

MINUTES

NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Special Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Held at the Mid Valley Library - Nordhoff Street – North Hills CA - 91343

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1. Welcome and Flag Salute, and Roll Call and announcement of quorum.

A. President John McGovern called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll Call was taken by the Carol Hart. Twelve of the 13 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: John McGovern (President), Dan Gibson (Vice-President), Debra Perkins (Treasurer), Carol Hart (Secretary), Dave Brown, Armando Diaz, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, David Hyman, Mike Khalid, Carlos Maya, and Nancy Xander. Board Member Ed Serrano was absent.

B. The NHWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/NorthHillsWestNC-Bylaws.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled. No Board Seats were vacant.

C. Also attending: 4 Stakeholders and guests

2. General Public Comment

A. No one offered comment at the start of this meeting.

3. Public Speakers

A. None in attendance

4. New Business

A. President John McGovern made a motion to approve the demand warrant to reimburse Debra Perkins \$664.90 for the expenditure of 110 pizzas from Little Caesar's Pizza for the spring egg hunt at the Mid Valley Regional Branch Library on April 13, 2014. (Nancy Xander 2nd) Discussion followed.

1. Stakeholder Anita G expressed concern that Egg Hunt expenses seem to add up to over \$5,800 but with no clear accounting or explanation of individual expenses.

a. John responded: some of this was actually for DONE C4C (Council for Councils)

2. Terrence Gomez recommended that the Board reference the original motion, restating the motion in each subsequent iteration with amendments modifying the original.

3. Board member Garry Fordyce expressed concern over improper stewardship of NC funds. He commented that he couldn't ascertain where the other \$2500 came from.

4. President McGovern thanked BM Fordyce but didn't respond or elaborate. He called the question and a vote was taken. 11 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent.

B. President McGovern made a motion to approve the demand warrant to reimburse Debra Perkins for cash outlay of \$702.46 to pay for the expenditure of rental fees for 50 white chairs, 10 - eight ft banquet tables, 1- 20x20 ft Canopy with 70 ft of white walls and water barrels for wind. These items were used for March NC elections.
(Debra Perkins 2nd) Discussion followed.

1. Stakeholder Anita G stated that she understood why but ... (cut President off)...
2. Mr. Gomez explained that stakeholders just need expenditures to be clearly detailed and documented including any changes or additional costs. It must be clear so that members of the public may better understand what's spent.
3. President McGovern called the question and a vote was taken. 11 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent.

C. President McGovern made a motion to approve a demand warrant to reimburse Debra Perkins in the amount of \$ 294.74 for the expenditure of 500 custom flyers and ten laminated flyers printed by FedEx office for the spring egg hunt held on April 13, 2014.
(Carlos Maya 2nd) Discussion followed.

1. Stakeholder Anita G read her statement asking for the event chair (Debra) to give a full, complete narrative report on all costs, the efficacy of the outreach efforts, and lessons learned in the process. (both positive and negative) Saying that this would be helpful for future events. (Open discussion took place between Anita and Chair)
2. Stakeholder Anita G registered a complaint about the current Board using Special Board meetings on short notice.
3. President McGovern called the question and a vote was taken. 11 Yes, one No (Fordyce), passed.

President McGovern called for announcements

1. Board Member David Hyman - Library event on June 18th: Random Acts of Kindness Book-reading by Public Speaker & Author, Rosalyn Kahn.
2. Board Member Dave Brown – Public Safety Report on Neighborhood Watch sign installations. Issue: some older signs weren't installed; they're illegal under governing regulations. DOT workers can tear them down. New signs have been properly posted (nine of each size.) More signs will be installed.
 - a. Stakeholder Anita asked, "Where will the signs be placed?"
 - b. Dave Brown explained the sign-placement request process.
3. Board Member Dave Brown – Public Safety Report on July 4th Fireworks Campaign and the upcoming Blood Drive.

5. Motion to Adjourn

A. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.