

Minutes of the Reseda Neighborhood Council - General Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2009
Councilman Zine's CD3 District Office
19040 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA

1. **Call to Order** Chairman, Peter Hankwitz, called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Magdy Abdalla
3. **Roll Call** Present at the meeting were Peter Hankwitz, Cary Iaccino, Lee Smith, Anna Measles, Magdy Abdalla, Garth Carlson, Kimberly Hill, Ann Kinzle, Jim Luis, D. J. Frank, Timothy Mulholland, Phil Merlin
 - A. Absent were Faye Nia, David Alvarez
 - B. There were 12 in attendance and 2 absent. Quorum present.
4. **Introduction of City Employees and other visitors**

Sandra Gonzalez - Community Redevelopment Agency, Los Angeles
Jose Martinez -

 - Posse Training February 18, 2009 at Councilman Zine's Office along with Graffiti Sting Operation.
 - City Attorney's Office, and Councilman Zine's Office is working together with RNC's Adopt A Wall project.
5. **Review and Approval of RNC Minutes from:** General Meetings November 3, 2008, November 17, 2008, December 15, 2008, and Executive Meeting January 15, 2008.

Motion by Jim Luis second by Garth Carlson to approve the above Minutes.
Motion passed by unanimous vote.
6. **Public Comment and Announcements** (Speaker Cards are requested.).

Michael Cohen

 - Gave an update on Measure B.

Barry Stone, Project Coordinator - DONE

 - Need Budget Survey filled out by Board. Survey can be found on line at lacityneighborhoods.com.
 - Board Members have one year to complete Ethics Training..
 - Training with Department of Transportation at Marvin Braude Building on January 24, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.. Department needs feedback from Neighborhood Councils.
7. **Reseda Neighborhood Council Board Vacancy:** Board Member Maria Hernandez has tendered her resignation effective January 13, 2009. We are currently accepting applications to fill this vacant Board seat. Any qualified Stakeholder may apply, and there may be a vote (if necessary) held at the General Meeting on March 2, 2009. Should more than one eligible Stakeholder choose to run for the open seat, all Stakeholders in attendance at the meeting may vote. Peter Hankwitz made the announcement.

- 8. Discussion an possible action regarding the Reseda Pool Redesign and Reconstruction:** Councilman Dennis Zine was accompanied by: Jose Martinez CD3 Field Deputy; Brian Perry, Councilman Zine’s Chief Legislative Deputy; Jon Kopitzke and Mary Bingham from the Aquatic Division of the Department of Recreation and Parks; and Bill Lee, Senior Architect, Architectural Division, Bureau of Engineering, Dept. of Public Works. Councilman Zine and Brian Perry led off the presentation followed by Bill Lee and Jon Kopitzke. After the presentation, many questions were fielded from the stakeholders present. A straw pole showed unanimous stakeholder support for pool design #1.

Motion by Ann Kinzle seconded by Garth Carlson for RNC to “Support Option I as presented but the RNC would like to see another presentation with complete drawings for RNC review in a few months.”

Motion passed with 11 years, 1 abstention

9. RNC Officers – Action / General Reports

(a) Peter Hankwitz, Chair: General Report

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

(b) Faye Nia, Vice Chair: General Report - Absent

(c) Lee Smith, Treasurer: General report, plus Finance Committee Report

i. Total Available funds.

1. General Account \$102,784.59
2. RNC Petty Cash - \$735.43
3. RNC Stored Value Care - \$1,047.29
4. Total \$104,567.31
5. Currently \$56,620.94 for projects leaving an available balance of \$47,946.37

ii. Monies spent since last meeting: Web Design \$596.20; Ink Cart \$29.22; Holiday Decoration \$3,050.00; Mailing to DONE \$4.02; Telephone/Internet \$88.55; Recording Secretary \$250.00; Laptop/Software \$954.94; Flyers \$10.83; Stamps \$8.40.

iii. Finance Committee did not meet. No requests for funding.

(d) Cary Iaccino, Secretary: General Report, plus Website Update

- Laptop is available for Committee Chair use.
- Website has been turned over to the Chair for review.
- Pictures or other information to be sent to Secretary.

10. RNC Committees – Action / General Reports

(e) Outreach / Public Relations Committee (Garth Carlson, Chair): General Report, plus Discussion and possible motion that all RNC Board members be required to submit articles or other information for the monthly RNC newsletter.

- No Spanish newsletters went out due to computer problems.

- 6500 English newsletters were printed and distributed.
- The graffiti flyer was inserted in the newsletters.
- Deadline for input for next newsletter is January 13, 2009.
- Need input for the newsletter from all Board Members.
- Outreach Committee did not meet due to lack of quorum.

Motion by Garth Carlson second by Cary Iaacino “That all RNC Board Members are required to submit articles or other information for the monthly RNC newsletter.”

Motion passed with 7 yeas, 2 nays, 3 abstentions

(f) Graffiti Outreach Sub-Committee (Garth Carlson, Acting Chair): General Report

- Graffiti Sub Committee meeting it was discussed the legality of forms to process to make Adopt a Wall a legal one.
- Next meeting will be January 26, 2009 in the RNC office.

11. Unfinished Business

- (a) Report on items that have been in the “allocation” column of RNC budget for an extended period of time. Open discussion on length of time that funds should be unspent. {Tabled Item 13(c) from December 15, 2008 General Meeting}

Item 11 (a) tabled until next meeting.

12. New Business

- (a) Big Sunday (May 2-3, 2009): Project ideas and brainstorming. What can the RNC do to make sure Reseda receives its share and accomplishes various goals? For more information or to volunteer, contact Phil Merlin, pmerlin@resedacouncil.org. Item 12 (a) tabled until next meeting.

- (b) Discussion of possible shuffling of committee membership and chair positions in order that a change in leadership and membership may allow for new ideas to emerge and more participation in 2009.

Item 12 (b) tabled until next meeting.

13. New Agenda Items for the next General Meeting of the RNC Board

- Jim Luis - Discussion regarding Board Members receiving Minutes from previous meetings before the next meeting.
- Ann Kinzle - Children’s Day in November 2009 needs more volunteers.

14. General Announcements and Upcoming Events

- (a) Los Angeles Police Department will provide Neighborhood Councils with \$1000 for the successful recruitment of new Police Department officers.
- (b) The City of Los Angeles has a \$1000 reward for any citizen whose assistance leads to the arrest and conviction of graffiti vandals.
- (c) Ann Kinzle - Children’s Day scheduled for November 21, 2009.
- (d) Phil Merlin - Graffiti posters a great deterrent to graffiti problem.

(g) Lee Smith -

- Acknowledgement to Barry Stone who was able to circumvent the Demand Warrant from \$4,000 to \$3000.
- \$1000 credit went to Sierra. Received an invoice for replacement lamps for \$151.00 and replacement of Unit \$427.00, which leaves a credit of \$420.00.

(h) Phil Merlin - Acknowledgment to Ann Kinzle who raised \$2000.00.

(i) Brian Perry - Thanked the Council for the time to discuss the pool.

(j) D. J. Frank - Received study regarding Dodgers Dream Field.

15. Adjournment at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maggie Shumaker