

8-5-13 JOINT BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – NEW HORIZONS/CLASSROOM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting began at 6:11pm with Ron Ziff from VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils)

Ron stated that he was asked to speak at the meeting as Judith Daniels had a family emergency she had to attend to and was not available. He stated he was there to provide resources to our board and answer any questions we may have regarding DONE, procedures, etc. He provided his background to the board and he has been on the Sherman Oaks NC for 4 years, 3 years as Land Use Chair.

He wanted to advise us on the transit situation in the Valley, especially in the Sherman Oaks area. The City is looking at a Metro transit running thru Sepulveda Blvd. scheduled for completion in 2039, however, something needs to be done now, now 26 years from now. If we can get 20,000 cars off the road using busses and mass transit that will help everyone in the Valley.

David Hyman stated that he is in support of the light rail under the Sepulveda pass and asked if Ron would be a supporter. Ron stated that the better place to put a light rail or transit system would be above the 405 or perhaps on the shoulder of the 405. Ron continued to advise on other traffic solutions that may be applicable for the Valley traffic. John McGovern stated that he would be in agreement of the light above the 405 freeway. He also stated that we now have a new Mayor and will have to wait and see what he will do.

Dave Brown stated that on his street it is a 35 MPH zone and local residents petitioned to have speed bumps put in, however, he was advised that they cannot be installed if the speed limit is 35 or less. They would have to reapply and then the DOT raises the speed limit in order to install the speed bumps. Mike Majers said that some speed bumps have been a liability; they slow down rescue vehicles, paramedics, fire, police as they have to slow down for the bumps.

Amal Shahin asked if anything could be done about the street parking in her area. They have a small street and sometimes there are 50 cars parked on her street which are generated from the employees who work across the street. Ron suggested that she contact Aida at the BSS (Bureau of Street Services) to see if she can assist Amal. Mary said that there is the same problem on Gothic and Chase.

Peggy Burgess stated that cars park in front of her mailbox all the time and the mailman cannot and will not deliver the mail if the box is blocked. She asked if they could at least paint the curb red in front of the mailbox. She also asked Ron if they are allowing the 600 sq. ft. homes in Sherman Oaks or Studio City, she was not sure which location; they are to be 3 stories high on 500 sq. foot lots. Ron stated that they can only build 2 story and that it would not be allowed. He would have to look further into that situation.

1. Planning & Land Use Committee Meeting – Begin 6:30PM

Roll Call

John McGovern/Present

Robin Tyler/Absent

Peggy Burgess/Present

Punam Gohel/Absent

Amal Shahin/Present

a. Discussion and possible action on Holy Martyrs

This was done last month and a letter of support was sent to Joe Bernstein of Holy Martyrs. Peggy stated

That she still did not have a Case File # and did not receive the documentation from John. John advised that Robin has the documentation and told Peggy to get it from her.

b. Update and advise on PLUM issues

Peggy advised that we need to take a position on the mini lots and need more information. Peggy will call Silverlake and find out what their position is. Ron advised Peggy to find out who the hearing officer is for the individual project they are asking for the zone change on and send a letter which will be part of the record.

Amal stated that developers are coming into our neighborhood and realtors are selling them the property with the knowledge that the developer will be sub dividing the lots and that it should be more controlled to prevent it. John stated that Mr. Braffman said he bought his property with the intention of developing it and that this would be his monetary retirement and he is proceeding to obtain the zone change and start building. The City wants the tax revenue so they will approve anything. Peggy stated that we would approve an RE-11 for 11,000 sq. ft. lots which would be approximately 4-5 houses, not the 10-12 he wants to build. Peggy said she has already been in contact with Melanie Zadansky at Councilman Englander's office.

Mike Khalid stated his concern about the cars speeding down Hayvenhurst by the Holy Martyrs School; however this is being done at 3-4AM in the morning where there are no children present; however, the speed limit is 25 when children are present per the posted sign. Right now there are trees that are blocking the sign; Ron stated to send an email to Aida at BSS and advise her of the situation.

PLUC meeting adjourned at 6:39pm

2. Events/Marketing/Outreach Committee – Begin 7:00PM

Roll Call

Anita Goldbaum/Absent

Nancy Xander/Present

Mary Armenteros/Present

David Hyman/Present

Robin Tyler/Absent

Mike Khalid/Present

a. Update and advise on current Outreach issues

Nancy is Chairing the meeting as Anita is out of town. She stated the need to discuss the Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair that will be on October 5th, 2013. Last year the donation was \$500 and this year she would like to put thru a motion to the board for the same amount. She stated that it was a great event with a lot of community participation. The motion to provide \$500 to the VEPF will be on the August 15th GBM agenda.

Davie Brown stated that for the first 500 families that show up, they will get a free emergency prep kit. He stated to park in the adjacent strip mall and there is a side gate that you can enter from. It will be at Fire Station #87 on Balboa in Granada Hills/Tom Johnson will be in charge same as last year.

Nancy Xander asked what we have on hand for promo items; we have approximately 2 box's left of the fans and 1-1/2 boxes of brochures; we are out of pens. She suggested that they bring a motion to the board for \$1500 to provide additional promo items, i.e. pens, keychain lights, Mary Armenteros suggested bag clips that Anita had suggested last year, also grocery memo pads, etc. The motion will be put on the 8-15-13 GBM to allocate \$1500 for promo items.

Nancy Xander stated that the NNO (National Night Out) was the next day August 6th, 2013 and asked who would be participating; Dave Brown, John McGovern, Mary Armenteros, Peggy Burgess would also be participating; people would be arriving probably between 3 and 4 so set up should be around 2pm. Dave Brown advised where the parking was and we were partnering with NHENC, Bonney Klabunde would be staffing their table next to ours. John stated he will do the BBQing and there will be lot's of food for everyone.

Next in discussion was the Mid Valley Regional Library Case Display with the NHWNC has for the month of August. Nancy Xander stated she has some wonderful pictures and items from Sandra Berry who has lived in this area for many, many years. She knew the original Tonto, Jay Silverheels and went riding with him on many occasions. Sandra was an actress and appeared on Gunsmoke, Frankie & Johnny, Big Valley and was with the horse Quadrille group featured in the Rose Parade; Debra will post the photos with information in the Library Case.

Events/Marketing/Outreach adjourned 7:36PM

3. Beautification & Infrastructure Committee

Jayne Thorne/Absent
Marina Adlivankina/Present
Carly Fraser/Absent
Punam Gohel/Absent
Mike Khalid/Present
Mike Majers/Present
Taisiya Smith/Absent
Amal Shahin/Absent

a. Update and advise on current Beautification issues.

Marina stated there was not much going on currently with the committee. She asked if anyone had any issues; Mary Armenteros stated that there are still the palm trees that need trimming and that there is a mound of sawdust where someone cut down a palm tree and just left it; that could be cleaned up. Discussion ensued about who is responsible for what, the Airport for the palm trees but only on their side; the City is responsible for our side with the trees.

Marina asked if anyone had any other ideas as to cleanup. It was suggested that they look into a landscaper, advise them of certain areas that would need to be cleaned on a monthly basis; we could send an eblast asking residents/stakeholders to, once again, send in their areas of concern so the landscaper/gardener could be advised. It was also suggested that Marina contact Bonne Klabunde of NHENC; they use Paramount Landscaping and they have done a great job for them. Perhaps they would do the same thing for us as well. Debra to provide Marina with her information to get in contact with her.

Marina said that the two planters on Hayvenhurst, by the North Hills Ivy Dog looked OK right now; the one side belongs to Northridge anyway and the other side is in NHW. Since they seem to be OK right now, perhaps it is better to concentrate on other areas of concern.

Nancy Xander and others brought up the subject of perhaps putting the NHWNC information on the upper part of the freeway, however, it was advised that could not be done. It was stated that perhaps they could contact Balboa Brick for donations and of course Home Depot, who help the committee previously might help again with plant and flower donations. Discussion ensued on other areas of concern and one in particular is the Gas Company property median that could use a drastic clean up.

Beautification Committee adjourned at 7:52PM

4. Emergency Preparedness & Public Safety Committee – Begin 7:54PM

Roll Call

John McGovern/Present

Tino Julian/Absent

Dave Brown/Present

Mike Khalid/Present

a. Update and advise on current EPPS issues

Dave Brown provided printed information which are included in these minutes; see attached ADDENDUM A.

Emergency Preparedness & Public Safety Committee adjourned at 8:42PM

5. Rules & Elections Committee – Begin 8:43PM

Roll Call

Nancy Xander/Present

Frank Klein/Present

Debra Francisco/Present

Robin Tyler/Absent

Yey Alcid/Absent

Peggy Burgess/Absent

Garry Fordyce/Present

Ernie Hilger/Absent

Darleen Rogers/Absent

Dave Brown/Present

Nancy Xander stated that she has not heard anything on the bylaws as of this meeting. She will check and find out the status and advise. Garry Fordyce had a question about mail in ballots and how they are verified. Since Dave Brown assisted with the elections last year, he advised that there is a system of checks and balances to ensure that all ballots are handled properly. Each NC can chose what they want to include in their voting, mail-in ballots if they choose to do so, on line voting, etc. as well as the voting hours and location. It was suggested that New Horizons be used for voting as the residents/stakeholders are familiar with its location, the Sam's Café is quite large and can accommodate everyone comfortably and the cost is within the parameters we are allowed \$180.00. It was stated that curbside voting is mandatory to ensure that the disabled can be included in all voting. The Mid Valley Regional Library was stated as a place to use, however, the Library would prefer that this is not done; the room is in the front and they do not want people coming in and out all day long disturbing those using the library, in addition they want everyone out by 7:45PM in the evening.

The issue with the remaining Article's that were not ratified by the board was brought up by both Mary Armenteros and Debra Francisco who did not agree with the rest of the Committee with regard to what was submitted to DONE on the revised bylaws; in that the remaining Articles that were not ratified need to go back to the board. John McGovern, Nancy Xander, Frank Klein stated that the bylaws were submitted to DONE as complete, was voted on as such and that they when the bylaws are returned they will go back to committee and John stated they will then be "the law of the land". Debra and Mary feel that this is not the case and that a Special Board/Bylaw Meeting should be done now to ratify and amend the remaining Articles. John McGovern said that there are only 2 or 3 items that need to be reviewed and we are going to wait until they come back before anything is done. Discussion ensued, still no agreement on what occurred, however, per the recommendation of Ron Ziff, who suggested that we wait until the bylaws come back as we do not know what DONE will accept or will not accept, in order to do it at one time in lieu of having 2 meetings; we will wait until they come back from DONE.

Rules & Elections Committee Meeting adjourned 9:25PM

6. Budget & Finance Committee

The Committee did not meet this month

ADDENDUM A

Advanced Pet First Aid & CPR Class

When

Sat, August 10, 9am – 3pm

Where

15705 Strathern St., Van Nuys, 91406 ([map](#))

Description

Whether your pet becomes ill, injured, or needs help in a disaster, this course can help you prepare and learn what technique works best for your sized pet.

Land Navigation Map & Compass Class - Class Session

When

Sat, August 17, 8am – 12pm

Where

15705 Strathern St. Van Nuys CA 91406 ([map](#))

Description

Nothing can take the place of a map and compass, and the ability to skillfully utilize them. Topics include: how to accurately read road maps and topographic maps; use of the compass and how to pick the correct one; using the map and compass together; discussion of the dangers of GPS reliance; questions and answers; afternoon session from 1:00 to 5:00 pm with mock scenarios in land navigation, conducted at Balboa Park.

Land Navigation Map & Compass Class - Field Session

When

Sat, August 17, 1pm – 5pm

Where

Balboa Park, Encino, CA ([map](#))

Description

This is the second portion of the Land Navigation Map & Compass Class. Location: Balboa Park

First Aid & CPR Training

When

Sat, August 24, 9am – 4pm

Where

15705 Strathern St., Van Nuys, CA 91406 ([map](#))

Description

Attend First Aid class, CPR class, or both classes -- offered with or without certification.

Certification is valid for 2 years. Course Instructor: CPR Center Plus.

The year's best meteor shower

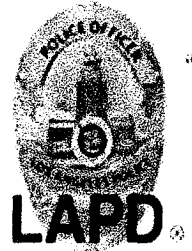
The Perseids are another skywatching highlight this month. This shower, which occurs when Earth plows through streams of debris shed over the years by Comet Swift-Tuttle, is widely regarded as the best of all the annual meteor displays in the Northern Hemisphere.

While the Perseids peak toward the end of next week, you don't have to wait until those dates to observe them.

"You can start watching a week or more before the peak nights of August 11-12 and 12-13, assuming you have a dark sky," Bruce McClure noted at Earthsky.org. "The Perseid shower is known to rise gradually to a peak, then fall off rapidly afterwards. So as the nights pass in the week before the shower, the meteors will increase in number."

The Perseids, so named because they appear to emanate from the constellation Perseus, often exhibit peak meteor rates of 50 to 100 per hour. The shower is also known for its fireballs — meteors that shine at least as brightly as the planet Venus.

- See more at: <http://www.space.com/22216-august-perseid-meteor-shower-comet-ison.html?cmpid=529604#sthash.T7GFRanl.dpuf>



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Dear neighborhood watch members, Operations Valley Bureau (OVB) will begin another Community Police Academy (CPA) on Thursday, September 12, 2013.

The classes will be held on eight consecutive Thursdays, from 1800 to 2100 hours. The location for this CPA will be the Edward M. Davis Training facility, in Granada Hills.

Anyone interested is asked to submit name, address and telephone number by email to 27286@lapd.lacity.org

There is room for room for 8 candidates...reservations will be taken on first come first served basis.

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18" x 24" HD Aluminum

WARNING



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
PROGRAM IN FORCE**

**WE REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS
ACTIVITIES TO OUR POLICE DEPT.**



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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**