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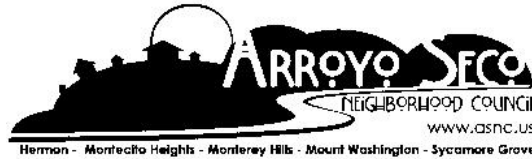
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**ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Monday, 23-FEBRUARY-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/02-Feb/_0209archives.htm

I. **CALL TO ORDER.** Roll call. (Scott M. Folsom, 5 minutes)

Meeting called to order at 07:08PM. Scott M. Folsom, presiding.

Present: Pablo Lopez, Tina Zabala, Paula Sirola, Ann Walnum, Hank Shaeffer, Thomas Marble, Robert Hawkes, Joseph Clifford, Mark Legassie, Robert Rakauskas, Jerry Schneider, Glenda Lubelsky, Grace Romero, Yuwen Peng.

Excused: Joseph Riser.

Quorum was established.

Secretary Tina Zabala read a letter of resignation from Sylvia Robledo. Ms. Robledo is resigning from the ASNC board as Sycamore Grove Area Representative due to time constraints.

Motion (A.Walnum/P.Sirola) to accept resignation.

Motion passed.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (limited to two minutes per speaker) (10 minutes)

1. Jack Fenn: Update on efforts 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 accident and allow local government to set lower speed limits. The Youth Recreation and Education Zone is asking the State to amend the present law, and the proposal is running its course. They ask for letters of support written to Assembly Member Kevin de Leon.
2. Brian Sheridan of the Heritage Museum invited all to join in the celebration of the 40th birthday of the museum. It will be on March 7, 2009 from 1:00 PM throughout the afternoon. Heritage Square Museum is located at 3800 Homer Street, Los Angeles 90031. RSVP at 232-225-2700, ext. 223.
3. Ann Walnum announced there will be a group of 5 city meetings (TBA) discussing implementing a nationalization ordinance.

III. **COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.** (Scott M. Folsom, 3 minutes)

Mr. Folsom invited all to a meeting at Landall Park Elementary School for a progress report on construction of HS 13.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY-2009 MEETING.** (Tina Zabala, 3 minutes)

Motion (I) to approve.

Motion passed.

V. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** (Mark S. Legassie, 5 minutes)

Handouts distributed - Financial information posted on DONE website at <http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com/>.

Treasurer's Report approved.



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VI. COMMUNITY FORUM. Measure B: The "Green Energy And Good Jobs Program For L.A." (50 Minutes)

Scott M. Folsom, moderator

Some call it a much-needed part of a strategy to get clean renewable power and meet pending deadlines to reduce our dependency on fossil fuel generation. Others say it was a "back room" deal between our Mayor and the powerful electrical worker's union to guarantee high paid jobs at LADWP and will cost us as ratepayers dearly.

The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council has invited distinguished and knowledgeable spokespersons representing both the pro and the con side to inform us on this key ballot issue.

Representing the Yes on Measure B arguments in attendance were Jonathan Palfrey (of the Green LA Coalition and a Commissioner at DWP) and Bruce Cory (of Solar Integrated Technologies), spoke in support of Measure B:

Representing the No on Measure B arguments in attendance were Noel Weiss (candidate for City Attorney and helped write the Argument Against Measure B for the voter information pamphlet) and Jack Humphreybill (publisher) spoke in opposition to Measure B:

Forum Format:

Each side will be given ten minutes to present their position, YES going first.

After both sides have presented questions will be entertained from members of the board and, time permitting, from the stakeholders present.

Questions should be brief and posed as questions, not as statements or arguments.

Each side will have one minute to respond to each question, taking turns on who responds first.

20 minutes will be allocated to Q&A - with time to be extended by vote of the board if that is the desire of the board.

At the conclusion of the Q&A each side will have an opportunity to make a three minute concluding statement, NO going first.

Yes argument:

Measure B will phase out burning coal: 35% by 2020.

The goal is an investment in solar energy to reduce global warming.

Estimated cost per person is \$1.05 per month.

Will bring jobs to the city.

Need bold initiatives to keep up with other countries.

No argument:

They are not against solar, but we need the right results for the right reason. This bill is not well thought out.

This is a recipe for massive cost overruns, as city doesn't have the capability.

There will be fewer jobs due to this, and will be no competitive bidding.

Dee Dee Odette, former president of Venice NC said the \$1.05 cost is untrue--will be much more, up to \$7.00 per person.

ASNC DWP liaison Peter Parrish added that prices are higher today due to federal programs stimulating demand.

There was a healthy debate as each side presented their case and answered questions from the Board and stakeholders.

VII. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS. OLD BUSINESS. (10 minutes)

1. Continued discussion and resolution from last meeting re: phone numbers, e-mails to and from board members and what to report/post where re: ASNC Web, DONE database, etc. (Paula Sirola)

Question posed to the Board: What information do you want published on the NC website and with DONE? Joseph Riser is willing to supply a phone number as a contact for members. Yuwen Peng offered to research phones-to-e-mail services and report back to Scott Folsom. Otherwise, unless there is objection, e-mail addresses and phone numbers will be posted.

2. Determination of future meeting sites and advisability of a single meeting site for the year. (Paula Sirola)

Ms. Sirola's research found nothing new to add to the present locations for ASNC meetings. Scott Folsom said he feels it is advantageous to travel to different locations in the area.

Item tabled to next meeting.

3. Identify replacement dates. (Paula Sirola)

(a) 25-MAY-2009 Meeting (Memorial Day)

MAY-2009 meeting date changed to 01-JUNE-2009.



Herman - Montecito Heights - Monterey Hills - Mount Washington - Sycamore Grove

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(b) 28-SEPTEMBER-2009 Meeting (Yom Kippur)
SEPTEMBER-2009 meeting date changed to 05-OCTOBER-2009,

4. Identify any other meeting conflicts. (Joseph Riser)
No other meeting conflicts.
5. Due to City's postponement of ASNC's 2009 election, schedule a regular Board meeting on 23-NOVEMBER-2009 and consider whether to meet in DECEMBER-2009 (other than on the 28th), (Joseph Riser)
There will be a Board meeting on 23-NOVEMBER-2009 and the Board will meet on 28-DECEMBER-2009; subject to change.

VIII. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS. NEW BUSINESS. (10 minutes)

1. The ASNC should adopt the use of the financial justification form approved by the ASNC Finance & Budget Committee as a requirement to secure ASNC funds. (Mark S. Legassie)
Tabled to next meeting.
2. The ASNC should investigate the feasibility and cost, if any, of setting up email aliases for all board members to ensure privacy and to provide uniform, easily remembered email addresses for the community. (Mark S. Legassie)
Tabled to next meeting.
3. \$2,500 funding request (Tom Marble on behalf of the Audubon Center at Debs Park)
Since 2004, the Audubon Center at Debs Park has offered several sessions of Summer Day Camp. The goals of the Center's educational programs, including Summer Day Camp, are to:
 - Awaken an on-going interest in the local natural world;
 - Change our audiences' actions in ways that are more environmentally sensitive; and,
 - Nurture our audiences' positive relationship with nature.Additionally, Summer Day Camp helps young campers develop a sense of place and sensitivity towards the natural world, with the Arroyo Seco as the context for making important connections regarding our cultural and natural history.
This year, the Audubon Center will be presenting three sessions of camp with an anticipated enrollment of 140 campers age 6-12. Center staff focuses recruitment of campers in the communities that surround the park, including, but not limited to, Montecito Heights, Sycamore Grove, Hermon, Monterey Hills, and Mt. Washington.
The support of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council will help defray the costs associated with our offering financial aid to qualifying campers and their families. We respectfully ask for \$2,500 to help us connect the children of northeast Los Angeles with nature.
Tabled to next meeting with a 10-minute presentation.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS. (15 minutes)

1. Local Issues.
 - (a) Mount Washington - Paula Sirola reported that the Local Issues meeting will be from 06:00PM to 07:30PM on 16-MARCH-2009 at Mount Washington Elementary School followed by the Mt. Washington Improvement Association meeting. They meet every other month. They are discussing garden plans and a sharing harvest idea.
 - (b) Sycamore Grove
2. Communications and Outreach (Joseph Riser) - Scott Folsom read a written report from Joseph Riser announcing a Committee meeting on 12-March-2009, 06:00PM at the Monterey Adult Health Care Center. Come with any ideas or e-mail Joseph at josephr@mindspring.com.
3. Recreation, Arts & Culture (Yuwen Peng) – Ms. Peng reported on Architects for Humanity, a program offering a competition of designing classrooms where architects will help and fund the final project. She asks that we spread the word. Ms. Peng will be ASNC facilitator.



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X. SPECIAL TOPIC. The LAUSD Budget. (Robert Rakauskas, 10 minutes)

Robert Rakauskas, Assistant Principal of Grover Cleveland High School distributed a handout of excerpts from recent statements by the new LAUSD Superintendent, Ramon Cortines, about the California budget crisis' impact on local schools.

The projected district shortfall will be between \$600M to \$700M.

The Federal stimulus money will only provide temporary relief.

Many new teachers will lose their jobs.

Funds are frozen for already approved upgrade and construction projects.

There will be ways that Neighborhood Councils can help support their local schools. Volunteer programs need to be expanded. There must be a community partnership.

Danny Andalon, Mayor's Field Representative, said the Mayor's Day of Service on March 14th will help build these coalitions and bring together a pool of volunteers.

XI. NEW BUSINESS (Committee referrals and/or future Board agenda items). (10 minutes)

1. Comments from the Board on subject matters within its jurisdiction, and suggestions for future agenda items.

Upon further consideration, Scott Folsom had decided to move on Jack Fenn's request for a letter of support (see PUBLIC COMMENTS above, Item 1).

The ASNC Board deemed an emergency motion necessary re: the proposed amendment to California Vehicle Code 22352 Prima Facie Speed Limits: Amend CVC 22352(a) to add 2D and 2E,:

(2) Twenty-five miles per hour:

(D) When approaching or passing public youth recreation facility, such as a soccer or baseball field, contiguous to a street other than a state highway that provides pedestrian access to said facility and posted with a standard YOUTH REC & ED ZONE sign. A local authority may determine the appropriateness of such posting.

(E) When approaching or passing a non-school educational facility, such as a nature center, museum or library with significant youth attendance, contiguous to a street other than a state highway that provides pedestrian access to said facility and posted with a standard YOUTH REC & ED ZONE sign. A local authority may determine the appropriateness of such posting.

Motion (T.Zabala/A.Walnum) to approve.

Motion passed.

2. Future meeting dates and locations (Scott Folsom)

Next meeting date: 23-MARCH-2009 at 07:00 p.m., location to be determined.

XII. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 09:50PM.



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