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**ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)
HERMON LOCAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Thursday, July 10, 2014 · 7 PM · Fellowship Center, 5800 Monterey Road (at Wheeling Way), Los Angeles, CA 90042

DRAFT – M I N U T E S

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Hermon Geographic Representative **Joyce Garber**, acting as the ASNC board-appointed convenor for this meeting. Not including City staff, 51 individuals attended most or all of the meeting, including at least five visitors who self-identified as stakeholders from Rose Hills, Monterey Hills, and Highland Park. Under the ASNC's current Standing Rules -- quorum requirements were satisfied.

Hermon Rep. Garber took nominations from the floor, once again, for the election of a Local Issues Chair for 2014-15. **Annie Sakamoto** nominated **Joseph Riser**; **Andrea Moran** and Ms. Garber (both) seconded. Additional nominations were called for, but none came. Upon request, Riser spoke for 1 minute re: his candidacy, after which the vote was taken and passed without opposition: **Ayes – 41, Nays – 0; Abstain – 1**; Riser, himself). Riser chaired the remainder of the meeting and prepared minutes.

Due to the meeting's late start, Council District 14 Field Deputy **Julio Esperias Jr.** had already given updates and answered stakeholder questions prior to the formal convening, so that agenda item was skipped. Scheduled reports were heard from the **Hermon Safety Committee** and **Northeast L.A. Disaster Survival Task Force**, for information and possible future action.

Related to the community's Safety Committee, stakeholders were informed that LAPD Hollenbeck officers have requested a change of date for the next Local Issues meeting here (which would normally have been Thursday, Sept. 11). It had been suggested in a previous meeting's public comment period to include a celebration of the Fall 2014 retirement of Hermon's Sr. Lead Officer **John Pedroza** in conjunction with that 9/11-dated regular meeting, however LAPD personnel would be unavailable then

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because they are all considered to be on standing alert the entire week leading up to this anniversary of past terrorist activities. A replacement date for the next ASNC/Hermon Local Issues of **Tuesday, Sept. 16** was discussed and tentatively agreed upon by the new chair and stakeholders present.

Various public comments and questions were offered, the subject of some of which may be considered for further action or discussion by this community as a part of this committee.

Judy Shane moved, **Wendi Riser** seconded the agendaized motion to request that the ASNC Board of Directors: “. . . *send a letter of support to appropriate City departments suggesting greater use of goats as an ecological alternative to weed-whippers or rototilling and other land-disruptive abatements, to remove brush from steep hillside areas during fire code clearance season (as used along Avenue 59/Via Marisol in Hermon . . .*” Unanimously passed: **Ayes – 32, Nays – 0; Abstain – 0.**

Meeting was adjourned at approx. 8:35 p.m.

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