, Ashot Oqanesyan

b. Set date for next meeting to create a comprehensive Outreach Strategic Plan

Item #12 on the Agenda Discussion and possible action to set date for Board Retreat facilitated by Department Staff

a. Set aside up to \$200 for refreshment/supplies for retreat

Retreat to be held on Sunday, August 14, 2016 from 8:00am – 1:30pm at L.A. Fire Station 89 Community Room

Item #13 on the Agenda – Appointment of 2 Budget Reps for attending Budget Day

Michael Menjivar and Ellen Oqanesyan were appointed as Budget Reps to attend Budget Day.

Item 12 on the Agenda– Adjournment –

The meeting was *at 9:15pm*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Drexel D. Heard, II
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July 21, 2016

Thank you, Mr. President.

First off, for the record, I want to make sure we acknowledge the overwhelmingly tragic situations that have happened this summer around the country. From Orlando, to Baton Rouge, Dallas, like other communities, we are lucky to live in such a diverse area filled with Latinos, African-Americans, Armenian, White, straight and LGBT stakeholders. What happened in these cities could have happened just down the road, and we continue to be in a unique position to work with and support our local law enforcement and neighboring areas to ensure that our families and our friends remain safe from any threat.

By-Laws Committee Recommendations

The By-Laws Committee met twice in the last month to recommend new updates to our existing By-Laws. Thank you to committee members Ellen and Michael, Council Members Eric and Chuck, Stakeholder Sarah Ramsawck, and Kathleen for their time and recommendations in getting this important work done. As chair of the committee, I am proud to present this council with a set of by-laws that we believe will strengthen our council, hold accountable our actions, and ensure successful representation of our community. This new update to the by-laws addresses past and present concerns, and gives us an opportunity to make recommendations and amend more efficiently and effectively. I've given everyone the committee report from last week, and I strongly encourage the passage of this set of by-laws so that we can move forward in doing the work we were sent or appointed here to do.

Thank you to those who have joined us here today. Look forward to our continued work, and I ask unanimous consent to add this full statement to the minutes.

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