

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Radomir Luza Vice President: Wille Lewis Treasurer: David Hechter Secretary: Corrie Wisner and Freddy Cupen-Ames

BOARD MEMBERS		
Gabriella Andazola	Rose Lewis	Carol Rose
Hilda Cardona	Willie Lewis	Charles Savinar
Freddy Cupen-Ames	Radomir Luza	Corrie Wisner
David Hechter	Lorraine Matza	
	Wendy Nassiri	
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# North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council

### **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 6:30pm WAT THAI TEMPLE

8225 Coldwater Canyon Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91605

#### **MINUTES**

### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Radomir Luza let the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American

#### 2. Call to Order, Roll Call

President Radomir Luza called the meeting to order at 7:51pm 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, Wendy Nassiri

Board member not in attendance at the meeting: Gabriella Andazola, Charles Savinar Corrie Wisner

A quorum of Board members was seated to start the meeting.

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

**LAPD Officer Ahedo**–Phone: 818-634-0949 email:33107@lapd.lacity.org An update on crime in the area was given. There is a crime increase all over the city of L.A. Car break-in's and stolen cars are the biggest crimes. Using a club is a great deterrent. Kmart thefts are two a day. He stated all officers are being trained to handle mental issues of the homeless.

Connect Day for the Homeless is April 7, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at North Hollywood Park.

## Assemblywoman Patty Lopez – Represents the 39th District

www.assembly.ca.gov/lopez Phone: 818-365-2464

Patty Lopes introduced herself and gave a brief history of herself and asked for the support of the stakeholders. She gave a rundown of her accomplishments.

## **Kevin Suscavage – Running for 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly District**

He introduced himself and gave a brief outline of his experience and asked for stakeholders vote. He stated he will repeal Prop 47 if he is elected as it is not working.

### Joanne Fernandez – Running for 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

She stated her qualifications and goals: Transportation, Homelessness/Mental Health, Job Development and Economic Growth, Foster Care Services, Senior Services, Education, Public Safety. She asked for stakeholders vote

## Krystal Arevalo – Assemblywoman, Patty Lopez – 39<sup>th</sup> District

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day is April 3, 2016. El Nino Event is April 30, 2016 in North Hills. Health and Pleasure Fair is May 21, 2016.

#### Julio G. Anleu - Monica Radcliff - LAUSD

The Town Hall with the new Superintendent Michelle King was a tremendous success. Schools are out for Spring Break. Two new programs are starting: Arts Education and \$269,000 has been approved toward instruments for students.

#### Gemma Jimenez - Echo Park Film Center

She introduced herself and gave an introduction to the Echo Park Film Center (free workshops, art walks, film screenings).

**David Kane** – His organization does large scale events and raises money for non-profits, schools, groups, churches. They have created a summer camp fitness challenge program to get kids moving.

#### **Vincent Recalde**

He wishes to become a Board Member. He is new to the area and hopes to participate in the community.

#### Kenny LaSalle – Congressman Tony Cardenas Phone: 818-781-7407

Connect Homeless Day is April 7, 2016. His office is participating in the federal side with rapid housing, vouchers for Veterans. Immigration Fair is Saturday, March 26, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Their office is providing free lawyers to answer questions at Sepulveda Rec Center in Panorama City. El Nino Advisory is March 22, 2016. The 1930 Tariff Act is being reintroduced. Any legislation can be seen at <a href="https://www.congress.gov">www.congress.gov</a> to search for any Bill.

#### 4. Approve the Minutes of the General Board Meeting held on February 24, 2016

Lorraine Matza brought a motion to approve the General Board Minutes held on February, 2016 as corrected, seconded by Rose Lewis

8 AYES: Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Wendy Nassiri

**VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES** 

#### 5. President's Report

Spring Holiday Celebration is March 24, 2016 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Valley Plaza Recreation Center

<u>Jeff Brill</u> of DONE sent a note regarding the Woodman Wall stating the City Attorney has questions for the Neighborhood Council Office, which were received and answered and sent back to the City Attorney on Friday afternoon waiting for their response. He would like to get together with Radomir Luza and Lorraine Diaz at the Woodman Wall.

### 6. Secretary Report

No report due to Secretary's absence.

#### 7. Treasurers Report

Radomir Luza brought a motion to approve Treasurer's Report, seconded by Willie Lewis

**8 AYES**: Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Wendy Nassiri

**VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES** 

8. Discussion and Possible Action: Definition of Term: Board Affirmation: If a Neighborhood Council fails to register enough candidates to have a competitive race, the election will be cancelled, and the candidates seated by affirmation. If there are not enough candidates to meet a quorum of the board, the Department will use the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Loss of Quorum policy to seat a new board.

### **Election Policies**

#### (a) II Board Affirmation

If, after the candidate filing verification deadline there is only one or no candidate for every open board seat, the Department will hold a Board Affirmation at the next regularly scheduled board meeting affirming and seating the candidates in lieu of an election.

Lorraine Matza brought a motion to move forward with the seating of the new board members, seconded by David Hechter

**8 AYES**: Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Wendy Nassiri

**VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES** 

#### 9. Action: NoHoWest NC candidates seated by Board Affirmation.

Board Members seated were: Charles Savinar, David Hechter, Carol Rose, Lorraine Matza, Freddy Cupen-Ames, Simon Sanchez, Radomir Luza, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Michelle Boley

### 10. Action: Election of NoHoWest NC Board Executive Officers.

President – Radomir Luza was voted in by unanimous vote.

Vice President – Willie Lewis was voted in by unanimous vote.

Secretary – Carol Rose was voted in by unanimous vote.

Treasurer – David Hechter was voted in by unanimous vote.

11. Discussion and Possible Action: Sun Valley Graffiti Busters to provide 16 hours of work monthly to maintain upkeep of the Whitsett Slope, garden and soil and dirt side on the other side of overpass. All work to be documented for Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Cost: \$300 per month to be paid in quarterly payments, which also allows for coverage of transportation, supplies and removal and disposal of trash and debris at end of each work period

Lorraine Matza brought a motion to amend agenda #11 to read Cost \$300 for the month of April, seconded by Willie Lewis

**9 AYES**: Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Simon Sanchez, Wendy Nassiri

**VOTE: (9-0-0) MOTION PASSES** 

Radomir Luza brought a motion to accept the amended motion to read. Sun Valley Graffiti Busters to provide 16 hours of work monthly to maintain upkeep of the Whitsett Slope, garden and soil and dirt side on the other side of overpass. All work to be documented for Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Cost: \$300 for the month of April, seconded by Willie Lewis

**8 AYES**: Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Simon Sanchez

**VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES** 

12. <u>Discussion and Possible Action: Department of General Services to install new security light to Eastern wall of Whitsett Slope to deter graffiti. The estimate also calls for trouble shooting existing light which is not working, inspection and permit and supervision. Total Cost: \$4,736. Our cost is \$2,368 as Council Member Paul Krekorian's office is matching the funds we spend.</u>

Radomir Luza brought a motion to accept Agenda Item #12 which reads Department of General Services to install new security light to Eastern wall of Whitsett Slope to deter graffiti. The estimate also calls for trouble shooting existing light which is not working, inspection and permit and supervision. Total Cost: \$4,736. Our cost is \$2,368 as Council Member Paul Krekorian's office is matching the funds we spend, seconded by Carol Rose

**8 AYES**: Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Simon Sanchez

**VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES** 

13. <u>Discussion and Possible Motion: Provide lunch (sandwiches and fruit) for 175 people for Homeless Connect Day on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Hollywood Park. Cost not to exceed \$1,350 (\$7.71 per person).</u>

Lorraine Matza brought a motion to provide lunch (sandwiches and fruit) for 175 people for Homeless Connect Day on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Hollywood Park. Cost not to exceed \$1,350 (\$7.71 per person), seconded by Freddy Cupen-Ames

**8 AYES**: Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Simon Sanchez

**VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES** 

14. Discussion and Possible Motion: Coldwater Canyon School Principal Cynthia
Braley is applying for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant from NoHoWest NC to
purchase food for Career Day at her school in North Hollywood on May 13<sup>th</sup> from
8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The morning includes 125 business people interacting with
students and answering questions. The day is an eye-opening and rewarding
process for students as they begin to focus on which career they wish to undertake
and why. The NPG is not to exceed \$800.

There was no action taken.

#### 15. Committee Member comments on non-agenda items:

Radomir Luza – He stated his new poetry book is available, Freddy Cupen-Ames – Trademarking the logo was discussed.

#### 16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.