# NORTH HOLLYWOOD WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Radomir Luza President Vince Stamboni Secretary Avedis Hakopian Vice-President David Hechter Treasurer



#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Gabriella Andazola Hilda Cardona Avedis Hakopian David Hechter Greg Howie Jim Kompare Willie Lewis Radomir Luza Lorraine Matza Carol Rose Vince Stamboni

#### North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council Meeting of the General Board

January 16, 2013 Saticoy Elementary School Auditorium 7850 Ethel Avenue, North Hollywood, CA. 91605 **MINUTES** 

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

Board Secretary and Acting Board President Vince Stamboni called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

- Boardmembers present during roll call were: David Hechter, Willie Lewis, Lorraine Matza, Avo Hakopian, Jim Kompare, Radomir Luza, Carol Rose, and, Vince Stamboni.
- Boardmember not in attendance at the meeting: Greg Howie
- A quorum of Board members was seated to start the meeting.

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

Board Secretary and Acting Board President Vince Stamboni opened the floor to public comments on items not listed on today's agenda. One speaker card was submitted and the floor was yielded to Sarah Ransawack.

Sarah introduced herself as a resident of North Hollywood and a member of the adjacent North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council (NHNENC). She is additionally the Secretary of that NC and on their Outreach Committee. She welcomed us as a recently certified NC and extended an invitation to all to attend the next meeting of the NHNENC to be held on the next evening (Thursday, January 17) at 7PM at LA Fire Station 89 on Laurel Canyon Blvd., south of Sherman Way. She advised of the VANC Mayoral and Controller candidate forum that was scheduled for Saturday, February 23 at Valley College Monarch Hall (9:00am – 12:30pm) in preparation for the March elections and of the VANC 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary mixer to be held at CBS Studios on Thursday, March 14, 5:30pm – 9:00pm.

#### 3. Government officers' reports.

- DONE Field Representative Thomas Soong congratulated the Board for their first meeting together
  as a group. Thomas reminded all new board members and applicants for vacancies on the Board in
  attendance that they were responsible to fulfill the requirement to obtain Neighborhood Council Ethics
  Training provided by the City every two years once on the board via one of two approved methods:
  - The training can be taken online at <u>http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done</u> and the trainee will need to take the Ethics Quiz also on that page and e-mail it into DONE (<u>done.ethicstraining@lacity.org</u>) for grading;
  - A Live Training class can be taken with a classroom instructor at one of the periodic sessions authorized by DONE. The next session is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2013 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at CBS Studios 4024 Radford Ave. MPR III Studio City, CA 91604. To confirm attendance, please visit<u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EthicsValley221</u> or call 213-978-1481.

The North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles is dedicated to serve as a voice in the best interest of the community quality of life within the City's decision-making process and to provide an open forum in which stakeholders may discuss and resolve community issues

Thomas was also pleased to announce that DONE Interim General Manager Grayce Liu, who has been filling in as General Manager since the departure of Bong Hwan Kim during mid-summer and who had been appointed by the Mayor as the Permanent General Manager of Neighborhood Empowerment, is expected to be confirmed by the LA City Council later this week.

• It was announced that Council District 2 Field Representative, Jackie Keene, had called ahead and advised that she would be late to the meeting due to prior commitments, but had indicated that she would eventually be at the meeting. We will be allowing her to provide comments from her office later during the meeting at an appropriate time after she arrived. [See the inserted section of these minutes following Item 7 below.]

#### 4. <u>Discussion and Possible Action – Fill Board Vacancies. Consideration of any</u> additional applications for board membership that have been received but which have NOT been considered or acted upon at any prior meeting of the General Board for any of the board seats listed in the table below that may remain vacant as of this meeting.

There was one position assignment correction that needed to be accomplished as a result of an error that was made at the November 28, 2012 meeting and there are currently four (4) applications in receipt for consideration for the following six (6) available/vacant seats which are each currently listed as 4-year term positions:

Position	<u>Vacant</u> <u>Seats</u>	Stakeholder Eligibility for the Seat
Resident	2	Includes residents of residential property and homeowners.
Youth	1	Stakeholder 16 – 21 years of age
Community Based Organizations		
Business	1	Includes business owners, or employees, or owners of rental property

With a quorum of exactly 8 members present (the minimum required) there was a need to add at least one board member to the board before we could correct the past error of member assignment which would require us to resign a board member from his current position and add him back to another vacant position and then do the same with a second board member. As a result, we proceeded with accomplishing the needed additions and reassignments in the following order:

 Board Secretary and Acting Board President Vince Stamboni deferred to Boardmember Lorraine Matza who introduced the first applicant, Hilda Cardona, who she is recommending for Board membership. Hilda submitted her application in mid-November and works at Saticoy Elementary School. This is the first meeting with a quorum since the application submission where we are able to consider her for a seat on the Board. Hilda advised that one of the reasons that she was motivated to apply for a seat on the Board was that she wanted to help encourage improvement in the area and wanted to get involved.

**MOTION:** Lorraine Matza moved that Hilda Cardona be appointed as a Boardmember of the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council and fill one of the currently vacant Community Based Organization seats since she works at Saticoy Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Radomir L and carried: 8 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

 Board Secretary and Acting Board President Vince Stamboni explained that the next issue before the Board was to correct an error that was made at the prior meeting when Radomire Luza, a nonresident, was appointed to a Resident Seat on the Board. This error was to be corrected by having one At Large Boardmember who qualifies for a Resident seat vacate the At Large seat so that the At Large seat would be available to Radomir. In order to accomplish this, the current At Large member would need to resign his seat and then be appointed to the Resident seat he would qualify for. Similarly and subsequently, Radomir would need to resign his Resident seat and then be appointed to the vacated At Large seat he qualifies for. Once it was clear that all Boardmembers understood the process that needed to be followed, the following motions were initiated with Jim Kompare volunteering to resign his current At Large seat in order to initiated the process: **MOTION:** Vince Stamboni moved to accept the verbal resignation of Boardmember Jim Kompare's At Large NoHoWest NC seat under the condition that he be reappointed to a vacant Resident seat on the Board. The motion was seconded by Willie L and carried: 8 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 1 ABSTAINING.

**MOTION:** Vince Stamboni moved to appoint (former Boardmember) Jim Kompare to a vacant NoHoWest NC Resident seat on the Board. The motion was seconded by Willie L and carried: 8 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

**<u>MOTION</u>**: Vince Stamboni moved to accept the verbal resignation of Boardmember Radomir Luza's Resident NoHoWest NC seat under the condition that he be reappointed to the vacant At Large seat on the Board. The motion was seconded by Lorraine M and carried: 8 FOR - 0 AGAINST – 1 ABSTAINING.

**MOTION:** Vince Stamboni moved to appoint (former Boardmember) Radomir Luza to the vacant NoHoWest NC At Large seat on the Board. The motion was seconded by Lorraine M and carried: 8 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

 Board Secretary and Acting Board President Vince Stamboni deferred a second time to Boardmember Lorraine Matza who introduced the second (new) applicant, Gabriella (Gabby) Andazola, who she is recommending for board membership. Gabriella also had submitted her application in mid-November and also works at Saticoy Elementary School and is a Resident of the NoHoWest NC area. This is the first opportunity where the Board was able to consider her for membership. Gabriella said that she had attended a number of past Board meetings and found them to be an opportunity to keep informed and decided to apply for a seat on the Board in order to become more involved.

**MOTION:** Lorraine Matza moved that Gabriella Andazola be appointed as a member of the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council and fill one of the currently vacant Resident seats. The motion was seconded by Willie L and carried: 9 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

- A third applicant, Sonja Ley, who was present at the meeting, advised the Board that although she had submitted her application for a seat on the Board, she needed to withdraw it for personal reasons. The Board thanked her for her consideration and wished her all the best in dealing with her personal circumstances.
- A fourth applicant, Mary Garcia, was not present at the meeting and so no action could be taken on her application.
- The two newly appointed Boardmembers were welcomed to the Board and thanks were extended to
  Jim Kompare and Radomir Luza for cooperating with the resignation and reappointment process that
  was used to correct the seat assignment error from the prior meeting. The three new Boardmembers
  from the last meeting plus the two new Boardmembers from this meeting were reminded that they
  were required to take the NC Ethics Training and provide objective evidence that they did so before
  two months of Board membership had passed, in accordance with our NC Bylaws.

#### 5. <u>Nomination and election of Board Officers to fill vacant Executive Committee</u> <u>Board officer positions of NoHoWest NC President and Vice-President.</u>

Board Secretary and Acting Board President Vince Stamboni opened nominations for the currently
vacant office of Board President. No nominations were forthcoming, however new At Large
Boardmember Radomir Luza volunteered his services as a nominee for the office. Vince read the NC
Bylaws position description for the Office of President and Lorraine M and David H expanded on
some of the details of what the office entailed.

**MOTION:** Lorraine Matza moved that Radomir Luza be appointed to the office of North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council Board President for the remainder to the current term. The motion was seconded by Carol R and carried: 10 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

• Board Secretary and Acting Board President Vince Stamboni opened nominations for the currently vacant office of Board Vice-President. No nominations were forthcoming, however new Resident Boardmember Avo Hakopian volunteered his services as a nominee for the office. Vince read the NC Bylaws position description for the Office of Vice-President.

**MOTION:** Lorraine Matza moved that Avo Hakopian be appointed to the office of North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council Board Vice-President for the remainder to the current term. The motion was seconded by Hilda C and carried: 10 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

[At this point in the meeting (approximately 8pm), Boardmember Lorraine Matza excused herself because she needed to leave due to personal reasons which left the Board with 9 voting members, still meeting the Board quorum requirements. Additionally, with the election of the new Board President, Board Secretary and Acting Board President Vince Stamboni handed over the responsibility of chairing the remainder of the meeting to newly elected Board President Radomir Luza.]

## 6. NoHoWest NC President's remarks.

Board President Radomir Luza made a few introductory statements regarding his new position and his eagerness to serve the community and make it a better place to live. He additionally stated that he believed that one of the most important committees to get underway and functioning properly was the Outreach Committee and that would be his initial focus.

#### 7. NoHoWest NC Treasurer's report.

Board Treasurer David Hechter presented Bank Statements for the past two quarters and reports on expenditures during that period (see attachments A, B, and C). Most of the expenditures during that period had been for the monthly storage rental space, and there was a payment for the outreach promotional Refrigerator Magnets, all of which were paid using the NC Purchase Card. There was one Demand Warrant applied for but not yet issued and that was in payment for the NoHoWest logo design which had actually occurred in March 2012. David responded to questions from the new Boardmembers regarding several terms that were being used (Demand Warrant, Grant, Project) for clarification purposes.

**MOTION:** David Hechter moved that the Bank Statements and Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Avo H and carried: 9 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

# [At this point in the meeting, Council District 2 Field Representative Jackie Keene arrived per her commitment (see Item 3 above) and provided the following report to the Board:]

CD2 Rep Jackie Keene reported on the situation with the Whitsett (@Saticoy) Hillside. The City had begun the hillside stabilization project earlier in the week. She emphasized that they were stabilizing the slope but would not be cleaning up the parts that were separate from the area being stabilized, or improving the landscaping, or installing irrigation. Those are things that will need to be taken care of after the slope stabilization is completed. She additionally mentioned that she had received a number of area concerns with dumping and she was following up on some of the locations that had been identified. She additionally indicated that there were a number of discussions in the CD2 office about dumping and among the biggest offenders seems to be multi-family residences and these discussions are continuing. In the meantime, Jackie supplied a number of "No Dumping" signs in English and Spanish for use by community members.

## 8. <u>MOTION: Purchase a large Banner featuring the North Hollywood West</u> <u>Neighborhood Council Logo and NC contact information to be used at NC events.</u> <u>Cost not to exceed \$200.</u>

Newly elected Vice-President Avo Hakopian questioned whether the \$200 to be allocated was sufficient to purchase a 3' x 6' promo banner and whether the Board had looked into private printer operations as possible suppliers. The quote that we had received for the Banner was from IStitch, who is located within our NC boarders and who we had worked with in the past. Avo took the action to investigate this further and report back. The above motion was NOT seconded and the following action was assigned:

**<u>ACTION</u>**: Avo Hakopian took the action to further investigate the purchase and cost of a promotional banner with NoHoWest NC contact information on it for use at NC events.

#### 9. <u>MOTION: Renew the yearly domain name rental of NoHoWest.org for the North</u> <u>Hollywood West Neighborhood Council website (with advertisement restriction).</u> <u>Cost not to exceed \$65.</u>

Vince Stamboni explained that in order to avoid expiration of the NoHoWest NC website domain name and disrupt public access to it in late December 2012, he had to renew it using his own credit card. This included the (re)purchase/renewal of the domain name (NoHoWest.org), the private registration of the domain name with Wordpress.com, and the necessary DNS reference settings at a total cost of \$26. This

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cost represented a 4% increase over the prior year. Last year, the Board had also voted funds for the elimination of random advertisements on the website in order to avoid the perception that the NC was supporting or promoting any of the uncertain entities that might be randomly added to, or advertized on, any of our web pages. These latter funds were never used and so there was concern that they needed to be re-allocated from this year's funds for this purpose. For the current year, this would cost \$30. Because the costs for these items need to be expended every year in order to maintain the current website, and because it is obvious that increases could be expected, the above motion was felt necessary in order to maintain access to public of the website on a yearly basis even as costs increase.

**<u>MOTION</u>**: Vince S seconded the above motion which carried: 9 FOR - 0 AGAINST - 0 ABSTAINING.

#### 10. <u>Discussion and possible motion regarding the reestablishment of standing</u> committees and the decommissioning of "existing" ad hoc committees.

Vince Stamboni explained that although an Outreach Committee appeared to exist on paper, NoHoWest NC had never had a functioning Outreach Committee in more than a year and this may be partly to blame for the lack of community participation and difficulty in filling Board seats. Instead, the NC continually created ad hoc committees which met randomly, were difficult to hold accountable, and were unable to sustain any continuity with regard to other ad hoc committees and the Board. As a result, most committees had not met in months and appeared to have self-dissolved.

- David H offered that the advantage of ad hoc committees is that they did not need to operate under the restrictions of the Brown Act, although this actually further disconnected the community from involvement with the NC. Regarding the Land Use Committee which David had chaired, he indicated that there had been no defined activity for many months that required the committee to be convened, but if there eventually would be one, there are currently only 2 members left on the committee and that is insufficient for the committee to "exist" (a committee is required to have 3 members minimum).
- Radomir L expressed the opinion that he felt that all committees needed to meet at least once per quarter.
- Avo H suggested that one good avenue for outreach was through involvement of the area schools via their youth and parent resources.
- Hilda C concurred that outreach might be well served through school involvement.
- Gabriella A added that most LAUSD schools have after school programs that might be tapped in some way.
- Board members were polled regarding their interest in some of the previously formed committees with the following results:
  - Land Use David H (Chair), Vince S (existing member), Carol R and Jim K (prospective new members)
  - Beautification & Community Improvement Willie L (existing member), Jim K (prospective new member), and Rose Lewis (stakeholder)
  - Public Safety Vince S and Willie L (existing members), Carol R (prospective new member), and Rose Lewis (stakeholder)

#### a. Special discussion regarding an Outreach Committee.

Due to the urgency of initiating outreach activities, the following actions were taken during the Board meeting in re-forming an Outreach Committee:

- Volunteers for initial Outreach Committee membership were solicited, as follows: Jim K, Willie L, Gabriella A, Hilda C, and Rose Lewis (stakeholder)
- First meeting target date/time/location was identified: Tuesday, January 22, 6:30pm, LAPL Valley Plaza Branch Library

**<u>ACTION</u>**: Jim Kompare took the action to try to book the location for the first meeting of the Outreach Committee and take other actions, as needed, to set up the meeting.

[At this point in the meeting (approximately 9pm), Boardmembers Gabriella Andazola and Hilda Cardona excused themselves because they needed to leave due to personal reasons, leaving the Board with 7 voting members, which falls below the Board quorum requirements. No additional decisions could be made by the board from this point forward during this meeting.]

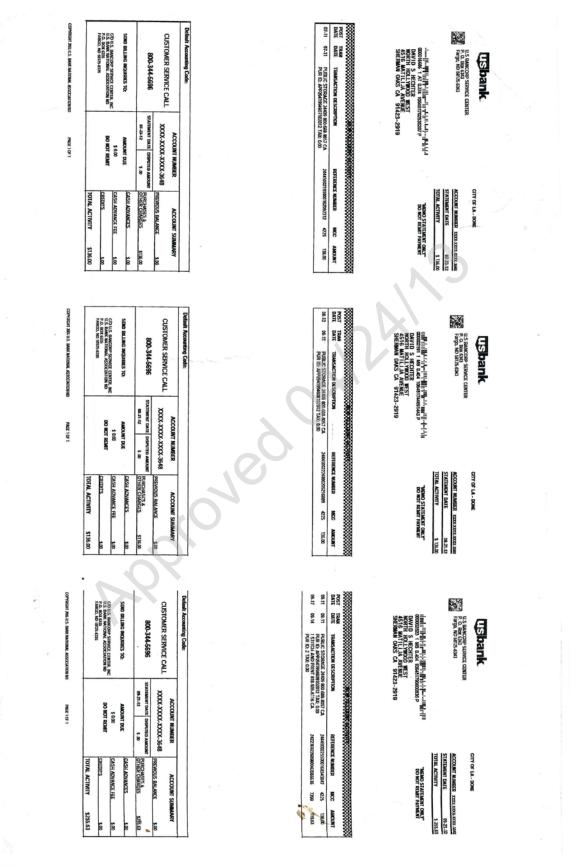
#### 11. Board Member comments on non-agenda items: a. Comments on Board members' own activities/brief announcements; b. Brief responses to questions posed or statements made by persons exercising their general right to public comment; c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Board at its next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

Jim Kompare advised that he attended the groundbreaking of the universal (access) playground upgrade that is planned for Jamie Beth Slavin Park at Whitsett and Strathern on Thursday, December 6. The playground will be modified with better access for disabled children replacing current amenities with slides and climbable objects that can be accessed via wheelchair ramps. A majority of the sand is also slated to be replaced with rubberized flooring to create better access for children in wheelchairs. Nonprofit, Shane's Inspiration, which has built dozens of universal playgrounds throughout Los Angeles, is supplying an architect and the project will cost about \$500.000 which is being funded by the city of Los Angeles and grants awarded to First 5 L.A.

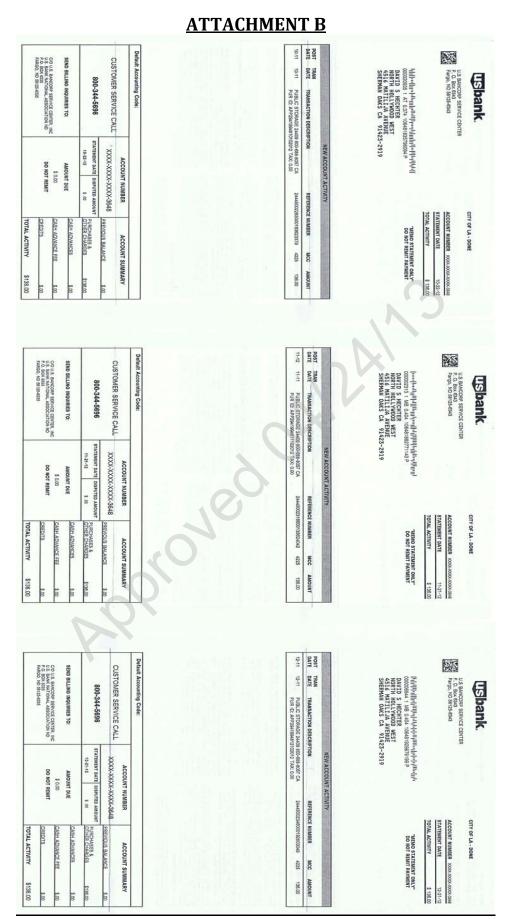
#### 12. Adjournment.

In the absence of a quorum, Board President Radomir Luza dismissed the meeting at 9:12pm

# ATTACHMENT A



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# ATTACHMENT C

#### BUDGET EXPENDITURES and BALANCE - FY 2013

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AUD	101	Audio and Video Services	300	0.00	300.00	
FAC	102	Facilities Related and Space Rental	3,000	816.00	2184.00	
POS	103	Postage	200	0.00	200.00	
OFF	104	Office Equipment and Supplies	1,400	0.00	1400.00	
MIS	105	General Operations/Miscellaneous	800	150.00	650.00	
EDU	106	Board Retreat/Training	600	0.00	600.00	
TAC	107	Staffing and Temporary Help	800	0.00	800.00	
TRL	108	Translation and Transcription	800	0.00	800.00	
		Sub Total	\$7,900	\$966.00	\$6,934.00	
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EVE	203	Outreach Events	3,000	0.00	3000.00	
MIS	204		0	0.00	0.00	
MEE	205	Food and Refr for Events and Mtgs	1,500	0.00	1500.00	
NEW	206	Newsletters	2,200	0.00	2200.00	
WEB	207	Website	1,500	0.00	1500.00	
		Sub Total	\$14,400	\$119.63	\$14,280.37	
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		Sub Total	\$5,000	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
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