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## ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC) THE HERMON LOCAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 12, 2013 · 7:00pm · Fellowship Hall, 5800 Monterey Road (at Wheeling Way), Los Angeles, CA 90042

### MINUTES

- Opening Remarks & ASNC Explanation:** Chair, Andrea Moran, welcomed everyone, gave a brief explanation of the ASNC and read the City definition of a stakeholder.
- Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.
- Introduction of SLO John Pedroza.** Officer Pedroza reported that the crime statistics for Hermon were down. Talked about the parking problem at Bushnell Way school. Still working on homeless camps in Debs Park and behind Bushnell Way School. Introduced Captain Martin Baeza who is the new Commanding Officer at Hollenbeck Division. Captain Baeza shared his background with us and talked about the various youth programs available at Hollenbeck. We currently have an Adam 6 car in Hermon and he is looking into getting us an Adam 3 car.
- Introduction of Catherine Stehr, Principal of Bushnell Way School:** Mrs. Stehr reported that the school test scores were up 32 points. Most students are now wearing uniforms. Parking is a problem and she is looking for community volunteers to help before and after school in implementing a new plan worked out with Officer Pedroza for morning drop off and afternoon pickup of students. There is a monthly Coffee with the Principal.
- Comments from District 14 City Council Representative:** Julio Esperias Jr. Mr. Esperias reported that Councilman Huizar will be coming to the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 local issues meeting to report on the State of Hermon. They are looking for a new contractor to install lighting for the Hermon sign, subdivision still being vetted, no oversize vehicle parking signs will be up in two more weeks. There is a new Operational Neighborhood Council blitz requesting input on street repairs and there are 5 local Hermon streets listed to be repaved.
- Report from Cliff Moseley, Director of LA International Charter High School.** Mr. Moseley reported that LAI test scores were up 43 points and were higher than the local public high schools in the area. Most of their graduates go on to a 4 year university. They have a long term lease until 2020 with Bethesda University and are currently discussing with them the status of their construction plans on the site.
- Public Comment:** Wendi Riser reminded everyone about the Hermon Clean Team this coming Saturday. Mark Legassie reported on the CERT team and said a new class is forming on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and will run 7 weeks for anyone interested. 58 LAI students have completed the Teen Cert class.
- Motion:** It was moved, seconded and discussed that Hermon Local Issues recommends the ASNC Board support approval of a zone variance request (Sec. 12.21(A)(5)(1)(1) for 707 South Avenue 60, filed with the City, to permit automobiles to back out of the driveway onto a secondary highway in conjunction with construction of a 1,598 sq. ft. single family residence with attached 483 sq. ft. garage on a 5,600 sq. ft. lot. A representative of developer Steven Williams addressed the meeting and answered questions. Motion passed – 23 in favor, 1 against and no absentions.
- Motion:** It was moved, seconded and discussed that Hermon Local Issues requests the ASNC create a (non-executive) board role for a Citywatcher who would be responsible for monitoring City Council motions that could affect ASNC area communities as they are filed and suggesting board actions related to them in a timely manner. Motion passed – 24 in favor, 0 against and no absentions.
- Chair's Report:** Andrea Moran reported on new AT&T above ground box being installed in our neighborhood. Gave new 311 computer website for requesting city services as well as 311 phone app. Reminded everyone to sign up for ASNC stakeholder registration and to sign Superior Market petition and to view all the various informational pamphlets on the sign in table. Also to be sure and take something from our Sharing table. Reported that the ASNC is currently working on postcards and banners for all five local issues committees and they should be ready next month.
- Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup>