

Minutes of the Reseda Neighborhood Council - General Meeting
Tuesday January 22, 2008
Canoas Banquet Hall
18136 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335

- I. **Call to order** - Chairman, Peter Hankwitz, called meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Garth Carlson
- III. **Roll Call.**
 - A. Present at the meeting are Peter Hankwitz, Faye Nia, Cary Iaccino, Lee Smith, Anna Measles, David Alvarez, Garth Carlson, Dara Laski, D.J. Frank, Kimberly Hill, Maria Hernandez, Ann Kinzle.
 - B. Absent were Norma Jean Mijangos, Phil Merlin, and Andy Mars.
 - C. There were 12 in attendance and 3 absent. Quorum present
- IV. **Introduction of City Employees and other visitors**
 - 1. Dan Kahn with the Community Redevelopment Agency.
 - 2. Grayce Liu, Project Coordinator, DONE.
 - 3. Tessa Charnofsky, West Valley Area Director, Mayor's Office.
 - 4. Jonathan Brand, Chief Planning Deputy for Councilman Dennis Zine.
 - 5. Dennis Bogard, Council Deputy for Councilman Dennis Zine.
- V. **Review and possible approval of Minutes:** RNC General Meeting, November 19, 2007, Board Meeting December 3, 2007; Board Meeting January 7, 2008. Motion by Ann Kinzle second by Faye Nia to approve November 19, 2007, December 3, 2007, and January 7, 2008 Minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- VI. **RNC Officers - Action and General Reports.**
 - A. Faye Nia, Vice Chair: Ratification of the RNC Board's previous approved amendments to Committee organization and structure process. Faye Nia read the amended Proposal. Motion by Faye Nia second by Ann Kinzle to amend 6A3 Committee Membership Eligibility to read: Members must be free of any violent or drug related felony conviction occurring within the previous 15 years of prospective or actual service on any committee. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Motion by D.J. Frank second by David Alvarez to amend 6A3 by adding section (6A5) to read members must not be registered sex offenders or narcotic registrants. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Peter Hankwitz - 6A3 - Committee Membership - Eligibility -As approved to read, “members must be free of any felony conviction. The amendment proposed is that this be changed to read members must be free of any violent or drug related felony conviction occurring within the previous 15 years of prospective or actual service on any committee.”

Motion by Ann Kinzle second by D.J. Frank approved this structure process as submitted with amendments and these further two amendments. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

B. Cary Iaccino, Secretary: General report.

1. All previous Minutes have been approved.
He needs Certifications signed by all Board Members.
2. File cabinet and vault has been cleared out.

C. Lee Smith, Treasurer: General report.

Total available funds:

1. General Account - \$107,463.90.
2. RNC Pretty Cash - \$1,627.37.
3. RNC Stored Value Care - \$1,062.29.
4. Total \$110,153.56
5. Currently \$46,961.00 for projects leaving an available balance of \$63,192.56.
6. Monies spent since General Meeting December 17, 2007.
7. Finance Committee Report had their monthly meeting. Two items on the agenda were approved. 1. To support the winter solstice event through Parks & Recs for \$200.00. 2. To Purchase First Aide kits for the Girl Scouts for \$500.00.
8. Report of Allocations from July 1, 2007 through January 22, 2008. A total of \$11,850.00.
9. Expenditures Report from July 1, 2007 through January 22, 2008. A total of \$25,317.84 and Petty Cash of \$1,102.67 for a total of \$26,420.51.
10. He is working on a Committee Report of expenditures against the allocated budgets. Committees are set up take these figures to various Committee Chairs and tell them in detail how has been spent, and what is left to spend until end of Fiscal Year.

VII. RNC Committees - Action and General Reports.

- A.** Constitution and By-laws (D.J. Frank); Report of Committee meeting; RNC elections.
- D.J. Frank sent an email of Minutes for Constitution and By-laws meeting. A report has to be submitted to DONE regarding what RNC wants to do in regards to election. There are three choices:
- 1) Moving the November Election to June.
 - 2) Can extend the terms of all Board Members who are supposed to be up for election in November to June 2010.
 - 3) Or can hold elections in November and have it overseen by DONE.

Motion by Garth Carlson second by D.J. Frank to select Option 3. To hold election in November and have it overseen by DONE.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

B. Planning & Zoning (Ann Kinzle).

1. CRA. - The matter was heard in Committee and voted for it. There is a Motion out of Committee to the Board that both items of the Proposal be accepted.

Dan Kahn, CRA - He made a presentation on two items having to do with the CRA purchase of properties for redevelopment in Central Reseda Business District:

- 1) purchase properties with the provision that we come back to the Neighborhood Council after a particular property is purchased, and work with the Council on what is going to be developed on that parcel.

- 2) CRA has a Purchase and Sale Agreement for a parcel at 7238 Camby on Reseda to Lindley along Sherman Way.

Motion from Committee:

- 1) That CRA be approved to purchase commercial properties generally within the central Reseda area as indicated outlined in red on the presented map. These properties are generally between Reseda and Lindley north and south of Sherman Way. Included within the approval be the provision: Any future usages of property after its purchase will be decided in conjunction with the RNC in addition to City Departments and the community.

- 2) Approval for the purchase of property at 7238 Camby, north of Sherman Way. At present there is a general proposal that a 70 - 75 unit residential senior living facility - the RFP's will be issued for that facility.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Hindu Temple - {Ann Kinzle} - No motion from committee. RNC received page two of Conditional Permit with a hand written note on the side that reads "11/02/07 per Dan Green, Associate Zoning Administrator, LAMC 12.2453 exception overrides three year time limit. And this decision letter applies also to phase construction condition #30, written by David Silverman, City Planner 11/02/07.

Ann Kinzle – This letter states that the city has extended the three-year limit that is bound by the CUP. There are still restrictions.

Diana Rollins, Chair for the Committee for Responsible Neighborhood spoke against RNC approval of the extension unless all Conditions have been met.

Patrick Rollins - Representing all of the residents within the 500 foot radius of the temple spoke against approval of the extension unless a 10 foot solid wall and a five foot landscape buffer is in place to mitigate the noise.

Motion by D.J. Frank second by Garth Carlson to amend motion that the approval is subject to the adherence to all 30 Conditions on the CUP and immediately cease and desist outdoor cooking.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by Ann Kinzle second by Dara Laski to accept the new design as submitted subject to the Amendment just stated

Motion approved by 10 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.

VIII. Blythe Elementary School Addition. Sandra Monrrigo, Community Outreach Organizer, LAUSD/New Construction/ Community Outreach. This project is moving forward and seeking community input.
Clark Gonzales, Consultant for LAUSD, Development Team Manager for new Blythe ES Addition presented information regarding the project to add a 10-classroom 250-seat addition, 1 building, 2 stories, and 5 classrooms on each story. Also to expand existing library, add a playfield, and a new lunch structure to campus.

IX. Proposition S - the so-called “Telephone Tax”.

A. Jeff Jacobberger (NCRC Commissioner) speaking in FAVOR.

1. If Proposition is defeated it will significantly cut existing revenue strength for the City of Los Angeles budget of \$270 million and will affect Department of Aging, Animal Services, Department on Disability, Environmental Affairs, DONE budget, Planning Department, Board Of Public Works, Bureau Street Services, Zoo, and numerous other departments.
2. Measure would expand the tax base to all telephone line communication to include cell phones, text messaging, and voice over Internet.
3. New Ordinance would change language so it doesn't apply simply to specific technologies but to broadly to all telephony, all voice communications.
4. It would reduce existing tax rate from 10% to 9%, which would be a tax cut.

B. Greg Lippi (VICA Chairman) speaking in OPPOSITION.

1. This Proposition does not include accountability or the truth.
2. It's a means of taxing many more things than previously taxed.
3. This is a new tax, not a reduction of an old tax.
4. Old tax is found to be illegal by the courts.
5. It is going to add a significant amount of taxes to the General Fund of the City in the future to able to be used any way they want.
6. It says it will treat taxpayers equally; but will tax the taxpaying citizen 9% but telemarketers 5%. T1 lines will be taxed. It is not equal.

Motion by Garth Carlson second by Ann Kinzle to vote as a Board to oppose the Telephone Tax as stated in the Measure S.

Motion passed unanimous vote. A letter will be issued to the city.

- X. Discussion and possible approval of a Community Impact Statement in response to the Los Angeles City Council's recent action related to Recommendation #3 of the Neighborhood Council Review Commission's Final Report, September 25, 2007.**
Tabled until next Board Meeting
- XI. Los Lomas Project. This is a large development in the early stages of planning for the North San Fernando Valley. The area in question is north of the Interstate 5 and State Highway 14. Councilman Greig Smith from the Twelfth District has asked for valley neighborhood councils to oppose this development.**
Motion by Ann Kinzle second by Garth Carlson to support Councilman Greg Smith in opposition to the proposed Los Lomas Project.
Motion passed with 10 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions.
- XII. Unfinished Business.**
Garth Carlson - Finance Committee and Youth Advocacy Committee approved purchasing First Aide Kits for the Girl Scouts. To be placed on the Agenda for the Board Meeting.
- XIII. New Business.**
None.
- XVI. Public Comment & Announcements**
1. Grayce Liu, Project Coordinator, DONE - She passed out her business card for any questions or concerns to contact her. She presented her background and qualifications.
February 23, 2007 Valley Division of DONE is presenting a training for Board Members and Stakeholders which will cover leadership and legal issues.
 2. Raul - Made comments regarding the problem of graffiti in Reseda area. He wants the Board to consider setting up a Committee to discuss new ways to help the LAPD with leads to capture and prosecute perpetrators.
 3. Garth Carlson - Attended the Neighborhood Watch Meeting last week, Senior Lead Officer Brent Rygh discussed the issue of graffiti. The West Valley Alliance has stated that 50 percent of their calls on graffiti are in Reseda. There was a suggestion that the Neighborhood Council contribute money towards purchasing paint so homeowners can to paint over graffiti. Reseda Neighborhood Watch will meet on February 21, 2007 next month. Officer Moreno, Graffiti Officer for the West Valley will be the guest speaker.
 4. Stakeholder - Spoke regarding new graffiti camera that has a motion sensor in it and it will say "stop right now, your photo is being taken, and will be used to prosecute you for graffiti."

Councilwoman Gruel is matching any funds that Neighborhood Councils are putting towards this \$7,000.00 camera.

XVII. Adjournment 9:28 pm