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North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council

General Board Meeting

April 23, 2014

Saticoy Elementary School Auditorium

7850 Ethel Avenue, North Hollywood, CA. 91605

MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order, Roll Call

President Radomir Luza calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board members present during roll call were: Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Storm Scully, Jim Kompare, Wendy Nassiri, and Corrie Wisner (late).

Board members not in attendance at the meeting: Gabriella Andazola, and Hilda Cardona.

A quorum of Board members was seated to start the meeting

2. General Public Comment on items not listed on today's Agenda

President Radomir Luza opened the floor to public comments on items not listed in today's agenda. Only three (3) speaker cards were submitted to the board.

First Speaker: Richard Comax, brought to the attention of the Board that there was a speed racing issue on various streets where he and his neighbors lived (Ethel Ave. and Vanowen Street). After he spoke about the issues of speed racing in that area, providing a map as a reference, he later brought his issue to Officer Carol S.

Second Speaker: Roy Samaan, wanted to present to the Board the Raise LA Campaign for the North Hollywood West endorsement. As a

representative of Raise LA, he brought documentation and presented the issue that there should be a raise of the minimum wage for hotel workers in Council District 2 to \$15.00 per hour. The documentation did state/indicate that the Mid-Town North Hollywood Neighborhood Council as well as the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council was in support of this campaign. President Radomir Luza then made a Motion to put this issue up for discussion on the next and upcoming Executive Board Meeting. The motion to have it later discussed in the Executive Board Meeting was unanimously passed except for two abstentions.

Third Speaker: Ryan Halton, from New York Life presented the issue of Child ID's where it would be good for aiding the police in finding missing children by having the ID collect fingerprints and a photo of the child. He stated that he and his family lives in North Hollywood and that this ID put him at ease. The Child ID would be of no charge, and was invited by the majority of the Board to come to the 2nd Annual Community Festival on May 17th. This matter was to be further discussed at a later meeting.

No other speakers came forth to comment on other matters.

3. Government Officers' Reports

President Radomir Luza opened the floor to Government Officers' Reports. Corrie to enter late for General Board Meeting.

Talene Dermenjian – Field Representative/Case Worker for Assembly member Adrin Nazarian.

Discussed AB1510 for the seismic retrofit tax credit that will make necessary charges to the property. Talked about a 35% tax incentive for at-risk property. Later moved to discuss AB 7200 for the California Post Production credit and that to be eligible they would need to pass the 75% test, which is that 75% of the total costs be allocated to Post Production. She sated that if someone needed more information that they email her at talene.dermenjian@asm.ca.gov

She also present a flyer that Assembly member Adrin Nazarian is inviting the community to join: Free Safety Workshop: Women's Self-Defense. May 3rd from 12-2pm at the Sherman Oaks/East Valley Adult Center and 1-3pm at the Panorama Recreational Center. May 10th form 10am-12pm at the Studio City Recreational Center and from 1-3pm at the North Hollywood Recreational Center. May 17th from 10an-12pm at the LA

Police Department Mission Area. To RSVP call the District Office at (818) 376-4246.

Lorraine Diaz – Field Deputy for Council member Paul Krekorian.

She first started to discuss an on-going project partnered by The Gas Company, Sempra Energy utility, and Paul Krekorian, for an assistance program to attain energy efficient home improvements at no cost to owners or property managers. For more information constituents could call Reliable Energy at 1-800-692-4011 Ext. #102 from 8am to 4:30pm. She also discussed that Loman Elementary School would be receiving 28 trees.

She also presented “Pizza with a purpose,” where on Monday April 21st, Tuesday April 22nd, and April 23rd of 2014 when presenting a specific flyer 20% of the purchase would be donated to support the families of Officer Cortijo and Officer Lee who lost their lives in the line of duty.

She brought another flyer brought by the Police Activity League Supporters for Thursday April 24th, 2014 at 6pm who would be conducting a community meeting and recognizing fellow officers.

She also brought to the Board’s attention that on Saturday, April 26th from 9am to 2:30pm in the East Valley District Yard, there would be a Recycling Open House Information event. For further information call (800) 773-2489 or 3-1-1 or visit www.lacitysan.org

Additionally, Ms. Diaz stated that on May 3rd, 2014 at 6pm in the AT&T Center there would be a Los Angeles Student Media Festival with free tickets to those who would RSVP (limit of 1000 free tickets). For further information go to lasmf.lacity.org

She also stated that on May 9th through 11th, 2014 there would be a Spring Carnival brought to you by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks in the North Hollywood Recreation Center. For more information contact norhthollywood.recreationcenter@lacity.org or visit www.laparks.org

She also brought another flyer of an event on June 7th, 2014 called the CPR Block Party, where there would be a raffle and the event would be from 10am to 6pm at 6426 Bellingham Ave. North Hollywood, CA 91606. For more information call 818-766-1111 or visit CPRBlockParty.com

She also mentioned a bit on what was happening with the Mural List for the Whitsett slope, but could not mention more since that was still in progress.

Lastly she brought the Board's attention that on Saturday May 31st, 2014 the LAPD Impact Team will have a graffiti clean up and was hoping to get both the North Hollywood North East and North Hollywood West Neighborhood Councils to participate in this event. Jim Kompare part of the Beautification Committee stated that this topic should be tabled for a more in-depth discussion.

Carol Sawamura – Senior Lead Officer for the LAPD North Hollywood
She started to discuss current break-ins and shootings that occurred the past few days. Later she mentioned the Community Impact Team and their participation in KIDS DAY that will occur on June 21st in the Valley Plaza Park that will focus on the kids and help the police show how good they are and educate other about the benefits of law enforcement. Since kids often get traumatized during the officer's raids or searches, this event will help bridge a gap between what common misconceptions there are and the jobs the police have to do. She also requested that this topic be put on the agenda and any assistance and a booth for the upcoming 2nd Annual Community Festival would be very good. Additionally, she stated that at the next meeting she would bring an itemized list for the program and KIDS DAY

She also stated that there is an application to get a booth on the festival for KIDS DAY but was asking to use the things of the NoHoWest Neighborhood Council to help the festival. Than Nancy would be the liaison between Office Sawamura and the Neighborhood Council.

4. President Report

President Radomir Luza stated that there was an Ethics & Funding Training on April 26th, 2014 and mentioned the times. He also mentioned that there was going to be the upcoming 2nd Annual Poetry Workshop on May 29th from 8am-12pm and that there would be a need of volunteers to help the children learn poetry.

5. Treasurers Report and Approval of Bank Statements

David started the report by stating that there were some pending issues that needed to be resolved with the Demand Warrants as pushed by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (D.O.N.E.). He pointed out that there could be some future confusion when sending the warrants that he wanted to avoid.

Brought to the Board, a US Bank Statement where he discussed some transactions amounting to a total activity of \$534.25 for the public storage rental and LA Newspaper Group payments.

Additionally, David gave the Board a Draft Expenditures sheet detailing the amount of money spent for the Operations and Elections Budget.

All of the amounts were accounted for and discussed thoroughly. The motion to pass the Treasurers' report was done by Jim Kompare the Second Signature to the Treasurer. This motion was seconded by Storm and was passed unanimously with the exception of two abstentions from Gabriella Andazola and Hilda Cardona who were not in attendance to vote on this matter.

6. Motion to purchase Safe School Zone signs from Maneri Signs to be posted at Coldwater Elementary School.

Co-Secretary Corrie Wisner contacted Lead Officer Carol Sawamura, and Lorraine about this topic. Since LAUSD printed a large amount of signs there were some still left over from the past project that the signs were left to be sold at a discount rate. All fifteen (15) signs for \$623.60. When the signs are purchased there would be no cost to install them if it is on LAUSD property, though if it not on LAUSD property, and would be posted in the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, then the cost of installation would be \$200.00 per sign.

It was suggested that there be a limit to the motion as to not over spend on the installation of the signs.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of fifteen (15) signs from Maneri Signs for Safe School Zone, to be posted for the posting of these signs at the Coldwater Elementary School for the total cost of \$623.60.

The motion was seconded by Lorrain Matza and carried: **11 FOR** (Radomir Luza, Willie Lewis, Rose Lewis, Jim Kompare, David Hechter, Corrie Wisner, Freddy Cupen-Ames, Charles Savinar, Carol Rose, Lorraine Matza) – **0 AGAINST** – **2 ABSTAINING** (Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona).

7. Discussion for the Outreach Committee to present current status on using Saticoy Elementary School as the venue for the upcoming 2nd Annual Community Festival.

Lorraine Matza stated that she already paid for the fee application and that the venue would be attained. Jim Kompare stated that there was 25 days till the festival.

The application for the use of the property was filed with \$10.00 application fee and was in wait for approval.

8. Discussion: Outreach Committee to discuss their findings regarding Outreach Materials at the storage facility from previous outreach events like the 2nd Annual Community Festival.

There are no give-away items left in storage from the past events. Additionally the decorations left in the storage according to the Carol Rose, are unusable.

Also, there was \$592.00 that was spent for Oriental Trading. Also for other Outreach materials, iStitch&Print is a company will be used for the purchase of the Outreach Materials. Though the school is not currently acquired as the venue, there was a sheet submitted for Outreach and Decoration spending submitted by Carol Rose. The amount spent for Decorations: \$127.50. The amount spent for Outreach: \$495.24. Though the total amount of budgeted for the Festival is \$10,000 as stated by Jim Kompare.

Freddy and Corrie was asking for more details and specifics on big-ticketed items, stressing the urgency of the deadline for Demand Warrants. David later added more information about the various ways that certain items would be paid, first by Demand Warrants, second by Purchase Cards, and lastly, though not easily done, reimbursements.

9. Discussion: Stakeholder Nancy Characky to present the cost of food to feed 250+ stakeholders at the 2nd Annual Community Festival.

At 8:59pm Storm Scully left during this agenda item.

Carol Rose brought to the Board's attention that the cost for food would total to \$1,117.80 and then adding the 10% tax would be about \$1,229.58. Thus, the allocated amount of money needed for the Festival would be \$1,300.00.

MOTION: To approve the allocation of \$1,300.00 for the purchase of food for the 2nd Annual Community Festival.

Brought for motion by Radomir Luza, was seconded by Jim Kompare and was carried: **10 FOR** (Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Jim Kompare, and Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST** – **4**

ABSTAINING (Storm Scully, Wendy Nassiri, Gabriella Andazola, and Hilda Cardona)

10. Discussion/Motion: Rent portable restrooms for the upcoming 2nd Annual Community Festival from Diamond Environmental Services. Outreach Chair Rose Lewis has obtained a quote for three (3) Event Classic Restrooms, one (1) Event Handicap Restroom, and two (2) Event Basin Sinks, to be delivered May 16, 2014 and removed Monday, May 19, 2014, for the total of \$334.10

There was no discussion, since no one raised an issue to this agenda item.

MOTION: Brought by Radomir and was seconded by Carol Rose to be carried: **10 FOR** (Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Jim Kompare, and Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST** – **4 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, Wendy Nassiri, Gabriella Andazola, and Hilda Cardona)

11. Discussion/Motion: Hire Maggie Shumaker to write the Minutes for the General Board Meetings. She would attend and record the meetings, then transcribe the recordings into Minutes, where she will note all votes and any pertinent information of the meeting. She is signed with Apple One, who pays \$17.50 per hour, that is reimbursed by D.O.N.E. Estimate indicates that the meeting would normally be six (6) hours to attend the meeting and to transcribe the notes, that will cost a total of \$105.00 per meeting on every 4th Wednesday of the month.

The discussion consisted on the method of payment and issue brought up by Wendy Nassiri. The issue was address that DONE would take that amount from the fiscal budget. Freddy and Corrie also stated that this path would be more beneficial for the Board in general because there would be a sense of urgency, as to not have long tangential discussions, and press upon the fact that such actions would cost the board.

Additionally, the hire would make the minutes available both in a timely manner, and would be considered an objective view of the items discussed on the past agenda.

MOTION: Brought by Jim Kompare, and was seconded by Freddy Cupen-Ames to be carried: **10 FOR** (Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Jim Kompare, and Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST** – **4**

ABSTAINING (Storm Scully, Wendy Nassiri, Gabriella Andazola, and Hilda Cardona)

12. Discussion/Motion: Purchase name badges for Board Members stating their Name, Title, Affiliated NC, and with official city logo, to be worn during events within and outside of the community. Co-Secretary Corrie Wisner obtained a quote from Anderson Trophy Co. for possible badges to total in number of fourteen (14) and have the various costs ranging from \$118.27 and \$221.27.

The matter was discussed but there was some explanation needed for the use of the badge and what kind of badge would be best for the board.

MOTION: To purchase the single sided, hanging name badge at the cost totaling \$118.27 for all fourteen (14) Board Members. The motion was brought by Radomir Luza, was seconded by Charles Savinar to be carried: **9 FOR** (Freddy Cupen-Ames, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Jim Kompare, and Corrie Wisner) – **1 AGAINST** (David Hechter) – **4 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, Wendy Nassiri, Gabriella Andazola, and Hilda Cardona)

13. Discussion: Desk plates for Board Members stating their Name, Title, and NC logo to be used to distinguish members and seating of the board. Secretary Corrie Wisner has obtained photographs of options offered by Anderson Trophy Co.

Tabled, but was Killed on Discussion (K.O.D.) since the matter was already solved with the name plaques that the board already has for their meetings.

14. Discussion: Purchase four to five tablecloths to be used during Executive Board Meetings and General Board Meetings. Board Member Carol Rose has obtained a quote from Xpress Linen Services for \$15.00 per tablecloth. Estimated cost for four tablecloths is \$60.00. Estimated cost for five tablecloths is \$75.00.

The discussion was on the details of the full price of the tablecloths and if there were enough funds on the items.

MOTION: To purchase five (5) tablecloths to be used during the Executive Board Meeting and the General Board Meeting from Xpress Linen Services for \$15.00 per tablecloth totaling to \$82.50. Motion was brought by Radomir Luza, and was seconded by Willie Luis to be carried:

10 FOR (Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Jim Kompare, and Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST** – **4 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, Wendy Nassiri, Gabriella Andazola, and Hilda Cardona)

15. NoHoWest NC Committee Chairperson' Reports

BEAUTIFICATION

Jim: On May 31st, there will be a cleaning of the hillside of the Whitsett Slope. There are some things that need to be done for the Woodman Overpass and that is still in the works.

ARTS & HUMANITIES

Radomir: For the Mini Greek Theatre there is something being done by Rec. & Parks for the valley, but there needs to be more information.

Poetry Workshop on May 29th at the Saticoy Elementary School to teach the youth poetry and that there needs to be some volunteers to help with this project.

LAND USE

David: Nothing to add as of yet.

OUTREACH

Rose: Nothing stated.

BYLAWS

Lorraine: Nothing stated.

16. Board member comments on non-agenda items:

Jim Kompare mentioned that there should be t-shirts for promotional purposes made by iStitch&Print for \$8 per shirt but will come with more precise pricing. Radomir Luza announced a meeting at Councilmember Paul Krekorian's Office to view and vote on artwork for mural to be painted on the Whitsett Slope. Meeting to be held on April 16, 2014.

TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA FOR APRIL 23, 2014 GENERAL BOARD MEETING: Coldwater Elementary School Safety Signs as proposed by Senior Lead Officer Carol Sawamura at \$300 per sign (presented March 26, 2014 General Board Meeting during Government Officer's Report).

17. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.