

JUNE 20, 2013 – GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NEW HORIZONS-SAM'S CAFE 15725 PARTHENIA STREET NORTH HILLS, CA 91343

1. Call meeting to order – John McGovern/President 6:43PM

- a. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by John McGovern
- b. Officer/board member roll call – quorum met  
John McGovern/Present  
Marina Adlivankina/Present  
Mary Armenteros/Present  
Debra Francisco/Present  
Anita Goldbaum/Present  
David Hyman/Present (arrived at 6:51PM/not present for roll call))  
Tino Julian/Absent  
Frank Klein/Present  
Jaynee Thorne/Present  
Robin Tyler/Present  
Nancy Xander/Present  
Deborah Stevens/Present

Mike Kabo/Council Parliamentarian/Present  
Residents/stakeholders present - count – 11

After roll call, John McGovern outlined the rules of conduct for the meeting

- c. Approval of minutes  
5-16-13 GBM/Approved  
6-4-13 Special Board Meeting/Not approved  
Anita Goldbaum stated that she could not approve the 6-4-13 minutes as there were still items that needed to be corrected . John McGovern made the motion to table the 6-4-13 minutes until the July 18<sup>th</sup> GBM, Debra Francisco 2<sup>nd</sup> –  
11-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions – passes

2. Presentations – NONE

3. Public speakers

- a. DONE representative Amelia Herrera-Robles announced that the next BONC meeting will be on June 27<sup>th</sup>. NHWNC's bylaws and boundary changes will be presented at this meeting. Next fiscal year's budget is due on July 12, 2013 and there is a new category for Elections, which will take place in Spring of 2014.

b. Councilmember Englander's field deputy Megan Cottier introduced Tanya Oronos, the new deputy. Megan thanked the board for its financial contributions to the Family Festival and Senior Dance, and Marina Adlivankina and the board for cleaning up. She explained the plastic bag ban, which Councilmember Englander supports.

c. State Assembly member Adrin Nazarian's representative Mindy Lake announced that the office issued 50 certificates to students for scholastic achievement and 20 to the winning Mock Trial Team which was in part financially supported by NHWNC. There is now a balanced budget in California, and some of the money will be going to middle class family scholarships. The Assembly member has been working on four bills which have moved through the Assembly and will be going to the Senate. Fact sheets about each bill were available at the meeting.

Prior to officer reports, Marina Adlivankina passed out Certificate Awards to stakeholders who helped in the Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> Clean Sweep.

4. Officer reports

- a. President – no report
- b. Vice President – no report
- c. Secretary – advised there were sign up sheets for committees and applications to fill a residential seat which will be done at the July 18, GBM
- d. Treasurer
  - 1 – Approve May expenditures – Mary Armenteros made the motion to approve the May expenditures, Pcard statement and other financial items – May expenses Were \$2,326.09 / year to date \$36,578.20 – Robin Tyler 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions – passes
  - 2 – Mary Armenteros provided an update on the 2013/2014 budget
  - 3 – Mary Armenteros provided an update on new DONE funding procedures and Amelia Herrera-Robles also provided an overview of the new funding procedures

5. Mayor's budget report - None

6. Public comment on non-agendized items

- a. Stakeholder Fran Potaski thanked the board for the work they have done and asked for help with a neighbor who sets off fireworks
- b. Stakeholder Peggy Burgess stated that the parliamentarian could not be impartial because he has filed a grievance against the board and should recuse himself from the entire meeting as acting parliamentarian; he did not recuse himself and remained as parliamentarian

7. Old business

a. Discussion and possible action/motion to allocate additional \$60.76 for promotional items as originally allocated on 4-18-13 – John McGovern made the motion to allocate the \$60.76, Deborah Stevens 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - passes

8. New business

a. Motion to accept Deborah Stevens/General board member's resignation and present her with NHWNC Service Award – this was tabled until the end of the meeting

b. Discussion and possible action/motion to request applications for 1 Residential board seat which will be filled at the July 18<sup>th</sup> GBM – John McGovern made the motion, Debra Francisco 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - passes

c. Motion to appoint Dave Brown to the Rules & Elections Committee ; John McGovern made the motion, Deborah Stevens 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - passes

d. Discussion and possible action/motion to accept grievance from Mike Kabo Anita Goldbaum moved not to accept the grievance, Robin Tyler 2<sup>nd</sup>; John McGovern stated that he had spoken to the City Attorney's office and the board must accept the grievance and a grievance panel should be formed. Robin Tyler asked John McGovern if the City Attorney asked John McGovern if it was to be all grievance items, some or just one, he stated he did not know and that he would be meeting with the City Attorney on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> to review the selected panel and how to proceed; John McGovern made the motion to accept, Frank Klein 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9-Yes, 2-No, 0-Abstentions – passes

e. Discussion and possible action/motion to solicit stakeholders to serve on the panel; several stakeholders brought their applications and handed them to John McGovern. John asked for a 5 minute pause in the meeting to prepare the names to be drawn. John McGovern then requested the assistance of 2 attending stakeholders to pick 5 names from the bucket, Fran Potaski and Bonnie Cockerell picked the names and handed them to John McGovern. John stated that he will not announce or look at the names chosen; they will be identified and reviewed with the City Attorney at his meeting on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>. John McGovern will advise the board accordingly.

9. Committee Reports

a. Events/Marketing/Outreach – Anita Goldbaum thanked everyone who participated in the Valley Family Fest and stated that the NHWNC’s fans were a big hit because it was so hot. She congratulated stakeholder Peggy Burgess as the Outstanding Senior of 2013. She also announced the new Westsider has been mailed and that the next Joint Board/Committee meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> will be regarding the budget. David Hyman announced that he needs photos, any and all information for the Mid Valley Regional Library Display Case where the NHWNC will be featured.

b. Budget & Finance had no report

c. Planning & Land Use had no report

d. Emergency Preparedness/Public Safety had no report

e. Beautification & Infrastructure – Marina Adlivankina said that the last three months they have been focused on cleaning the remaining area on Roscoe; the Committee now hopes to concentrate on planting and beautifying the area

f. Rules & Elections – Nancy Xander, Chair announced that the bylaws were submitted to DONE

10. Board Comments – Deborah Stevens gave a short resignation speech and John McGovern presented her with the NHWNC Service Award

11. Meeting adjourns – John McGovern adjourned the meeting at 7:58PM

SEE ADDENDUM “A” ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

## ADDENDUM "A"

I would like to read you the job description of a Parliamentarian from Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

"The Parliamentarian is a consultant, commonly a professional, who advises the President and other officers, committees, and members on matters of parliamentary procedure. The parliamentarian's role during a meeting is purely an advisory and consultative one since parliamentary law gives to the chair alone the power to rule on questions of order or to answer parliamentary inquiries."

J. Michael Kabo is a professor at CSUN in Engineering and he has been generous to give his personal time to NHWNC as Parliamentarian. He also has and had the function, duty, and role to advise this board these past 8 months we have been in office of any of the "grievances" that he perceived and identified that we were committing. Not until the May 16, 2013 of the NHWNC General Board Meeting did he object to actions and statements made by members of this board and called them "grievances." Why now? Is it because it has become personal?

Also, which hat does he now wear? Factual Basis Stakeholder or Parliamentarian? Can he give unbiased advice with his grievance on the table?

I move to POSTPONE INDEFINITELY THE GRIEVANCES FROM  
MIKE KABO, COUNCIL PARLIAMENTARIAN

Anita Goldbaum  
Delivered June 20, 2013