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AGENDA

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: Monday, 23-MARCH-2009 · 07:00PM to 9:30PM

LOCATION CHANGE

JACK AND DENNY SMITH LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER
At Mount Washington School
3981 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90065

Supporting documentation for this meeting can be found at:
<http://www.asnc.us/2009-archives/03-Mar/0309archives.htm>

- I. CALL TO ORDER. Roll call. Chair's Comments (Scott Folsom, 5 minutes)
- 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)
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY-2009 MEETING. (Tina Zabala, 3 minutes)
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT. (Mark S. Legassie, 15 minutes)
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO THE ASNC.
Mayor's Office (3 minutes)
CD 1 (3 minutes)
CD 14 (3 minutes)
710 TUNNEL SURVEY AND COMMUNITY INFORMATIVE (10 minutes)
ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE LA BUREAU OF SANITATION (10 minutes)
- V. 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. (Scott Folsom) (From last meeting)
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) (Tabled from last meeting)
 3. 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 from last meeting)



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4. 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 from last meeting)

5. \$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 from last meeting with a 10-minute presentation)

VI. ACTION ITEMS. NEW BUSINESS. (15 minutes)

1. MOTION TO REVISE THE CURRENT ASNC BUDGET BY MOVING \$3,500 FROM STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS. Rationale: The ASNC has spent to date only \$1500 of the \$10000 budgeted for stakeholder communications, and projections (based on past need) indicate that no more than \$5000 will be needed this fiscal year. In contrast, only \$2800 is available as of Feb 09 for future community projects until our new budget on July 1st. ASNC anticipates community project funding requests exceeding this amount by the end of the fiscal year. Hence, it makes sense to move the remaining \$3,500 funds where they're most needed (community projects). (Mark S. Legassie)
2. MOVE TO FORM AN AD HOC ASNC PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE for the purpose of promoting community awareness and projects in the areas of neighborhood watch and emergency preparedness." (Mark S. Legassie)
Rationale: One of the items I promised to stakeholders before elections was to help promote public safety as I previously have done in Hermon (via CERT and Emergency Preparedness). As a result, I would like to volunteer to head a Ad Hoc (but long-term) Public Safety committee. Currently I am helping to start a grass-roots Neighborhood Watch enrollment in order to secure Neighborhood Watch signs for Hermon. Hollenbeck police during our Feb 09 Hermon Safety Cmte meeting revealed that communities with posted NW signs see significant decreases in crime. I would like to spread this initiative to include all 5 ASNC communities, as well as help communities with emergency preparedness and response plans.
3. FILLING VACANCIES ON THE BOARD/ PROCESS AND PROCEDURE (Joseph Riser)
The process involves listing an agenda item, ASAP (March). That serves as our first official notice that we're taking applications (and we can use the candidates' forms for the last election), and that anyone intersted and qualified -- as a stakeholder in that specific community -- can apply and provide a 100-word statement that will be, based on past practice, put out on the Alert, etc. At the same time, a cutoff (in keeping with the cutoff time for the next agenda), can be set. Then it should all be blasted out to broader lists as best we can so we get some candidates -- or else we keep trying month-to-month.

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ELECTIONS/SPECIAL ELECTIONS

-- In case of a Board vacancy, the Board shall appoint the individual who received the next highest number of votes at the last election to serve until the next General election. If that individual is unable to assume the Board position, the Board, with the recommendation of the membership from that area, shall appoint a replacement from that area until the next General election. That Special Election at the General (Board) Meeting will be announced one month in advance.

(adopted by Board vote, 10/24/05)



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4. WATER AT FUTURE ASNC MEETINGS (Paula Sirola - 5 minutes)

I believe it is Joe who has always taken the initiative to make sure that we have water to drink at our ASNC meetings. I thank him for that effort.

I would like to build on that effort and take the plastic out. I'm offering to bring water in a large container and purchase reusable glasses for ASNC meetings.

5. That funding be granted to North East Trees in the amount of \$4,000 to care and maintain trees to be installed along the Figueroa Street corridor within the ASNC boundaries. The funding request is for maintenance of 33 trees for a period of one year. The trees and their installation will be funded from another source, however this funding is contingent upon the trees being watered and maintained for one year. NE TREES FUNDING REQUEST - (Jerry Schneider) - Environment - 10 Minutes).

6. AD HOC COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE: (Paula Sirola - 5 Minutes)

I propose forming an ad hoc Community Garden committee whose purpose would be to facilitate coordination amongst interested stakeholders in starting community gardens. This committee would likely interface with HHPNC's Land Use committee since there are much of the available land is in the border area between the two NCs.

7. Moved that the ASNC approve request for funding by Montecito Heights CERT for the purchase of First Aid Kits and FRS radios for active Montecito Heights CERT members. (Amount requested: under \$800) (Tom Marble/Tina Zabala)

8. Moved that the ASNC Board should create a new line item in the 2009 fiscal budget (ends June 30), taking \$1,900 from the general "Stakeholder Communications" portion and re-allocating it for specific use in "Local Issues Outreach" to pay for broader communications with community stakeholders (direct mailings, flyers, etc), aimed at getting them to attend scheduled Local Issues meetings. The ASNC should also authorize Local Issues chairs and conveners to spend up to \$200 for such purposes in advance of meetings (\$300 for Mount Washington due to its relative size) (Communication and Outreach Standing Committee)

9. Request that the ASNC board communicate to LAUSD it's ongoing support for the Los Angeles International Charter High School, in the Hermon community, and ask that LAUSD renew the charter of this important educational institution for the youth of our area. (Joseph Riser)

10. In response to a request from D.O.N.E, the ASNC board should identify "exemplary projects" it has funded since certification, and assign someone to create brief reports outlining them, to forward for sharing "with our elected officials so they fully understand the importance of the funding program" (per DONE GM Bong Hwan Kim) -- in response to possible City plans to cut neighborhood council budgets for fiscal year 2010. Suggested projects already identified include: CERT equipment purchases for Hermon community, and/or Lummis Day event (with other NCs). (Joseph Riser)

Guidelines: 1) Limit response to 200 words or less; 2) Include a description of the project and the amount; 3) Explain the tangible and positive difference realized from the use of public funds in your community. Please submit your success stories to BongHwan.Kim@lacity.org by March 31, 2009.

11. In anticipation of being asked to report on neighborhood council status, as a neighboring NC, at the April 7 Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting in Glassell Park, the ASNC board should discuss the nature of the content of that report, and assign (1-2?) people to present it that night. Presenters are typically sent a list of prepared questions, shortly before the local meetings. They have been asked what they think is important about their NC's development, to detail the kinds of things council funds have been used for, explain what kind of outreach is taking place -- and whether stakeholder participation is representative of the makeup of the overall community, comment on how "civil" are its meetings, etc. (Joseph Riser)

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS. (15 minutes)

1. Local Issues.

- (a) Hermon
- (b) Montecito Heights
- (c) Monterey Hills
- (d) Mount Washington
- (e) Sycamore Grove



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2. Rules and Elections (Yuwen Peng)
3. Communications and Outreach (Joseph Riser)
4. Budget and Finance (Mark Legassie)
5. Recreation, Arts & Culture (Yuwen Peng)
6. Environment (Jerry Schneider)

VIII. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS. (10 minutes)

1. Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition (Ann Walnum)
2. Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition (Ann Walnum)
3. MW Elementary School Multipurpose Room (Ann Walnum)
4. Director of Animal Welfare (Lezle Stein)
5. LADWP/MOU Oversight Committee (Peter Parrish)

IX. 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.
2. Future meeting dates and locations (Scott Folsom)
Next meeting date: 27-APRIL-2009 at 07:00 p.m., location to be determined based upon conclusion of item IV (2)

X. ADJOURNMENT.

Funding requests: Unless otherwise stated in the approved motion, any funds appropriated for community projects as a result of this meeting's actions: (1) will be drawn from the 2008-09 ASNC budget; and, (2) under ASNC standing rules, expenditure of any such funds must begin within 6 months or the appropriation will automatically lapse.

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived or adjusted in the interest of fairness, by the presiding officer of the Board. The agenda is posted for public review at Mount Washington Elementary School Bulletin Board, Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center, supermarket at Avenue 45 and Figueroa Street, art gallery at 4108 N. Figueroa Street, Montecito Heights Senior Center, Montecito Heights Recreation Center; adult day healthcare center at Avenue 60 and Monterey Road, as well as the ASNC's official Website at www.ASNC.us, and distributed via the ASNCAlert Yahoo Group (opt-in E-mail listserv). As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting Naheed Qureshi, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment Project Coordinator, at (213) 473-5391.

Process for Reconsideration: The Board may reconsider and amend its actions on items listed on the agenda in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all members the Board of Representatives in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the neighborhood council Website by clicking on/visiting the link at the top of the agenda, or at the scheduled meeting.



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