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MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Monday, 26-JANUARY-2009 · 07:00PM to 10:00PM

MONTEREY ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE CENTER

5926 Monterey Road (at Avenue 60 in Hermon), Los Angeles 90042

Supporting documentation for this meeting can be found at:

http://www.asnc.us/2009-archives/01-Jan/_0109archives.htm

I. CALL TO ORDER. Roll call.

Meeting called to order at 07:10PM. Ernest E. Sanchez, presiding.

Present: Pablo Lopez, Joseph Riser, Jack Fenn, Tina Zabala, Jeremy Dillard, Darlene Roker, Zara Scoville, Paula Sirola, Hank Shaeffer, Ann Walnum, Ernest E. Sanchez, Clifford Moseley, J. Michael Walker.

Quorum was established.

Ernest Sanchez introduced Naheed Qureshi from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) who needed to make a quick announcement as she had another meeting to rush to. Ms. Qureshi welcomed the new Board members and announced a Neighborhood Council Regional Town Hall meeting on 31-JANUARY-2009, 08:30AM to 12:30PM at the Barrio Action Youth and Family Center. An overview of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant Program will be presented at the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2008 MEETING. (Tina Zabala)

Motion (J.Dillard/H.Schaeffer) to approve.

Motion passed.

III. COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT. (Ernest Sanchez)

Mr. Sanchez introduces Los Angeles City Councilmember José Huizar of District 14.

Councilmember Huizar commended outgoing board members for their accomplishments and commitment and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation: J. Michael Walker, Clifford Moseley, Jack Fenn, Jeremy Dillard, Ernest E. Sanchez, Zara Scoville, and Darlene Roker for their exemplary service on the 2008 ASNC Board.

IV. 2009 BOARD INSTALLATION. (City Councilmember José Huizar, District 14)

Swearing in of new and continuing members by Councilmember Huizar: Joseph Riser, Pablo Lopez, Tina Zabala, Thomas Fleming Marble, Mike French, Robert Hawkes. Hank Schaeffer, Ann Walnum, Paula Sirola, Scott M. Folsom, Sylvia Robledo, Joseph Clifford, Mark S. Legassie, Robert Rakauskas, Jerry P. Schneider, Glenda Lubelsky, Grace Romero, Yuwen Peng, and Joanna Silva.

V. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS. (City Councilmember José Huizar, District 14) According to the ASNC bylaws, "At the first meeting in January, as the first order of business, the Board shall elect by voice vote the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar."

President - Scott M. Folsom

Vice President - Yuwen Peng

Secretary - Tina Zabala

Treasurer - Mark S. Legassie; Second Signatory: Tina Zabala

Registrar - Joseph Riser



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VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (limited to two minutes per speaker).

1. Jack Fenn: In an effort to downgrade S. Avenue 52/Griffin Avenue from the freeway to Montecito Drive from a secondary highway to a collector street to deal with a cluster of speeding accidents at the residential end and to protect all the kids who use the Montecito baseball and soccer fields and the Audubon Center at the other end, we have encountered state rules that may preclude a reduction in speed limit. The "Youth Recreation and Education Zone" idea is analogous to school zones. We are seeking state legislation to allow local governments to set lower speed limits, because the same children who are protected in school zones deserve the same protections in their recreational and non-school educational pursuits.
2. Daniel S. Andalon, Field Representative, Neighborhood and Community Services - introduces himself as the new East Area representative from the Mayor's office.
Announcements:
27-JANUARY-2009 at 06:00PM at Young Nak Presbyterian Church: "Housing That Works" forum; dialogue with community and Mayor's staff.
07-FEBRUARY-2009: Mayor's Day of Service.
3. Jerry Schneider: On 07-FEBRUARY-2009, as part of the Northeast Los Angeles Mayor's Day of Service, the ASNC in partnership with the Mount Washington Association and Mount Washington Homeowners Alliance, will be working on completion of the Marion Way Beautification Project. The work party starts at 08:00AM and will conclude by 11:00AM and the location will be along Marmion Way north of Figueroa Street. There will be a celebration for all of the Mayor's Day of Service participants at the Rio de Los Angeles Park following the event. Councilmember Ed Reyes has been invited to come by our project during the morning. Mr. Schneider passed around a sign in sheet to get a count of those who will be coming out. There will be t-shirts and other incentive gifts for those who come out early.
4. Pat Griffith - announces that the parents and teachers at La Casita Verde, the child care center at the Ziegler Estate on Figueroa, will be holding a Rummage Sale on 07-MARCH-2009, 07:00am TO 02:00PM. This is an opportunity to deal with all that stuff you no longer need, by bringing it down on Saturday morning. And then, fabulous prices on new stuff! Questions? Call (323) 222-7114.
5. Alexia Teran - made an announcement about the LACC satellite campus location on Cypress Park.
6. Erick Martell from CD-14 presents certificates to newly-elected Board members. It was mentioned that last year's newly-elected Board members did not receive certificates.

VII. DISCUSSION & POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS.

1. Treasurer's report. (Jeremy Dillard) (Handouts distributed - Financial information posted on DONE website at <http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com/>.)
Mr. Dillard explained that there is \$31,000 currently available: \$16,000 is committed; \$20,000 still to be spent.
Paula Sirola suggested that treasury issues be discussed in smaller forums, with recommendations brought to the Board for the spending form.
2. Appointment of "acting treasurer" to handle ASNC finances while the newly elected treasurer schedules and takes DONE training.
The newly elected Treasurer, Mark S. Legassie, has already taken the Treasurer's training at DONE.
3. Request from Peter Parrish that his previous liaison position for the ASNC to the City's Dept. of Water and Power be re-instated. (Mr. Parrish was not contacted about the annual renewal earlier this year).
Mr. Parrish asked that his position as Los Angeles DWP liaison be reinstated. He communicates major issues to the Board such as rates, safety, repairs, solar issues, etc.
Motion (H.Schaeffer/J.Schneider) to reinstate.
Motion passed; 1 abstention by R.Hawkes.
4. Request that the ASNC board take a formal position on Measure B, "Solar Energy/Job Creation" on the March 3, 2009 municipal ballot. (Peter Parrish)
Peter Parrish asked that the ASNC take a formal position on Measure B (Solar Energy/Job Creation) that will be going on the 03-MARCH-2009 ballot. 400 megawatts would be controlled by the City Council, plus the City will do all



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the design work. Maintenance and hiring to be monitored by DWP. It will be a very expensive project if done this way rather than hiring private contractors.

Scott Folsom to set aside 30 minutes at the next meeting as Board cannot decide on this issue as other side was not represented. Paula Sirola to send out invitations to interested parties on both sides of this "solar" issue.

Motion (J.Schneider/P.Sirola) to table to next meeting.

Motion passed; 1 opposition by A.Walnum.

5. Request to reassign the reporting structure for the ASNC Website (which acts primarily as an archive and repository for board agendas, actions, and minutes), making oversight for and approval of its contents either the responsibility of the Board President -- who sets the agendas for general meetings; or alternately, the Board Secretary -- who prepares and distributes the minutes. (Joseph Riser)

The present Webmasters are Bill Murray and Martha Benedict.

Motion amended as follows: "Request to reassign the reporting structure for the ASNC Website (which acts primarily as an archive and repository for board agendas, actions, and minutes), making oversight for and approval of its contents the responsibility of the Board President."

Motion (J.Riser/S.Robledo) to approve.

Motion passed.

6. Request that the ASNC standardize its meeting location to one fixed site for the entire year. (Paula Sirola)
Ms. Sirola volunteered to investigate locations and bring suggestions back to the board.

Motion (P.Sirola/S.Robledo) to approve.

Motion passed; 1 opposition by A.Walnum.

7. The ASNC Board should request a new ruling from the City's Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment, re: the posting of Local Issues agendas for each community. Currently, each community's local meeting must be posted online and in all 7 physical locations around the council area (see "Standing Rules"). To save time, physical postings could be reduced, to just the closest of the 5 ASNC communities to each Local Issues event. (Joseph Riser)

Motion to approve.

Motion passed.

Mr. Riser to write letter to DONE.

8. In order to make sure Local Issues meetings are held in each ASNC community according to Bylaws/Standing Rules, the Board should name and/or identify at its first meeting of each year -- beginning with this meeting -- a stakeholder (elected representative, or otherwise) willing to convene that year's first meeting, if those groups haven't already formed. The selected convener would report back no later than the March meeting on when and where Local Issues will begin and detail any assistance needed from the Board itself. (Joseph Riser)

Mr. Riser suggests that one stakeholder in each ASNC community will be responsible for convening the meeting and reporting back to the Board no later than the March 2009 meeting on when and where the Local Issues meeting will be held and detail any assistance needed from the ASNC Board.

Motion (J.Riser/P.Sirola) to approve.

Motion passed.

Hermon - Joseph Riser

Montecito Heights - Tina Zabala

Monterey Hills - Robert Hawkes

Mount Washington - Jerry Schneider/Paula Sirola

Sycamore Grove - Sylvia Robledo

9. Moved that the ASNC Board confirm by vote and correspondence the unanimous opposition of it Hermon Local Issues committee to the MTA's proposed June 2009 cancellation of the #256 bus line which serves that community and several others within and nearby the ASNC area. (Hermon Local Issues)

Motion (J.Riser/H.Schaeffer) to approve.

Motion passed.



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10. Moved that the ASNC Board confirm the majority vote of its Hermon Local Issues committee and send a letter to all applicable departments, signed by the President and supporting the owners of 6104 Monterey Road (a private single-family home) in their request for a variance from the City to allow for a 0-foot setback for a new garage/addition. (Hermon Local Issues on behalf of property owner Jasper Wood)

Motion (J.Riser/A.Walnum) to approve.

Motion passed.

11. Moved that the ASNC Board confirm the majority vote of its Hermon Local Issues committee and send a letter to all applicable departments, signed by the President and supporting development/expansion plans submitted by the owners of the Monterey Trailer Park (6411 Monterey; City Historical-Cultural Monument #736) that would add 8 new housing units within the property's southern portion. (Hermon Local Issues on behalf of park co-owner Anthony Santillo)

Motion (J.Riser/A.Walnum) to approve.

Motion passed.

12. Discussion and possible action re: reducing the portion of the ASNC budget now spent on administrative services and fees in order to leave more funds for community projects:

- (a) Identify any board members willing and able to take on any duties of the paid positions, as volunteers.
- (b) Limit the number of paid hours for the Minute Taker position to no more than 7 hours monthly based on the past two years average of 6 hours. (Joseph Riser)

Motion (J.Riser/J.Schneider) to approve.

Motion passed.

13. Request for volunteers (regular and backup) to post the regular monthly board agendas (see "Standing Rules" for list of locations). Need names as well as the locations for which each will be responsible.

Mount Washington Elementary School Bulletin Board - Ann Walnum

Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center - Ann Walnum

Supermarket at Avenue 45 and Figueroa Street - Ann Walnum

Art gallery at 4108 N. Figueroa Street - Ann Walnum

Montecito Heights Senior Center - Tina Zabala

Montecito Heights Recreation Center - Tina Zabala

Adult day healthcare center at Avenue 60 and Monterey Road - Joseph Riser

Sycamore Grove - Sylvia Robledo(?)

Monterey Hills - Robert Hawkes(?)

14. That the ASNC board investigate having the Arroyo Seco area become one of the early bases for the L.A. Philharmonic's "Youth Orchestra Los Angeles" (YOLA) program now being launched. YOLA is seeking local organizations to serve as stakeholder support groups in given areas to assist them in "providing quality instrumental music education for children with the greatest needs, fewest resources, and little or no access to instrumental music education. (suggested referral motion)

Scott Folsom to look into this program and what financial obligations ASNC will be involved in.

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- (a) Local Issues.

- (i) Mount Washington: Jerry Schneider announces that their Local Issues committee meets every second Wednesday of each month. Paula Sirola asks that everyone go to www.asnc.us website to read and sign petition re MTA line.

- (b) Communications and Outreach (Joseph Riser): Reminder from Mr. Riser for all Board members to take the Ethics training on the DONE website.

- (c) Budget and Finance (Mark Legassie): Mr. Legassie will get together with former Treasurer for transfer of funds before next Board meeting.



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- (d) Environment (Jerry Schneider): Mr. Schneider would like to know of any environmental issues that arises from each Local Issues group. Joseph Riser suggests that an Environmental meeting be conducted before each Board meeting.

16. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS.

- (a) Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition (Ann Walnum): Ms. Walnum reports that the Coalition meets every first Saturday of the month. Fireworks at the last meeting re solar project. Ms. Walnum reported that Mr. Parrish made a wonderful presentation.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (Committee referrals and/or future Board agenda items).

1. Comments from the Board on subject matters within its jurisdiction, and suggestions for future agenda items.
2. Future meeting dates and locations (Scott Folsom)
Next meeting date: 23-February-2009 at 07:00 p.m., Monterey Adult Day Health Care Center.
 - (a) Select a replacement date for the Bylaws-mandated May 25, 2009 regular monthly meeting, which conflicts with Memorial Day Weekend.
 - (b) Identify any other meeting conflicts in 2009 with holiday observances, etc.
 - (c) Due to City's postponement of ASNC's 2009 election, schedule a regular Board meeting on November 23 and consider whether to meet in December (other than on the 28th).

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 09:55PM.



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