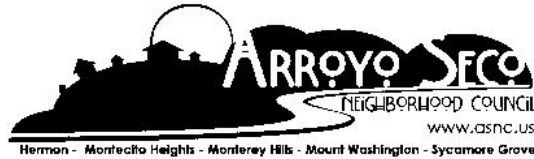


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MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MONDAY, 1-JUNE-2009 · 07:00PM TO 09:30PM  
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/05-May/\\_0509archives.htm](http://www.asnc.us/2009-archives/05-May/_0509archives.htm)

**I. CALL TO ORDER** (Scott Folsom, presiding)

**II. ROLL CALL** (Tina Zabala, Secretary)

Present: Scott Folsom, Robert Hawkes, Mark Legassie, Glenda Lubelsky, Tom Marble, Robert Rakauskas, Joseph Riser, Jerry Schneider, Paula Sirola, Ann Walnum, Tina Zabala

Excused: Hank Shaeffer, Yuwen Peng.

**Quorum was established.**

**III. COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT** (Scott Folsom)

**IV. CANDIDATES FOR BOARD VACANCIES** (Scott Folsom)

Consideration and board vote regarding accepting the following candidates to fill existing representative vacancies. Both seats are for unfinished terms that would expire in mid-2010, after City Clerk-run elections are held for all 19 ASNC board positions. Candidates will have applications in hand and will speak to their interest in the position (2 minutes per speaker).

David Talbert (Hermon) for At-Large Healthcare & Seniors Representative. David is the Program Director at the Monterey Adult Day Healthcare Center.

**Assignment accepted by the Board.**

Michael Blatt for Sycamore Grove Geographical Representative. Michael is a partner in the architectural firm of Fung & Blatt in Sycamore Grove.

**Assignment accepted by the Board.**

Mr. Folsom invited Messrs. Talbert and Blatt to sit with the Board.

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

1. Helene Schpak (Glassell Park) announces a community meeting on 16-JUNE-2009 at Ramona Hall community meeting re 710 Tunnel project. Many people does not consider an environmental study as important but if "we wait too long, show is far down the proverbial road." There is an invested \$7-M of seed money for this project. This community meeting will make community aware of what is happening. Of the 5 zones, Zone 3 is the original route. Limit community dissent in decision making. We feel route will cut through and tear up our communities 100 wide x 150-200 feet deep.
2. Joseph Riser asks for volunteers to man the ASNC table at the Lummis Day event.
3. Stan Moore (Highland Park) announces meeting of Board of Referred? Powers on 16-JUNE-2009 at 10:00AM at City Hall.



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4. Jerry Schneider announces Arroyo Seco Bikeway project meeting on 02-JUNE-2009, at 0600PM at the L.A. River Garden Center.

### VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL-2009 MEETING (Tina Zabala)

JOSEPH RISER:

Sec. V (ACTION ITEMS. OLD BUSINESS)

Item 3., 8th line: (now) "When we started having Local Issues. . ." SHOULD BE: "When we started having regular Local Issues..." (ADD "regular")

SEC. VI (ACTION ITEMS. NEW BUSINESS)

Item 1, 19th line: (now) "Nothing ties our hands when we're out of money..." SHOULD BE (just the opposite) "Nothing ties our hands more than when we're out of money..." (ADD "more than")

Item 5, 6th line: (now) "SCOTT FOLSOM: Change amount from \$300 to \$800." SHOULD BE (probably) just added to my statement earlier. Scott may have said this, but he was just repeating what I said. As is is, it makes it look like he made the motion to change the amount on the agenda. (ADD "Change amount from \$300 to \$800." as the 4th sentence of statement attributed to me).

Item 16, 13th line: (now) "TOM MARBLE volunteers to be part of the CIS team." (Neither Tom nor I know what this is about, no volunteers were requested and there is no "team"). SHOULD BE -- I'd suggest either removing it entirely, or changing it to something more general like "TOM MARBLE expressed interest in finding out more about community impact statements"

SEC. VII (COMMITTEE REPORTS)

Item 5, 1st line: (now) "Joseph Riser for Paula Sirola): No one from ASNC in attendance. . . (this was never said, and is obviously wrong since Paula chair it, and I had to be there to even comment). SHOULD BE -- since Paula didn't ask me to report for her and I was really just making an off-hand comment, I'd suggest removing ALL of item 5.

SEC IX (NEW BUSINESS)

Item 1, 3rd line: (now) "Check online calendar on our website." SHOULD BE "I'd suggest everyone use the interactive online calendar on our website to list community meetings so we don't double book the same dates."

**Minutes approved.**

### VII. TREASURER'S REPORT (Mark S. Legassie)

\$48,742 total funds remaining.

There are some open projects that still need to be resolved (i.e., Audubon Center - still awaiting invoices). We have \$16,000 remaining to pay out. Never know what City will do to our funding. Please let these organizations know to contact me immediately.

Current expenditures broken down to 3 categories: \$40,000 total with half going to community projects. Revised budget of \$70,000 – still \$30,000 of outstanding debts. Let's get this paid off before City takes money away.

Total available for future community projects: \$8,391.

I think ASNC is doing a great job of conserving the monies.

We have roll over reserves; no debts.

JOSEPH RISER: Based on our Standing Rules, which funding requests are about to expire with the 6-month expiration? How much total? MARK LEGASSIE: Hermon Dog Park dedication plaque; Marmion Way Beautification; Audubon Center at Debs Park; Avenue 50 Studio temp labor (PAULA SIROLA: Will communicate with gallery re security system).

ANN WALNUM: Is Lummis Day approved? MARK LEGASSIE: Yes, I will need invoices.

SCOTT FOLSOM: What is the status on website invoices? MARK LEGASSIE: Paid until March 2009. We still owe April through June. BILL MURRAY: Wrong. MARK LEGASSIE: I ask for more information and waiting on that information for payment. SCOTT FOLSOM: We need for you two to communicate in order to get this outstanding invoice paid. Asks that we get this straightened out.

**Treasurer's report accepted.**

### VIII. ACTION ITEMS. OLD BUSINESS.

1. Determination of future meeting sites and advisability of a single meeting site for the year.
  - (a) TINA ZABALA reports on Montecito Heights Senior Center's availability for June, July and August meetings.



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I have spoken with Carol Bryant who runs the Montecito Heights Senior Center (213) 485-5148 and have filled out an application to reserve the following ASNC meeting dates: June 22, July 27, and August 24. The rental of the facility is \$25 for 3 hours totaling \$75 for the 3 meetings plus \$18/hour for 9 hours (3 hours per 3 meeting days) = \$162 for a grand total of \$237 covering us through the June, July and August 2009 meetings. In order to secure the facility, we need to pay this amount in advance of these dates or they cannot guarantee our having getting this location for our next meeting.

MARK LEGASSIE: Provide an invoice and we'll get it paid.

JOSEPH RISER: Are we keeping meetings moving on a 3-month rotation?

SCOTT FOLSOM: We shall keep it that way.

**Motion (J.SCHNEIDER/J.RISER).**

**Motion approved.**

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. (Scott Folsom - Tabled from last meeting)

SCOTT FOLSOM reported on this. Essentially we can set up email aliases through the website.

BILL MURRAY explains assignment of emails. As office holder changes, email address will also change.

**Motion (T.MARBLE/M.LEGASSIE).**

BILL MURRAY: Will be implemented by end of the week.

GLENDALUBELSKY: What about phone numbers?

SCOTT FOLSOM: Joseph Riser has a phone number set up.

JOSEPH RISER explains the phone number as a personal line but has volunteered the phone number and will take messages for the board and send email to the appropriate board member.

**Motion passes.**

3. Report on 07-APR-2009 BONC meeting. (Joseph Riser/Mark Legassie) (Tabled from last meeting)

MARK LEGASSIE: [Presentation projected on screen]. Topics included: What our board is about; How we use Local Issues; How we outreach with Local Issues; Non-internet communication; Direct mail very successful; Gold Train ads; Registered voters. Best practices included Lummis Day. Other things we do: We bought emergency supplies. Biggest challenges: meeting location; training; communication with other NCs; expenditures. BONC impressed: That we categorize all our events; How we go out to our stakeholders for their opinions. Ethics training: Need to take training classes. We got a write up in BONC's next newsletter that the ASNC has it together with regards to budget.

SCOTT FOLSOM: BONC very impressed with our level of detail. They recognized right away our strengths and they came right out and said so. Kudos to Mark for a well laid out presentation.

4. "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, emergency preparedness, and other public safety issues. This ad hoc committee will exist for one year, after which the full ASNC board shall consider changing it's status to a standing committee if deemed useful and effective." (Monterey Hills, Montecito Heights and Hermon CERT Teams)

Rationale: At the 28-MARCH-2009 search-and-rescue CERT drill sponsored by the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council's ("SLNC") Public Safety Committee and LAFD, the CERT teams from Hermon, Monterey Hills and Montecito Heights comprised the majority of the responders. Members of our teams gain invaluable knowledge and experience conducting these drills with the LAFD and feel the ASNC should start our own Public Safety committee (modeled after SLNC) to organize and sponsor similar drills as well as promote other public safety issues. This committee will also be responsible for reviewing funding requests for projects involving public safety. (Mark S. Legassie) (Tabled from last meeting)

MARK LEGASSIE: We need to really get a Public Safety Committee to not only set up an emergency plan for all our communities but also for gang violence and anything to do with public safety. This was voted as priority 1 in our survey.

**Motion (M.LEGASSIE/P.SIROLA).**

BILL MURRAY: We have a Public Safety Committee. Monthly meetings held at the Montecito Heights Senior Center held simultaneously with the Montecito Heights Neighborhood Watch. We were not allowed to make it a Standing



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Committee. It has not been in existence for a couple of years; a deliberate move made by the ASNC. This committee has been linked to other outside links including CERT: served by two police divisions: Hollenbeck and Northeast.

JERRY SCHNEIDER: I think it is timely that this be revisited. I am a little bit concerned to move this motion just to get lost. We need to see what fits for the rest of our communities.

PAULA SIROLA: Any ad hoc committee, once formed, the committee chair creates the structure. That responsibility lies with the committee chair.

SCOTT FOLSOM: Ad hoc means to temporarily serve a function and then expire. That's how I would construct an ad hoc. My suggestion would be that a committee chair be appointed to the ad hoc committee and that committee chair, working with the chair of the NC, make sure there are reps from each geographical area on the committee and they go forward from there; create a plan; come back and report. That would be the direction to take.

BILL MURRAY: There is a natural stumbling block. The two divisions of LAPD have their own CPAB groups. The ASNC meets exactly at the same time as the NE CPAB meetings, every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. We had a lot of trouble of getting ASNC board members in attending CPAB.

SCOTT FOLSOM: I understand that but someone can attend that meeting and report back to us. I don't have an answer for that. Public safety CPAB organizations are police focused. We also need to be fire focused, etc.

ANN WALNUM: The ad hoc committee could report at the end of our meeting. Can we set this within our agenda?

SCOTT FOLSOM: Committee reports can be made in writing and circulated early.

### **Motion passed.**

MARK LEGASSIE volunteers to be chair.

SCOTT FOLSOM: Get representation from each of the geographical area; not necessarily an elected rep. Come back and report at the next meeting on how the committee is forming.

SCOTT FOLSOM: Ad hoc committee chairs are appointed by President according to bylaws.

## **IX. ACTION ITEMS. NEW BUSINESS.**

1. FY10 BUDGET PLANNING – Motion THE B&F CMTE TO FORWARD AND RECOMMEND FINAL APPROVAL BY FULL ASNC BOARD to reduce ASNC's FY10 budget by 10% to \$45,000.

FY09 budget \$70,038; actual spent \$40,284. FY10 proposed budget \$45,000.

MARK LEGASSIE: Most of monies spent on Environment and Beautification (24%) followed by Public Safety (22%); Festivals and Events (17%); Education (16%); Culture & Arts (10%); Health (7%); Other (4%). Merely a suggestion.

- (a) A 10% decrease is recommended in each major category (Meeting Expenses, Office Expenses, Outreach/Communications, and Community Projects). Note: Approved ASNC budget is due to DONE by 01-JUNE-2009. (B&F Cmte) (rec'd 19-MAY-2009 @ 1858)
- (b) In addition, a 20% decrease in the website services budget has also been recommended by the B&F Cmte. (Action on item 1b deferred until action on Item #11 as Item 11a - at the discretion of the chair)

### **Motion passed.**

ROBERT RAKAUSKAS has left the meeting.

2. REPORT: ASNC INVENTORY AUDIT – Chair provided results of the recent audit conducted of ASNC inventory, requested by DONE. Audit resulted in a the find of a PA System not being used for 2 years by Recreation & Parks that the ASNC reclaimed. (B&F Cmte) (rec'd 19-MAY-2009 @ 1858)

MARK LEGASSIE: I have only been here 4 months. I went through every single thing we bought and got it tagged. Pat Griffith and other folks helped me. We got our PA system back.

JOSEPH RISER: Kudos to Mark Legassie.

(Tumultuous standing ovation for Mark.)

SCOTT FOLSOM: Where is it stored?

MARK LEGASSIE: Hermon Community Church; I have the key.

STAN MOORE: Will it be available for the Peace March on June 16, 2009?

MARK LEGASSIE: Yes.

JOSEPH RISER: Asks to move entire item IX.5 before items IX.3 and IX.4.



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3. FUNDING REQUEST : \$1,500 OFFICE EXPENSE - [Category: Office Expenses-Supplies] Motion APPROVED AT THE MAY 2009 B&F CMTE MEETING TO FORWARD & RECOMMEND APPROVAL BY FULL ASNC BOARD to use existing funds (no more than \$1500 to allow for S/H and taxes) budgeted for Office Staff (\$1000) & Stakeholder Communication (\$500) from the ASNC Office Expense FY09 BUDGET TO PURCHASE A LAPTOP AND MS OFFICE SOFTWARE so the ASNC Secretary can take minutes during board meetings. Laptop would be in possession of the ASNC Secretary and will be transferred to the each newly elected Secretary each year." Rationale: AppleOne minute-taker services will no longer be needed, saving \$500 every fiscal quarter. ( [NOTE: THIS MOTION WAS RAISED FROM THE \$1000 TO \$1500 AFTER THE B&F VOTE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TREASURER DUE TO NEW FINDINGS AND DEVELOPMENTS (addition of MS Office, virus software, and more durable laptop] (B&F Cmte) (rec'd 19-MAY-2009 @ 1858)
- SCOTT FOLSOM: Allocation not to exceed \$1,500.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

4. FY09 BUDGET MODIFICATION – Motion APPROVED THE MAY 2009 B&F CMTE MEETING TO FORWARD & RECOMMEND APPROVAL BY FULL ASNC BOARD to modify the FY09 budget to fund the new line item in the ASNC Office Expenses category called "Supplies" for \$1,500. \$600 would come from rollover "reserves" and \$400 transferred from "Staff" category (anticipated leftover at the end of FY09).
- Rationale: Historically, purchased office supplies have been categorized under "Copier" since no category for supplies exists. However, the ASNC has purchased supplies this year (including property tags, printer toner, MS Access, paper, etc) and a new office supply funding request is also forthcoming (B&F Cmte) (rec'd 19-MAY-2009 @ 1858)
- MARK LEGASSIE: Simply a budget modification.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Continue to Item IX.6.

5. FUNDING REQUEST : NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTS – Discussion occurred for the following 4 new motions for community project funding requests, totaling \$9,000 (NOTE: Approval of these requests will require a transfer of \$609 from rollover since only \$8,391 is available for new community projects in FY09). (B&F Cmte) (rec'd 19-MAY-2009 @ 1858)
- JOSEPH RISER suggests that we blanket motion.
- ANN WALNUM asks that we hear item IX.5(b) first followed by IX.5(c).

- (a) \$1,000, TOUR DE ARROYO BIKE RIDE [Category: Festivals & Recreation] – Motion APPROVED AT THE MAY 2009 B&F CMTE MEETING TO FORWARD & RECOMMEND APPROVAL BY FULL ASNC BOARD to allocate \$1,000 in community project funds to support the Tour de Arroyo bicycle tour on May 30th, ridden in memory of Dennis Crowley – specifically, assistance with some of the out of pocket event costs, such as water/first aid safety tables throughout route, etc for the sponsor, the Arroyo Seco Foundation (ASF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. [Request Originator: Meredith McKenzie, ASF]

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- (b) \$500, PEACE IN THE NORTHEAST MARCH, 6/13/09 [Categories: Public Safety/Festivals & Recreation] – Motion APPROVED AT THE MAY 2009 B&F CMTE MEETING TO FORWARD & RECOMMEND APPROVAL BY FULL ASNC BOARD to allocate \$500 in community project funds to support a peace march from Fletcher/Irving Schools (3350 Fletcher Dr, 90065 & 3010 Estara Ave 90065) to Cypress Park Recreation Center (2630 Pepper Ave) in an effort to build community solidarity against gang, and non-gang violence (each year the location changes within NELA boundaries). The NELA Ministerial Association is sponsoring this one-day event. After the march there will be food, community resource booths, and music. Note: Also forwarded to both the ASNC Environment, and Culture/Arts committees for review. [Request Originator: Stan Moore, NELA Ministerial Assn, VP of Historic Highland Park NC]

STAN MOORE: Original walk was from Fletcher/Irving through infamous Drew Street to Eagle Rock Boulevard to Cypress Park Recreation Center. May 2<sup>nd</sup> killing changed everything. The walk will now commence from Sycamore Grove Park at 10:00AM on June 13 to culminate at El Rio De Los Angeles Park. Costs us a little bit more. Join us. March with us.

ANN WALNUM: Entitle this NC to a table at the event?

STAN MOORE: Yes, resource tables at El Rio. Heinrich Keifer is in charge of the tables. Contact Heinrich, Ann Walnum or myself.



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SCOTT FOLSOM: Are the schools participating?

STAN MOORE: We hope. Yolie Aguilar has provided a contribution and providing bus service. We haven't gotten through to Monica Garcia but I plan to see her in the next couple of days.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- (c) \$5,000, HERITAGE SQUARE MUSEUM FENCE IMPROVEMENT, Phase 2 [Categories: Environment & Beautification/Culture & Arts] – Motion APPROVED BY AT THE MAY 2009 B&F CMTE MEETING TO FORWARD & RECOMMEND APPROVAL BY FULL ASNC BOARD to allocate \$5,000 (revised by the Cmte from \$2,500) in community project funds for a fence upgrade for the Heritage Square Museum. Rationale: In 2008 ASNC previously approved this funding but due to unforeseeable delays in the start of the project, ASNC incorrectly removed this due to "start expiration date expired". This funding is to continue to continue replacing the barbed-wire fence around the property with Victorian-era wrought iron, red brick masonry columns, new lighting, and new planters and greenery. [Request Originator: Brian Sheridan, Heritage Square Museum]

BRIAN SHERIDAN: Heritage Square are the old houses off the 110 Freeway. We are now on Phase 2 and we are reapplying to get monies back. Fencing right now is ugly barbed wire. Passed photos around of rendition.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- (d) \$2,500, LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR NON-SCHOOL EVENTS AT JACK SMITH COMMUNITY CTR [Categories: Education/Festivals & Recreation] – Motion APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AT THE MAY 2009 B&F CMTE MEETING TO FORWARD & RECOMMEND APPROVAL BY FULL ASNC BOARD to allocate \$2,500 in community project funds to help pay for 1 year of liability insurance at the Jack Smith Community Center at the Mt. Washington Elementary School for non-school events (dance classes, piano recitals, etc). This insurance is a contractual obligation with the LAUSD. This request is from the organization Friends of Mt. Washington School (FOMWS). [Request Originator: Diana Pray, Friends of Mt. Washington School]

ROBERT HAWKES: What is this for? What percentage of the liability insurance does \$2500 pay? How long does this have to pay?

WARREN CHRISTIANSEN: The umbrella part is "double-dipping" because the school is already covered but because we have a joint agreement with the Mt. Washington Community Center to have a \$1-M policy/\$4-M umbrella. We raised money for the school with this building. When we do that we have less money to give to the school so we find other ways to raise the money. This is a joint use agreement and applies to all joint use agreements with LAUSD and other non-profits organizations to use the building. How long? Every year until we can get them to reduce that. \$2500 will cover 75% and gives 25% back to the school. Will we be coming back to ask more money? I don't know. We will continue to ask other offices to underwrite this. Gloria Molina's office, Huizar's office, Reyes' office, Mt. Washington Assn and other organizations that support this. Boils down to everything we raise goes to the school. We are always looking and will always come back to ask.

SCOTT FOLSOM: When is this due?

WARREN; We have the policy in place now. We have 3 month payments towards \$3600 and the next is due July so we either take it from money we raise or hopefully from support of this organization. There is a fee attached to this building and we're trying to make it as easy to use because the higher the fees are, acts as a de-incentive. We have to underwrite everything from fees. Fees were going to liability insurance and the least of it goes to custodial.

ANN WALNUM: Important point: \$2500 basically covers our FREE use of the facility. This is a unique building in terms of origin.

WARREN: We spent 14 years to build this facility. A \$10-M project started in 1993.

JOSEPH RISER: The first year this opened, we contributed \$5000.

WARREN: We use it as start up funds to have a grand opening as a promotion to the community.

JOSEPH RISER: Cautions all that this is not a FREE facility to meet. I just want us to look at this in another way.

WARREN: It reduces what we have to charge as a fee to every community person who uses this facility; making it easier for them to use it – about 75% cheaper.

SCOTT FOLSOM: Recuses himself as he has some interest.

**Motion passed unanimously; 1 abstention: Scott Folsom.**

ROBERT HAWKES inquires about Standing Rule re 3 absences a year.



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JOSEPH RISER: There is a Standing Rule of 4 absences per year and the former President kept tabs of attendance.

SCOTT FOLSOM: Will contact board members with 4 absences.

Secretary to send attendance list to President.

TINA ZABALA: I am keeping track of attendance and have sent Scott Folsom an email with a tally of everyone's attendance record.

ROBERT HAWKES has left the meeting.

Return to Item IX.3.

6. MOTION TO RE-APPROPRIATE the \$2,500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) recently approved for the LA Int'l Charter High School (LAICHS) to a normal \$2,500 community project appropriation, and not use the NPG process at this time. Rationale: The NPG program is still on-hold by DONE. No estimated time given when they will start the new NPG process. LAICHS, meanwhile, has received vendor invoices for needed recruitment materials (table cloths, etc) which are due as early as June 6th. With this re-appropriation ASNC will be free to immediately pay the invoices via credit card or the DW process. (B&F Cmte) (rec'd 27-MAY-2009 @ 1750)

MARK LEGASSIE: DONE is causing us to discuss this again. We voted for a grant. Simply a re-appropriation of funds.

SCOTT FOLSOM: What is status of the charter of the school?

MARK LEGASSIE: Still open. No change in status.

JOSEPH RISER: Denied by City. School is appealing decision. LAUSD comments that school has not recruited enough students.

**Motion passed unanimously; 1 abstention: Joseph Riser.**

7. FUNDING REQUEST : \$350, Beautification/Maintenance of Stairs connecting Oneonta & Olancha Dr [Category: Environment & Beautification] Motion to allocate \$350 in community project funds to continue the beautification and maintenance of the public access staircase that connects Oneonta Dr and Olancha Drive. Requested funds are to purchase plant shrubs and ground cover in the public right-of-way, and to purchase or rent graffiti removal materials/equipment. Also included are maintenance materials including replacement hoses, nozzles, plants, etc. Community Impact: Frequent use by residents discourages use by gang members. Improving the stairs aesthetics appeal also encourages use. [Request Originators: Albert Winn & Paula Sirola] (Mount Washington Local Issues) (rec'd 28-MAY-2009 @ 1141)

PAULA SIROLA: This is a continuation of what's been going on. This is a high traffic area and a lot of gang activity. We need materials to do constant maintenance of it. We plan to rent steamers to steam clean the stairs and to purchase shrubs.

MICHAEL BLATT: Is the land adjacent to right-of-way?

PAULA SIROLA: Empty lots on both sides. The landscaping City put in was not drought tolerant. The water system got burned. It's been a disaster of a landscaping project. We've put in drought tolerant plants.

SCOTT FOLSOM: You're not relying on unreliable irrigation system and lighting?

PAULA SIROLA: We are using Elliot's irrigation system and new lighting. We hope the 3 adjacent lots will not be developed at all and turned into a native plant community garden instead.

SCOTT FOLSOM: An ongoing adventure for us.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

8. FUNDING REQUEST : \$300 community project funding request under the Category "Health" for 2 doggie waste bag dispensers and water bowls for Cleland Bicentennial Park. The dispensers will 1) remind people that they need to pick up their dog's poop, 2) facilitate dog owner's in picking up their dog's poop, 3) the water bowls will encourage people to have their dogs drink from the bowls instead of directly from the water fountain. (Mount Washington Local Issues) (rec'd 28-MAY-2009 @ 1141)

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### IX. ACTION ITEMS (Continued). [NON FINANCE RELATED]

9. FOR INFORMATION: Necessary board actions and communications related to renewing affiliations and liaison, per Standing Rules: "Motions to endorse or affiliate with another organization require a simple majority vote, take effect upon passage, and remain in effect until the next June 30th, at which time they automatically expire. Motions to



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renew the ASNC's endorsement or affiliation may be made at any Board meeting and, following passage, take effect on the July 1st immediately following the June 30th expiration..." (adopted by Board vote, 6/26/06) (Joseph Riser)

JOSEPH RISER: We didn't do anything about this last year. Liaison position has expired in the Standing Rules. Someone needs to contact the folks who want to be liaisons and ask them to state so in some form written or oral otherwise they expire June 30.

ANN WALNUM volunteers to make the contact and will report at next meeting.

10. REQUEST FOR A BOARD RULING as to the criteria to use when determining in which of the five communities to "locate" stakeholders whose status is tied to membership in an ASNC-based community organization that serves multiple communities, but may not have an established center of operations. (Note: Selection of one community is required by our stakeholder definition, as well as any future election procedures). (Joseph Riser, Registrar) (rec'd 26-MAY-2009 1134)

JOSEPH RISER: In our coalition, you have to state which community you belong to. We changed the bylaws as to our definition of a stakeholder. We stated in our election procedures to state community. ASNC have registered members from Lummis Day group. I've discovered that the address on record for the organization is in Mount Washington. ASNC should have a policy in Standing Rules.

ANN WALNUM: Definition on election rules specify area served by a certain institution.

JOSEPH RISER: Our bylaws require you state which community you belong to. My proposal is to use the address on record for organization. Think about it. Of concern is that Sycamore Grove has the least registered stakeholders.

JERRY SCHNEIDER: It just seems logical to adopt a policy for stakeholders of a non-profit group to allow those stakeholders to choose just one community.

SCOTT FOLSOM: Didn't we establish that some areas were "mutual turf?"

BILL MURRAY: "Shared venue." Shared not only by ASNC but by another NC as well.

MICHAEL BLATT: Sycamore Grove park is shared by two NCs?

BILL MURRAY: Yes.

JOSEPH RISER: My suggestion that we use non-profit organization where it legally exists. I'm not real happy with just picking a community. Which of the 5 ASNC communities? It does not matter that we share with other NCs.

ANN WALNUM: Lummis Day organization has a 501(3)(c) and uses Elliot's home as their address. We added them as Mount Washington stakeholders.

PAULA SIROLA: The area where the organization serves is not necessarily permanent.

JOSEPH RISER: LAICHS, for example, those parents registered as stakeholders of Hermon. It doesn't have to be where the group meets.

MARK LEGASSIE: Center of operations v legal address?

SCOTT FOLSOM: Make a rule that these 13 people, none of these people have any other ties that we know of, electing their stakeholder status.

BILL MURRAY: For people with multiple stakeholder status. All of our Lummis Day events have been held in Sycamore Grove and Ramona Hall. Some of these people live in Arroyo Seco and many don't.

**Motion (J.RISER/M.LEGASSIE).**

**Motion passed; 8 ayes, 3 nays.**

11. SUGGESTED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: The ASNC board should at this meeting create an ad hoc task group of no more than 3-4 members to develop and circulate a "request for proposal" covering services for Website maintenance. Suggested membership in that group should include at least the board president (as the supervising officer for this paid service), and current treasurer Mark Legassie -- who as a senior systems engineer is familiar with the technical aspects of running organizational sites. Additional members may be selected by the president. Final selection of a service provider from among proposals received should take place no later than the September board meeting, 2009. (Joseph Riser) (rec'd 26-MAY-2009 at 1157)

(a) Address item 1a

JOSEPH RISER: Done a couple of years ago, time to do it again. Ask for people to submit bids.

**Motion (M.LEGASSIE/J.RISER).**

SCOTT FOLSOM: Strike out suggested membership part.



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BILL MURRAY: Everyone knows I am the webmaster. I am becoming too busy in the next few months to continue this so it is appropriate to appoint somebody new. We have spent an entire year discussing what to do and solicit proposals. As a conclusion, we were asked to continue at a reduced rate. We've operated since this new board was installed. We have operated in good faith under all these things. I do resent the implication that we've handled things under handed. I would never do anything not at my absolute best. Don't tell the new board that we've never done this before as we've done this for a year consistently. We've been operating under that short period of time. Be honest.

JOSEPH RISER: The very first thing I said that we did this a couple of years ago. Is that not the first thing I said? I said that it's time we did this again. Reducing the amount is not related to an RFP. It went into effect last November. I certainly did not say anything unethical or dishonest.

MARK LEGASSIE: We need to form this ad hoc. We are here to discuss this motion to start an ad hoc committee. I've been looking at different NCs. We should at least form a committee to open it up for bids.

MARTHA BENEDICT: GPNC website has failed; hasn't worked out. We were asked to make a bid.

MARK LEGASSIE leaves the meeting.

**Motion passed; 1 opposed: Ann Walnum.**

12. PRESENTATION: Alternate route plans for the #710 freeway that would directly impact ASNC area. Presentation by Frank Pasker, on behalf of concerned residents. Hopefully, CD 14 Transportation Deputy will be able to attend to respond to questions. (Paula Sirola) (rec'd 28-MAY-2009 @ 1141)

### X. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

#### 1. Local Issues.

(a) Hermon (Joseph Riser)

(b) Montecito Heights (Tom Marble): Next Local Issues meeting TBA.

(c) Mount Washington: Paula Sirola asks Ann Walnum to provide a brief report re people living in motor homes along Marmion Way. At the end of the corridor there is a large flat lot next to water tank taken as home by homeless men doing illegal activity. We have no problem with people living in RVs. To complain about them sounds more like rich people complaining about poor people. We have sources of information where waste can be dumped in a sanitary fashion.

NANCY [*last name*]: I hike that area regularly on Sunday mornings. There have been complaints about making use of the area as outhouses and relief stations. I assure you folks that I walk it constantly and I don't smell it. I watch for excess trash. I find a little bit more on the other side. I don't think there's anything excessive. I did speak to a neighbor who offered to get some information for me to give to these people about assistance and programs available if they so choose to seek assisted. There were a number of comments made about trying to get City to turn it into two hour limited parking or have the people move for the day. If they had the gas money, they would probably be renting a car. I find an incredible disconnect. I have no complaints. What we can do is to assist them if they need and request it. I might print a little information sheet and distribute. Except for offering assistance if they need it, I don't think anything needs to be done. I don't understand the disconnect and what the community might be attempting to do.

PAULA SIROLA: We will bring an action item at the next ASNC meeting depending on the Local Issues sub-committee meeting.

CHRISTY [*last name*]: This is the property I am interested in turning into a preservation garden and ecology map. See my nelalist post of 28-MAY-2009. I am revising my proposal so that the community garden will be based as a homeless garden project for people in transitional residence. It's a very well organized structure. I have been speaking with Jeff Chapman about lower property being the zone with creek and working with watershed council to prioritize. That property is essential as there is an interest in the community in finding ways to allow all of the different things into an integrated way we can all share is fundamental for everyone to move forward. I want to support the community living there and appreciate any criticism and ideas. I'm advocating residents for some support and develop something especially for these poor folks.

(d) Sycamore Grove: Michael Blatt would like some instruction on how to develop meetings.

2. Rules and Elections – JOSEPH RISER: Have the 2010 NC elections been sent out? SCOTT FOLSOM: Yes

3. Communications and Outreach (Joseph Riser) – Reminder to sign up for Lummi Day volunteers.

ANN WALNUM: Event is at Sycamore Grove Park on 07-JUNE-2009.



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JOSEPH RISER: Shows art work for Gold Line and announces that we have already received one phone call inquiry to learn more about ASNC.

4. Environment (Jerry Schneider) – announces meeting tomorrow with Bureau of Public Works to get bike project going.
5. Community Garden (Paula Sirola) – There are about three sites considered for community garden. The L.A. Conservation Corp. has opened up a file for our project. They have a community gardens program from beginning to end. Another meeting this month TBA.

### XI. 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) – looking for a job.
5. LADWP/MOU Oversight Committee (Jerry Schneider) – DWP budget on coming fiscal year. Be prepared to pay more for water and electricity.
6. LANC Coalition (Bill Murray) – announces meeting next week. [Removed due to redundancy.]

### XII. 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.  
ANN WALNUM: Talk a little more about issue along Marmion Way. Immediate concern about punitive signage. Councilman Rosendahl. JERRY SCHNEIDER also wants this agendized.  
JOSEPH RISER: The way we run board meetings and do better; people to weigh in appropriately. The Board has to have time just as City Council and other commission does.  
SCOTT FOLSOM: We will have that discussion. Going to suggest in future that we have motion forms and that all motions are to be prepared in advanced.  
JOSEPH RISER: Reviewed Bylaws. Responsibility of various board members.  
GLENDA LUBELSKY: Emergency notification – phone tree.  
SCOTT FOLSOM - Apologizes for upsetting anyone. Things should have been better left unsaid. We are all here doing what we do because we want to be here. Thanks each and everyone for that.
2. Future meeting dates and locations (Scott Folsom)  
Next meeting date: 22-JUNE-2009 at 07:00PM, Montecito Heights Senior Center, 4545 Homer Street, Los Angeles, California 90031.

### XIII. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM



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