

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

Special Board of Directors Meeting
October 24, 2005
Dyer Street Elementary School Auditorium
14500 Dyer St., Sylmar, CA 91342

President Tammy Flores called this meeting to order at 6:40 p.m

Roll call by Secretary Doris Jacobs:

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Nicholas Krall; Marietta Sue Welch; Patty Hug; Juanita Bankhead (Arvd approx 7:00 pm); Louis Perry; Jim Schopper; Cheri Blose; Clifford Kenney..

Quorum Confirmed

Excused Absence: Richard Yamauchi; Hector Cabrera; Joe Carrasco; Eugene Hernandez; Erica Lopez; Farooq Ghias

Un-excused Absence: Maggie Campbell; Benjamin Cardenas

Ex-Officio Present: Maria Ventura (CD 7)

Absent: County Supervisor Yaroslavsky Representative; LAPD; LAFD

President Flores requested visitors do self introduction – Jim Alger, President N.E. West Northridge NC; Becky Bascom, Stakeholder; Mark Bauer, Stakeholder; Cindy Blazer, Stakeholder; Patricia Younis, The Bridge Group; Dawn Alger, Northridge NC; George Ortega, Stakeholder; Mike O'Connell, Stakeholder

President Flores announced Item # 3 will be moved to the next meeting, Special or otherwise.

Bonnie Bernard moved, Nick Krall seconded the setting aside of any previous appointment of Ms. Bernard and Terri Croswhite, before Ms. Croswhite accepted the position, as Rules & Policies Person and the changing of the title Parliamentarian to Rules & Policies Person as a remedy to the Brown Act challenge raised by Ms. Croswhite, Stakeholder . – Following discussion - **Approved unanimously**

Bonnie Bernard moved, Nick Krall seconded: Add wording of "President may choose to make appointments of Sergeant of Arms and Parliamentarian" to the references in the Board Rules. And amendment of the Bylaws to move from Board Rules - "Parliamentarian" and "Sergeant of Arms" - to the Bylaws. To move the references of the Parliamentarian and Sergeant of Arms from the Board Rules to the Bylaws and include above new wording. Following discussion – **Approved unanimously**

Add wording under Executive Board reference to "Shall consist of President, Vice-President and Treasurer." And - "Reviews/approves all agendas before posting for compliance, errors and suggestions for clarity. Secretary and board members shall submit agendas to an officer for initialing before posting." To accept amendment to the wording under Executive Board reference as so specified and move the reference to the Bylaws. **Marietta Welch moved** under Bylaws Article VI under duties of the Vice President it be added that "following Brown Act rules all agendas be reviewed and approved prior to official posting". No second – **no action.** Patty Hug moved, Bonnie Bernard seconded the previous motion: Following discussion – **Approved unanimously**

President Flores read into the record a resignation from Jaime Morado (Senior Category) which was received today (10/24/05) and will be placed on file.

President announced there have been three (3) official resignations: Elizabeth Beltran (Retail) due to illness; Terri Croswhite (Education) and Jamie Morado (Seniors). Secretary has Applications for Candidates.

President Flores advised that item regarding an appointment of a Parliamentarian will be **Tabled** until the Bylaws are amended. – Item to be put on the 11/17/05 Agenda.

President Flores requested Public Comment:

Jim Alger, President N.E. Northridge Neighborhood Council, commented that it has come to his attention that the SNC is the first NC in the City of Los Angeles to be sued and was upset that the board member that filed was not present. He encouraged the SNC to fight the lawsuit and put on the next Agenda to demand attorney fees from any individual who sues the SNC. This lawsuit affects all Neighborhood Councils and have been the "talk of the town" on Mayor Sam and in the newspapers and this takes down the system of the NC's and provides a point of why NC's should not be. The Commission to review the NC's will include the \$100,000 incurred by this lawsuit, which is two years of the SNC's allotment, to defend this frivolous lawsuit by one individual. Mr. Alger requested it be put in the record that he is personally offended by any individual who seeks to place their religion in NC business and force it upon him, let alone in a public forum that is sponsored by tax payer money on the guides of the City of Los Angeles; and "I've got your back", if you need me.

Other Stakeholders said "ditto" to Mr. Alger's comments.

Becky Bascom, Stakeholder, commented regarding rumors passed along by an individual in this room. The most vial being the accusation of her husband being associated with the Ku Klux Klan which has now put his life in danger and it is to stop.

Maria Ventura (CD 7) announced the vaccination at the Library has been canceled and another location is being sought.

President Flores revealed a Certificate from Councilmember Wendy Gruel & a ribbon for the SNC booth at the "Day of The Horses" event and thanked all who participated. It was a great outreach opportunity to talk with stakeholders and other NC's that requested help from SNC.

Louis Perry also commented on commitment received from the City to paint the red zones on Foothill from Paxton down Yarnell and they gave a "Christmas Present" by doing all the white zones also – all within thirty days.

Clifford Kenny moved, Nick Krall second to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Doris Jacobs
SNC Secretary (11/01/05)

Approved by: TF&BB111005