

2-21-13 NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – NEW HORIZONS/SAM’S CAFÉ-15725 PARTHENIA ST., NORTH HILLS, CA

1. Call meeting to order / Tino Julian/President 6:30PM
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance / Led by Tino Julian/President

2. Officer and board member roll call
Anita Goldbaum/Present
David Hyman/Present
Deborah Stevens/Present
Debra Francisco/Present
Frank Klein/Present
Janet Gaspard/Absent
Jaynee Thorne/Present
John McGovern/Present
Marina Adlivankina/Present
Mary Armenteros/Present
Nancy Xander/Present
Robin Tyler/Present
Tino Julian/Present
Mike Kabo/Council Parliamentarian/Present
Residents/Stakeholders Present – Count - 33

3. Approval of minutes
 - a. General Board Meeting 1-17-13 – Approved unanimous

4. Public Speakers – None

5. Presentations
 - a. Councilman Mitchell Englander/CD12
 - b. Dave Brown/Garry Fordyce/Karen Williams/Report on “History of Councils’ seminar

1. COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER

Robin Tyler introduced Councilmember Mitchell Englander. The Councilmember presented a certificate to the board in honor of NHWNC’s 10th anniversary. He then gave his presentation, including the statement that he sends land use issues to NCs in his district because it’s a democracy & he wants to hear what the community thinks before he takes a position on it. Then he opened the floor for questions. Veterans and their supporters are opposed to the New Directions project being built on VA property. The VA property is federal property so there is no way for the City to stop the project. The City Council is not allowed to take a position on it because it may jeopardize federal housing funds.

Councilmember Englander said he would look into a possible boundary change in Northridge. He said that if a part of an officially named neighborhood wants to change it has to be done through a petition with a supermajority in favor in order to effect a change.

There is not a lot of money to repave streets. There are three revenue streams that can be used: Proposition 1B, gas tax, and Measure R funding. Proposition 1B money is only for four years and it expires this year, Los Angeles only gets 2.97 cents from each gallon of gas sold, and the Measure R money is gone. Councilmember Englander and Councilmember Joe Buscaino are collaborating on a street repair bond proposal which would raise money solely for street repair. It would work regionally and start in CD12.

There were not enough votes on the City Council to pass the CCFO.

2. CALL TO ORDER

President Tino Julian called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. OFFICER AND MEMBER ROLL CALL

Secretary Debra Francisco called the roll. Board members present were Marina Adlivankina, Mary Armenteros, Debra Francisco, Anita Goldbaum, David Hyman, Tino Julian, Frank Klein, John McGovern, Deborah Stevens, Jaynee Thorne, Robin Tyler, and Nancy Xander. Member absent was Janet Gaspard. A quorum was present. Parliamentarian Michael Kabo was present. There were approximately 60 guests and stakeholders in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anita Goldbaum moved to approve the January 17, 2013 general board meeting minutes, with a second by Robin Tyler. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Leilani Downer, communications manager for New Horizons, announced an e-waste recycling fundraiser where old appliances can be dropped off on March 9th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot. On the same date, there will be a community seminar held from 10 a.m. to noon for the families and caretakers of the intellectually and developmentally disabled. The speaker will be Natasha Donahue from UCLA.

6. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Councilmember Mitchell Englander spoke at the beginning of the meeting.
- b. Dave Brown, Garry Fordyce, and Karen Williams each spoke about the History of Neighborhood Councils meeting they attended on January 26th sponsored by DONE. The Plan Review is a NC backed initiative, and recommendations to improve the functions of NCs should be made to BONC. NCs are independent and can influence municipal decisions. Stakeholders were urged to participate.
- c. Bonnie Klaubunde, who is on the Beautification Committee of NHENC, announced a clean-up project tomorrow February 22nd. Volunteers will be meeting at the intersection of Langdon and Rayen.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

- a. Grayce Liu, general manager of DONE, stated that she was here to support NHWNC. She thanked the board and stakeholders and congratulated them on NHWNC's 10th anniversary.
- b. Teacher Rosalyn Kahn shared stories from her high school students about random acts of kindness and announced that she will be giving a free lecture on April 6, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Mid-Valley Regional library on how to tell more powerful stories.
- c. Estelle Goldman stated that she was instrumental in taking Woodley Hills into Northridge because the neighborhoods have more in common, and Northridge East has accepted it. She requested agendization of the matter at NHWNC's next meeting. She will need a letter addressed to Steve Patel, the president of the NENC, stating that NHWNC doesn't oppose Woodley Hills moving to Northridge.

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8. MAYOR'S BUDGET REPORT

Budget Advocate Tom Johnson reported that at the meeting he attended there was a discussion about NCs rejecting Proposition A, the half cent sales tax measure appearing on the March 5th ballot. Budget advocates felt that this would force the City to live within its means. He urged everyone to take the Mayor's budget survey.

9. OFFICER REPORTS

a. Treasurer Mary Armenteros attended a special meeting last week. Election and website expenses in the amount of \$10,800 was incurred by the prior board and she found out it will now be taken out of this fiscal year's budget of \$37,000. This means the budget that was drawn up previously had to be revised and reallocated. There is now about \$10,000 left in this year's fiscal budget. All spreadsheets and expense information will be posted on the website.

Mary Armenteros moved that NHWNC approves the revised budget. Robin Tyler objected because the procedure is wrong. Committees should meet and decide their budget needs, which should then be presented to the board, and not the other way around. Mary said that if there is no approval, there will be no spending, and the budget can always be revised again. Debra Francisco moved to call the question, with a second by Frank Klein. The motion passed unanimously. The motion to approve the revised budget passed with a vote of Yes: 11 and Abstain: 1. Mary presented the P card statement to Tino Julian.

b. President Tino Julian responded to questions that he had received with explanations. Under the Brown Act, stakeholders can speak at committee meetings and special meetings. Any expenditures should go through committee first to get approval. The secretary's deadline for agenda item submittal should be adhered to.

c. Vice President Robin Tyler withdrew the motion that she was going to present because it hadn't been approved in committee yet.

d. Secretary Debra Francisco asked for volunteers for committees. She stated that she has sent six faxes about the \$500 allocated for the Veteran's Day parade but has gotten no response, so the \$500 will be put back into the budget.

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action on consideration of alternate sites for NHWNC meetings

Although the board had voted to continue meeting at New Horizons, Debra Francisco asked whether meetings should be moved to a free space such as the library or fire station.

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David Hyman moved, with a second by Jaynee Thorne, that NHWNC should hold meetings at a free space. David suggested that board meetings be moved back to the Sepulveda VA, with a removal of the ban on meeting at the VA, because he believed it would save about \$1,500 a year. Robin Tyler stated that she would never attend a meeting at the VA. Debra Francisco, Anita Goldbaum, Deborah Stevens, and Nancy Xander agreed with Robin. Robin said that to meet there would not be supportive of veterans. Debra said that all of the information on the VA, and there is a lot, will be available on the website. She further said that meeting at the VA would incur costs for refreshments, set up and clean up so it wouldn't be totally free anyway. New Horizons is a good cause and NHWNC should support it.

Tino Julian passed the gavel to Robin Tyler so that he could speak on the issue. He said that from a budgetary standpoint it makes sense to meet at the VA but if that is done, the relationship with veterans will be broken, and he agreed with Robin.

Stakeholders Peggy Burgess and DAV representative Ernie Hilger asked the board to support the veterans and not meet at the VA. Stakeholder Dave Brown said he thought that the ban on meeting at the VA was the minimum NHWNC should do, and that if the board met there, they would have to pay for another sound person.

The consensus was that NHWNC should continue meeting at New Horizons.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion to appoint Carly Fraser/resident/stakeholder to the Beautification & Infrastructure Committee
Debra Francisco made the motion, which was seconded by Deborah Stevens. It passed unanimously.

b. Motion to appoint Martha Kopy/resident/stakeholder to the Events/Marketing/Outreach Committee
Anita Goldbaum made the motion, seconded by Deborah Stevens. It passed unanimously.

c. Tino Julian stated that Garry Fordyce decided he wanted to serve on the Rules & Elections Committee. Deborah Stevens moved that he be appointed to said committee, seconded by Nancy Xander. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Motion to allocate up to \$50 for Call Fire/Robo Call to provide NHWNC meeting information to residents/stakeholders

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Anita Goldbaum said that the service costs less than \$5 to make between 130 and 150 calls. The cost is according to the number of calls made. These calls would only be made to people without email access. Anita made the motion, seconded by Jaynee Thorne. The motion passed by a vote of Yes: 11 and No: 1.

e. Motion to approve up to \$1,000 Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) to Devonshire PD Division in partnership with Porter Ranch/Coordinator and NCs in the Devonshire PD area

Mary Armenteros reported that Porter Ranch organizes a contribution to the Devonshire PD and does all the paperwork. Nancy Xander said she would like the Devonshire PD to present at the next meeting about what they would use the NPG for. Robin Tyler agreed.

Robin Tyler moved that this matter be postponed until the next meeting, seconded by John McGovern. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Motion to allocate up to \$300 for printing of Draft Bylaws for review by stakeholders

Nancy Xander moved to request the \$300 for printing, seconded by John McGovern, but after discussion withdrew her motion. Mary Armenteros had allocated \$500 in the budget for printing which could be used for printing the bylaws and therefore a motion wasn't necessary.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS - EVENTS/MARKETING/OUTREACH

a. Update on Monroe High School "Mock Trial" Team grant

Anita Goldbaum sent the paperwork to DONE and is waiting for it to be approved.

b. Update and advise on Family Fest by Councilmember Englander

Robin Tyler said that the Family Fest is run by CD12 and many NCs participate. It is a fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club.

c. Update and advise on Senior Dance/Citrus Sunday/Easter in the park/Greek Festival

David Hyman announced dates for these events: Citrus Sunday will be on May 5, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the Greek Festival will be held from May 25th to 27th, 2013 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.; the Senior Dance date is not certain but will either be May 31, 2013 or June 7, 2013. It is usually the Friday before the Family Fest.

d. Motion to approve up to \$2,000 for Easter party in the park This was tabled until the next meeting.

e. Motion to approve up to \$3,200 for the next Westsider publication

This was tabled because it must go to committee first.

13. BOARD COMMENTS

Beautification & Infrastructure Committee member Marina Adlivankina announced a clean up on Sunday February 24th. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. She asked for volunteers to meet at Woodley & Roscoe. She needs manpower and will provide food.

Nancy Xander announced that the Rules & Elections Committee is holding a bylaws meeting on Tuesday February 26th from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Balboa Fire Station.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mary Armenteros moved, with a second by David Hyman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.