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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTHEAST  
 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026**  
 6:30 pm

**Meeting Type:**  
 Regular Council Meeting

Prepared by:  
 Jennifer Clark

\*President/Chair only votes for  
 tie-breakers or to create a tie\*

**Council Meetings every third  
 Wednesday at 6:30 PM**

**Livestream:**  
**Join Zoom Meeting**  
**Meeting ID:** 868 3604 1938  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86836041938>

Valley Plaza Library  
 12311 Vanowen St, North  
 Hollywood, CA 91605

Library parking available. Light  
 snacks and refreshments  
 provided.

**NC Mailing Address:**  
 P.O. Box 15515,  
 North Hollywood, CA 91615

This meeting was held in person in accordance with the Brown Act. A livestream was available to allow stakeholders to observe the meeting remotely. Please note that the livestream was for viewing purposes only. Members of the public who wish to provide public comment must attend the meeting in person at the location listed above. Comments submitted via chat or other livestream functions will not be accepted as official public comment.

\*President/Chair reserves the right to move agenda items to accommodate speakers\*

Item #	Topic	Council Member Sponsor
1	<p>Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call</p> <p>President Zaid Diaz-Arias calls the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Quorum achieved</p> <p><b>12 Present:</b>, Jennifer Clark, Maria Cermeno, Michael Coleman, Zaid Diaz-Arias, Alejandro Jimenez, Veronica Jimenez Vasquez, Jennie Palluzzi, and Wendy Sotelo</p> <p>6:40pm: Audrey Krause arrived;          6:38pm: Reanna Lee arrived;          6:39pm: SheRise Ford arrived;          6:49pm: Mel Futrell arrived;</p> <p><b>1 Absent:</b> Excused: n/a          Unexcused: Marci Marks</p>	Pres. Diaz-Arias
2	<p>Chair Welcome &amp; brief review of the NC Rules</p> <p>President Zaid Diaz-Arias gave a Brief Review of NC rules.</p>	Pres. Diaz-Arias

3	<p>Reports by LAPD and LAFD (2 Mins Ea.)</p> <p><a href="#">Chief Morehouse (LAFD)</a> gave updates  <a href="#">Senior Lead Officer Ahedo</a> gave updates  <a href="#">Senior Lead Gonzalez</a> gave updates</p>	Various
4	<p>Reports by Government Officials (2 Mins Ea.)</p> <p><a href="#">Dayanna Ramos (CD2)</a> gave updates  <a href="#">Nayeli Garcia Leonardo (State Assembly District 43)</a> gave updates  <a href="#">Jocelyn Cardenas (CD2)</a> gave updates  <a href="#">John Darnell, NEA (DONE)</a> gave updates</p>	Pres. Diaz-Arias
5	<p>Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items (2 Mins Ea.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">None Presented</a></p>	Various
<b>Board Business</b>		
6	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action:</b> Approve the February 18, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes</p> <p><a href="#">Michael Coleman</a> moves to approve</p> <p><a href="#">Mel Futrell</a> seconds</p> <p><b>Motion passes 10-0-2-0.</b></p>	VP Clark
7	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action:</b> Approve a Community Impact Statement (CIS) for <a href="#">Council File 24-1566</a> regarding safety recommendations for Los Angeles Public Libraries, including the development of a Library Department safety plan, workplace violence prevention measures, expanded security services, and required <b>SB 533 safety training</b> for library staff.</p> <p><i>The NHNENC supports the recommendation to lift the hiring freeze for library positions, including the Security Officer (SO) classification, recognizing the critical need for adequate staffing to ensure safe and welcoming library environments. However, the NHNENC respectfully requests that the recommendation to install metal detectors be removed from the proposed plan, as this measure may not align with the community's vision for accessible and inclusive public library spaces.</i></p> <p><b>POSITION: FOR, IF AMENDED ( Beautification &amp; Public Safety Committee approved)</b></p> <p><a href="#">Jennie Palluzzi</a> moves to approve</p> <p><a href="#">Veronica Jimenez Vasquez</a> seconds</p> <p><b>Motion passes 11-0-1-0</b></p>	VP Clark
<b>Funding Items</b>		
8	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action:</b> Approve the February 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).</p> <p><a href="#">Zaid Diaz-Arias</a> moves to table (MER was not ready in City Clerk portal)</p> <p><a href="#">Michael Coleman</a> seconds</p> <p><b>Motion passes 11-0-1-0</b></p>	Treas. Coleman
9	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action:</b> Approve up to \$150 for supplies &amp; NHNENC image plaque to refurbish the NHNENC podium to be used for events.</p>	VP Clark

	<p><a href="#">Wendy Sotelo moves to approve</a></p> <p><a href="#">Audrey Krause seconds</a></p> <p><b>Motion passes 9-0-2-1</b></p>	
<b>Committee Business</b>		
10	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action:</b> Review of Standing Rules related to committee operations, including quarterly meeting requirements, current status of all committees, agenda posting requirements, and updated EmpowerLA Neighborhood System (ENS) submission deadlines.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">No Action Taken</a></p>	Parli. Palluzzi
11	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action:</b> Housing &amp; Transportation Committee — review of committee status due to failure to meet quarterly requirements under the Standing Rules (no meeting held since June 2025).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Option A:</b> Appoint a new Committee Chair and direct the Committee to resume regular quarterly meetings in compliance with the Standing Rules.</li> <li>● <b>Option B:</b> Dissolve the Housing &amp; Transportation Committee pursuant to the six-month inactivity provision of the Standing Rules.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Zaid Diaz-Arias moves to approve Option A and ratify the appointment of Mel Futrell as Chair.</a></p> <p><a href="#">Jennie Palluzzi seconds</a></p> <p><b>Motion passes 10-0-2-0</b></p> <p><a href="#">Mel Futrell moves to approve to ratify the Chairs appointment of Alejandro Jimenez and SheRise Ford as Committee Members.</a></p> <p><a href="#">Jennie Palluzzi seconds</a></p> <p><b>Motion passes 11-0-1-0</b></p>	Pres. Diaz-Arias
12	<p><b>Committee Reports (If applicable):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Executive Council</li> <li>● Beautification &amp; Public Safety</li> <li>● Bylaws &amp; Rules</li> <li>● Cultural Affairs &amp; Minority Empowerment</li> <li>● Housing &amp; Transportation</li> <li>● Outreach &amp; Youth Engagement</li> <li>● Planning &amp; Land-Use Management</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">No Action Taken</a></p>	Committee Chairs

13	<p><b>Liaison Reports (2 Mins):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NCEPA Liaisons</li> <li>● NCSA Liaisons</li> <li>● Homelessness Liaisons</li> <li>● C-PAB Liaisons</li> <li>● Budget Representatives (NCBA)</li> <li>● PlanCheck NC Liaisons</li> <li>● LA Charter Reform Liaison</li> <li>● VANC Liaisons</li> <li>● LANCC Liaison</li> <li>● Congress of NCs Liaison</li> <li>● DWP Advocacy and MOU Oversight Liaisons</li> <li>● Park Advisory Board Liaison</li> <li>● Film Liaison</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">No Action Taken</a></p>	Liaisons
<b>Concluding Business</b>		
14	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Member Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>North Hollywood Monthly Community Clean-Up Days</b> - Held every 2nd Saturday from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Upcoming clean-up: Meet at Vineland &amp; Magnolia <a href="https://tinyurl.com/NoHoCleanUp">https://tinyurl.com/NoHoCleanUp</a></li> <li>● <b>LA Charter Commission Meetings</b> - March 19 <a href="https://reformlacharter.lacity.gov/commission-meeting-schedule">https://reformlacharter.lacity.gov/commission-meeting-schedule</a></li> <li>● <b>CERT Battalion 14 Community Monthly Meeting</b> Topic: Radio Communication Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 10am to 12pm at 4024 Radford Avenue, Studio City. <a href="#">Register</a> by March 19th, so organizers can get your name to Security.</li> </ul>	Council Mems.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Valley Plaza Recreation Center Spring Event</b> April 4, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. 12240 Archwood St., North Hollywood, CA, United States. Enjoy Egg hunt, Arts &amp; crafts, music, game booths, basket giveaway, and more!</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Wendy Sotelo announces resignation from NHNENC Secretary position.</a></p> <p><a href="#">Jennifer Clark announces resignation from Housing &amp; Transportation Committee.</a></p>	
15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">President Diaz-Arias adjourns the meeting at 7:54 pm</a></p>	Pres. Diaz-Arias

Call to Order: 6:36 pm		Vote Count - NHNENC MARCH 2026 BOARD MEETING					
Adjourned: 7:54 pm		(Y=Yes, N=No, Ab=Abstain, I=Ineligible, R=Recuse)					
Board Member	Attendance	6	7	8	9	11 - OPTION A & ratification of Mel Futrell appointed as Chair	11 - Ratification vote for Housing & Transportation Committee, Chair appointed Alejandro Jimenez and SheRise Ford
Maria Cermeno	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jennifer Clark	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michael Coleman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ab	Y	Y
SheRise Ford	Yes - Arrived Late 6:39	Ab	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mel Futrell	Yes - Arrived Late 6:49	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ab	Y
Alejandro Jimenez	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Veronica Jimenez	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Audrey Krause	Yes - Arrived Late 6:40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marci Marks	N						
Jennie Palluzzi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wendy Sotelo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
YOUTH - Reanna Lee	Yes - Arrived Late 6:38	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
*Zaid Diaz-Arias (Abstain.Default as Chair)	Y	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab
		<b>PASSES</b>	<b>PASSES</b>	<b>PASSES</b>	<b>PASSES</b>	<b>PASSES</b>	<b>PASSES</b>
Vote Count Totals		10/0/2/0	11/0/1/0	11/0/1/0	9/0/2/1	10/0/2/0	11/0/1/0
		Note: Agenda Items 11 - Option A chosen which led to President Diaz-Arias appointing Mel Futrell as Chair. Chair Futrell then appointed Alejandro Jimenez and SheRise Ford as Committee Members. Motion to ratify the appointment passes.					

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- Our website [NHNENC.org/minutes/](https://NHNENC.org/minutes/)