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MINUTES for REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, JULY 18, 2013, 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Los Angeles Fire Station #89, Conference Room

7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91605

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Ernie Moscoso. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. After opening welcome and remarks the secretary called the roll.

The Board Members present were: Rubin Borges, Ronald Cross, Jeffrey Garner, Chuck Loring, Inez T. Morin, Benjamin Moore, Ernie Moscoso, Florence Dorick Tina Sunderland, and Sarah Ramsawack. There was a quorum with the ten members present. The unexcused absentees were: John Basteghian, and Dr. Wung Chang, and Edan Harris. The excused absentees were: Zeke Barragan and Judy Harris.

Concerning the Minutes for the regular meeting on June 20, 2013, the secretary indicated that a clarification had been given concerning the veteran’s dental program being provided by Dr. Jorge O. Montes, D.D.S. The name of the program is OPERATION SMILES UPLIFTING MILITARY, also known as OSUM, and can be seen on the Website of: www.ThisIsOSUM.org. With that clarification Jeffrey Garner moved that the Minutes be approved. The second was by Ron Cross., and the vote was unanimous with all ten members voting to approve.

Item #5 on the agenda---Comments by government representatives

Jackie Keene, deputy for Paul Krekorian, CD#2, introduced Lorraine Diaz who will replace Jackie as the new deputy. Jackie Keene has been promoted to District Director for City Council District #2 and will assume her new duties.

Jackie Keene gave us a special invitation to attend the Open House of the CD#2 office since they moved from the Laurel Canyon location to 5240 North Lankershim Boulevard, Suite #200, on Thursday, August 15, 2013, from 5pm to 8pm.¹

Jackie Keene also told us that Paul Krekorian was newly appointed to a position of responsibility on the MTA Board.² Further, Jackie explained that the new Mayor, Eric Garcetti, wants to enhance his availability to the communities.³

Brandon Pender (our current NC Budget Advocate) came to speak about the upcoming Budget Day this Fall and that we need a representative and an alternate to attend that meeting. He also encouraged the board to review the WHITE PAPER that the NCBAs did produce.⁴

Brandon Pender also invited our Neighborhood Council to set up a contact table at their celebration of NATIONAL NIGHT OUT which the Studio City Neighborhood Council is sponsoring on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, near 12566 Ventura Boulevard. There will be many elected officials, many booths for information and products, live musicians, and plenty of foods from 5:30pm to 9:30pm.

Item #6 on the agenda---Comments from Stakeholders on non-agenda items

Bob Peppermuller, a member of the MTNHNC spoke about the DWP presentation at the LANCC meeting of July 6, 2013, at the Hollywood Constituent Services building on Franklin Avenue. Our treasurer, Jeffrey Garner is our DWP liaison, and he also attended this meeting which discussed and stressed the importance of the BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN.

Item #7 on the agenda---Comments from Board Members

Ben Moore encouraged every board member to save September 28, 2013, for the CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS, which will be from 8am to 4pm in the City Hall. Be sure to register your attendance online as soon as possible. When you register, you will be given the opportunity to register for the classes you wish to attend at the Congress.

Ben Moore also addressed the issue of the absence of board members. He said that due to apathy or being inactive due to schedule pressures, that inactive board members

¹ August 15th is the regular meeting date for the month of August. Board Members are encouraged to attend close to 5pm so that they can also attend the Board meeting. Planned car pools can be helpful.

² MTA is the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Paul Krekorian is one of three City Council members that Eric Garcetti appointed to the board of the Los Angeles COUNTY transportation agency.

³ For Mayor Garcetti, go to www.lamayor.org and click on either HELP for RESIDENTS or BUSINESSES, or SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR L.A. Every Stakeholder can make his voice heard.

⁴ The WHITE PAPER document is on the roster table in an orange notebook, labeled WHITE PAPER, or it can be found online.

should be released and their seats become vacant. He said that repeated absences are not a good reflection on our Neighborhood Council.

Florence Dorick praised the opening of the new playground in the Jaime Beth Slavin Park on June 27, 2013, on the corner of Strathern Street and Whitsett Avenue. The new facility expands its access to special attention children who will be able for the first time to get the fun of using a swing.⁵

Tina Sunderland praised the City of Los Angeles for the Summer Night Lights Program in the Valley Plaza Park on Archwood Street. She also has flyers that she distributes at the Summer Lights Program about the Neighborhood Council.

Sarah Ramsawack spoke about the importance of getting ready to participate in the Mayor's Budget Survey online in the Spring of 2014. Also, we need to get ready with an active Election Committee to prepare for the upcoming NC Elections of Spring 2014. As it appears now, we will have nine seats up for the ballot in 2014; some for their first four year term and others for a new four year term.

Sarah Ramsawack also stressed that we now have a window of opportunity before the elections to revive our Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee to make any amendments as needed, such as creation of additional Standing Committees,⁶ or to change the categories to change one AT LARGE to a Senior or Youth representative, (if a candidate steps forward) or to make other changes we may need to have in the Bylaws. This Window of Opportunity will have a deadline prior (to be determined) before the scheduled elections, so there was a request made to put this matter on the agenda for August 15, 2013.⁷

Sarah Ramsawack also stated that our Neighborhood Council needs to learn and distribute much more information about the BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN that is going to affect every user of water in Los Angeles over the next 20 years.

Item #9 on the agenda---Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jeffrey Garner reported that our credit/Purchase Card has been loaded with \$4,600 for our NC use. and that the storage unit for the NC property has been paid for

one full year at \$1,200. The treasurer also said that due to complications, some attempted purchases were denied.

⁵ Paul Krekorian attended the opening of this new facility. A second ADA playground was opened on June 24, 2013 and is available in the Ritchie Valens Park at 10736 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, in Pacoima.

⁶ We do have a board member interested in a Standing Committee in Safety.

⁷ The Elections Committee should be on the agenda for August 15, 2013.

There followed a discussion of allocating \$100 per month for board meeting refreshments with a total for the year of \$1,100: that \$20 per month be allocated for printing documents for the monthly meetings with a total of \$220 for the year. There was a motion by Ben Moore and seconded by Inez T. Morin to allow \$220 per year from line 102 for monthly meeting printings. The vote was 10-yes, 0-no, and 1-abstains.

The treasurer reported that as of June 21, 2013, that there was a total of purchases on the US Bank credit card for \$1,111.28. The motion was made to approve this report by Ben Moore and Ron Cross seconded the motion. The vote was 10-yes, 0-no, 0-abstains.

Florence Dorick stated that she knows that the city has a list of approved recipients of NC funding. Jeffrey Garner said we should be allocating some \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month to be used toward a 501.3, or to a school, and they will give the funding to the library.

Item #14 on the agenda---

Jessica Sanchez spoke about the Los Angeles River Project. In her power point presentation there was information about water conservation, water workshops, and it is all funded by the LADWP. For more information, go to Jessica@TheRiverProject.org

8:10pm Edan Harris arrives.

Item #15 on the agenda---Save Coldwater Canyon

Community Activists, Susan Jacobs, Jeff Jacobs, and Alex Izbick came to speak about the expansion of the Harvard Westlake School on the East side of Coldwater Canyon at 3700 Coldwater Canyon, Studio City, Calif., and their plans to construct a bridge over the traffic of Coldwater Canyon to the West side where a large three storey parking garage that can accommodate some 750 vehicles; and provide a fenced athletic field on the roof of the garage. The activists are concerned with the reduction of open space, the removal of protected trees, and the removal of some 400,000,000 pounds of soil.⁸ Alex said that Harvard Westlake School currently has some 23 acres of land. The addition will be some 5.5 more acres. Alex also said that Harvard Westlake School has obtained approval with all the city plans to date.⁹

The activists are requesting our Neighborhood Council to pass a Resolution to stop this development, as Studio City NC was requested to do the same. President Moscoso said that this could be put on the agenda for August 15, 2013.

⁸ To learn more about the plans for the school expansion go online to GOOGLE Harvard Westlake School Expansion, and see the site studiocitync.org for more information from the community.

⁹ For more information go online to www.SaveColdwaterCanyon.com

Sarah Ramsawack asked the question, "How many other Neighborhood Councils have you approached about this project?" The answer from Alex was, *'you are the first.'*

Item #10 on the agenda---Cleaner North Hollywood for August 3, 2013

Plans for the Community Clean-up in North Hollywood on Sherman Way, Florence Dorick says she needs six board members' names on the sign-up sheet for team leaders from our Neighborhood Council. There was a discussion of ordering 300 event shirts at \$5.00 each for a total of \$1,500, and an order (price unknown) for 20 pizzas.

Many questions were asked but answers were not available. Concerning the event, the president did say that Jackie Keene and Lorraine Diaz would arrange for police presence at the event on August 3, 2013.

And the need for a trained person in first aid was discussed.

Members who volunteered for team leaders included: Chuck Loring, Zeke Barragan, Ben Moore, (who wants more advance organization on the map of the area to be worked), Jeffrey Garner, Tina Sunderland, and Rubin Borges.

A motion was made for the Cleaner North Hollywood project by Jeffrey Garner to provide up to \$2350 from budget line #301, for shirts, Breakfast granola bars, bottled water, 20 pizzas, and printed flyers. Ben Moore made the second. The vote was 10-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstain.

Item #11 on the agenda---Canopy for \$800

Jeffrey Garner presented the discussion of the NC owning a pop-up canopy for outdoor events. He said he has found one that is about 12x12 with a back-drop and two side panels, that is plain yellow, weighs about 96 pounds, and costs about \$800.

Ben Moore moved that the NC purchase the described canopy from line #206 for \$800 and Chuck seconded the motion. The vote was 10-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Chuck Loring stated that he would bring his two canopies for the clean-up event.

9:05pm

Item #8 on the agenda---Standing Committee Reports

-a) Communications--Ben Moore, Chairman, reported that getting set up on FaceBook is almost ready, and that our mailing list is now growing. He hopes to have a bilingual newsletter ready for September 1st.

-b) City Services, Chairman Zeke Barragan is out of town.

c) Land-Use ChairPerson, Sarah Ramsawack acknowledged that the DWP is planning to have a sophisticated Groundwater Treatment Center constructed in our area, and that the DWP representative will attend our Committee meeting on July 25, 2013,

with details about City of Los Angeles.¹⁰ And DONE is providing a training class in Land-Use that will be here in the San Fernando Valley on Saturday, August 17th, from 8am to noon, at the Pacoima Family Source Center, at 11243 Glenoaks Blvd., room #3, in Pacoima. Participants in the training must R.S.V.P. at the following URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PlanningLandUse2013>.¹¹

d) Outreach was reported on by Florence Dorick about the new bus-stop benches being installed around the city and that we may be able to design a poster that will be exhibited on some of these benches.

e) President Moscoso said the Standing Rules Committee has to be established. No meeting has been scheduled to date.

f) In planning for the Council elections in Spring 2014, President Moscoso said (per our Bylaws for Vice President and Outreach Chairperson) that the Chair of the Elections Committee would be Zeke Barragan, and the Co-Chair would be Judy Harris.¹²

g) VANC had the regular monthly meeting at the Sherman Oaks Hospital on July 11, 2013, and the report is attachment #2 at the end of this record of Minutes. Also, that VANC is planning a reception for the elected officials which will include our new mayor, city attorney, and controller, as well as our CD#2 and our new CD#6 City Council Members, and others. The date and location to be determined and all Board Members are encouraged to accept this opportunity to meet and greet our officials.

9:28pm

Back to item #9 on the agenda---Allocating an annual refreshment budget of \$1100

Going back to complete the business on agenda item #9, Ben Moore moved that we allocate up to \$1100 for the refreshments for one year from line #201, and Florence Dorick seconded the motion. The vote was 10-yes, 0-no, and 1-abstain.

Item #12 on the agenda---Discussion of posting sites for the agendas

It was agreed that the Valley Plaza Library at 12311 Van Owen Street would be an accepted posting location.¹³

¹⁰ The next Land-Use committee meeting will be at the Fire Station at 6:30pm on Thursday, August 29, 2013.

¹¹ See Planning and Land Use 101 Flyer as Attachment #3 below.

¹² This information of our Elections Committee has been forwarded to DONE for the deadline of 7/21/13.

¹³ This NC did fund the construction of a brochure rack and bulletin board. We do have a reserved location for the posting of our agendas on the bulletin board.

Item #16 on the agenda---Agenda items for the next meeting on August 15, 2013

Items presented included:

The continued absences of some members and the need to send out thank you letters for their service,

The expansion of posting site locations,

The need to reactivate the Ad Hoc Bylaws committee to use this Window of Opportunity in advance of the Elections of 2014,

The Coldwater Canyon requested Resolution with possible vote,

The need to get the Ad Hoc Committee for Standing Rules functioning, also of value as we approach the Elections of 2014.

Item #17 on the agenda---Adjourn

Ben Moore moved to adjourn, and Chuck Loring seconded. The vote was a spoken unanimous yes.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH RAMSAWACK, Secretary

Attachments included:

Attachment #1, USBank statement of June 21, 2013

Attachment #2, VANC report of July 11, 2013

Attachment #3, Flyer for all Board Members to learn

PLANNING AND LAND USE 101, training by DONE

Record of Votes:

Agenda Item #9--annual refreshment allotment \$1,100.00

Agenda Item #9--annual printing allotment for meetings \$220.00

Agenda Item #10--for CLEANER NORTH HOLLYWOOD event of
August 3, 2013, up to \$2,350.00

Agenda Item #11--Pop-up Canopy for NC for outdoor events \$800.00