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Darlene Roker ('08-'10), Monterey Hills
Zara Scoville ('07-'08), Mount Washington
Paula Sirola ('07-'08), Mount Washington
Hank Shaeffer ('08-'10), Mount Washington
Ann Walnum ('08-'10), Mount Washington
Jason Renfro ('07-'08), Sycamore Grove
Sylvia Robledo ('08-'10), Sycamore Grove

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Clifford Moseley, Education & Youth
Marybelle C. Ang, Environment
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**ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Monday, 08-DECEMBER-2008 · 07:00PM to 10:00PM

RAMONA HALL

4580 Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90065 (first floor classroom across from lobby)

Supporting documentation for this meeting can be found at:

<http://www.asnc.us/2008-archives/12-December/1208archives.htm>

I. CALL TO ORDER. Roll call.

Meeting called to order at 07:15PM. Ernest Sanchez presiding.

Present: Pablo Lopez, Joseph Riser, Jack Fenn, Tina Zabala, Jeremy Dillard, Darlene Roker, Zara Scoville, Paula Sirola, Ann Walnum, Ernest E. Sanchez.

Excused: Hank Shaeffer, Marybelle C. Ang, J. Michael Walker.

Quorum was established.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

1. Suzanne Jimenez from Councilman District 1 (Ed Reyes' office):

11-December-2008, 06:00PM, Nightingale Middle School - Children's Hospital of Los Angeles' community meet and greet.

14-December-2008, Police Museum on York Boulevard in Highland Park - CD-1, the Mayor's office, and the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council will be hosting La Posada.

17-December-2008, 05:00PM, Cypress Park - CD-1 and the Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a party for anyone living in Northeast Los Angeles and within CD-1 District.

Flyers were made available for all events.

Jack Fenn asked Ms. Jimenez if the staffing issue at the Montecito Heights Recreation/Senior Center has been resolved. Ms. Jimenez will speak with the Councilman about the issue.

2. Peter Parrish, past liaison to Department of Water and Power ("DWP"), spoke about the Mayor's Solar Project proposal that is currently on the 03-March-2009 ballot. Under the proposal, the DWP will purchase solar systems and install them on the roofs of City buildings. Private citizens will be unable to purchase the system. Only DWP employees will be allowed to install the system. Joseph Riser suggests that Mr. Parrish be added as an agenda item on the January-2009 ASNC meeting. Ernest Sanchez to add Mr. Parrish's presentation to the January-2009 ASNC meeting agenda.

3. Jerry Schneider, newly elected ASNC board member, announces the Audubon and the L.A. Conservation Corps has been awarded a Community Beautification Grant for Spring-2009 work at Debs Park targeting trails and accessibility.

4. Yuwen Peng, newly elected ASNC board member, wishes to point out that starting next year the L.A. City Building Dept. requires all new buildings over 15,000 sq. ft. to follow new green guidelines.

5. Zara Scoville, outgoing ASNC board member, recommends to the new board that when agenda issues are being discussed, all sides of the issue are invited into the discussion before any action is taken.



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III. COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT. (E.Sanchez)

Since this is the last meeting with the current board, it is important that all current board members, as well as all newly elected board members, attend the January-2009 meeting. Regarding the funding motion for Latona Elementary School, the board received a letter of thanks from the principal of Latona Elementary School and well as three thank you letters from students. The letters were displayed on the table for anyone interested in reading the letters. Mr. Sanchez wishes to thank Joseph Riser for running a smooth election, and he also thanked Jeremy Dillard for his extraordinary work as Treasurer on the ASNC board since Mr. Dillard will be leaving the board due to a change of residency.

IV. DISCUSSION & POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS.

1. Appointment of Mike French to fill the unexpired term of Darlene Roker as Monterey Hills Geographical Representative, under ASNC Board Standing Rules. (J.Riser)

Motion (J.Dillard/P.Sirola) to approve appointment.

Motion passes.

Mr. Riser announced that Mr. French will begin serving as board member effective January 1, 2009.

2. Approval of minutes of October 2008 meeting held 27-October-2008.

Joseph Riser wishes to point out some corrections to the minutes of the October-2008 meeting.

1. Action Item #1, the Mayor's budget questionnaire is due by January 12, 2009.
2. Action Item #10 should say "Friends of Southwest Museum.
3. Action Item #4 should say "Director of Animal Welfare Liaison Lezle Stein."
4. Action Item #10 should say "Mr. Riser moved made a friendly amendment that the balance of budgeted administrative funds unspent in fiscal year 2007-08, reported most recently as being in excess of \$10,000, be formally adjusted in current budgeting as follows: \$8,000 to the 2008-09 Community Project line item, and the balance of \$2,017 to Stakeholder Communication..."
5. Under Local Issues for Hermon and Mount Washington, the invitations were for At-Large candidates to come and campaign before the election, rather than register to run for an At-Large seat on the ASNC.

Motion (J.Fenn/J.Riser) to approve amended minutes.

Motion passes.

3. Treasurer's report. (J.Dillard)

Mr. Dillard distributed detailed budget information: charges, petty cash, commitments, and pending payments. The City of LA Publishing Services charged the ASNC \$1,808.81 for printing of election materials. Joseph Riser questions this charge. He will review a letter sent from the General Manager of Publishing Services stating that the City would pay for election materials. FYI – when submitting a check request for signage and printed materials for events, please include a copy of the artwork. More detailed budget information posted on website: www.asnc.us.

4. 2008 Board Elections Report. (J.Riser)

Mr. Riser attached detailed election results to the agenda. He announced the highest stakeholder turnout ever for this election. The next election will be between March and June 2010.

Ann Walnum left at 07:45PM. Quorum lost.

5. Introduction of new and returning board members for 2009. (E.Sanchez)

Mr. Sanchez introduces new board members in attendance: Mike French (Monterey Hills), Grace Romero (Hermon) - Healthcare & Seniors, Mark Legassie (Hermon) - Community Non-Profits, Yuwen Peng (Mount Washington) - Recreation, Culture, and the Arts, Robert Rakauskas (Mount Washington) - Education & Youth, Glenda Lubelsky (Mount Washington) - Faith-Based Organizations, Scott Folsom (Mount Washington), Robert Hawkes (Monterey Hills), Tom Marble (Montecito Heights), and Jerry Schneider (Mount Washington) - Environment. Mr. Sanchez also introduced returning board members Pablo Lopez (Hermon) and Paula Sirola (Mount Washington).



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6. Recruitment of "acting" treasurer from among continuing and new board members who would take treasurer's training from DONE right away (E.Sanchez)
Motion tabled because quorum lost. However, Jeremy Dillard asked if there were any volunteers to take the treasurer training. Mike French and Mark Legassie volunteered.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS.
 - (a) Local Issues.
 - (i) Hermon – Joseph Riser announces next meeting on 08-January-2009 where committee will reconfigure and elect a new chair.
 - (ii) Monterey Hills – Jeremy Dillard announces next local Issues meeting on 16-December-2009 at 07:00PM at Marshall Villas recreation room.
 - (iii) Mount Washington – Paula Sirola announces that at last meeting a request was brought up again for speed bumps. There is also a letter writing campaign to reinstate public transportation where bus route 176 used to run along Avenue 50, El Paso, Division, San Fernando. Petition will be posted online. Next meeting will be in January-2009 where new officers will be elected.
 - (b) Rules and Elections (Joseph Riser) – Mr. Riser wishes to point out that every neighborhood council member must take ethics training every two years. This can be done online. Mr. Riser will send out information to all board members.
 - (c) Budget and Finance (Jeremy Dillard) – Next meeting will be 17-December-2008 from 06:00PM to 07:00PM at Cycle Way Coffee, 5526 Monterey Road/Redfield, (323) 256-0200.
8. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS.
 - (a) Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition (Ann Walnum) – Ms. Walnum attended the monthly Coalition meeting held every first Saturday of each month. She would be really delighted if more people from the ASNC would attend the meetings. At the last meeting, Tom Rothman from the Planning Dept. indicated there is a code study issued entitled Unit Of Code Amendments in four areas of Los Angeles. In this area, there's a River improvement overlay zone that's being formulated that would govern property used within half a mile of the Los Angeles River on each side. Hearings to be scheduled. There are going to be some regulations for group recovery homes or sober living facilities. There will also be new parking ordinances set for valet parking.
- V. NEW BUSINESS (Committee referrals and/or future Board agenda items).
 1. Reflect on what did or did not get done this past year; what the ASNC would like to see take place in the future, etc.
Darlene Roker is happy to have started a Monterey Hills issues committee with Jeremy Dillard. Paula Sirola would like all standing committees to remember to meet periodically throughout the year. Jack Fenn would like for neighborhood and community groups, when they come to the board asking for financial assistance, to provide information on the groups' commitment to the project.
 2. Comments from the Board on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction.
Jeremy Dillard notes the website should be updated immediately since the board already passed a motion to reduce maintenance costs beginning December2008.
 3. Suggestions for future agenda items.
 - (a) Joseph Riser would like an agenda item stating the website be the responsibility of the board president or secretary rather than Communications & Outreach.
 - (b) Peter Parrish from LADWP to give presentation regarding the March 3rd ballot proposal on the Mayor's Solar Project.
 - (c) Paula Sirola would like an agenda item standardizing future ASNC meetings at one specific location.
 - (d) Joseph Riser would like to ask the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment ("DONE") for a new ruling on their requirement that Local Issues agendas for each community must be posted at all official posting locations.



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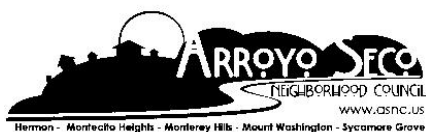
4. Future meeting dates and locations (E.Sanchez)

26-January-2009 at 07:00PM, Monterey Adult Day Health Care Center in Hermon, 5926 Monterey Road (at Avenue 60), Los Angeles, California 90042.

Transition Meeting added from 06:00PM to 07:00PM for new board members. Regular meeting to begin at 07:00PM. All current board members are asked to attend.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 08:35PM.



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