

4-18-13 THURSDAY - GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – NEW HORIZONS

1. Call meeting to order – 6:30PM – Robin Tyler/Vice President

a. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Robin Tyler

b. Officer member roll call

Robin Tyler

Debra Francisco

Nancy Xander

David Hyman

Frank Klein

Anita Goldbaum

Jayne Thorne

Mary Armenteros

Deborah Stevens

John McGovern/Absent

Tino Julian/Absent

Marina Adlivankina/Absent

Mike Kabo/Council Parliamentarian/Present

Residents/stakeholders present – count – 16 present

1. Special item-reconsider resignation of Tino Julian/President and board member Robin Tyler presented the motion to reconsider his resignation and provide him with him with a leave of absence - David Hyman stated could we table it so that we could keep him on and not accepting his resignation – Robin Tyler stated that we have to make it a motion. Paul Wolpa stated that he would like to see Tino Julian remain as President and that North Hills should be proud of our accomplishments. Robin Tyler made the motion to amend his resignation, to remain as President and to provide him with a leave of absence - Mary Armenteros 2<sup>nd</sup> - vote taken – unanimous - 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – motion passes.

c. Approval of GBM minutes 3-22-13

Debra Francisco made motion to approve the minutes, Anita Goldbaum 2<sup>nd</sup> – vote taken – 8/yes – 0/no – 1/abstentions – motion passes

d. Approval of Special Board Meeting minutes 4-9-13

Debra Francisco made motion to approve the minutes, Anita Goldbaum 2<sup>nd</sup> – vote taken – 7/yes – 0/no – 2/abstentions – motion passes

2. Public Speakers

a. Paul Graber Team Coordinator for the James Monroe Mock Trial Team and students/members of the team and Kathy Graber – the students along with Paul Graber and Kathy Graber were there to say “thank you” to the board for helping them, without our support they would have been unable to meet their goals.

b. Representative from Friends of the Library – Deidre provided an update on the Friends of the Library and indicated we were represented in their last flyer.

3. Presentations

Vivienne Swanigan – DONE/City Attorney’s Office provided a presentation on cyber-bullying and provided a handout to the board with regard to workplace violence and how to deal with difficult people and how to handle this situation when you are a neighborhood council board member.

4. Officers reports

- a. President/Tino Julian/Absent – Robin Tyler presented the certificates to:  
Dave Brown  
New Horizons/Aieda  
Peggy Burgess  
James Monroe High School Mock Trial Team

- b. Vice President/Robin Tyler

Robin stated the harmful results of cyber-bullying and this council will not tolerate it against any of our board members. Our entire board is unified in this and will not allow any of our board members to be, defamed, maligned, abused, and/or cyber-bullied. We wanted to state this loud and clear that we are going to start to push back in every way we can legally.

Mort Goldstein stated since there is cyber-bullying going on, is there a risk that it could escalate physically and if so, perhaps we need police presence, Robin stated that we do not think so at this time, however, if it looks like it could, we would request police presence.

Ernie Hilger stated if the board were to make a proclamation as the board calling out that we will not tolerate and have a supporting statement from the attorney, we will be speaking as part of the city,. Then the CA has the responsibility to back us up; they would have a responsibility to back us up and are obligated to support the board.

Dennis Butkovich read a statement regarding cyber-bullying and the allegations made against the board.

- c. Secretary/Debra Francisco – no report

- d. Treasurer/Mary Armenteros

- 1. Motion to approve March 2013 NHWNC expenditures/Pcard statement  
January-March-2013 Quarterly pcard reconciliation report – vote – unanimous – 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions - passes.
- 2. Motion to approve revised budget – this item waived

5. Mayor's Budget Report

- a. Glenn Bailey provided information on the budget

6. Public comment on non-agendized items

Paul Wolpa asked that the board send to Councilman Englander, the Mayor and other neighborhood Councils supporting the DWP and their request for \$6.00 per hour in lieu of \$60.00 in 2020. This is mandatory order that the City of LA must switch to from coal to a natural gas, solar, wind, etc. and wants us to support this regulation. Robin Tyler advised that we will look into this matter.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Motion to appoint Taisiya Smith to Budget & Finance Committee – Taisiya was not present and was tabled until the June GBM.

b. Motion to approve resolution to oppose proposed NC funding and election process – motion made by Robin Tyler to support to go back to the full funding \$50,000 and that the city pay for the elections Anita Goldbaum 2<sup>nd</sup> – vote unanimous, 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – motion passes.

c. Motion to approve \$500 NPG for the Senior Dance – David Hyman makes the motion to provide \$500 for the Senior Dance Kiwanis, Anita Goldbaum 2<sup>nd</sup> - vote unanimous; 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – Motion passes. We need to nominate a senior for this event, 50 or over; the NC nominates Peggy Burgess.

d. Motion to approve \$1,000 NPG for the annual Valley Family Festival – Anita Goldbaum made the motion to approve \$1,000 for the Family Fest, Robin Tyler 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous, 9/yes – 0/no – 0-abstentions – motion passes.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion to approve \$250 for the Congress of Neighborhood Councils – this is the congress where all NC's go to and they are in need of donations – Robin Tyler made the motion to approve, Debra Francisco 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous – 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – motion passes.

b. Motion to approve \$250 for the Budget Advocates – these are the people who are on NC's who advocate for all of the NC's, they do speak for us – Anita Goldbaum makes the motion to approve, Debra Francisco 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous, 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – motion passes.

c. Motion to approve \$250 for the VANC/CBS Studios forum; the CBS Studios on Radford/Carla's Café - this is to support VANC and their candidate forum/ Mayoral, City Attorney/City Controller – Anita Goldbaum makes the motion to approve, Nancy Xander 2<sup>nd</sup> – vote unanimous – 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – motion passes.

d. Motion to approve up to \$400 for a digital timer for NHWNC meetings – Robin Tyler made the motion to provide a digital timer to assist in properly timing comments, Debra Francisco 2<sup>nd</sup> – vote unanimous – 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – motion passes.

e. Motion to appoint Robin Tyler to represent the NHWNC at the LANCC meetings and to approve Robin Tyler to speak on behalf of the NHWNC at these meetings – Anita Goldbaum made the motion to appoint Robin to the LANCC, Debra Francisco 2<sup>nd</sup> – vote unanimous – 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – motion passes.

f. Motion to appoint Mary Armenteros to the Events/Marketing/Outreach Committee – Robin Tyler made the motion to appoint Mary Armenteros to the EMO committee, Anita Goldbaum 2<sup>nd</sup> – vote unanimous – 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – motion passes.

g. Discussion and possible action regarding the City of LA Proposition C - Robin Tyler stated the issue and concern on Proposition C – it is to overturn Citizens United, the federal court stated that corporations are now “people” and they can donate any amount they wish toward and an election. Robin Tyler made a motion that NHWNC vote to support “yes” on C which is to overturn Citizens United, David Hyman 2<sup>nd</sup> – vote unanimous – 8/yes – 0/no – 1/abstentions – motion passes.

h. Motion to approve \$1,000 NPG for LAPD Devonshire Kitchen improvement - Mary Armenteros stated that this item will be tabled until next fiscal year.

i. Discussion regarding Bronco Mexican Food grilling outdoors – a resident/stakeholder asked that we look into the situation of this restaurant grilling on a BBQ grill outdoors. This is not something that the NC can handle and it has been turned over to Megan Cottier in Councilman Englander’s office for further follow up and they will advise the resident/stakeholder on the outcome of the situation.

k. Update and advise that any unspent NHWNC funds before May 15<sup>th</sup> be issued in a warrant to our bulk rate account to be used to fund future matters as directed by the officers of the NHWNC - no votes to do this from the board.

9. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – 4-9-13

a. Update and advise on the Millennium Hollywood Project – while this project was approved, a letter was sent stating our opposition to the project.

b. Update and advise on the \$3billion street repair tax – motion approved to oppose the \$3billion tax and a letter sent stating our position.

c. Above Ground Cell Tower – this item was tabled indefinitely.

10. PLANNING AND LAND USE MEETING – 4-4-13

a. Update and advise on the State of California Bay Delta Water Tunnel Project – this item has been tabled and will be brought up at the May GBM.

b. Update and advise on the Elder Care Ordinance

c. Update and advise on the CEQA overhaul

d. Update and advise on illegal housing situation at 16200 Community Court – this item cannot be handled by the NC and must be reported by the residents/stakeholders concerned directly to the building department advising them of the situation.

e. Update and advise on illegal Church at 16259 Community Street – this item cannot be handled by the NC and must be reported by the residents/stakeholders concerned directly to the building department advising them of the situation.

f. Update and advise on the Mural Ordinance – this item will be brought to the May GBM for vote by the board.

11. EVENTS/MARKETING/OUTREACH MEETING 4-10-13

a. Motion to approve up to \$500 to sponsor New Horizons Walk at Woodley Park – Anita Goldbaum makes the motion – Robin Tyler 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous – 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – motion passes.

b. Motion to approve up to \$500 NPG for Friends of the Mid Valley Library – Anita Goldbaum makes the motion – Robin Tyler 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous – 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – motion passes.

c. Motion to approve \$1800 to publish Spring/Summer Westsider – David Hyman makes the motion, Nancy Xander 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous – 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – motion passes.

d. Motion to approve up to \$1,000 for promotional and advertising expenses for upcoming events – Anita Goldbaum makes the motion, Nancy Xander 2<sup>nd</sup> – vote unanimous – 9/yes – 0/no – 0/abstentions – motion passes.

e. Update and advise on Citrus Sunday

f. Update and advise on Family Fest

g. Update and advise on NHWNC placement of items in the Mid Valley Library Display case for August.

12. BEAUTIFICATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING 4-8-13

a. Update and advise on Sunday 3-14-13 clean sweep

Jayne advised they had a great day but did not get as far as they wanted to. April 28<sup>th</sup> they will continue with the clean up – she stated we need volunteers to please come out .

b. Update and advise on April clean sweep

We are meeting on Gothic between 8301 and 8339 Gothic at 8:30am, breakfast and will clean up until 1:00pm and then we will have lunch. Jaynee stated to please come on out and join us. It was asked if perhaps some of the students at Monroe can come out and serve their community as well.

c. Discussion and possible action on obtaining a “weed whacker” to use in community clean up projects

Robin Tyler advised that we have a weed whacker that we are going to try and repair before we consider purchasing a new one.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE FOR THE FOLLOWING

Budget & Finance – Emergency Preparedness – Public Safety – Technical Support – Rules & Elections

14. Board comments

Nancy Xander advised everyone to please attend the next R&E Committee which is updating the bylaws, the next meeting is Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-9:00pm at Fire Station #87 on Balboa.

Anita Goldbaum read the thank you card from the students on the Mock Trial team.

Robin Tyler thanked Mary Armenteros for coordinating the food for tonight's meeting.

Deborah Stevens gave a big thank you to Anita for coordinating the NPG for the Mock Trial Team, this is something that all NC's should be doing; it's a great thing.

Robin Tyler gave a big thank you again to Dave Brown for setting up our meeting.

15. Meeting Adjourns – 8:44pm