

**Minutes for North Hills West Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting
November 15, 2012 Taken by: Marcеса G. Williams/Revised Per Board Comments
New Horizons – Sam’s Café, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, CA 91343 – 7:00-9:00PM**

1. Meeting called to order by Tino Julian – 7:15PM
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Officer and member roll call (Marina Adlivankina has not arrived)
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Approved 10-18-12 GBM
 - b. Approved 10-23-12 Special Meeting (Anita Goldbaum Abstains/she was not present at the meeting)
4. Public Speakers – There were no public speakers at this meeting



Public Comments – Tom Johnson, who organized the Valley Disaster Preparedness function thanked the council for its participation in the event. He stated that it was a great success and invited us to participate again in 2013.

5. Presentations:
 - a. Robert Adams from the Web Corner provided a presentation regarding their services to the council for website hosting/maintenance. Set up cost \$1500, maintenance \$150/per month; this was the first of 3 bids. He stated he will migrate from our current site to his hosting. They are located in Tarzana and hours of operation 10am-7pm. There are additional charges if we go over a certain limit in what we ask them to provide for the site.
 - b. Monroe Community Wellness Center gave another presentation regarding what the center would provide to the residents/stakeholders, as well as the parents and children in the area William Honda advised they will have medical, dental, vision. Maria Chong-Castillo stated that there may be misconceptions on the part of the resident/stakeholders as to how they will function within the community.

Paula Wilson is the President of the Valley Community Clinic and sits on the Board for the Monroe Center. She stated they will focus on asthma, diabetes, obesity, etc. The San Fernando Guidance Center will partner with them to provide mental health services. They expect to open the Center the latter part of 2014, hours of operation Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm and estimate 30-50 visits per day. She stated that over \$3 million dollars will have to be raised to purchase equipment and furnish the center. They will solicit government funding as well as other sources.

Tom Jones is the Assistant Principal for Monroe. He feels that the center will provide preventative care for students and families.

6. Officer Reports
 - a. Mary Armenteros/expenses for October 2012, the 1st month of the 2nd FY quarter, totaled \$820.10 all in the outreach category as per the Expense Report spread sheet presented to the board. Shortly after the new board was seated, Aaron Devandry, the previous webmaster, presented \$3,200 in past due invoices (of which \$2800 were for the prior FY) and which had not been paid by the previous board. These invoices have now been paid by DONE and have been absorbed against the current FY budget however, DONE is making efforts to have the \$2800 applied to the unused allocated funds for the prior FY.

Adjusted Expenses For The 1stQuarter of the current FY, were explained. Election Expenses of \$7796 Previously applied to 1st quarter expenses due to the prior board's failure to process the reconciliation Of encumbered election funds in a timely manner, were submitted by the current treasurer and were

Approved by DONE for allocation toward encumbered funds of FY 2011-2012. This eliminated those Expenses from the Events/Marketing/Outreach current year budget and increased available funds by Said amount in said category.

Revised Annual Budget was presented to the boards as per expense report spreadsheet of October 2012 which reflects expenses and the annual budgeted amounts for each category. The treasurer's Report of 11-15-12 explains the adjustments of funds from various categories to other categories Based on realistic expectations and needs, per the chairs of the respective committees.

The full summary of the budget adjustments is described in the treasurer's report of 11-15-12. Amelia Herrera-Robles (DONE) was present at the meeting, advised the treasurer and the Board that the revised annual budget should be submitted to DONE for their approval as well.

- b. Tino Julian provided information on items regarding the prior webmaster and our new website.
 - c. Robin Tyler/provided update on Restaurant Depot advising they will be sending out an information card regarding the hearing at the Van Nuys City Planning on December 10, 2012 and resident attendance is critical to voice any concerns.
 - d. Debra Francisco advised that Jaynee Thorne obtained several new agenda posting locations. She advised those locations and will start posting to the new locations in December.
7. Mayor's budget advisory – Robin and Mary will attend the first budget advisory meeting and will report back at the December 20th, 2012 general board meeting.
8. Public Comments/Non Agenda Items – Punam Gohel advised that he is concerned about falling tree branches in his neighborhood. Robin Tyler advised that he needs to call the city, however, they only come out, it seems, once every 60 years!
9. Committee Reports/Budget and finance
- a. Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences –they went to GHSNC which is where the school is located, they were given \$1000 from them to fund the robotics program we did not hear back from Mr. Milanese so no need to us to provide funding.
10. Committee Reports/events/marketing/outreach
- a. Anita Goldbaum advised the newsletter will be on a quarterly basis and will start December 2012. Motion to reinstate Westsider, Deborah Stevens second, motion passed.
- b-c-d-e postponed until next committee meeting
- f. Nancy Xander stated that the Holiday Party mailing will be separate from the Restaurant Depot mailing. Cost to do the Holiday mailing will be \$2000, it will state the Holiday Potluck and other outreach items as well as a mention of the Restaurant Depot hearing – motion passes to approve funding for the mailing.

11. Committee reports/planning and land use/OLD BUSINESS

- a. Motion to oppose Monroe project – Robin Tyler advised she opposes, however, wants to open the floor to further discussion. Due to the closing of a full service hospital at the Sepulveda VA campus and the loss of the Granada Hills Hospital, David Hyman supports the Wellness project to help the students and community, a project that already has funding earmarked. In addition, during the fight against the New Directions/Community of Friends project at the Sepulveda hospital at the VA Campus, the neighbors in opposition were asking to have a restored full

service hospital at the VA, an unfunded mandate, during the closing of the Granada Hills Balboa & San Jose Streets Hospital, the neighbors were demanding it to remain a hospital, an unfunded mandate, the Monroe Wellness center has funding available and offers some valuable services to the school and community.

Maria Chong-Castillo states that it is not imminent domain and if the council has any concerns, they are willing to meet with the committee to discuss further. Anita Goldbaum asked Ms. Chong-Castillo how the Center obtains the “use of land.” Ms. Castillo

advised that they have a “land gratis lease” where they are able to build on the high school land and they do not have to pay rent.

Anna Maria Lasso spoke regarding the Center; she is the Center rep. She stated that recent studies done in the LAUSD have shown that on-site health care helps keep the children in school and that Schools that have these Centers have higher attendance and graduation rates than schools that do not have health centers.

Resident/Stakeholder Peggy Burgess states that the Monroe Center driveway needs to be moved to another location, traffic is already backed up in that area as it stands now. A Monroe health teacher advised that health is very important to the students at Monroe and makes it a main focus.

After much discussion, Robin Tyler makes a motion to withdraw the opposition and to discuss further in a meeting between the LUC and Monroe Wellness Center representatives. The motion passes.

Committee reports/planning and land use/NEW BUSINESS

- a. \$2,000 for Rest. Depot mailings – David Hyman expresses his concern about funding for the mailing. He feels that it could be a mute issue if the meeting is changed and the flyer it sent out, it would defeat the purpose. Nancy Xander states that the community needs to speak to councilman Englander’s office regarding their opposition. Any opposition or support letters need to be sent before the November 30th deadline. Motion passes.
- b. Passed to provide \$675 plus postage for the Rest. Depot mailing to 2500 households to advise the hearing date.
- c. Robin Tyler states she attended the Granada Hills meeting to hear plans regarding the community plan.
- d. Passed \$5,000 amended budget of \$5,000 to the land use consultant to provide assistance with the Rest. Depot. The \$5,000 allocated for LUC expenses under outreach was not adequate due recent advice that hiring of a land use consultant will most likely be required for hearings to

assist in opposing the Restaurant Depot project. At this time Robin Tyler and Peggy Burgess requested an additional \$3,000 be allocated to the LUC to accomplish this. Discussion took place among the board and committee chairs as to where the \$3,000 could be adjusted from. The decision was made that \$1,000 could come from the operation budget, \$1,000 from other Outreach categories and \$500 respectively from beautification and NPG categories. A motion Was made and passed unanimously – 13-0.

Additional comments: Peggy Burgess states that the Granada Hills Plan overflows into our area, Granada is still responding the council's concerns. A resident/stakeholder states she does not understand Why mailings needed for the Holiday Potluck and the Rest. Depot cannot be combined to save money.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Allocate \$500 to the Veterans Day parade – Nancy Xander makes motion to approve, motion passes.
- b. Diedre did not attend the meeting to advise on funding request for Friends of the Library \$386. Anita Goldbaum will contact Diedre to come to the December 20th meeting to present again.
- c. Advisory only – there are now 14 candidates, we will wait until the runoff when there will be approximately 4; we can invite them at that time to make a presentation.
- d. Motion to remove Debra Perkins from Outreach and appoint her to Budget & Finance passed.
- e. Motion passed – discontinue the \$900/\$300 per month allowance for Susan Dumont area clean up program.

Note: Marcessa Williams had to leave at 9:35 to catch her bus home, Nancy Xander volunteered to do the Minutes from that point.

Note: David Hyman left at 9:00

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion regarding privatizing trash hauling submitted by resident/stakeholder was postponed for a later date due to time constraints.
- b. Public comments under new business regarding Holiday Potluck - \$100 budget passed for the council to provide plates, napkins, etc. for the Potluck. Darlene Rogers stated that she felt a potluck would further the feeling of a community gathering. Helen Donovan also spoke and was in favor of the potluck rather than a catered event. Amended motion by Debra Francisco and second by Deborah Stevens.
- c. Passed – support nomenclature change to Granada Hills/Knollwood – motion made by Robin Tyler, second Debra Francisco, passed unanimously.
- d. No public comment – Tino Julian explained that the logo belongs to the council and gave a short history of the website saga when it was taken down without permission and then our webmaster was dismissed. Motion to continue use of our current council logo was made by Tino Julian, second by Jaynee Thorne, motion passed unanimously.

- e. No public comment – motion to hire attorney to send letters on behalf of the board, to be provided to the board pro bono or at a cost up to \$500 – was postponed due to time constraints. Motion made by Tino Julian, second Jaynee Thorne – passed unanimously.

14. Board comments

Jayne Thorne said that Beautification and Infrastructure committee is ready to rock and roll. Information needed from residents and stakeholders regarding areas that require improvement. Resident Karen Williams wants to participate, Debra Francisco will give her information to Jaynee.

- 15. Tino thanked the stakeholders and residents for coming to the meeting and staying so late. Tino Julian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second Debra Francisco motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm