

7-18-13 NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES -
NEW HORIZONS-SAM'S CAFÉ, 15725 PARTHENIA ST., NORTH HILLS CA 91343

1. Call Meeting To Order - John McGovern/President 6:38PM
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance/Led By John McGovern/President
 - b. Officer/Board Member Roll Call / Announcement of Quorum Met
Marina Adlivankina/Present - Arrived at 6:50PM
Mary Armenteros/Present
Debra Francisco/Present Anita
Goldbaum/Present
David Hyman/Present
Tino Julian/Absent Frank
Klein/Present
John McGovern/Present
Jaynee Thorne/Present - Arrived at 6:50PM
Robin Tyler/Present
Nancy Xander/Present
Patricia Harrison/Present-Voted To The Board At This Meeting
Mike Kabo/Parliamentarian/Present
Resident/Stakeholders in attendance - count - 15

- c. APPROGVAL OF MINUTES

Nancy Xander said that she had her own minutes for the 6/4/13 meeting, aside from the minutes up for approval, which she said were inaccurate.

John McGovern moved to approve the 6/20/13 general board meeting minutes. Nancy Xander seconded with one correction, that Deborah Stevens' name was omitted from the roll call & should be added, 10-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - The motion passed unanimously.

2. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

3. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

- a. DONE Director of Field Operations Leyla Campos spoke about partnering with the Valley Alliance in the Valley Resource Board (VRB) which is a peer support system. This is because there is not enough DONE staff due to the fiscal crisis. She introduced Glenn Bailey and Judy Daniels as members of the Valley Resource Board. Judy Daniels, who will be working with NHWNC, spoke and said she is participating as a volunteer, not a DONE representative, and would like to help the board be a better board. Amelia Herrera-Robles has left DONE and has taken another job. They are working to find someone for her replacement.

In addition, DONE/Grayce Liu sent an email to the board stating that the Grievance Panel was disbanded as it was not properly set nor conducted and the only item that was to be presented to the panel was to be G9 only on the Mike Kabo Grievance (the panel was advised to review the grievance in its entirety). Leyla Campos/DONE representative brought additional copies for the residents/stakeholders so they could read a copy which stated the outline of the grievance and the reason it was disbanded), etc.

Glenn Bailey spoke about the upcoming NC election cycle, which will start in the valley in March 2014. There will be a Planning & Land Use 101 session in Pacoima in August. The Congress of Neighborhood Councils will meet on September 28, 2013 and hold about 30 workshops at City Hall. Online registration begins on August 15th.

- b. Councilmember Englander's representative Tania Oronoz listed the City Council committees the Councilmember participates in. She announced that there will be a National Night Out at Northridge Park on August 6th which will include a movie and food as part of LAPD's Devonshire Division.
- c. There were no other City representatives present

4. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. The President had no report.
- b. Vice President Robin Tyler has attended meetings about redefining the factual basis stakeholder. Stakeholder Glenn Bailey commented that BONC recommended a Community Interest Stakeholder to replace the factual basis stakeholder, which each NC could define for itself. City Councilmember Jose Huizar has proposed an ordinance to this effect, which will be voted on by the City Council.
- c. Secretary Debra Francisco read a thank you letter from New Horizons for NHWNC's donation to the Walk on the Horizon fundraiser. She reminded board members about ethics and funding training.
- d. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Treasurer Mary Armenteros prepared a June Pcard report and a quarterly expense report for April through June. Mary moved to approve the Pcard and expense reports, seconded by Robin Tyler, which were approved unanimously?
 - 2. Mary was told by DONE General Manager Grayce Liu that the Wells Fargo checking account program has been cancelled. DONE now wants NC members names on motions instead of just a vote count.

5. MAYOR'S BUDGET REPORT

Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey announced that the next Budget Day will be held in October, 2013, Each NC can send two representative. Budget Advocate Tom Johnson said that the budget has been passed and city leaders need to be held more accountable. The Valley Emergency Disaster Faire will be held on October 5, 2013 and Tom requested agendization of this item for the next meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

a. Stakeholder Claire O'Connell thanked NHWNC for printing the Westsider and for its donation to Monroe High School's Mock Trial Team.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. John McGovern moved to provide a letter of support for the Granada Hills/Knollwood Community Plan to return to the name of Granada Hills from North Hills West and provide CIS statement to DONE--Council File #13-0460. Robin Tyler seconded, 10-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - motion passed unanimously.

b. John McGovern moved to accept Deborah Stevens' resignation from the board, seconded by Anita Goldbaum, 10-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - motion passed unanimously.

c. John McGovern moved to support Holy Martyrs Elementary School regarding the addition of four buildings/classrooms--16617 West Parthenia, seconded by Robin Tyler, 10-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - motion passed unanimously.

d. Robin Tyler moved to approve a letter of opposition to requested zoning change from RA-1 to R1-1 and subdivision of one 1.43 acre lot at 15717 Tupper St., to ten 5,000 square foot lots--Hearing Date August 26, 2013--Case #APCNV-20131276-ZC-ZAA. John McGovern seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Reasons given for opposition during the discussion were negative effects from parking and traffic, setting a bad precedent, and the lot is near an area where people keep horses and may be disturbing.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. was endorsed by board members Mary Armenteros, Debra Francisco, Anita Goldbaum, and Robin Tyler. John McGovern moved to approve the addition of Pat Harrison to the board, seconded by Debra Francisco 10-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - motion passed unanimously and Pat Harrison was seated.

b. John McGovern moved to request applications for the general board seat, to be heard at the next meeting. Applications must be received seven days prior to the meeting. Robin Tyler seconded, 11-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - motion passed unanimously.

c. John McGovern received a lot of email on this subject but the stakeholder who requested enforcement of Council File #13-0650 to impose fines on violators of LAMC 56.08, the Removal of Obstructions in the Street or Sidewalk Administrative Penalties, was not present to speak. Other stakeholders outlined problems with spilled garbage etc. John McGovern moved that NHWNC support Council File #13-0650, seconded by Robin Tyler, 11-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - motion passed unanimously.

- d. John McGovern moved to approve Frank Klein's request to be removed from the Emergency Preparedness/Public Safety Committee, seconded by Debra Francisco, 11-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - motion passed unanimously.
- e. John McGovern moved to approve Robin Tyler's request to be removed as Chair of the Technical Support Committee, with a second by Debra Francisco, 11-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - motion passed unanimously.
- f. Robin Tyler moved to submit a letter to BONC with NHWNC's feedback on BONC's recommendations items 1 - 9, seconded by Debra Francisco. The motion passed by a vote of 10-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention/David Hyman who was out of the room at the vote.
- g. Discussion and possible action/motion to approve President John McGovern's request to remove stakeholder Peggy Burgess from the Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUC)
- h. Discussion and possible action/motion to approve President John McGovern's request to remove stakeholder Peggy Burgess from the Rules & Elections Committee

Items g & h were going to be omitted, but Robin Tyler moved, seconded by Jaynee Thorne, to let stakeholders speak on them. Stakeholder Paul Dumont said he was opposed to stakeholders being removed from committees because diverse opinions and viewpoints are needed. Stakeholder and PLUC member Punam Gohel spoke in favor of Peggy Burgess being retained on the PLUC, as did other stakeholders and Debra Francisco. Stakeholder Peggy Burgess said that she received an insulting letter from NHWNC's President. Robin Tyler recommended that no one express disapproval in writing by sending a demeaning or accusatory letter, and that a motion/discussion on this issue be agendized for the next meeting

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Events/Marketing/Outreach Chair Anita Goldbaum announced that Friends of the Mid-Valley Library thanked NHWNC for its donations. There is approximately \$22,000 in the budget for outreach next fiscal year. NHWNC will have a display at the library in August, and all suggestions and ideas for the display are welcomed. National Night Out is coming up in August and it supports the police. Stakeholders were requested to email about events which NHWNC can support.
- b. Budget & Finance was already discussed.
- c. Planning & Land Use was already discussed.

- d. Emergency Preparedness/Public Safety Committee member Dave Brown said that the Neighborhood Watch program for new and replacement signs is underway. Sign addresses can be submitted online at nwatch@nhwnc.net. There will be a National Night Out event at Brand Park on August 6th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., sponsored by multiple NCs, with rides and food. Emergency preparation classes sponsored by SOS A family radio service class at the fire station on Pico Blvd. and emergency preparation classes sponsored by SOS are coming up. Contact Dave for more information.

Mary Armenteros said that funding for the Disaster Preparedness Fair has to go through the committee so Tom Johnson may want to attend the committee meeting.

- e. Beautification & Infrastructure Chair Jaynee Thorne said that because of the heat no beautification work is currently being done. The committee is in discussion about Van Nuys Airport taking care of the trees nearby on city streets. The committee has also been discussing having permanent fixtures or signs denoting North Hills West's boundaries. Anita Goldbaum suggested that Anheuser-Busch be asked to take care of the area on Roscoe from Haskell to its parking lot. Pat Harrison volunteered to contact Anheuser-Busch.
- f. Rules & Elections Chair Nancy Xander is waiting for the bylaws to come back from DONE. The committee is beginning to work on the March 2014 elections.

10. BOARD COMMENTS

David Hyman announced that Van Nuys Airport's 85th anniversary is coming up and there will be festivities at the airport on August 31st. There is public viewing of planes from Waterman Drive by the fire station. Nancy Xander recommended a documentary on the airport called One Six Right.

Mary Armenteros thanked Judy Daniels for coming to the meeting and volunteering. She suggested that since all committee meetings are the first Monday of the month, that might be a good time to set up a meeting with Judy.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President John McGovern moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nancy Xander,, 11-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions - passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.