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North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council

Executive Board Meeting

May 19, 2014

Saticoy Elementary School Auditorium

7850 Ethel Avenue, North Hollywood, CA. 91605

MINUTES

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

Vice President Willie Lewis calls the meeting to order at 7:09pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Executive Board members present during roll call were: Radomir Luza (late), Willie Lewis, David Hechter, Corrie Wisner, and Freddy Cupen-Ames.

Board members not in attendance at the meeting: None, all were accounted in attendance.

A quorum of the Executive Board members were seated to start the meeting

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

Vice President Willie Lewis opened the floor to public comments on items not listed in today's agenda. Only one (1) speaker card was submitted to the board.

First 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 again 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 itemized the Raise LA goals and what it would do for the Hotel workers. His comments on record where to urge NoHoWest NC to include Raise LA endorsement on the next General Meeting agenda for a vote.

Roy continued to talk about how 1,121 hotel workers would benefit and would be the equivalent amount of \$3.1 million in spending for the community. That 40% of the hotel industry pays below industry standards. That Raise LA advocated for hotel workers to have a policy for five (5) sick days and tip protection, especially with service charge. That Roy wants to bring this issue to the next agenda, as it did in the Van Nuys, Lake Balboa, and other City and Neighborhood Councils.

President Radomir Luza then arrive later at 7:14pm to join in the conversation.

There was a discussion on this matter as granted by the President. David Hechter did point out that one (1) week is not enough time to put this item for a vote, or event enough time for the opposition to reply to this item. Thus, it is not appropriate to vote on something that this community needs to publicize to get the opposition's side on this matter. Then the issue is whether or not it should be on the agenda.

David also asked Roy, why only hotel workers? Why only this one sector?

Roy then replies that the hotel industry is a major employer within the community and they looked at where the poverty is, and the near breaking revenue and the hotel industry is the opportunity to lift this poverty line.

Freddy then asked what would be considered a hotel worker? Would independent contractors be covered, or part-time workers? Roy responds that a hotel worker would be all within the hotel, including part-time.

Radomir concedes that there needs to be both sides of the story and that one (1) week was not enough time to vote for this. Thus, he asked Roy to try to find those that would consider opposition on the matter as a good faith effort to bring both sides in for consideration.

Corrie states that there is an impression that is given when an endorsement is made for Raise LA. Roy adds that there are small businesses that support this organization.

Freddy then asked what would be the drawbacks from raising wages for just hotel workers? Roy responds that none are seen of as of yet, and that

other cities like Long Beach have applied this model. Also, this project could be applied to large hotel properties of 100 rooms and above. But if there are other impacts to be found, the City Attorney's Office will notify them. Also, Roy added that there will hopefully be a hearing 2-3 weeks by the city.

David then asks would there be tip credit? Roy said that such model was found in Philadelphia and will be a discussed on how to address this matter.

David then clarified what tip credit was to the board. Tip Credit is where tipped employees would be paid below normal minimum wage rates, by the employers, since the tips would or could surpass the normal hourly wage limitations. David also points out that there needs to be due diligence to him back for any vote on the matter.

Roy then stated that he could make a presentation for the General Board.

MOTION: To have Roy present to the General Board Meeting on May 28, 2014 but no vote on the matter is to be made and the time given is 20 minutes for discussion on how to proceed with this issue. Executive Board agreed unanimously.

No other speakers came forth to comment on other matters.

4. President Report

President Radomir Luza stated that the 2nd Annual Community Festival went well but was hoping to bring more people. Then for next year we need people to do it who are motivated.

Wade Trimmer was not able to attend the Executive Board Meeting, but he wants to speak on the May 28, 2014 General Board Meeting about the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission (SFVRM).

David stated that he could have a statement that they (SFVRM) are accepting donations but check to make sure with Amber from DONE. IT also needs to be clear that the stakeholders can donate to the SFVRM. He also asked if they were a faith-based organization and that it would be best if Wade worked on a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the next fiscal year.

Though it would be good to hear him talk about the mission for 10-12 minutes.

No motion was made on this matter.

5. Discussion: Poetry Workshop, accepting donations such as pens, paper, and other refreshments, Details will be elaborated by President Radomir Luza.

Radomir pointed out that “donations” was not the appropriate word for this agenda, and that the Poetry Workshop items will be for the teachers who need to get fed. Radomir stated that there should be pencils, popcorn, and soda for the teachers.
The date of the event is on May 29th.

David request that if there will be any expenditures, there needs to be proof the event occurred, and that there was some flyer as proof. Though Carol Rose did state that there were a lot of extra items from Outreach and that it could be used for the Workshop and distributed for the Clean Up, KIDS DAY, and the Poetry Workshop.

David agrees that if it were something that has been pre-purchased then it would be ok as long as there are not further expenditures.

Corrie then brought up the past voted on Whitsett Slope clean up where there needs to be a purchase of water and pizza for the volunteers.

David pointed out that there is only \$48.00 currently accessible from the P-Card and that there is only about \$1,200 that would have to last until the end of the fiscal year.

6. Discussion: Add a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the next Fiscal year for the support and rebuilding of the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission.

David points out that this should not be on the agenda.

Corrie stated that this is to introduce Wade Trimmer to the Neighborhood Purpose Grant.

David replied that it would be good to have a copy printed and ready for him since he already has a lot on his plate because of the fire. But pointed out that this matter was already discussed on the President's Report.

7. Discussion: Schedule a date for Principle John Graham of Charles Leroy Lowman Special Education School to present the school's Flower Garden Project. Principle Graham is seeking funding from the NoHoWest NC for this project and wishes to present the project to the General Board.

Carol Rose pointed out in the past there was some conflict with Loman Elementary where they shut the NoHoWest NC out.

Corrie stated that Lorraine Diaz said that they are requesting money and a flower garden that can be used to take the flowers to sell to other schools and teachers and get a project started.

David did respond that funding couldn't be done until the next fiscal year. The Executive Board agreed and put the matter up for a vote.

MOTION: To schedule Principle John Gram of Charles Leroy Lowman Special Education School to present the school's Flower Garden Project to the General Board on September 24, 2014. The Motion was given by Corrie, and was seconded by Radomir and carried: **5 FOR** (Radomir Luza, Willie Lewis, David Hechter, Corrie Wisner, and Freddy Cupen-Ames) – **0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAIN**

8. Discussion: Sidewalk Vending and our NC. Schedule a date for a representative from Councilmember Krekorian's Office to speak to the Community regarding CF#13-1493 being proposed by City Council to create a more comprehensive legal framework to effectively address sidewalk vending. This includes food street vending and regulation of merchandise/non-food street vending in the City of Los Angeles.

Corrie stated that CF#13-1493 is to address the sidewalk vending and that it would be good to get for a Town Hall.

Radomir agree that this would create a good discussion and bring in lots of people. There is a need for more input on this matter.

David did point out that the document is very preliminary. That we should know ahead of time and that there should be more notification of a topic such as this. If there is going to be a Town Hall, there needs to be an Ad Hoc Committee to set this up.

MOTION: To add discussion on May 28, 2014 for the CF#13-1493 City Council proposal and be shaped for a future Town Hall meeting at a later date. The Motion was given by Corrie, and was seconded by Freddy Cupen-Ames and carried: **5 FOR** (Radomir Luza, Willie Lewis, David Hechter, Corrie Wisner, and Freddy Cupen-Ames) – **0 AGAINST** – **0 ABSTAIN**

9. Discussion: Acquire and itemize a list of items that will go to the storage locker of be transferred to another Board member as the Annual Community Festival has finished. Such items are: printer transfer, weed cutter and hand truck storage, overall outreach materials, keys and code for the storage locker, and other items that need to be accounted.

Willie Lewis stated that he went to Jim's house on Thursday May 15, 2014 to the keys (P.O. Box and Storage Locker) and combination to the storage and possession of such items were transferred to Willie. He lists that he has the printer. The nameplates for the tables are missing. The charger for the weed cutter is good and in the storage locker. The weed cutter is in the storage; the hand truck (dolly) is in the storage. There is one battery missing for the weed cutter. There is an entire box of brochures that are in the storage locker. The laptop is with David Hechter, and the digital projector is missing.

David points out that the Secretary should have keys to the Storage Unit and the P.O. Box and that such records should be kept with the Secretary.

Corrie stated that there needed to be some indication that Jim's resignation is put on as a vacant seat. David clarifies that for the next agenda that it should be added that Jim will resign till June 30th at the end of the fiscal year.

10. Discussion: Bylaw Committee Meeting, standing Rules to be added to the Bylaws.

David pointed out that some of the standing rules were already voted on and that the only thing that was new was Article V Section 11.

A minimum of two events per fiscal year such as a community festival, Town Hall, meet and greet, park opening, etc.

A) Community events would be those that would get face-to-face contact.

B) Community events would have the goal of the dissemination of information of the Neighborhood Council.

MOTION: To add discussion on May 28, 2014 for Standing Rules by the Bylaws Committee. The Motion was given by Freddy Cupen-Ames, and was seconded by David Hechter and carried: **5 FOR** (Radomir Luza, Willie Lewis, David Hechter, Corrie Wisner, and Freddy Cupen-Ames) – **0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAIN**

11. Discussion: \$750.00 or more from the budget for the Congress of Neighborhood Council's Meeting in City Hall on September 20, 2014.

Radomir stated that there should be support for the Congress of Neighborhood Council's Meeting on September 20th and something must be done to show some support.

MOTION: To add discussion on May 28, 2014 for the support for the Congress of Neighborhood Council's Meeting on September 20, 2014 with \$750.00 or more from the budget. The Motion was given by David Hechter, and was seconded by Freddy Cupen-Ames and carried: **5 FOR** (Radomir Luza, Willie Lewis, David Hechter, Corrie Wisner, and Freddy Cupen-Ames) – **0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAIN**

12. Discussion: KIDS DAY application and what can be done before the May 31st application deadline, and what resources will be provided to the children as well as a description of the activities/literature at a possible booth.

David would agree with this as long as there are not extra expenditures since there is not enough money in the P-Card.

Discussion that David brings is on the Return on Investment (ROI) for the Outreach materials that expend, since we (Neighborhood Council) are not a social service to freely give public funds.

The event will take place on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 10:00am - 2:00pm in the Valley Plaza Park at 12240 Archwood Street, North Hollywood CA 91606.

No motion made on this matter.

13. Board member comments on non-agenda items:

Carol Rose: Brought up the point that since Lorraine is currently occupied with personal matters, who will call the school to set up the meeting? The board addressed this issue, that since it is summer everything is taken care for the moment.

Corrie brings up another topic in regards to the workload between co-secretaries. She stated that co-secretary Freddy did not do his job on time. Freddy stated that he did not have a fair chance to do some of the workload since Corrie would always be taking on more responsibility for herself. This discussion escalated to the point where Freddy stated that he was being attacked and that his character was in question.

The board tried to remedy this situation. David stated that there should be a delineation of Secretarial duties that the Secretary would normally accomplish. Establishing such duties which both would be responsible for doing. For example, records, minutes, and agenda.

Though both Freddy and Corrie agreed that there were many tasks that overlapped and other tasks that were dependent on another being completed.

What the board agreed was that when the duties are separated and one fails to complete the tasks allotted to them, then there would be a vote as to the removal of one of the co-secretaries. But the duties would have to be well defined and mediated between both co-secretaries. Freddy stated that by May 25, 2014 he would turn in the minutes on the site and post the General Board Meeting Agenda to the site as well.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:59pm.