

**NHWNC GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – FRIDAY 3-22-13
NEW HORIZONS – 15725 PARTHENIA – NORTH HILLS – CA**

1. Call meeting to order – 6:29pm
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Robin Tyler/VP
 - b. Officer/board roll call
Jaynee Thorne/Present
Nancy Xander/Present
John McGovern/Present
Anita Goldbaum/Present
Robin Tyler/Present
Debra Francisco/Present
Mary Armenteros/Present
Frank Klein/Present
Deborah Stevens/Present
Marina Adlivankina/Present
Tino Julian/Absent
David Hyman/Absent
Janet Gaspard/Absent

Mike Kabo/Council Parliamentarian/Present
Residents/Stakeholders/Present – Count – 16
 - c. Approval of minutes 2-12-13/Special and 2-21-13/GBM – approved unanimously
2. Public speakers
 - a. Anita Goldbaum introduced Mindy & Dora from the office of State Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian. Mindy, representative from the assemblyman's office, announced a certificate of recognition from the Assemblyman's office to NHWNC and Announced the Car Fit Event for Seniors.
3. Presentations
 - a. Amelia Herrera-Robles – advise on the “how to’s” in arranging a board retreat

Amelia Herrera-Robles from EmpowerLA provide a presentation on what would be required for a board retreat in addition to the invaluable information that can be derived from the meeting. She indicated that the retreat must be held within the NHWNC boundaries, it must be agendized and the public is welcome to attend as well.
4. Officers reports
 - a. President/Tino Julian/Absent – Robin Tyler read a statement in absentia from Tino Julian stating why he is submitting his resignation as President from the NHWNC – this issue will be brought up at the April 18th GBM for further discussion.
 - b. Robin Tyler/Vice President – Robin Tyler provided information regarding the proposed Water Tunnel project to be constructed in the Delta/Bay area. She announced that the North Hills West Neighborhood Council had been awarded The Best of Community Outreach to Take Back Neighborhood Council by VANC. Robin Tyler presented a certificate of appreciation to New Horizons for their support of the NHWNC, and to Dave Brown for providing audio support to NHWNC. Manager Abel Cervantes of Home Depot Van Nuys received a certificate of appreciation for generous donations to NHWNC Beautification & Infrastructure Clean Sweep Team, Yey and Roy Alcid for their service to providing the NHWNC’s website.

c. Debra Francisco/Secretary – Debra Francisco advised the residents/stakeholders that committee applications were on the table and would welcome anyone to join.

d. Mary Armenteros/Treasurer

1. Motion to approve February NHWNC expenditures

Mary Armenteros provided a budget report for the year to date actual expenses including March and proposed expenses, so that actual available funds of \$4380.31 would be clear to the board. She also reported that DONE has advised the board that quarterly p-cared reconciliation reports dating back from 2010 to June 2012 had not been submitted by the prior board to DONE as required.

Due to this DONE has requested a board resolution indicating that the paperwork has never been given to the present board. The resolution also states that the present board does not take responsibility for paperwork and the prior board had not properly submitted. Mary Armenteros made a motion for the board to sign the resolution covering the missing quarterly p-cards, reconciliations; and motion to approve February expenditures; Deborah Stevens seconds – vote – approve 10, oppose 0, abstain 0; and vote – approve 10, oppose 0, abstain 0, respectively, both motions pass.

2. Motion to approve revised budget

Mary Armenteros made the motion to postpone this until next month.

5. Mayor's budget report

a. Tom Johnson and Glenn Bailey provided update on budget issues

b. Robin Tyler addressed the mayor's intention to cut the Neighborhood Council's budget to \$25,000 and to let them be responsible to their own election or to postpone their elections. She then read a letter written by members of NHWNC addressed to the mayor & city council and asked the audience members send it to the mayor. Garry Fordyce prepares to respond on the situation, and after Jaynee Thorne seconded the motion for the letter to be sent, Garry Fordyce gave a statement in stressing the importance of proper funding for the Neighborhood Councils. Vote: Approve 10, Oppose 0, Abstain 0; motion passed

6. Public comments on non-agendized items – none

7. Old business – none

8. New business

a. Motion to appoint residents/stakeholders to committees

1. Yey Alcid/Rules & Elections – Motion made by Anita Goldbaum, second Nancy Xander - vote unanimous – motion passes

2. Garry Fordyce/Rules & Elections – Motion made by Debra Francisco, second Marina Adlivankina – vote unanimous – motion passes

3. Peggy Burgess/Rules & Elections – Motion made by Deborah Stevens, second Anita Goldbaum – vote unanimous – motion passes

4. Darleen Rogers/Rules & Elections – Motion made by Anita Goldbaum, second Debra Francisco – vote unanimous – motion passes

5. Ernie Hilger/Rules & Elections – Motion made by Debra Francisco, second Nancy Xander – vote unanimous – motion passes

6. Taisiya Smith/Beautification – Motion made by Marina Adlivankina, second Debra Francisco – vote unanimous – motion passes

Budget & Finance – Committee members wanted to meet with Taisiya, postponed until April 18th GBM

b. Motion to remove Marina Adlivankina from the Outreach committee

Marina explained that she is very, very busy and being on two committees and working full time was not working out for her; she asked to remain on Beautification and asked to resign from Outreach. Robin Tyler made the motion to accept her resignation – vote unanimous – passes

c. Motion to accept resignation of board member Janet Gaspard from the NHWNC

Debra Francisco read the resignation letter of board member Janet Gaspard; she is resigning for personal reasons – Debra Francisco made the motion to accept the resignation, Anita Goldbaum second – vote unanimous – motion passes

d. Motion to approve Woodley Hill residents to change from NHWNC to Northridge East NC

Debra Francisco motions to approve Woodley Hill residents to change from North Hills West Neighborhood Council to Northridge East Neighborhood Council. Anita Goldbaum seconds and explains the motion. Glenn Bailey represented the North Ridge East Council Board also clarifying the situation. Mort Goldstein asked what impact there would be on the NHWNC to which Robin Tyler replied that there would be none. Peggy Burgess then clarified the boundaries of Woodley Hills then read a letter from the Woodley Hill residents to the NHWNC board thanking the board for their support for their name change. Vote: Approve 10, Oppose 0, Abstain 0; motion passed.

e. Motion to approve \$80 donation to Senior Symposium on April 20th

Robin Tyler announced the Senior Symposium. Anita Goldbaum motions for the \$80 donation for the Senior Symposium. Deborah Stevens seconds. Vote: Approve 10, Oppose 0, Abstain 0; motion passed

f. Motion to approve up to \$600 for board retreat

Mary Armenteros motions to approve up to \$600 dollars for a board retreat. She stated the money would come from the administrative category from the budget. Jaynee Thorne seconds. Anita Goldbaum asks if the retreat must be held in the neighborhood and if stakeholders are also invited which is replied yes. Robin Tyler then states that It may be too early for this young board to have a retreat. Mary Armenteros stated that a retreat may be good for the board. Jaynee Thorne asks who will be teaching at the retreat and Amelia answers saying it depends upon what the activities and lessons are, Vote Approve 6, Oppose 4, Abstain 0; motion passed

- g. Motion to approve up to \$50 for Certificates of Appreciation

Debra Francisco motions to provide up to \$50 for appreciation and Anita Goldbaum seconds. Mary Armenteros mentions the printing budget of \$500 coming from operations in the budget. Vote: Approve 10, Oppose, Abstain 0; motion passed

- h. Motion to create Ad Hoc committee to change the name of North Hills west of the 405 freeway to Northridge

Debra Francisco presented a motion for David Hyman to create an Ad Hoc Committee to change the name of NHWNC. No one seconds – motion dies

9. Committee Reports/Beautification

- a. Update and advise on Sunday 2-24-13 Clean Sweep

Marina Adlivankina gave the Beautification and infrastructure report, concerning the clean up event on Roscoe blvd and acknowledged Jaynee Thorne, Frank Klein, Mary Klein, David Brown, Darleen Rogers, and Punam Gohel for their assistance. Jaynee Thorne also commented on the benefits of the cleanup effort on the community.

- b. Update and advise on planning April Clean Sweep

Jayne Thorne presented the update and advised on planning April Clean Sweep. Someone in the audience asked if they have larger cones for the street while they're cleaning, and Jaynee Thorne answered that she is looking for some, but won't be there in time for the weekend.

- c. Update and advise on creating a monthly standing clean up team

Marina Adlivankina advised that they have set up a monthly cleaning sweep starting with the March 24th cleaning; which will be held the last Sunday of every month.

10. Committee Reports/Events/Marketing/Outreach

- a. Update and advise on vinyl banner repair

Anita Goldbaum gave a report concerning the 6 banners that need Grommets installed and Jaynee Thorne offered to assist, she has Grommets in her home.

- c. Motion to approve up to \$1800 to publish next Westsider

Anita Goldbaum explained that there was no documentation confirming the price of \$1,800 for the Westsider publication. The motion was postponed.

- d. Motion to approve up to \$300 for Citrus Sunday flyers

Debra Francisco read David's motion to approve up to \$300 for fliers promoting Citrus Sunday. No one seconds the motion and it was decided to use the free flyers from Councilman Englander's office

- e. Motion to approve up to \$500 for senior dance May 31st

Anita Goldbaum motions to approve \$500 to sponsor the Senior Dance May 31. Anita Goldbaum reads the motion details, including the NHWNC name in the advertising and NHWNC banner displayed as a sponsor. Nancy Xander seconds. Frank Klein asks where the dance will be held, and Anita Goldbaum answers Northridge Recreation Center. Nancy Xander stated her approval of the motion considering the popularity of the dance and the opportunity to nominate a senior volunteer for recognition. Vote: Approve 9, Oppose 1, Abstain 0; motion passed

- f. Motion to approve up to \$1,000 donation for CD12 Family Fest

Robin Tyler motions to approve \$1000 Donation to Councilman Englander's Family Fest, and Anita Goldbaum Seconds. Robin Tyler explains the history of the festival. Mort Goldstein spoke concerning Englander's support of the NHWNC's initiative to deny Restaurant Depot building their headquarters in the neighborhood. Robin Tyler agreed stating she asked Councilman Englander's Office how the NHWNC can show support for him in turn. Vote: Approve 10, Oppose 0, Abstain 0; motion passed

- g. Update and advise on Greek Festival Memorial Day Weekend 25, 26, 27

Anita Goldbaum motioned the board to wait until David attends so he can speak about it. Debra Francisco seconds the motion. Vote: Approve 10, Oppose 0, Abstain 0; motion passed

- h. Discussion regarding "give aways" at sponsored events

Anita Goldbaum explained that the issue was discussed at the committee meeting but no dollar amount was delineated, and the audience was invited to share their ideas of what a good Item would be to give away at sponsored events. Jim Cockerel commented that while working in real estate, many people were most attracted to the flyswatter with the company logo. Marina Adlivankina suggested tote bags, Ernie Hilger suggested pins much like in the veteran's office. Darleen Rogers offered the use of a book of possible merchandise she received from a client who creates such items being discussed. And suggested going to local markets and supplying them with grocery bags with the NHWNC logo. Anita Goldbaum anyone else with ideas to email the idea to board@nhwnc.net Garry Fordyce suggested a solar powered led flashlight like the one Robin Tyler presented. He also stated that the NHWNC cannot solicit donations from local markets. Nancy Xander, suggested a Visor with a built in LED light.

11. Committee Reports/Planning and land use

- a. Motion to oppose the AGF ground box and cell tower

Robin Tyler motions to oppose AGF ground box and cell tower to be installed. Peggy Burgess stated Neighborhood Councils cannot oppose specific AGF locations. And spoke on the AGF giving faulty information to residents concerning the installation process. John McGovern motions to send them a letter asking for proper notification from AGF with correct information. Anita Goldbaum asked if other Neighborhood council disapproved of the AGF installation methods, and suggested sending notice to the planning commission with many other neighborhood councils asking for better information. Robin Tyler stated there may be other issues affecting the situation. Glenn Bailey stated knowledge of a pending 3 point reform on in the city council dealing with cell towers that include changing cell tower location due to aesthetics and

moving boxes up to 500 feet instead of to the adjoining property. Robin Tyler then states that the NHWNC cannot oppose the AGF on this subject. Mike Majers says The city endorses the facility that Southern California Gas Co is preparing to install, so The NHWNC can oppose the installation, but cannot appeal the decision of the AGF. Anita Goldbaum makes the motion to oppose the instillation of the AGF cell tower and ground box to be installed at 16545 W. Vintage St. North Hills, CA. And the motion is withdrawn.

b. Motion to oppose \$3billion street repair bill

Robin Tyler Reads a statement from LANC updating Neighborhood Councils on the issue as of Jan 10 2013. Glenn Bailey brings up the issue of due process on the measure, stating the measure wasn't given to the Neighborhood Councils to give them time to review the measure. And asked that in the motion that the 60 day notification period for Neighborhood Councils to review the tax be added. John McGovern seconds the motion to oppose the tax, Vote: Approved 9, Oppose 1, Abstain 0; motion passed

c. Motion to oppose homeowner proposal for zone change and subdivision for 10 homes

Robin Tyler Motion to postpone. John McGovern seconds Vote: Approve 10, Oppose 0, Abstain 0; motion postponed

d. Motion to approve homeowner request to enlarge a third house

John McGovern motion to approve homeowner request to enlarge third house case number ZA-2013-0235-ZAA-ZV. Robin Tyler explained the history of the motion and the support the Planning and land use committee has for this motion. Deborah Stevens seconds. Vote: Approve 9, Oppose 0, Abstain 1; motion passed

12. Committee Reports/Rules & Elections

a. Update and advise on Phase, II – III – IV of the bylaws

Nancy Xander gave the update thanking the community for their involvement, the committee has revised page 9 of 16 the bylaws. Next meeting is April 25th at Fire Station #87 in Granada Hills.

13. Committee Reports – none for the following

Budget & Finance / Emergency Preparedness / Public Safety / Technical Support

14. Board comments

Anita Goldbaum informs stakeholders of Monroe High School's status in the State Mock Trial Competition.

Peggy Burgess has a letter of opposition for the millennium towers Hollywood, and cannot be introduced to the board because it is not on the agenda. Peggy Burgess explains that the Hillside Federation and the Hollywood Dell-Civic organization have asked NHWNC to join them in opposing the Millennium towers project and asked for the board to hold a special meeting Monday to decide on an official statement to send to the organizations in opposition to the Millennium towers. It's decided that there can be no meeting next week and there is no further comment.

Marina Adlivankina announces a break-in and burglary at her house, advising the neighborhood to be aware.

Mary Armenteros advises that the NHWNC banners be repaired properly, and will discuss it in further detail at an outreach meeting.

15. Meeting adjourns – 8:44pm