

NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GENERAL BOARD MEETING APRIL 21, 2010 MINUTES

APPROVED MAY 19, 2010, AMENDMENTS INCLUDED AS SUBMITTED. MEETING HELD AT NEW HORIZONS CENTER, NH, CA.

(Collaboration of original notes from Ron Forbes off of tape and Ellie Hill Reese off of video)

I. WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, REVIEW OF AGENDA

- Lara Kazandjian called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- Quorum established

ROLL CALL: David Hyman, Mitch White, Loyd Ray, Adam Halaby, Ron Forbes, Lewis Brown, Lara Kazandjian, Erick Aguirre and Sher Murata Yvonne Dupri, Maria Carrillo, David McClain. Nichan Kulukian absent.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Megan Cottier from Councilman Smith's office introduced herself as the NHW rep from Smiths office.

- Open invitation to contact her.
- Applications were now open for Affordable Housing until April 30th @ LAFH.org
- Announced Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Devonshire LAPD May 15th.

Stakeholder's comments

- Request of civility and getting back to the business of North Hills West.
 - Request to raise the bar and act professionally – promise to NOT have biz as usual.
- Thanks to the outgoing board, good luck to the new.

T-Mobile representatives formally requested to be put on the next agenda

- Re: cell tower development at Nordhoff and Balboa.
- Commented they've requested before and not made the agenda, Mitch White suggests deferring to new board and LUC.
- Offered to make a stealth site, asked to be on agenda again.

Discussion and guidance provided to reps to contact Northridge East N.C.

Map of NHW provided to T-Mobile reps by stakeholder.

Melvin Canas discusses with them off mic further

David Hyman addresses stakeholder pre meeting concern regarding potholders on display – they are not a running candidate, just leftover 'swag' and have no political relevance at this point.

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III. APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Mitch Englander, Chief of Staff to Councilman Smith started to swear in board, was notified that the new board was not that at the tables but rather had not been seated (physically). Awards certificates to Outgoing Board and notes that they were handmade by his staff.

- Newly Elected NHW NC Board Members were introduced, took seats and sworn in under oath read by Englander.

Elected Members of the 2010 Board taking Oath: David Hyman, David McClain, Loyd Ray, Erick Aguirre, Yvonne Dipre, Ron Forbes, Dawn Ailetcher, Maria Carrillo, Adam Halaby, Ernie Hilger, Ellie Hill Reese, and Amanda Persinger.

- Melvin Canas provided some instruction on the procedures for the Election of New Officers.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEE

Nominations for President: Adam Halaby and David McClain nominated, accepted.

- Yvonne inquires about procedure in event of a tie; Canas advises revote or table.
- *Statement and Questions given to each candidate:*
 1. Interest in position and why you should have the position (Lara)
 2. What leadership skills possessed (Ellie)
 3. What do you think about your opponent (Yvonne)
- Adam addresses above.
- David McClain refuses questions. Discussion. Answers the questions from seat.
- Voting was by a show of hands: 7 votes for Adam Halaby, 5 votes for David McClain.
Adam Halaby elected 2010 -2011 president. Assumes as meeting facilitator.

Nominations for Vice President: Ernie Hilger, David McClain and David Hyman nominated.

- David McClain and David Hyman declined.
- No vote. Ernie Hilger accepts position unopposed.

Nominations for Treasurer: Ron Forbes and Dawn Ailetcher nominated, accepted.

- Statements were made and questions answered by both candidates.
- Voting by a show of hands; 7 votes for Ron Forbes, 5 votes for Dawn Ailetcher.
- Ron Forbes is elected Treasurer

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Yvonne Dipre, David McClain, David Hyman, Adam Halaby and Erick Aguirre leave the meeting at various times, for personal reasons and other unknown reasons. Commotion is going on at this time behind the curtain, during these appointments. Much of it is off camera.

Appointments of Committee Chair/Co-Chairs

Outreach and Events Committee: Ellie Hill Reese and David Hymen nominate, accepted.

- During Ellie's statement, she asks David if he'd still like to co-chair the committee.
David accepts, makes no public statement
- Ellie Hill Reese made a motion, Marie Carrillo seconded to establish a Co-Chair Outreach
- There was quite a bit of discussion about Chair/Co-Chair option as stated in the By Laws.
- Canas and Lara K guide the process.
- Approved

Land Use Committee: Loyd Ray nominates self and motions to co-chair with Ernie Hilger.

- Motion to approve Co-Chair with Ernie Hilger, Marie Carillo seconded.
- Motion passes, no objections

Rules and Elections Committee: Erick Aguirre nominated, accepts.

- Vote taken, approved by Board.

Crime and Safety Committee: Marie Carrillo nominated, seconded. Yvonne Dipre nominated, leaves table.

- Vote taken, approved by board.

Yvonne Dipre makes lengthy statement about resigning from the Board effective immediately.

Reasons include but are not limited to: because I'm the person I am, based on what I just found out... personal references to David McClain

Emergency Preparedness Committee: David McClain was nominated, declines.

Infrastructure Committee: Dawn Ailetcher volunteers, accepts nomination.

- Adam Halaby volunteers to help Dawn.
- Will send Dawn relevant information

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- Board approves.
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Budget and Finance Committee: Ron Forbes Chairs by default as Treasurer.

Executive Board Committee: Adam Halaby Chairs by default as President.

V. Final Board Comments

Motion made by Ernie Hilger to change the Bylaws to add Secretary as a Board Position.

- Advised of moratorium on Bylaws by City of LA by Board and Canas
- Advised to be put on the agenda at the next meeting, June 2010 General Board Meeting.

Yvonne Dipre returns apologizes and asks to be accepted back.

Ellie Hill Reese comments on record that this type of behavior is disrespectful and shouldn't be tolerated as it makes a mockery of the process. Yvonne retorts with personal attack. No decision is made.

Applications for vacant Board positions

- Motion to accept application as revised by prior board. Motion denied.
- Verbiage changed, revision changing the way "stakeholder" is explained to strike the phrase "in the boundaries" as redundant.
- Motion to accept changes and post on site.
- Motion passes.
- New version of apps will be posted on site and prior applicants need to resubmit.
- Ernie Hilger will notify applicants – 4 on hand.

IV. Final Board Comments and Announcements

Various question and an open forum type atmosphere ensued this section:

Ernie Hilger announces Masons and Shiners free Children's Health Clinic soon at the Elks Lodge in San Fernando.

- He'll send to Adam via Email with details to be sent to rest of board. Adam will follow up.

Maria Carrillo asked about business cards.

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There was discussion about the source for the business cards and Melvin Canas indicated that only the City Printing Office can officially print the City Seal and that should be our source for business cards using the seal.

- Board directed not to use the City seal without permission/direction from Canas.
- Ron is directed by Adam to work with Canas on follow up.
- Maria Carrillo brings up a town hall type event and outreach ideas with Ellie, issue tabled.

It was noted that each Board Member must Chair or Co-Chair a Committee.

- David McClain offers to co chair EP with Yvonne, Yvonne declines and says she wants to work with cops.
- David McClain asks for someone else to assume responsibility for the meeting signs. Yvonne volunteered to take over that duty.
- David McClain announced that he was resigning effective immediately.
- Resignation accepted on record.

Canas asks that the mandatory *funding training* be put on the next agenda due to the funding violations of the previous board - 45 minutes and every Board Member must be present.

New board members need to complete Ethics training as soon as possible. It can be done online and should take approximately two hours.

Canas will work with Ron Forbes about the equipment usage and storage.

- Ron Forbes will be collecting mail by default.
- Lara K will give 2nd key to Adam.

Canas announced New Board Member Training will take place on Saturday, May 8, at Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch. Encourages all Board members to attend.

Canas reminded the board that they are to treat this position as if it were a workplace in that no harassment will be tolerated and needs to be reported.

AMENDED AND APPROVED BY BOARD TO STATE:

CANAS STATED HE WAS TO REFER MR. MCCLAIN'S CAST FOR INTIMIDATION AND COERCION TO THE CITY ATTORNEY.

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David Hyman reminds of coming events that we need to be aware of, the Greek Festival, Citrus Sunday, and the Senior Dance.

Melvin Canas indicated that the resignations of David and Yvonne must be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Motion approved.