

NORTH HOLLYWOOD WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council
Meeting of the General Board
May 25, 2011
James Madison Middle School Auditorium
13000 Hart St., North Hollywood, CA. 91605
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Leyla Campos, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Project Coordinator Supervisor called the Inauguration of the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council to order at 6:30 PM. She then presented the elected members of North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council (NoHoWest NC).

2. [Item 5 taken ahead of order from printed agenda] Review of Officer's Duties and Responsibilities, followed by discussion and possible action on Election of Officers for the NoHoWest NC Board

Leyla conducted the election by the Board Members of the Executive Officers for the NHWNC. The Executive Officers as elected are:

President: Jim Kompare
Vice President: Robin Ibrahim
Secretary: Greg Howie
Treasurer: David Hechter

Other Board Members are:

Isabel Charleston
Sriwong Koziel
Willie Lewis
Lorraine Matza
Donna Miller-Hackney
David Rouze
Vincent Stamboni
Kent Stewart
Dario Svidler
2 Vacancies Remain

3. [Item 2 taken ahead of order from printed agenda] Installation and oath for members of the Board of Directors by Mshak Ghazarian, Field Deputy for Councilman Paul Krekorian.

Representing City Councilmember Paul Krekorian at the meeting was Field Deputy Mshak Ghazarian. The Field Deputy led the newly elected board members in the Neighborhood Council Pledge.

NoHoWest NC MISSION STATEMENT

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

4. [Item 4 taken ahead of order from printed agenda] Discussion and possible action regarding filling of vacancies (Community-Based Organization & Youth Seats) in accordance with the NoHoWest NC Bylaws.

Discussion on this topic was light with no actions or motions resulting.

5. [Returning to item 2 of the printed agenda] General Public Comment on Items Not Listed on Today's Agenda (3 min. per speaker)

The newly elected NoHoWest NC President, Jim Kompare, called the first official meeting of the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council to order. There being no prior meeting minutes to approve and no old business to discuss, the President opened the meeting to public comment:

- a. Leighton Merrit commented about problems that occur on trash pick up day. He identified an ongoing problem of people from out of the area rummaging through trash, pilfering recyclables, disturbing the peace by rattling cans, bottles, etc., and leaving garbage strewn in front of residents' homes as these people work through the entire neighborhood each and every garbage collection day.
- b. Mr. Merrit also reported on parked vehicle fines of \$330 received by some of his neighbors as being excessive. Leighton stated that he was representing his neighbors who received fines. Mr. Merrit stated that he would like residents to receive reimbursements for the fines.
- c. Thomas Billick stated that there were pot holes at Troost Ave and Bassett St. He also commented that the Madison School PE Field is a mess of papers and trash constantly. He observes this on a daily basis as he walks his dog every day.
- d. Mshak Ghazarian requested volunteers to represent the NoHoWest NC at the safety fair at Saticoy Elementary School on June 4th.
- e. Cara Alson's email from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) stated that each NC will receive a \$40,500 budget for the fiscal year.
- f. Mshak Ghazarian spoke about the pocket park being proposed at Vanowen and Fulton that is in the works. He also asked that local systemic problems be brought to his attention.

6. Discussion and possible action on committee formation and board member assignments to committees. At a minimum the Executive, Outreach, and Bylaws Committees should be established.

President Kompare conducted the selection process for the committees defined in the NoHoWest NC Bylaws, asking for volunteers and allowing candidates to make statements. The results of the committee selection process are:

- a. **Outreach Committee:** Cara Alson, Isabel Charleston, Willie Lewis, and Donna Miller-Hackney.
- b. **Bylaws Committee:** David Hechter, Willie Lewis, Loraine Matza, Natasha Ibrahim (stakeholder), Sonja Ley (stakeholder), and Kent Stewart.
- c. **Planning and Zoning Committee:** David Hechter and Dario Svidler.

7. Discussion and possible action on identifying a date and time to conduct a Board Retreat facilitated by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to inform and educate board members on the laws and rules governing the NC system.

The item was discussed but had to be tabled because it was unclear what the availability was of DONE personnel to facilitate the Board Retreat because of schedules that were currently not stable. Additional coordination of dates will be conducted "offline".

8. Board Member Comments on subject matter within the board's jurisdiction

President Jim Kompare opened the meeting to comments from the board:

a. Comments on board members' own activities/brief announcements.

- i. Willie Lewis asked for volunteers for staffing a NoHoWest NC booth at the National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at North Hollywood Park. Willie and Rose Lewis offered to reserve a booth at this time for the event and are still seeking people on the board to be representatives.

Action Item: Reserving a booth and participation in National Night Out – responsibility: Outreach Committee.

- ii. Vince Stamboni made a motion to form a **Public Safety Committee** that was seconded and unanimously approved. Selected volunteers were: Vincent Stamboni, Willie Lewis, Robin Ibrahim, Dario Svidler and Leighton Merrit (stakeholder in attendance).

b. Brief response to questions or statements made posed by person’s exercising their general right to public comment.

- i. David Rouze stated he would like to see public comments be put in writing.

c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

- i. Kent Stewart stated he would like meetings to have audiovisual recording. David Rouze offered to bring a recorder.
- ii. Kent Stewart commented that he would like the neighborhood council to have its own stationary with its own logo, and Isabel Charleston offered to begin working on a logo. No motion was made, no decision made. The use of the Los Angeles City Seal was considered
- iii. Layla Campos stated that the ethics training to be taken by board members will be June 6 and/or 18. 8:30-9:30 on 6262 Van Nuys. The location is at the corner of Sylvan and Van Nuys Blvd, next to the post office.

9. General Public Comment on Items Not Listed on Today’s Agenda (3 min per speaker)

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting that was seconded and passed unanimously. President Jim Kompare adjourned the meeting.

Approved 12/14/11