



EXECUTIVE BOARD

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North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 6:30pm

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8225 Coldwater Canyon Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91605

MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Radomir Luza called the meeting to order at 6:50pm.

2. Call to Order, Roll Call

Board members present during roll call were: Radomir Luza, Freddy Cupen-Ames, David Hechter, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar,

Board member not in attendance at the meeting: Simon Sanchez
Gabriella Andazola arrived at 6:55pm and left at 8:30pm

There was a quorum of Board Members.

3. Board Appointment of qualified candidates to fill vacancies.

Gabriella was sworn in as a board member by President Radomir Luza.

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

Marva Moro – Los Angeles County Museum of Art

The museum is making an effort to reach the outer edges of the community to make the collection and programs more accessible. She is developing workshops for the Summer. She asked stakeholders to submit a photograph of North Hollywood. Buses will be provided from North Hollywood to the museum for the day

Leslie Ann Myrick-Rose – She stated there is a lack of response from the Board Members to help with the events funded by the Neighborhood Council.

Hortensia Goodman – International Film Festival

She brought flyers with 10 screenings for the Summer and discussed outreach.

5. Government Reports

LAPD Officer Gabe Ahedo—Phone: 818-634-0949 email:33107@lapd.lacity.org

An update on crime in the area was given. Robberies have increased around Sherman Way and Bel Air area. Gangs are a big problem.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting at North Hollywood Station is June 11, 2016 at 10:00am regarding the gang problem.

He posts reports on Next Door, Facebook, Twitter lapdnorthhollywood division.

David Gonzalez –Monica Radcliff – LAUSD

Graduation rate has increased to 72.2%. Public forum with the finalist for the local superintendent is Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 10:30am at Pacoima Middle School or Monday, June 13, 2016 at 6:00pm at Van Nuys High School. Loman School had a prom recently. They have been awarded a parent center upgrade grant.

Email: david.gonzalez3@lausd.net

Ron Lee – LA Sanitation Department

His department has been indexing the streets by breaking it down to grids and graded for litter on the streets to be cleaned. Board members will receive updated emails. Use my311 app to pick up items dumped. 1250 trash cans have been dropped throughout the whole city for litter.

Lorraine Diaz – City Councilman Paul Krekorian of CD#2

An update was given on: Repaving of streets, Woodman Wall, Whitsett Soccer Field, 48 new parking spaces, RV problem, Healthy Streets Program, homeless encampment,. There are approximately 1600 homeless in North Hollywood. Homeless Connect Day is October 12, 2016 at Hope of the Valley Outreach Center in Van Nuys. Cards are to be given to the homeless listing services available. Trash bins will be installed in the NoHo West area at intersections two per corner and along Coldwater, Laurel Canyon, Lankershim Vanowen serviced by sanitation. Schools in the area are good for outreach as well as planned events.

6. Approve the Minutes of the General Board Meeting held on March 23, 2016

Radomir Luza brought a motion to approve the Minutes for March 23, 2016 as corrected, seconded by Willie Lewis

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

VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES

7. President's Report

There was discussion regarding Mid Town North Hollywood Neighborhood Council wants to change the boundaries and the change of name of Midtown Neighborhood Council to North Hollywood Neighborhood Council.

Poetry reading scheduled for June 2, 2016 has been cancelled.

Freddie Cupen-Ames suggested using Volunteermatch.org

8. Secretary's Report

Carol Rose received a letter regarding the banners stating the city has removed 10 banners without notice. The city will not give a refund.

9. Treasurers Report

Lorraine Matza brought a motion to approve March 2016 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Rose Lewis

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

VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES

Radomir Luza brought a motion to approve April 2016 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Willie Lewis

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

VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES

10. Discussion and possible motion: speaker, Cynthia Braley, Principal of Coldwater Canyon Elementary School, to submit a grant application not to exceed \$2000.

Rose Lewis brought a motion to approve grant application from Coldwater Canyon Elementary School for walkie talkies, seconded by Willie Lewis

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

VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES

11. Discussion and possible Motion: contractor Sun Valley Graffiti Busters to maintain Whitsett Slope gardening on a monthly basis. May and June, not to exceed \$600.

Lorraine Matza brought a motion to approve Sun Valley Graffiti Busters to maintain Whitsett Slope gardening on a monthly basis. May and June, not to exceed \$600, seconded by Freddy Cupen-Ames

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

VOTE: (8-0-0) MOTION PASSES

12. Discussion and possible action: to purchase 10 or more overhead banners for Sherman Way and Whitsett, etc. to replace the ones taken down by the city to make way for solar panels. Also, what size, color and design does the council want the possible new banners to be? Presently, the NoHo West NC has one blue banner hanging above Sherman Way.

Item #12 was tabled.

13. Discussion & possible action: when, where and how much (budget) for fourth annual retreat.

Proposed date is August 13, 2016 at 9:00am – 1:00pm. at Grace Community Church with a budget of \$750.

14. Discussion & possible action: finding a NoHo West NC official council office to conduct meetings, business, outreach, communication and also for storage and mail. The office would be used to further broaden the bridge between the community and city government.

There was discussion but no action taken. Freddy Cupen-Ames and Rose Lewis are on the committee.

15. Board member comments on non-agenda items: (a) Comments on Board members own activities/brief announcements; (b) Brief responses to questions posed or statements made by persons exercising their general right to public comment (c) Introduce new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting

Radomir Luza – He urged the board to spend more time bettering themselves as board members and council members and to be in attendance at the Neighborhood Council events.

Freddy Cupen-Ames – He spoke about ways to be more effective in addressing constituents and the effectiveness of outreach and suggested donating to the Neighborhood Congress. County Acts of Kindness is being initiated into schools.

Radomir Luza read a statement regarding the recall petition of Paul Krekorian.

Charles Savinar suggested putting on the next agenda a vote to have up to five filers of Community Impact Statements.

Lorraine Matza discussed not being able to find the information for the Funding and Ethics Training on the DONE website.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.