

# NORTH HOLLYWOOD WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Jim Kompare              Willie Lewis  
Lorraine Matza              Vincent Stamboni

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

November 28, 2012

Saticoy Elementary School Auditorium  
7850 Ethel Avenue, North Hollywood, CA. 91605

## MINUTES

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

Board Secretary and Acting Board President Vince Stamboni called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. No American flag was present at the meeting location this evening so the Pledge of Allegiance was necessarily omitted.

- Board members present during roll call were: David Hechter, Willie Lewis, Lorraine Matza, and, Vince Stamboni.
- Board members not in attendance at the meeting: Greg Howie and Jim Kompare
- Although a quorum of Board Members was not seated, the meeting was set up to be facilitated by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) under the cognizance of Thomas Soong in accordance with its authority under article VI of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils, pursuant to Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Loss of Quorum Policy #2010-1.

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

- Mike O'Gara, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council (SVANC), brought to the attention of those present issues of neighborhood concern with respect to the Tujunga Spreading Grounds Enhancement Project being undertaken by the city. These spreading grounds, which extend north from Roscoe Blvd along the west side of the 170 Freeway, are used to recycle and purify stormwater runoff diverted from the nearby Tujunga Wash and replenish San Fernando groundwater reserves which form the city's primary local water source (currently around 11% of the city's total water supply). The project plans to expand the capacity of the spreading grounds by deepening each existing basin by 8" to 10" and providing a method to filter out and remove the increased flotsam and other debris which tends to accumulate over time. The construction phase of the project is intended to begin this year and extend into 2015. Although the need for the project is not being questioned, the recently released DRAFT Environmental Impact Report (EIR) indicates that an issue will exist during the construction phase of the project with an impact on the air quality along the intended trucking routes which will be used to move the 8-10 inches of soil/sediment to landfill areas north and northeast of the construction site. The DRAFT EIR, which was released in August 2012, indicates that a significant environmental impact on air quality would remain even after implementation of feasible mitigation steps are taken. The truck routes may extend north along Sheldon and/or east along Roscoe, in certain cases going past 3 schools and any number of shopping areas and residences while spewing diesel fuel exhaust, dirt, and dust into the air for a two year period. The route of major concern to NoHoWest stakeholders would be the route along Roscoe which would pass along the north easternmost portion of our NC area. Mike has indicated that comments and feedback are currently being accepted on the DRAFT EIR through October 1, but that SVANC is requesting a one month extension to the comment period based on the fact that a number of large impacted entities within 500 feet of the project area (including NoHoWest NC) had not been formally notified of the project as required by the city. Mike indicated that SVANC is trying to get the city to reconsider methods of soil/sediment removal (like a conveyor belt system) that would minimize

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#### 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*

the impact on air quality and encourages NoHoWest NC to examine the situation and step forward with any stakeholder concurs, issues, or recommendations based on the DRAFT EIR. The board thanked Mr. O’Gara for bringing the issue to the attention of the Board.

- Stakeholder Radomir Luza spoke of concerns involving delays in implementing bicycle lanes along Lankershim Blvd. based on an argument that the street was “too busy”. He indicated that although the street may be busy at times, bicyclists still use the street at all times of the day and there are other streets that are equally as busy and have bike lanes installed specifically because they are busy. The Board thanked Mr. Luza, advised him that Lankershim Blvd. was well outside of the NoHoWest NC area, but that it was hoped that he would carry his message to cognizant NC and also advise them that there are parts of Lankershim (for example, north of Oxnard) that were seriously in need of repaving for both bicycle and auto safety.
- DONE Field Representative Thomas Soong was introduced as the authority from DONE in attendance to facilitate the process for filling of board vacancies in accordance with Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Loss of Quorum Policy #2010-1. Thomas reminded all 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. There were two approved methods for obtaining this training:
  - The training can be taken online at <http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done> and the trainee will need to take the Ethics Quiz also on that page and e-mail it into DONE ([done.ethicstraining@lacity.org](mailto:done.ethicstraining@lacity.org)) 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 Wednesday, December 12, 2012, 6:30PM – 9:30PM at LAPD Administration Building – Hearing Room, 100 West First Street, LA 90012.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action – Fill Board Vacancies to Re-establish Quorum pursuant to Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Loss of Quorum Policy #2010-1.**

DONE Field Representative Thomas Soong indicated that according to Loss of Quorum Policy #2010-1, DONE would allow a limited number vacancies to be filled under the policy in order to bring the board membership to the level of a quorum...i.e., a total of eight (8). Normally, this would mean that we would be allowed to fill two (2) vacancies under the policy, however since no one had seen or heard from continually absent board member Greg Howie for many months, we could assume that his seat was essentially vacant and we would be allowed to fill as many as three (3) vacancies under the policy. There were three (3) applicants in attendance at the meeting who were being considered for the following nine (9) available/vacant seats which are each currently list as 4-year term positions:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Vacant Seats</u>	<u>Stakeholder Eligibility for the Seat</u>
<b>Resident</b>	4	Includes residents of residential property and homeowners.
<b>Youth</b>	1	Stakeholder 16 – 21 years of age
<b>Senior</b>	1	Stakeholder 50 years of age or above
<b>Community Based Organizations</b>	2	Includes representatives of non-profits, schools, churches, temples and other social service agencies located within the NC boundaries.
<b>Business</b>	1	Includes business owners, or employees, or owners of rental property

- Board Secretary and Acting Board President Vince Stamboni introduced applicant Carol Ann Rose to the Board members present. Carol had submitted her application on September 2, but the Board had not had a quorum at any of the scheduled General Board Meetings since that time so we have been unable to act on her application for nearly 3 months. Carol became interested in NoHoWest NC activities as a result of attending the Target Area 1 (north of Strathern) Neighborhood Watch Initiation Meeting sponsored by the NoHoWest Public Safety Committee. Thomas Soong invited Carol make an introductory statement to the Board. Carol indicated that she was applying for the vacant Senior seat and advised that she was interested in Public Safety aspects of the Neighborhood council. She advised that in attending the Neighborhood Watch Meeting back in July that she would like to see her

neighbors strive for improvements and thought that she could help to foster this fell on the board and help bring her neighborhood together.

**MOTION:** Lorraine Matza moved that Carol Ann Rose become a member of the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council and fill the currently vacant Senior seat. The motion was seconded by David H and carried: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

Carol was congratulated and welcomed by Board members and took her seat on the Board raising board membership to 7 members, 5 of whom were now present.

- DONE Field Representative Thomas Soong introduced applicant Avedis (Avo) Hakopian to the Board members present. Avo had applied as a candidate for the originally proposed September 20, 2012 DONE-sponsored Neighborhood Council elections. As a result of a lack of candidates for the NoHoWest election, DONE had decided that an election was not really needed and that if Avo was interested, he could be added to the board either via affirmation or using standard NoHoWest NC Bylaws methods. Although the latter method was decided upon, the Board had not had a quorum at any of the scheduled General Board Meetings since that time, so have been unable to act on his application for about 2 months. Thomas invited Avo make an introductory statement to the Board. Avo indicated that he was 28 years of age and was applying for a vacant Resident seat. He was interested in helping the Board to grow and to improve outreach to the community. He was hoping to run for the Board President position and hoped to help the board and the stakeholders to overcome community concerns.

**MOTION:** Lorraine Matza moved that Avedis Hakopian become a member of the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council and fill one of the currently vacant Resident seats. The motion was seconded by David H and carried: 5 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

Avo was congratulated and welcomed by Board members and took his seat on the Board raising board membership to 8 members, 6 of whom were now present.

- DONE Field Representative Thomas Soong introduced applicant Radomir Luza to the Board members present. Radomir had similarly applied as a candidate for the originally proposed September 20, 2012 DONE-sponsored Neighborhood Council elections and was caught up in the same limbo as the other two applicants. Thomas invited Radomir make an introductory statement to the Board. Radomir indicated that he had been a member of the Midtown North Hollywood Neighborhood Council and he was really interested in doing what is best for the community and beyond.

**MOTION:** Lorraine Matza moved that Radomir Luza become a member of the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council and fill one of the currently vacant Resident seats. The motion was seconded by David H and carried: 6 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

Radomir was congratulated and welcomed by Board members and took his seat on the Board raising board membership to 9 members, 7 of whom were now present.

- DONE Field Representative Thomas Soong led the three new Board members in reciting the Neighborhood Council Pledge and the entire assembly welcomed the new members of the Board.

## **9. Adjournment.**

It was noted at this point that an error had been made as a result of a misunderstanding and that although Radomir was now officially a Board member he was not actually a NoHoWest "resident" and therefore ineligible to fill that seat. Unfortunately, since there were only 7 board members present and 8 were needed for a quorum to rectify this error, it was decided that we would have to wait to rectify the error until the next meeting when a quorum would be present. It was planned that we would try to schedule a follow-up Board meeting for Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 7:00PM (6:45PM Meet & Greet) in this same location (Saticoy Elementary School Auditorium). A confirmation notice with Agenda would be sent out as soon as we had confirmed that the Auditorium would be available.

In the absence of a quorum move that the meeting be adjourned, Board Secretary and Acting Board President Vince Stamboni dismissed the meeting at 8:05pm.