

NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Special Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT 2.0

Thursday, February 05, 2015 6:45 PM

Fire Station 87 meeting room, 10124 Balboa Blvd - North Hills CA 91343

1. Meeting called to order precisely at 6:45pm.
 - a. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call
 - i. Present: John McGovern, Carol Hart, Dan Gibson, Nancy Xander, Patrick Santos, David Hyman, Armando Diaz, Dave Brown
 1. Quorum established as 8 of 13 at 645 PM (minimum 7)
 - ii. Absent: Garry Fordyce, David Phelps, Punam Gohel, Mike Khalid
 1. Note: Garry Fordyce arrived 659 PM
 - a. Quorum becomes 9 of 13 at 705 PM
2. General Public Comment
 - a. Stakeholder Anita Goldbaum offered a general comment expressing her belief that NHWNC is having too many “Special” Board Meetings and asking that this practice be curtailed in the future.
 - i. President McGovern provided an explanation regarding the need to call this Special meeting in order to expedite the selection of a new Treasurer so that the Treasurer could be expeditious trained and begin work on NHWNC financial matters. He stated the urgent nature of the need to get things moving without further delay.
 - b. Stakeholder Mary Armenteros offered a general comment expressing her concern over postings, specifically the ENS notifications arriving the day of the meeting and the fact that the ENS notification was incorrect and that it wasn’t received until 1pm.
 - i. President McGovern provided a preliminary explanation regarding recent posting of agendas. He stated the current posting policy: the agendas are being posted to ENS (Early Notification System) for distribution and posted at the 5 physical posting locations historically used, as per recent Board vote. He affirmed that this policy will remain in effect until current ongoing work on NC website is complete.

- c. Stakeholder Irena Szewiola requested that Secretary Hart read aloud from her comment card: Her topic – a novel entitled “MAUS”, which she described as “Hate Literature” is being made available[as a reading assignment] to High School Students at the Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences. Her comment card states: “Questionable use of school [public] funds at V.A.A.S. Ms. Szewiola asked that the NHWNC address the issue. [Make an inquiry into the matter.]
 - i. President McGovern addressed the stakeholder stating that the NHWNC has no jurisdiction over VAAS and recommended that this matter be taken up with the School Board. In response to the Ms. Szewiola’s persistence, he conceded, stating that since NHWNC has no appropriate committee to which this matter could be referred, he would call for formation of an Ad Hoc committee to address this topic.
 - ii. Secretary Hart made note of the need for a February 19th agenda item.
3. New Business
- a. Discussion regarding possible motion to approve and vote in and seat a new Treasurer. Possible candidates are: Patrick Santos and David Hyman. David Hyman withdraws candidacy. Motion: To vote on accepting Patrick Santos as new NHW NC Treasurer (Brown/Hyman) Yes: McGovern, Hart, Gibson, Xander, Hyman, Diaz, Brown, Santos No: 0 Abstain: Fordyce Motion passes
 - b. Announcements
 - i. Secretary Hart announced that she’d notify DONE and forward the Board Vote Count forms so an appointment with Funding Department personnel might be set ASAP for the new Treasurer to obtain all necessary training.
 - ii. President McGovern announced an upcoming event Conversations with Councils, sponsored by CD12 Mitchell Englander, which will feature the LAPD, Neighborhood Prosecutor Program (NPP) and Department of Building & Safety February 25, from 4 to 6 PM at the Ed Davis Training Facility, Blucher Avenue, in Granada Hills. He informed the assembly that the event is open not only to Neighborhood Council Members but to members of the general public as well. He offered fliers and release forms to anyone interested in attending.
 - iii. Emergency Preparedness & Public Safety Chair, Dave Brown, requested Neighborhood Council sponsorship for attendance at JRIC training in March in Glendora; he reported that there is no cost associated with attending the training and that the topic is **Behavioral Threat Assessment - Preventing the Active Shooter**
 - iv. Events, Outreach, and Marketing Chair, Nancy Xander announced **History Day LA**, taking place on March 14, featuring student presentations in a competition to be independently judged in Azusa. She stated that event organizers have put out a call for four (4) volunteer judges. She offered information to anyone interested in participating.

4. Motion to adjourn passed at 7:20 PM