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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTH  
EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**



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Meets Third Thursday Night,  
7:00 PM, LA Fire Station 89  
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**BOARD MEMBERS of NHNENC:**

Ernie Moscoso - Pres.  
Chuck Loring – VP  
Michael Menjivar - Treas.

Ruben Borges  
SheRise Ford

J. Eric Freedner  
Salvador Guerrero  
Judy Harris  
John Lindblad  
Aaron Molina  
Ashot Oganessian  
Ellen Oganessian

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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 16, 2017 – 6:50 pm to 9:30 pm**

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

**Item #1 on the Agenda – Call to Order – Roll Call – Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by Ernie Moscoso at 7:00 pm and he gave a welcome to everyone attending. He led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. He asked Mr. Freedner to assist in preparing the Minutes in the absence of Ms. Oganessian.

Mr. Freedner then called the roll. Eight board members that were present at the roll call: Ernie Moscoso (Business Rep.), Chuck Loring (Community Interest), Michael Menjivar (Resident), SheRise Ford (Resident), J. Eric Freedner (At-Large), Salvador Guerrero (At Large), Judy Harris (Community Based Organizations), and John Lindblad (Business). A quorum was declared.

Absent/unexcused: Ellen Oganessian, Ruben Borges, Aaron Molina, and Ashot Oganessian.

There were 64 stakeholders present at the outset of the meeting.

**Item #2 – Comments by Government Officials and Budget Advocate**

**LAPD Officer Esther Vasquez**

A crime update was given including grand theft auto; suggest securing older cars, small lighting project where there is crime, homeless dwelling in vehicles in certain zones not allowed.

**Cesar Huerta – Councilwoman Nury Martinez**

ACLU website has information for undocumented stakeholders. City Council unanimously voted to decriminalize street vending. Dwelling in vehicle – a map was presented where it is legal to park vehicles. 22 lights have been installed in the area.

**Captain David Randolph and Captain Carlos Garcia – Fire Station 89**

Fire Stations have smoke detectors free of charge. He reminded stakeholders to be careful driving in the rain. Sand bags are available at the certain fire stations free of charge up to 25 bags. Urged participation in Saint Baldrick's Event (a childhood cancer fund raiser).

**Franklin Ochoa – Rep. for State Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra**

He introduced himself and his department.

**Michael Menjivar – Budget Advocate**

They represent 96 neighborhood councils, chartered by the mayor's office and are charged with meeting with all different departments of the city to give advice on how they are using taxpayer funds. The next meeting is Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Van Nuys City Hall. The findings of all meetings will be presented. He encouraged stakeholders to attend to give input. The findings will be presented to the mayor the second week of March 2017.

**Ruby Chavez – Chief of Staff for Board Member Monica Ratliff LAUSD**

Contact [Ruby.chaviz@lausd.net](mailto:Ruby.chaviz@lausd.net) or [monica.ratliff@lausd.net](mailto:monica.ratliff@lausd.net)

Information was given on Prop 39. Division of Adult Education is offering at North Valley Occupational Center a Spanish class. Resolution by the Board Member authored and passed an app that's available from the Facilities Department. Prop #39 Co Location Meeting is March 9, 2017 at 8:00 am at Arminta Street Elementary School, 11530 Strathern Street, North Hollywood.

**Mr. Ramirez**, Principal of Arminta School. He stated they will continue to fight for the school.

**Item #3 – Comments by stakeholders on non-agenda items:**

**Lydia Floyd – Hands 4 Hope LA** is a free afterschool program located at Baptist Church, Starlight Serenade Benefit Concert is at Harmony Gold Theatre on Sunset Blvd. Hope Walk Event at Valley Plaza Park requested to be put on the next agenda.

**Samantha Stevens – Yes on Proposition M Campaign**

Information was provided on the proposition.

**Sarah Ramsawack** - spoke on the “power of one.” North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council’s 15 year anniversary is September 2017. VANC mixer event is March 9, 2017 at CBS Studios on Radford. Chuck Loring was thanked for all the good work he does.

**Item #16 – Presentation, discussion and Possible Issuing a Community Impact Statement on the proposed Celerity Charter School on Arminta ES:**

Due to the large number of stakeholders present showing interest in this agenda item, the Chair offered to discuss this topic out-of-sequence.

- A. Michael Menjivar** - He spoke regarding co-location of Celerity Charter Schools at Arminta Elementary School.
- B. Gabriela Martinez** – spoke on Proposition #39 and her opposition to co-location of Celebrity Charter School at Arminta Elementary School.
- C. Richard Valdez** - Stated reasons why he’s against Proposition #39 and co-location; it was decided to co-locate without consulting the parents as to their wishes.
- D. Sarah Ramsawack** – Stakeholders should remember the Neighborhood Council is the first step in government for the City of Los Angeles. She proposed to give information to help oneself. Numbers count – laws are changed by amendments. Various politician names and phone number were provided.
- E. Itelia Martinez** – She is upset and sad because the science and computer labs are going to be taken away. She stated they are going to fight to keep the labs.
- F. Steve Safietro, Teacher at Arminta Elementary School** – Once a charter is allowed to co-locate, charter schools are not concerned with input from the parents or teachers. Requested a Community Impact Statement.
- G. Stakeholder** – He related his children’s love for the computer room.
- H. Board Member Freedner** – spoke about increased traffic and other results at Sun Valley Middle School after co-location of a Charter School there.

*Motion by Chuck Loring, seconded by Judy Harris, to accept a Community Impact Statement enunciated by Michael Menjivar: The NHNENC strongly opposes the co-location of Celerity Charter School at Arminta Elementary School, until code compliant, and parent notification given, and with allowance for public comments to be submitted on the record.*

**8 AYES:** Board Members Moscoso, Loring, Guerrero, Harris, Freedner, Ford, Lindblad, and Menjivar. 0 NOES, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

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

**Item #5 – Approval of previous November 2016 Minutes:**

*Chuck Loring brought a motion to accept the November 2016 minutes, seconded by Michael Menjivar.*

Further discussion: Mr. Moscoso noted that Donald Dorick was no longer a Board member. Several Board members indicated that they had either not received a draft of the Minutes by email, or had not read them yet.

VOTE

**5 AYES:** Board Members Moscoso, Harris, Freedner, Ford, and Lindblad

**1 NAY:** Board Member Menjivar

**2 ABSTENTIONS:** Board Members Loring and Guerrero

**VOTE: (5-1-2) MOTION PASSES**

**Item #6 – Presentation Discussion and possible action “Approval of monthly MER and Treasurer report – Total amount of funds available for FY17:**

Mr. Menjivar presented the Monthly Expense Report to the Board.

*Mr. Menjivar then brought a motion, seconded by Mr. Loring, to approve monthly MER’s for December 2016, January and February 2017 and Treasurer’s Report.*

**8 AYES:** Board Members Moscoso, Loring, Guerrero, Harris, Freedner, Ford, Lindblad, and Menjivar NOES – 0, ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

**Item #7 – Committee Reports:**

**Outreach/Community Development – Judy Harris**

Outreach Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am Valley Plaza Child Care Center. Discussed at the last meeting were: 10 K Run, the medians, Saint Baldrick’s Event. Bios from board members for website deadline is February 28, 2017. Effective outreach materials was discussed. Neighborhood Watch meeting is having a huge problem with parking, suggests initiating a CIS regarding the parking issue. Senior Cotillion Event, June 16, 2017, from 4:30 to 8:30 pm, in partnership with Valley Plaza Park and NoHo West Neighborhood Council requesting \$5,000 funding.

**Land Use – Michael Menjivar**

Land Use Committee meets the second Monday of the month at the Fire Station #89.

Community plans are being worked on for the two council district areas. 15 street repairs scheduled for January could not happen because of the rain. Suggestions are requested for pothole repairs in the area.

**Youth and Minority Development** - No report.

**Sustainability Liaison – Jack Lindblad**

There have been no meetings. Climate statements need to be made.

**Homeless Liaison - Judy Harris**

The homeless meeting is next week. Homeless count was greater this year. SheRise Ford discussed her experience at the homeless count.

**Public works Liaison – Ernie Moscoso**

An event needs to be planned for Clean Streets.

**Michael Menjivar is the defacto chair of the By-Laws Committee**

A meeting will be called in the near future.

**Item #8 – Appointment of communications coordinator**

Ernie Moscoso is the communications coordinator. Send all proposed website postings to him. It costs the NC extra each time someone contacts Wendy Moore directly with a website change.

**Item #9 – Discussion of By-Laws and possible Committee review:**

Mr. Freedner briefly discussed his review of the By-Laws; the Board agreed that Mr. Menjivar should call a committee meeting in the near future to further discuss this.

**Item #10 – Presentation, Discussion and possible action – Presentation of NPG application from Hermandad Mexicana Nacional of up to \$5000. Details will be presented.**

Brief discussion, tabled.

**Item #11 – Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action for NPG grant to support LAFD Station 89 renovation of flooring of up to \$5000:**

Tabled.

**Item #12 – Presentation, Discussion and possible action – Allocation of up to \$1000 to purchase a projector to be used to display agendas and relevant documents at council meetings:**

Mr. Menjivar noted that this item would not be needed because the L.A. Fire Department graciously was allowing the NC the use of their projector. Therefore, no further action taken.

**Item #13 – Presentation, Discussion and possible action – Allocation of up to \$200 for 5 year renewal of Magic Jack telephone 818 627-8505**

Brief discussion on need for this expenditure.

*Motion by Mr. Loring, seconded by Ms. Harris, to approve up to \$200 for 5 year renewal of Magic Jack telephone 818.627.8505.*

**8 AYES:** Board Members Moscoso, Loring, Guerrero, Harris, Menjivar, Freedner, Ford, and Lindblad, NOES – 0, ABSTENTIONS – 0.

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

**Item #14– Presentation, Discussion and possible action – Continued discussion of moving board meeting to accommodate CPAC meetings:**

Tabled.

**Item #15 – Presentation, Discussion and possible action – Allocation of up to \$185 Keurig K-Kup Coffee machine and supplies:**

*Motion by Mr. Loring, seconded by Ms. Harris, to allocate up to \$185 Keurig K. Kup Coffee machine and supplies.*

**6 AYES:** Board Members Moscoso, Loring, Guerrero, Harris, Ford, and Lindblad,

**2 NAYS:** Board Members Menjivar and Freedner. ABSTENTIONS – 0.

**VOTE: (6-2-0) MOTION PASSES**

**Item #4 – Comments and discussion by board members on non agenda items:**

**Chuck Loring** - Board Members took an oath when joining the board. He suggested reading the oath again and put on the agenda that it be read before each meeting. Board members have to attend more than just the monthly board meeting. He is creating a work list for the meetings and asks people to sign off on what they would like to do. BONC and VANC meetings need to be attended. Mailers are going out regarding the meetings. Look at the By-Laws and attend the By-Law Committee meeting with suggestions for changes.

**Michael Menjivar** – Stated it is important to fill the vacant board seats.

**J. Eric Freedner** – Commented on the red, yellow and green streets map for the homeless. No input on that was obtained from the neighborhood councils. He made

suggestions for placement of the homeless. And, the Board needs to advertise regarding the vacant board seats.

**Jack Lindblad** – It's not a Community if homeless people are ignored or cast aside. Treat the homeless with respect. Realties and property owners are encouraged not to rent to Section 8 holders. He spoke on the Clean Street Initiative and community gardens.

**Judy Harris** – Our NC has a strong partnership with North Hollywood North West neighborhood council and Valley Plaza Park.

**Item #17 – Adjourn:**

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Harris moved, and Mr. Freedner seconded, to adjourn. Unanimous approval, and the meeting ended at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

**MAGGIE SHUMAKER, MINUTE TAKER**

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