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North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council Meeting of the General Board

July 27, 2011

Wat Thai Temple

8225 Coldwater Canyon Bl., North Hollywood, CA. 91605

MINUTES

1. Call to order and roll call.

President Jim Kompare called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

- Board members present during roll call were: Jim Kompare, Lorraine Matza, Kent Stewart, David Hechter, Greg Howie, Robin Ibrahim, Willie Lewis, Vince Stamboni, and Dario Svidler
- Board members not in attendance at the meeting: David Rouze, Sriwong Koziel

2. General public comment on items not listed on today's agenda (3 minutes per speaker).

- Andy Shrader spoke to the council asking for support for a proposed state law, Senate Bill 568, to prohibit the distribution and use of polystyrene foam containers by food vendors for prepared food, as well a proposed city ordinance that would ban plastic bags.
- David Hernandez spoke about the new 29th Congressional District lines that have recently been drawn. The new district will include this neighborhood and the Northeast Valley communities of Sylmar, Sun Valley, Pacoima, Arleta, Panorama City, Mission Hills, Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Lake View Terrace, Valley Glen, Valley Village, West Toluca Lake, and the City of San Fernando. Tony Cárdenas and David Hernandez have expressed interest in running for this new Congressional seat.
- Nancy Characky commented that the alleyway behind the Shell gas station at Roscoe and Coldwater has again become a dumping site.
- Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Perry of the LAPD Mission Division, Basic Car area 19A79, reported on several recent residential burglaries. He stated that burglars look for easy entry from either a small bathroom window or an unlocked sliding glass door in the rear of residences. Officer Perry gave an update on the gas station on Roscoe and Coldwater being which has been closed due to a civil matter in which the two co-owner brothers had repeatedly called 911 on each other to have the police intervene in their dispute. He also announced participation in the National Night Out Event for the area on Tuesday August 2 at Liberty Temple Church of God in Arleta.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 6-22-2011 meeting.

Copies of the minutes for the June 22 meeting were not available for approval at the time of this meeting. Approval of the minutes will need to be postponed until the next General Board meeting on August 24.

4. Call for volunteers for the Beautification Committee.

President Jim Kompare encouraged volunteers to come forward and participate in the Council's newly formed Beautification Committee. The first meeting will be held during the month of August, although an exact date and location has not yet been determined.

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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

5. Revise and approve change of posting business at same location.

It was reported that the Quiznos Restaurant business on Sherman Way which our NC has been using as a posting location for our meeting notices and agendas has had a change of business name to Big Bite Sub, although it is under the same ownership. Discussion was initiated on whether to use the same location and officially change the name of our posting location or to authorize another location for the posting of our Neighborhood Council meeting notices.

Motion: Lorraine Matza moved to continue posting at the same location, and to officially change the location name in our documentation to Big Bite Sub. David Svidler seconded and the motion and the motion passed: 9 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

6. Approve the 3rd Monday of each month for Executive Board meetings.

Motion: David Hechter moved to establish the third Monday of each month as the standard/preferred day to hold future Executive Board Meeting. Robin Ibrahim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss creating a Government Relations Committee.

Motion: David made the motion that all government relationship matters should be assigned by the executive committee to the appropriate standing or ad hoc committee. Lorraine seconded the motion. The motion passed: 9 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

8. Discuss inviting a guest speaker from CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) to a General Meeting about training.

Robin Ibrahim moved to invite a speaker from CERT to address the Neighborhood Council at the next NoHoWest General Board meeting (Wednesday, August 24), to talk about Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and program participation. Dario Svidler seconded the motion. The motion passed: 9 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

9. Discuss ordinance #05-1853 about turning over the financial responsibility of sidewalk repairs to homeowners.

Comments provided both by members of the public attending at the meeting and by members of the Board ran decidedly against the proposed ordinance

Motion: David Hechter moved that the NoHoWest Neighborhood Council strongly oppose proposed City Ordinance #05-1853 and write letters of opposition to Councilman Paul Krekorian, Mayor Villaraigosa, the City Attorney's office and the City Council, as well as generate petitions for stakeholders to sign. Lorraine Matza seconded the motion. The motion carried: 9 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

10. Discuss amending Bylaws Article V, Section 2 to change quorum to a simple majority of seated Board Members.

Arguments in favor of reducing the quorum size indicated that with only 11 current members on the Board, the current quorum of 8 actually requires that 73% of the Board Members attend each meeting in order to conduct business, while a reduction of the quorum to the proposed 6 Board Members would require the originally intended 54% of current members. Arguments against the change indicated that it was less equitable for a community of more than 40,000 residents to have decision made by only 6 people rather than the originally intended 8 minimum.

Motion: David Hechter moved to amend the NoHoWest NC Bylaws, Article V, Section 2 to change the quorum to a simple majority of seated Board Members. Dario Svidler seconded the motion. The motion carried: 7 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 2 ABSTAINING.

11. Delay application process to fill current open Board seats until a future date.

Motion: David Hechter made a motion to delay any actions to fill the open Board seats until the application process could be more properly defined. Vince Stamboni seconded the motion. The motion carried: 9 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

12. Discussion of city ordinance regarding Farmers' Markets.

Motion: Vince Stamboni made a motion to table Agenda Item 12 on the basis that there was insufficient time available during the meeting to allow the subject to be fully explored. Robin Ibrahim seconded the motion. The motion passed: 9 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

13. Discuss the assignment of two City Hall parking passes made available to Neighborhood Councils.

Motion: Lorraine Matza moved that the two parking passes be given to our NC President and Treasurer, as the two Board members most likely to use them most often. Robin Ibrahim seconded the motion. The motion passed: 9 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

14. Board member comments on subject matter within the board's jurisdiction.

- a. Comments on board members' own activities/brief announcements.
 - Zoning and Planning Committee Chair, David Hechter, provided a progress report on the Fresh and Easy Market zoning variance involving hours of operation, and on a proposed city ordinance that would allow Farmers' Markets to operate in residential neighborhoods without permits. David also expressed concern that our Neighborhood Council area does not currently appear on the City's ZIMAS maps.
 - Public Safety Committee Chair, Robin Ibrahim, reported on her committee's first meeting which took place on July 20 at the Wat Thai Temple. The committee was in the process of arranging for a knowledgeable authority for Los Angeles CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) to speak at NoHoWest's next General Board meeting, to talk about CERT training for individuals to participate in the program.
 - Dario Svidler, member of the ad hoc E-Mail and Web Committee, reported on options for creating email addresses on a dedicated domain, which may cost \$150 per month. It is understood that our neighborhood council has not yet been funded to be able accomplish this at this time.
 - Treasurer David Hechter reported that the neighborhood council still has not received operating funds from DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment). It will be necessary for the NoHoWest Treasurer and President to have completed financial training before funds will be provided to the council for use. The city has still not set a training date, but David and President Jim Kompare continue to press DONE on this issue.
- b. Brief response to questions posed or statements made by persons exercising their general right to public comment.

No responses to public comments were provided.
- c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the board at its next meeting.

No new issues were introduced.

15. Adjournment.

President Jim Kompare responded to a motion to close the meeting that was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.