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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

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

**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 21, 2015 – 7:00 pm to 9:50 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 p.m. 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 capacity) who 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), Salvador Guerrero (At Large), Judy Harris (Community Based Organizations), and Inez Morin (At Large). A quorum was announced.

Chuck Loring (Community Interest) was excused due to illness. Jack Lindblad (Business) had announced he would be arriving late.

There are four vacant seats for the board.

There were fifteen (15) stakeholders attending the meeting.

Ruben Borges left the meeting at 8:35 pm.

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

**LAPD Officer Esther Vasquez** – An update was given on crime in the area, importance of securing property, and the Q-Star camera on Stagg/Lankershim. Tips for Kids is May 27, 2015 from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm at Bob’s Big Boy in Sun Valley; Golf Tournament Adopt a Cop in September.

**Brandon Pender – Budget Advocate** – Budget Day is June 27, 2015 from 7:30 am – 4:30 pm. The Budget was passed by Mayor Garcetti, 2 Budget Representatives from our NC are invited attend the Budget Day meeting.

**Kenny LaSalle – Representative for Congressman Tony Cardenas** - An update was given on: Youth Advisory Council, information on FEMA, Department of Social Security, Emergency Preparedness, Identity Theft, SBA. Veterans Resource Organization is May 28, 2015 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

**Lorraine Diaz – Councilman Paul Krekorian’s office** – An update was given on: Save the Drop Campaign, Angels Walk LA Guide, calendars of events, Minimum Wage ordinance, City Budget, no parking and no stopping signs. Movies in the Park event is June 13, 2015. There is a meeting May 27, 2015 at 6:00 pm regarding North Hollywood High School. City Council has passed the minimum wage ordinance.

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

Elizabeth Munoz thanked the Neighborhood Council for its help in getting the trees trimmed on her street.

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

Florence Dorick reported that Vanowen Library has a display on the Armenian genocide.

Inez Morin welcomed the Spanish-speaking stakeholders and encouraged them to come to the next meeting where there would be a Spanish translator.

Sarah Ramsawack spoke about reporting to her potholes on streets and alleyways that need repairs and she would pass the information along to the Bureau of Street Services for the next Pothole Blitz. The City of Los Angeles has 1,000 trash cans on the streets. Empower LA is full of information regarding the Neighborhood Councils. Recode LA is in the third of a five year study. Chuck Loring, Inez Morin and Sarah Ramsawack are working on Congress 2015. Registration for Congress is in August. 148 stakeholders in our NC area are using the ENS System. Those interested in reading the full comments made should contact Ms. Ramsawack for a copy of her remarks.

J. Eric Freedner presented an idea to have every board member submit ideas of how to save water, to be published in the form of a flyer to communicate with Councilman Krekorian, the Mayor and DWP. Such flyers can also be handed out at NC events.

Ernie Moscoso said Spanish stakeholders need to be accommodated with a translator; he also commented on the trimming of the trees on his street.

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

Ben Moore noted a typographical error in a vote tally in last month's minutes, although it did not change the final result, and Mr. Freedner said he would correct that.

*Ben Moore then made a motion to approve April 2015 Minutes as corrected, seconded by Florence Dorick.*

**8 - YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Inez Morin

**1 - ABSTENTION:** Sarah Ramsawack.

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

#### **Item #7A on the Agenda Presentation by Strathern Elementary regarding Kindergarten Field Trip**

Gina Herst of Strathern Elementary thanked the Board for their \$1,500 donation for bus transportation. She presented the Board with drawings and thank-you notes from the students. Suggestion by Mr. Freedner that some of the drawings be posted on our NC website.

#### **Item #7B on the Agenda Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was given by Ben Moore. Brief Board discussion of what other items might need to be allocated before the end of the fiscal year.

#### **Item #8 on the Agenda – Approval of Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment Monthly Expenditure Report**

*Florence Dorick made a motion to approve DNE Monthly Expenditure Report as presented by Mr. Moore, seconded by Judy Harris.*

**9 - YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Inez Morin, Sarah Ramsawack.

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

#### **Item #9 on the Agenda – Presentation, Discussion and possible action allocation of up to \$1000 each to support NC Budget Advocates and 2015 NC Congress.**

Item #9 was tabled until next month.

#### **Item #10 - Committee Reports**

**Communication Committee** – Ben Moore polled the Board members, and by agreement, Wednesdays are the best days to set up committee meetings.

**Outreach Committee** – Florence Dorick gave an update given of its last meeting; North Hollywood Film Festival needs 1 - 2 Board members at each film showing, outreach materials (whistles, flashlights, chip clips) were discussed. Thomas

Graphics will give a quote on 1000 flyers explaining the works of the Neighborhood Council to be used at all NC events. Some Sun Valley Magnet School students at the Middle School are in need of clothing. The sum of \$2,000 was suggested for the cost of T-shirts. Mr. Moore suggested we table this until the next fiscal year.

**Land Use Committee** – Sarah Ramsawack reported that the Land Use Committee toured a Los Angeles Family Housing facility, Palo Verdes Apartments, in Sun Valley. An update was given on the Permanent Supportive Housing. John Horn of L.A. Family Housing spoke of improvements to be made for housing along Lankershim Boulevard; the new buildings will be taller and include a comprehensive service center. Those interested in reviewing her complete remarks should contact Ms. Ramsawack.

(Jack Lindblad arrived at 8:37 PM)

Ms. Ramsawack asked that Agenda Item 12 be discussed and voted upon at this point.

**Item #12 on the Agenda – Land Use Committee - Presentation, Discussion and possible action: LA Family Housing Density Bonus Recommendation.**

*Ben Moore brought a motion to accept the recommendation of the Land Use Committee to support this project, seconded by Inez Morin*

**9 - YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Inez Morin, Sarah Ramsawack. Mr. Lindblad did not vote.

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

**(Return to Committee Reports)**

City Services – J. Eric Freedner again recommended that board members submit ideas for saving water.

**Ad Hoc Eco-Resilience** – Jack Lindblad gave an update was given on the city-wide Neighborhood Council Sustainability Resilience meeting he attended, including use of more drought-tolerant plants, establishing a template on the LA DWP website; Committee meeting to be announced.

**Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils** – Sarah Ramsawack gave an update on discussions at the last VANC meeting: replacing water pipes, City Budget, Pierce College Agricultural Farms losing acres to condominium development. VANC took a vote to retain Pierce College properties for agricultural uses. VANC meets on the second Thursday of the month.

Ernie Moscoso stated a date needs to be picked for the Retreat; and that board members should not be pressured to put in more time on the committees.

**Item #11 on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action: BONC online voting review and Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet**

President Ernie Moscoso explained that this was a requirement and read the Stipulation Sheet and the Board members voted by affirmation.

1. **On-line Voting** – Abstention counts as no vote. VOTE: ( 8 Yes 0 No 1 Abstention, Mr. Lindblad)
2. **Notification Posting** – Posting only on the website and Valley Plaza Branch, Los Angeles Public Library, 12311 Vanowen St., North Hollywood, CA 91601. VOTE: (9 Yes)
3. **Neighborhood Council Grievance Process** – Elect someone or designate the NC President; discussion, agreement: leave the President of the NC as the grievance contact. VOTE: (9 Yes)
4. **Compliance Code of Civility** – Board Members will abide by the Commission’s Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct policy (by consensus, no vote count).
5. **Ethics and Funding Training** - Board Members to take Ethics and Funding Training prior to voting on funding related items. VOTE: (9 Yes)
6. **On-Line Elections** – On-line voting with self-affirmation, voter verification. VOTE: (8 Yes, 1-No)
7. **Telephone Voting** – Yes. VOTE: (7 Yes, 2 No)
8. **Vote By Mail** –Yes, For self-affirmation by voters – VOTE: (9 - Yes)
9. **Board Vote Structure** – Maintain the 15 seats – VOTE: (9 - Yes)
10. **Video Training** – Candidates take a 5-10 minute video training about the Neighborhood Councils System. VOTE: (6 - Yes, 3 - No)
11. **Elected Board Members Seating Period** – Leave as once the election is certified and then at the next board meeting. VOTE: (9 - Yes)

*Ben Moore made a motion that North Hollywood East Neighborhood Council accept the Stipulation Sheet with chosen conditions as was just voted on, seconded by Judy Harris.*

**9 - YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Ruben Borges, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Inez Morin, Sarah Ramsawack. Mr. Lindblad was out of the room.

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

**Item #13 on the Agenda: NC Strategic Plan and 2016 Budget**  
Item #13 was tabled.

**Item #14A on the Agenda: Appointment of additional NC Budget Rep.**  
No action taken.

**Item #14B on the Agenda – Presentation, discussion and possible action: Hire Apple One to partner with New Treasurer to complete financial documents**  
Mr. Moscoso suggested a 6-month trial period. Item #14B was tabled.

**Item #15 on the Agenda: Presentation, discussion and possible action:  
Allocation for up to \$2000 to buy promotional items displaying our logo and explaining our mission**

*Florence Dorick brought a motion that North Hollywood East Neighborhood Council allocate up to \$2,000 to buy promotional items displaying our NC logo and explaining the mission of the Neighborhood Council, seconded by Judy Harris.*

**6 - YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Florence Dorick, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Inez Morin

**3 - ABSTENTIONS:** Sarah Ramsawack, Eric Freedner, Jack Lindblad  
(Mr. Borges had left the meeting.)

**VOTE: (6-0-3) MOTION PASSES**

**Item #17 on the agenda: Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action:  
Allocate \$2,900 to Strathern Street School for Emergency Preparedness Supplies**

Discussion by Board – Mr. Moscoso noted that the School District does not favor such supplies because they don't last. Ms. Dorick said the general fund ran out of money, no money for emergency supplies, although the Red Cross and FEMA might supply schools in the event of an emergency.

*Ben Moore moved that North Hollywood East Neighborhood Council allocate \$2,900 to Strathern Street School for emergency preparedness supplies, seconded by Jack Lindblad.*

**1 - YES:** Inez Morin

**8 - NAYS:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Jack Lindblad, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Sarah Ramsawack.

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

**Item #16 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**

Mr. Moore explained that there are insufficient funds for the \$2,000 allocation, Item 15 in tonight's agenda. Therefore the Board would have to approve re-allocating budget funds tonight.

*Ben Moore then moved: to transfer \$1,200 from line 203 (website maintenance) to line 206 (promotional items), seconded by J. Eric Freedner.*

**9 - YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Jack Lindblad, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Inez Morin, Sarah Ramsawack.

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

**Item #18 on the Agenda - Presentation, discussion and possible action:  
Allocation of up to an additional \$300 for business cards and name badges for  
new Board members and reorders of continuing members**

*Ernie Moscoso brought a motion to allocate up to \$300 for Business Cards and Name Badges for new members and reorders for continuing members; said expenditure to be taken from Line 102 of the Budget. Seconded by Judy Harris.*

**9 - YES:** Ernie Moscoso, Ben Moore, Jack Lindblad, Florence Dorick, J. Eric Freedner, Salvador Guerrero, Judy Harris, Inez Morin, Sarah Ramsawack.

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

**Item #19 on the Agenda: NC Retreat Discussion to set date and Agenda**

The date chosen for the Retreat was June 27, 2015 from 9:00 – 1:00 pm, at Fire Station 89. Funds for food to be allocated.

**Item #20 on the Agenda - Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**MAGGIE SHUMAKER, MINUTE TAKER**

**(Edited by J. Eric Freedner, Secretary)**