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North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council

Special General Board Meeting

May 1, 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 7:30pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board members present during roll call were: Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona, Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Jim Kompare, Wendy Nassiri, and Corrie Wisner.

Board members not in attendance at the meeting: Storm Scully.

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 the public. No one filled out a Speaker Card and no one made comments on the matter.

3. Government Officers' Reports

President Radomir Luza opened the floor to Government Officers' Reports. There were no Government Officers' to make any comments.

4. President Report

President Radomir Luza stated 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.

He also stated that there was going to be an event next Saturday at 11:30am -1pm where Congressman Tony Cardenas was going to attend. The event needed an RSVP for attendance and the location was 15107 Vanowen Street Van Nuys, CA.

5. Discussion and possible Motion: Postpone the 2nd Annual Community Festival from May 17th to a date in the fall (date to be determined)

Carol Rose: That Outreach was not aware that this item was added to the agenda. Also this agenda item was brought up without any knowledge by the Outreach Committee to Postpone the Festival.

Jim: There are 17 days to go, do we have the school? Carol Rose then replies that there were commitments made to the vendors and that the Festival cannot be postponed.

Corrie asks if the school is secured and what would the cost be to secure it? David acknowledges that he agrees that this item was needed on the agenda. Why? According to David, last weekend there was no notification that the school was set as a venue for the Festival, and the Demand Warrants cannot be set up since there are no flyers to prove that there is in fact a Festival happening. Since there is not proof of the Festival, it is just a formality.

Lorraine Matza: States that she has the price, and just found out the price today. David acknowledges this new information and states that he wanted to be an option to have more months to give the Board a choice to catch their breath with the set up of the Festival.

Rose Lewis: Points out that “postpone” or any change in the time the Festival is made would give the Board a bad reputation.

Overall Outreach Committee states that the Festival is good to go and that there is no need for postponement.

6. Motion: Rent truck from Budget Truck Rental to haul materials for the 2nd Annual Community Festival. Cost not to exceed \$150.00.

There was a notice presented to the Board by Carol Rose, as to the eligibility for Jim Kompare to vote on fiscal/financial matters since on the

Empower LA website for Region 4 under the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council list, there was no date for Jim to have been certified to vote on matter of public funds. Jim wanted to know why the DONE sheet shows he was not certified and then left the meeting at 7:46pm.

David Hechter contests this sheet since he is considered the Second Signatory and has voted on financial matters before.

MOTION: To rent a truck from Budget Truck Rental to haul material for the 2nd Annual Community Festival with cost not to exceed \$150.00. Motion was seconded by David Hechter and carried: **12 FOR** (Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona, Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Wendy Nassiri, and Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST** – **2 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, and Jim Kompare)

7. Discussion and possible motion: Purchase 270 T-shirts with Neighborhood Council Logo from Dennis Bolton Enterprises. Cost not to exceed \$2,600.

There was a discussion on the matter as to the cost for the shirts. Freddy pointed out that there could be other means to get the shirts at a lower cost and have the same effect. Wendy stated, why not cut the number of shirts purchased to not pay that much.

Freddy added that since he counsels many students and alumni there are various resources that would help them with their marketing of their music and band. He pointed out that there was one company, jakprints.com that would be able to accomplish this task but at a lower cost and that this suggestion is not a conflict of interest since there is no direct or indirect gain Freddy gets for this referral. He points out that he is willing to help by providing resources that would be very cost effective, especially when it comes to marketing.

MOTION: To purchase 270 T-shirts with Neighborhood Council Logo from Dennis Bolton Enterprises with cost not to exceed \$2,600. Motion was seconded by Carol Rose and carried: **9 FOR** (Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Wendy Nassiri) – **1 AGAINST** (Freddy Cupen-Ames) – **4 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, Jim Kompare, Lorraine Matza, Corrie Wisner)

8. Motion: Purchase 2,000 black and white flyers to be printed on colored paper from Dennis Bolton Enterprises to publicize 2nd Annual Community Festival. Costs not to exceed \$500.

There was no discussion on the matter.

MOTION: To purchase 2,000 black and white flyers to be printed on colored paper from Dennis Bolton Enterprises with cost not to exceed \$500.00. Motion was seconded by Willie Lewis and carried: **12 FOR** (Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona, Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Wendy Nassiri, and Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST** – **2 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, Jim Kompare)

9. Motion: Purchase promotional materials and decorations for 2nd Annual Community Festival from Oriental Trading Company. Cost not to exceed \$650.00.

There was no discussion on the matter.

MOTION: To purchase promotional materials and decorations for 2nd Annual Community Festival from Oriental Trading Company with costs not to exceed \$650.00. Motion was seconded by Carol Rose and carried: **12 FOR** (Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona, Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Wendy Nassiri, and Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST** – **2 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, and Jim Kompare)

10. Motion: Rent two (2) stages and barbecue equipment for 2nd Annual Community Festival. Cost not to exceed \$1,700.00.

There was no discussion on the matter.

MOTION: To rent two (2) stages and barbecue equipment for the 2nd Annual Community Festival with cost not to exceed \$1,700.00. Motion was seconded by Charles Savinar and carried: **12 FOR** (Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona, Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar,

Wendy Nassiri, and Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST – 2 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, and Jim Kompare)

11. Motion: Request an extension of the Neighborhood Council P-Card to \$7,500.00 to cover spending for the 2nd Annual Community Festival.

There was no discussion on the matter.

MOTION: To request an extension of the Neighborhood Council P-Card to \$7,500.00 to cover spending for the 2nd Annual Community Festival. Motion was seconded by Willie Lewis and carried: **12 FOR** (Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona, Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Wendy Nassiri, and Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST – 2 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, and Jim Kompare)

12. Motion: Transfer \$3,000 from “Outreach” category and \$2,000 from “Operations” category of 2014 Neighborhood Council Budget to the “Election” category.

There was an issue brought up as to why there needs to be such transfers from Freddy. The issue was that there should be proper allocation of assets, yet the matter was up for vote.

MOTION: To transfer \$3,000 from “Outreach” category and \$2,000 from “Operations” category of 2014 Neighborhood Council Budget to the “Election” category. Motion was seconded by Lorraine Matza and carried: **10 FOR** (Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Wendy Nassiri) – **0 AGAINST – 4 ABSTAINING** (Freddy Cupen-Ames, Storm Scully, Jim Kompare, Corrie Wisner)

13. Motion: Authorize reimbursement of \$5,000.00 for printing costs of the 2nd set of postcards to publicize Neighborhood Council Board Elections, held on March 20, 2014.

David Hechter to the amount of \$4,881.45 amended this motion and Lorraine Matza seconded the amendment.

The amended motion is as follows.

AMENDED MOTION: To authorize the reimbursement of \$4,881.45 for printing costs of the 2nd set of postcards to publicize Neighborhood Council Board Elections held on March 20, 2014. Motion was seconded by Freddy Cupen-Ames and carried: **10 FOR** (Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona, Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Wendy Nassiri, and Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST** – **2 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, and Jim Kompare) – **2 RECUSED** (Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis)

14. Discussion and possible motion: Consider Neighborhood Purpose Grant by Saticoy Elementary School of \$3,500.00 for the purchase of tables and radio.

Hilda and Lorraine had to leave the room and recused themselves to this discussion. Later they were to return when discussion and vote on the motion were made.

David Hechter talked about the Neighborhood Purpose Grant by Saticoy Elementary and was presented evidence by Carol Rose who submitted sheets showcasing the types of tables and radios that were to be purchased. David has those sheets for the purpose of keeping track of expenditures.

Carol Rose then talked about the uses the tables and the radio would serve the general public if the Elementary were to have them. Since the school is a safe zone in case of an emergency having a table could be used for the comfort of others, not to mention the uses it would provide for the school, festivals, and other events. For the radio, the use would be to contact safety officials, and be used as an effective means of communication with the police.

MOTION: To consider Neighborhood Purpose Grant by Saticoy Elementary School of \$3,500.00 for the purchase of tables and radio. Motion was seconded by Charles Savinar and carried: **10 FOR** (Gabriella Andazola, Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Radomir Luza, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Wendy Nassiri, and

Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST – 2 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, and Jim Kompare) – **2 RECUSED** (Hilda Cardona, Lorraine Matza)

15. Discussion and possible motion: Purchase refreshments for the Community Clean Up to be held on May 31, 2014. Costs not to exceed \$500.00.

There was an issue as to the price of the refreshments and Corrie responded that since there was no figure given as to the cost, the given limitation to the cost was a formality. Thus, there was a move to amend the motion.

AMENDED MOTION: That the costs are not to exceed \$200.00 and that the any excess of the pre-purchased refreshments are to be used for the Community Clean Up to be held on May 31, 2014. Motion was seconded by Carol Rose and carried: **12 FOR** (Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona, Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Wendy Nassiri, and Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST – 2 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, and Jim Kompare)

16. Discussion and possible motion: Participate in the KIDS DAY Festival on June 21, 2014 at Valley Plaza Park. To be represented at the festival, the Neighborhood Council must complete an application.

David brings an issue as to the definition to “participate” since it is such a vague term. Radomir states that participation is bringing 2 tables, 2 chairs, and any material for engaging the public. Corrie states that a canopy might be available at the festival.

MOTION: To participate in the KIDS DAY Festival on June 21, 2014 at the Valley Plaza Park, whereby this Neighborhood Council must complete the application to be represented at the festival. Motion was seconded by Rose Lewis and carried: **12 FOR** (Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona, Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Wendy Nassiri, and

Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST – 2 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, and Jim Kompare)

17. Discussion and possible motion: Purchase refreshments for the KIDS DAY Festival to be held on June 21, 2014. Cost not to exceed \$500.00.

David points out that this motion cannot be feasibly completed since it is not within this current fiscal budget and would need to be tabled for the upcoming fiscal budget. Lorraine, does point out that since it is past date, then getting non-perishables would be feasible. David concedes to this but adds the condition that there needs to be details on this matter before proceeding.

Corrie states that there needs to be some participation, but David states that there needs to be “due diligence” which must be completed before any action is taken.

Lorraine states that this motion should be tabled for another week and David agrees because he wants more detail on what is needed before proceeding and wants proof on the matter for DONE paperwork that needs to be submitted to them.

Thus, this motion is **TABLED** until another meeting.

18. Special Motion: To add to the agenda not to exceed \$1,000.00 for LAUSD for the rental use of the auditorium, to cover custodial costs, and overhead costs in using the Saticoy Elementary School.

This special motion was added by David Hechter to continue using the current site for the meeting and was not added to the agenda.

Lorraine Matza seconds this motion to be added to the agenda.

Wendy asks why is there a need to do this, and where is the money going? David responds that the money will be used for custodial costs, and other overhead costs.

MOTION: To add to the agenda not to exceed \$1,000.00 for LAUSD for the rental use of the auditorium, to cover custodial costs and other overhead expenditures in using Saticoy Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Freddy Cupen-Ames and carried: **12 FOR** (Gabriella Andazola, Hilda Cardona, Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Wendy Nassiri, and Corrie Wisner) – **0 AGAINST** – **2 ABSTAINING** (Storm Scully, and Jim Kompare)

19. NoHoWest NC Committee Chairperson' Reports

OUTREACH

Rose: That New York Life will be at the Festival

David states that it is a good project to have the child ID, but there needs to be a clear notification that there is an opt-out to the project. That people should be aware that it would be upfront.

Rose adds that she will be getting the flyers for the printing and distribution.

BEAUTIFICATION

Jim: Since he left early there was no statement made.

LAND USE

David: Nothing to add as of yet.

ARTS & HUMANITIES

Radomir: For the Mini Greek Theatre proposal is made, but Charles Songer (name needs verification) of Park & Rec., for the Valley wants proposals and that there is a need for specifics on the project.

BYLAWS

Lorraine: That the next meeting will be on May 7th at Saticoy Elementary at 6:30pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Since Carol Rose stepped down as chair this standing committee is inactive.

20. Board member comments on non-agenda items:

At 9:01pm Hilda leaves

Wendy discusses Valley Glen speeding and wants to know what can be done about public safety for this issue. So, far the committee is inactive and unless there is a Board member or stakeholder that wants to lead this standing committee, there is nothing that can be done at this time.

Lorraine talks about the Bylaws committee agenda, and that the chairperson should give bullet points, and general discussion on the Bylaws must be publicized.

David wants to find the standing rules and that it should be added and posted appropriately.

Freddy and Corrie points out that there was a vote on the sings for the school and wanted to know what action would have to be taken to have them posted. David stated that he is working with Armando (check name for verification) and that he is waiting for a response on the matter.

21. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.