

## President: Radomir Luza Vice President: Wille Lewis Treasurer:

David Hechter
Secretary:
Corrie Wisner and Freddy
Cupen-Ames

Gabriella Andazola	Rose Lewis	Carol Rose
Freddy Cupen-Ames	Willie Lewis	Charles Savinar
David Hechter	Radomir Luza	Simon Sanchez
	Lorraine Matza	

**BOARD MEMBERS** 



#### North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council

# GENERAL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2016 AT 6:30PM WAT THAI TEMPLE 8225 Coldwater Canyon Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91606 MINUTES

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#### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Willie Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:55pm.

#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Board members present during roll call were: Gabby Andazola, Freddy Cupen-Ames, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Simon Sanchez

Board member not in attendance at the meeting: David Hechter There was a quorum of Board Members.

Radomir Luza arrived at 8:35pm.

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

**Sarah Ramswack** –She thanked Radomir for his service to this counsel. She gave an update on the Congress of Neighborhood Councils. The Council meets the second Thursday of each month. She encouraged each neighborhood council to contribute to the Congress of Neighborhood Councils. The Budget Advocates and BONC Awards also need to be supported. The Los Angeles County of Registrar Voters was 500 short of pole workers for the election on November 8, 2016.

Charles Savinar – He reported on a meeting he attended at DWP regarding a program introduced concurrent with 2015 – 2020 Rate Act called the Equity Metric Data Initiative designed to tract, measure and report on how the Department is serving Los Angeles. Data collection is due to begin November 2016. February 2017 an initial report on the metrics will be presented to the LADWP Board of Commissioners who will issue semiannual reports. Feedback should be emailed to: <a href="mailto:equitymetrics@LADWP.com">equitymetrics@LADWP.com</a>. He also attended a Budget Advocates meeting on October 15, 2016. There is an 85 billion dollar structural deficit in the 2016-17 budget including homeless funding, infrastructure needs, service restoration goals and ongoing litigation. Budget Advocates are meeting with city Department Heads to discuss department needs and how they can

be reconciled within the constraints of the budget. There are 35 city departments competing for funds. Each Budget Advocate is assigned to 6 different Neighborhood Councils and should visit them once a month.

**LAPD Lead Officer Carol Sawamuro** gave an update of the crime in the area. She discussed the new Neighborhood Watch Group starting in the area.

#### David Gonzalez - Board Member Monica Ratliff - LAUSD

He discussed America's Safe School Week. October is Employment Awareness Month. Magnet School applications are due November 10, 2016.

#### Nelson Pichardo - Deputy Chief of Staff - Assemblywoman, Patty Lopez

An update was given on seven Bills that Assemblywoman Lopez submitted this year including: AB1449, AB1941, AB2062, AB2067, AB2785, AB2036, AB1902 They are gathering information and ideas for a Legislation action item. (818)-365-2464

**Gwendolyn Posey** She introduced herself and stated she is running for LAUSD Board District #6. She stated she has been involved the Governing Body for Northeast Valley Best Star Community, juvenile programs, worked on LAUSD campuses for over 20 years. She loves working with kids and being an advocate.

#### David Hernandez, Candidate for Mayor

He introduced himself and gave his credentials for Mayor. He is interested in working to better relationships with law enforcement and the community. The Law Enforcement Summit in Pacoima was very successful and they want to bring it to schools in the area. He discussed the City of Los Angeles Exclusive Trash Franchise for all commercial businesses in Los Angeles.

#### **Kevin Suscavage**

He talked about the divisiveness of the election. He is forming a town hall before the election to discuss the Propositions.

## 3. Approve the Minutes of the General Board Meeting for the previous General Board Meeting

Lorraine Matza brought a motion to approve the Minutes for September 28, 2016 meeting as corrected, seconded by Freddie Cupen-Ames

8 YEAS: Gabby Andazola, Freddy Cupen-Ames, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Simon Sanchez

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

#### 4. President's Report

No report given.

#### 5. Secretary's Report

No report was given.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

No treasurer's Report.

#### 7. Government Reports

No reports given.

## 8. <u>Discussion and possible Motion: Holiday Party at VPRC, December 9, 2016 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Small Gym, Contribution not to exceed, \$600.00</u>

Willie Lewis brought a motion that North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council approve an amount not to exceed \$600.00 for the Holiday Party at NPRC on December 9, 2016 at 6:30 to 8:00 in the Small Gym, seconded by Carol Rose

**7 AYES:** Gabby Andazola, Freddy Cupen-Ames, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar

1 INELIGIBLE: Simon Sanchez
VOTE: (7-0-0-1) MOTION PASSES

#### 9. <u>Discussion and possible Motion: VANC Planning Forum at CBS Studios.</u> November 10, 2016 at 6:30pm, Contribution not to exceed, \$250.00

Willie Lewis brought a motion that North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council approve an amount not to exceed \$250.00 contribution to VANC Planning Forum at CBS Studios November 10, 2016 at 6:30pm, seconded by Carol Rose

**7 AYES:** Gabby Andazola, Freddy Cupen-Ames, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar

1 INELIGIBLE: Simon Sanchez VOTE: (7-0-0-1) MOTION PASSES

## 10. <u>Discussion and possible Motion: VANC Mixer at CBS Studios, March 9, 2017 at 6:00pm in Carla's Restaurant, Contribution not to exceed, \$250.00</u>

Willie Lewis brought a motion that North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council approve an amount not to exceed \$250.00 for the VANC Mixer at CBS Studios, March 9, 2017 at 6:00pm in Carla's Restaurant, seconded by Carol Rose

**7 AYES:** Gabby Andazola, Freddy Cupen-Ames, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar

1 INELIGIBLE: Simon Sanchez VOTE: (7-0-0-1) MOTION PASSES

# 11. <u>Discussion and possible Motion: Major Clean-Up from Saticoy's Dead End and Strathern Park West, Saturday, November 12, 2016. Sponsor is the Chamber of Commerce, there will be at least 100 Volunteers. Clean-Up is within our Boundaries. Contribution for Refreshments, Tools and other needs, not to exceed, \$1,600.00</u>

Lorraine Matza brought a motion that North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council approve an amount not to exceed \$1,600.00 to co-sponsor with the Chamber of Commerce and City Councilman Paul Krekorian's Office for a Major Clean-Up on Saturday, November 12, 2016 in the area of Saticoy's Dead End and Strathern Park West the funds will go towards the purchase of snacks and refreshments for the 100

expected volunteers, the rental of weed wacker equipment and other applicable necessary expenses for the event, seconded by Carol Rose

**7 AYES:** Gabby Andazola, Freddy Cupen-Ames, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar

1 INELIGIBLE: Simon Sanchez
VOTE: (7-0-0-1) MOTION PASSES

## 12. <u>Discussion and possible Motion: Neighborhood Watch Meeting with the Ethel</u> <u>Business Owners October 27, 2016, time and place to be determined. Contribution</u> <u>for Refreshments not to exceed, \$350.00</u>

This item was skipped due to event had already taken place.

## 13. <u>Discussion and possible Motion: Woodman Walls Ribbon Cutting, Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 10:00am to 11:00am, 50-70 Guests expected.</u> Contribution for Refreshments not to exceed, \$850.00

For the record the Executive Committee did approve this item for the Agenda but it was approved with a lesser amount than what appears. The amount approved by the Executive Committee was for \$150.00. The amount should read \$150.00 Willie Lewis brought a motion that North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council approve an amount not to exceed \$150.00 for the Woodman Walls Ribbon Cutting, Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 10:00am to 11:00am, 50-70 Guests expected, seconded by Carol Rose

**7 AYES:** Gabby Andazola, Freddy Cupen-Ames, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar

1 INELIGIBLE: Simon Sanchez VOTE: (7-0-0-1) MOTION PASSES

# 14. Discussion and possible Motion: To Co-Sponsor the Annual Thanksgiving Banquet and Resource Fair at the Central Lutheran Church on Tyrone Avenue November 23, 2016 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Contribution for Gloves, Hats and other Winter warm wear, not to exceed, \$2,000.00

Item #15 should be amended to read to benefit stakeholders in the area and to serve our homeless community and conduct outreach in partnership with Hope of the Valley Rescue Center

Lorraine Matza brought a motion to amend to read co-sponsor with Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission the Annual Thanksgiving Banquet and Resource Fair on November 23, 2016 from 11:00am, seconded by Carol Rose

**7 AYES:** Gabby Andazola, Freddy Cupen-Ames, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose

1 ABSTENTION: Charles Savinar 1 INELIGIBLE: Simon Sanchez VOTE: (7-0-1-1) MOTION PASSES

Item #15 was tabled due to not being put on the Executive Meeting Agenda.

# 15. <u>Discussion and possible Motion: to nominate and vote on a new President for the NHWNC to fulfill the remaining term of January 1, 2017 to April 30, 2017 of the existing President, Radomir Luza, whom will be resigning the Presidency and the NHWNC, December 31, 2016</u>

Radomir Luza nominated Freddy Cupen-Ames for President. Freddy Cupen-Ames accepted.

**9 AYES:** Gabby Andazola, Freddy Cupen-Ames, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Charles Savinar, Simon Sanchez

**VOTE: (9-0-0) PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE** 

16. Discussion and possible Motion: To replace the Executive and General Board
Meetings for December 2016, due to the Holidays, with a Fairwell and Swear-In
Ceremony for the current and replacement Presidents, Wednesday December 7,
2016 at 6:30pm at the Wat Thai Temple, Refreshments to be provided by the North
Hollywood West Neighborhood Council

**9 AYES:** Gabby Andazola, Freddy Cupen-Ames, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Radomir Luza, Lorraine Matza, Carol Rose, Simon Sanchez, Charles Savinar

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

17. <u>Discussion and possible Motion: Removal of Board Member, Simon Sanchez from NHWNC. Pursuant to Article V Section 5# of the Bylaws, Absences have exceeded</u>
3, hereby to remove him from the Board

No action taken. Board Member Sanchez stated he is willing to commit to continue coming to the meetings and Board is accepting that.

#### 18. Board member comments on non-agenda items

**Freddy Cupen-Ames** stated a board member needs to be appointed as homeless liaison before October 31, 2016. Carol Rose stated she will be the homeless liaison.

**Carol Rose** – She stated Jim Kompare will be rejoining the Board and will be on the agenda next month.

**Carol Rose -** A merchant will design, pay for and maintain the area of the underpass at the Whitsett Slope.

**Radomir Luza** – The underpass at the slope is waiting for an estimate to complete it.

#### 19. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.