

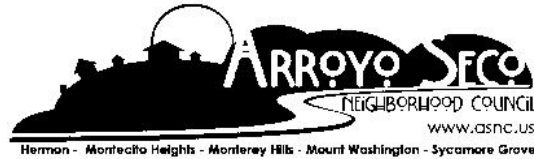
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**ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MONDAY, 24-AUGUST-2009 · 07:00PM TO 09:30PM
MONTECITO HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER**

4545 Homer Street, Los Angeles, California 90031

Supporting documentation for this meeting can be found at:
http://www.asnc.us/2009-archives/07-July/_0709archives.htm

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

Meeting called to order at 07:12PM.

II. ROLL CALL. (Tina Zabala)

Present: Joseph Clifford; ~~Mike French~~; Scott Folsom, Robert Hawkes, Pablo Lopez, Tom Marble, ~~Yuwen Peng~~; Joseph Riser, Jerry Schneider, Hank Shaeffer; ~~Joanna Silva~~; Paula Sirola, David Talbert; Ann Walnum, Tina Zabala.

Excused: Michael Blatt, Glenda Lubelsky, Robert Rakauskas, Mark Legassie.

Quorum was established.

III. COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT. (Scott Folsom)

1. ACTION ITEM: Ratify President's action in recommending election sites and time window to DONE for 2010 ASNC Election.

President recognizes new DONE rep, Betty Oyama.

Communication from DONE that they require that five suggested sites for elections. The President informed the Board that he had chosen 3 rooms at Ramona Hall and 2 back up sites at local schools and asked the Board to ratify those recommendations. Decision resides with Election Division.

Motion to ratify (J.RISER/J.CLIFFORD) .

Motion passes.

IV. RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS.

1. Resignation by Secretary.

ACTION ITEM: President moves to accept resignation of Tina Zabala as Secretary and Montecito Heights Representative, with regrets.

Motion to accept resignation (S.FOLSOM/H.SHAEFFER)

Motion passes.

2. Resignation by President.

ACTION ITEM: Secretary moves to accept resignation of Scott Folsom as ASNC President, effective immediately, with regrets.

Motion to accept resignation (A.WALNUM/P.SIROLA)

Motion passes.



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V. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS.

[Outgoing President to preside as Elections Officer, as the Vice President is not present]

1. Hand-off of presidential responsibilities to President-elect or Vice President.

Paula Sirola nominates Hank Shaeffer – accepts nomination.

Ann Walnum nominates Joseph Riser – declines nomination.

Joseph Riser nominates Robert Hawkes – declines nomination.

Tom Marble nominates Ann Walnum – politely declines nomination.

Motion to elect (J.SCHNEIDER/J.RISER).

Motion passes.

Motion (A.WALNUM/J.SCHNEIDER) to take Action item XI.2 out of order and take as first item of business.

Motion passes.

2. Secretary-elect to assume office at the ASNC September 2009 meeting.

Ann Walnum nominates Jerry Schneider – declines nomination.

Hank Shaeffer nominates Paula Sirola – declines nomination.

Joseph Riser recommends to defer to next meeting.

Hank Shaeffer asks Board to reconsider and asks Secretary how to contact Apple One.

Tina Zabala to send Apple One contact information to Hank Shaeffer by email after tonight's meeting.

3. Vacancy of Montecito Heights Representative to be filled at the ASNC September 2009 meeting, per Bylaws.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT. (continued) (Tina Zabala)

1. APPROVAL OF THE 27-JULY-2009 MINUTES.

APPROVAL OF THE 27-JULY-2009 MINUTES (Actual changes made directly on electronic copy of the minutes).

Motion to approve as amended.

Motion passed.

FINAL version of the 27-JULY-2009 MINUTES to be posted in ASNC online.

2. BOARD ATTENDANCE REPORT. [Attached as an INFORMATION ITEM.]

VII. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

1. CD-1 – none present.

2. CD-14 - none present.

3. OFFICE OF THE MAYOR (Mike Fong) – announces Mayor's Budget Day, Oct-10-2009 at 08:30AM City Hall followed by Congress of Neighborhoods.

4. OTHER "ELECTEDS" – none present.

5. DONE/BONC (Betty Wong Oyama, Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst, betty.wong@lacity.org, 213-473-5095) – New project coordinator introduces herself. Asks about Sexual Harassment video training required for all board members to view; about 15 minutes. (2) There is a survey online asking input re allocation of funds. Ms. Oyama asks that Board and stakeholders should fill the online form at www.lacityneighborhoods.com. (3) 10-SEPTEMBER-2009, 06:00PM to 09:00PM, outreach tools for recruiting members for board; asks that the Election chair and another board member attend. (4) We encourage all board members and stakeholders to attend Congress of Neighborhoods. (5) Reminder for all board to take Ethics training. Not taking this training will not allow you to vote on any NC issues, 2 hour training, www.lacityneighborhoods.com. (6) There is an NC database that needs your updated contact information.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT. Comments from stakeholders, the public and the Board on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (limited to two minutes per speaker/ sign speaker card before meeting.)

ANTHONY GUIDA – introduces himself as Montecito Heights resident and very much interested in the Montecito Heights Area Rep vacancy.



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IX. TREASURER'S REPORT. (Mark S. Legassie)

No report; however attachments were sent online - check link.

X. ACTION ITEMS. Funding Requests.

1. PROMOTIONAL ITEMS.

- (a) Request for funding of up to \$500 from "stakeholder communications" funds budgeted by the ASNC to purchase 200 reusable cloth grocery bags imprinted with the City logo and ASNC spelled out with Website address and contact phone number. (Mark Legassie will provide samples) (Joseph Riser) (rec'd 21-JULY-2009 2256) (**Tabled from last meeting.**)
- (b) Request for funding of up to \$300 from "stakeholder communications" funds budgeted by the ASNC to purchase ASNC-imprinted LED keychain lights for use as giveaways at outreach events, etc. (Joseph Riser) (rec'd 21-JULY-2009 2256) (**Tabled from last meeting.**)

JOSEPH RISER asks that the above be referred to Communications and Outreach committee's September 2009 meeting.

2. COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST. \$1,000 Tutoring Services at Latona Avenue Elementary School [Category: Education]

Motion to allocate \$1,000 in community project funds to the Latona Avenue Elementary School to support tutoring services for low-income students. This will match funds already raised by the Montecito Heights Improvement Association ("MHIA"). In 2008-2009, \$1,200 was raised by MHIA and ASNC matched this with \$1,000; 21 students participated. For 2009-2010, principal and teachers will select students in need of tutoring. To date, \$1,040 has already been raised. (Montecito Heights Local Issues)

ANN WALNUM – it will be a benefit for the whole class.

Motion passes.

- 3. HEALTHCARE ITEM.** Request that the ASNC board consider sponsoring, leading the organization of, and supporting financially an Arroyo Seco area Health and Fitness Fair to promote wellness among the stakeholders in our five communities. ASNC would partner with the Monterey Adult Day Health Care Center, which provides a unique service to seniors in our area, and a number of other diverse health-related local organizations willing to promote and provide their services. This would mirror recent efforts by several other City neighborhood councils, and ideally would be held this fall within our area at a central location, yet to be determined. A preliminary ASNC budget request (est. \$1,500) will be forwarded to the board's Budget & Finance Committee before its next meeting. (Joseph Riser) (rec'd 19-AUGUST-2009 1600)

JOSEPH RISER – Not a motion; suggests that a committee be formed to look into this.

ANN WALNUM – volunteers to be on the committee.

SCOTT FOLSOM – volunteers to be on the committee.

DAVID TALBERT – will chair the committee.

- 4. HAUNTED HARVEST STORYTELLING FESTIVAL.** Funding request. Possible referral to committee. (Joseph Riser) (rec'd 20-AUGUST-2009 1034)

Joseph Riser suggests that this item be withdrawn.

XI. ACTION ITEMS. Non-Finance Related.

- 1. BOARD ABSENCES.** Under Bylaws Article IV (Board of Representatives and Officers), Item 6c, determine how many current elected representatives have had four unexcused absences, advise those members, and consider declaring their seat(s) vacant, if applicable. Then, under ASNC Standing Rules, begin the processes outlined for filling those vacancies including, if necessary, the holding of a special election by the board at the earliest possible future meeting. (Joseph Riser) (rec'd 21-JULY-2009 2326) (**Carried from last meeting.**)

JOSEPH RISER – due to absences to remove Mike French and Joanna Silva from their positions. Suggests that Ernie Sanchez accept the vacancy for Joanna Silva's position of Business rep.

Motion (J.RISER/S.FOLSOM)

Motion passes.



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2. **DEGREE OF DETAIL IN MEETING MINUTES.** Formal request that the ASNC board be allowed to discuss and vote on the type of minutes that should be taken of its meetings -- and whether recent attempts to transcribe nearly every word spoken during its 2-3 hour meetings, rather than summarizing its discussions, are in the best interest of representing board actions. (Joseph Riser) (rec'd 24-JULY-2009 0629)

JOSEPH RISER – We don't have to produce detailed minutes; my recommendation that minutes be simplified by including motion and outcome of votes on final motion.

Motion (J.RISER/A.WALNUM) to take Mr. Riser's recommended motion above.

Motion passes.

3. **710 FREEWAY DISCUSSION.** (rec'd 12-AUGUST-2009 1435 from Pat Griffith)

THERE IS NO REQUEST FOR ACTION BY THE BOARD AT THIS TIME – HOWEVER THE ITEM IS AGENDIZED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

THE BOARD allots 2 minutes per speaker.

JOSEPH RISER – asks that each speaker identify what community they represent.

PETER GIRSH (Mt. Washington) – speaks for “NO ON 710.”

FRANK PASTOR (Monterey Hills) (passes out draft letter) – speaks for “NO ON 710.”

TOM WILLIAMS – speaks for “NO ON 710.”

SCOTT PIATRAWSKI (Glassell Park) - speaks for “NO ON 710.”

MICHELLE (Mt. Washington) – speaks for “NO ON 710.”

WALLACE – speaks for ‘NO ON 710.’

MARIE (Mt. Washington) – speaks for ‘NO ON 710.’

ANDREA POTRERA (Mt. Washington) – speaks for ‘NO ON 710.’

JOYCE CHANG (Mt. Washington) – speaks for “NO ON 710.”

DON JONES (El Sereno) – speaks for “NO ON 710.”

DIVINA LOMBARDO (Mt. Washington) – speaks for “NO ON 710.”

ABEGAIL MADRIGAL () – speaks for ‘NO ON 710.’

NANCY CAMPO (Mt. Washington) – speaks for “NO ON 710.”

DANIEL TAPIA (Mt. Washington) – speaks for “NO ON 710.”

HANK SHAEFFER closes Public Comments and opens up discussion from the Board.

PAULA SIROLA – We have a letter in front of us that we would like to sign. The group would like a letter of support.

HANK SHAEFFER – if a letter is requested, a draft of it should be provided to the Board including who it should go to. Stop spending money is not on this letter.

Motion (A.WALNUM/P.SIROLA) to take 3 minutes to read the draft letter.

Motion passes.

THE BOARD reads the letter.

Motion (ANN WALNUM/P.SIROLA) to send the letter, including language that the ASNC is opposed to any freeway project which involve taking of homes; we are opposed to continuing spending on studies.

JOSEPH RISER – raises point of order that the Board is not entitled to vote on the letter since it was not adequately noticed.

HANK SHAEFFER – rules the issue was adequately noticed and the Board is entitled to consider a verbal motion; however, suggests that there is no particular hurry for the Board to take a position on this matter, asks Ann Walnum to consider withdrawing her motion if a committee is appointed to study the issue and report to the Board at its next meeting.

ANN WALNUM withdraws her motion on that condition

PETER GIRSH - We are trying to unite NELA into a coalition.

HANK SHAEFFER – asks Tom Marble to chair a committee on this matter. Mr. Marble accepts.



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Motion (J.RISER/P.SIROLA) to create a committee whose function is to prepare an appropriate agenda item for next meeting to include an actionable motion by the Board including appropriate communications to elected officials.

Motion passes.

4. **MAYOR'S BUDGET DAY. DONE ANNOUNCEMENT:** "This year's Community Budget Day will take place at the Citywide Congress of Neighborhoods event to be held on Saturday 10-OCTOBER-2009 at Los Angeles City Hall. Please select or elect two persons to represent your Neighborhood Council's budget concerns in the Mayor's Community Budget Process. Your Council may select either board members or stakeholder members to serve as budget process representatives. Please submit budget representatives' names and contact information to Ms. Rose Ibañez at: rose.ibanez@lacity.org no later than 30-SEPTEMBER- 2009. You may also call (213) 485-1360 for more information."
[MARK LEGASSIE has expressed interest to be one of the two representatives from ASNC.]
PAULA SIROLA volunteers to be the other representative from ASNC.

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Local Issues.
 - (a) Hermon
 - (b) Montecito Heights
 - (c) Monterey Hills
 - (d) Mount Washington
 - (e) Sycamore Grove
2. Communications and Outreach (Joseph Riser)
3. Budget and Finance (Mark Legassie)
4. Environment (Jerry Schneider)
5. Community Garden (Paula Sirola)
6. Public Safety (Mark Legassie)

XIII. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS. (10 minutes)

1. LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS COALITION (Ann Walnum)
2. MW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM (Ann Walnum)
3. FRIENDS OF SOUTHWEST MUSEUM (Ann Walnum)
4. DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL WELFARE (Lezle Stein, thedogtrainer@hotmail.com, 323-225-6700) – (1) She was not made aware of the ASNC event at the Lacy Street Animal Shelter and asks that she be notified. (2) Clarifies her job as liaison.
5. DWP (Peter Parrish)

XIV. 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.
JOSEPH RISER – clarifies his comments on the 710 matter.
2. Future meeting dates and locations (Scott Folsom)
Next meeting date: 05-OCTOBER-2009 at 07:00PM, Monterey Adult Day Health Care Center.
OCTOBER and NOVEMBER meetings at Monterey Adult Day Health Care Center.

XV. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 09:28PM.



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