

Minutes of the Reseda Neighborhood Council - Board Meeting
Monday August 3, 2009
Reseda Neighborhood Council Office
18341 Sherman Way Suite 102, Reseda, CA 91335

1. **Call to Order** Secretary , Cary Iaccino, called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Phil Merlin
3. **Roll Call**
 - A. Roll Call - Present at the meeting were Cary Iaccino, Lee Smith, Anna Measles, Magdy Abdalla, Vahan Chaparyan, Garth Carlson, D. J. Frank, Noelle Guzman, Phil Merlin, Jerry Hill, Ann Kinzle, Timothy Mulholland
 - B. Absent was Peter Hankwitz, Faye Nia, Jim Luis
There were 12 in attendance and 3 absent. Quorum present.
4. **Introduction of City Employees and other visitors.**

None
5. **Public Comment and Announcements (Speaker Cards are requested.)**

Michael Cohen
Los Angeles Citizens Compensation Committee has been formed to put a Charter Amendment on the Ballot for November 2010.
Glenn Bailey - City of L.A. Bicycle Advisory Committee
DOT is not going to proceed with the proposed bicycle lane on Reseda Boulevard because of peak hour lanes on Reseda Boulevard.
Jessica Yas - Congressman Brad Sherman's Office
She introduced herself. She was recently hired. Her phone number is 818-501-9200.
6. **Review and Approval of RNC Minutes from:** General Meeting July 6, 2009, General Meeting July 20, 2009.

Item 6 was tabled until the next meeting.
7. **Presentation by Affirmed Housing Group:** Anna Scott, Project Manager.
Motion by Timothy Mulholland second by Ann Kinzle that RNC shall support the concept of the preliminary plan of a mixed-use development at 6625 Reseda Boulevard provided that the affirmed housing group makes a presentation to the RNC Planning and Zoning Committee.

Motion carried with 9 yeas, 2 abstentions
8. **RNC Officers – Action / General Reports:**
 - (a) Lee Smith, Treasurer: Treasury Report and Finance Committee General Report
 - i. Report

1. General Account - \$126,664.25
 2. RNC Petty Cash - \$770.65
 3. RNC Stored Value Care - \$1,047.29
 4. Total \$128,482.19
 5. Currently \$26,091.75 for projects leaving an available balance of \$102,390.44
- ii. A report was given on the Store Value Account and when the balance will be transferred back to the General Fund.
 - iii. All accounts are current.
 - iv. A new fiscal year started July 1, 2009.
 - v. DONE is a little behind in submitting payments.
 - vi. DONE is no longer called the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. The new name is Empowerment LA.
- (b) Cary Iaccino, Secretary: General Report
No report

9. RNC Committees – Action / General Reports

- (a) Emergency Disaster and Community Safety Committee (Timothy Mulholland, Chair)
- i. General Report -
The Reseda Emergency Disaster and Safety Committee’s Suggestion or Organizing Vital Records was presented.
 - ii. **MOTION FROM COMMITTEE:** The RNC shall allocate up to \$3,300 for 250 miniature safety bags for outreach subject to Finance Committee approval.
Motion carried by unanimous vote
- (b) Graffiti Outreach Sub-Committee (Garth Carlson, Chair): General Report
- A design is still needed for the \$1000 reward billboard.
 - The next Outreach Committee meeting is on August 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- (c) Outreach / Public Relations Committee (Garth Carlson, Chair): General Report
- National Night Out booth needs more volunteers on August 4, 2009 between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the RNC office.
 - Newsletters are available for distribution.
 - 5,000 English and 1200 Spanish newsletters have been printed
 - Newsletter will be distributed to 180 locations throughout Reseda.

- Next Outreach Committee meeting is August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the RNC office.
- (d) Youth Advocacy Committee (Garth Carlson, Acting Chair): General Report
- A Youth Program Directory currently has 24 pages in an 8 1/2 booklet.
 - Total amount of booklets requested is 21,000
 - Booklets should be ready by end of August 2009.
 - Next Youth Advocacy Committee meeting is August 5, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at the RNC office.
- (e) Planning and Zoning Committee (DJ Frank, Chair): General Report.
- Next Planning and Zoning Committee meeting is August 6, 2009.
- (f) Senior Advocacy Committee (Phil Merlin, Chair): General Report
- Senior Advocacy Committee was unable to confirm a quorum in time to get an agenda out.
 - A working meeting was held on August 3, 2009
 - A Senior Symposium is being organized with tentative date of January 30, 2010.
 - A Committee member from the Tarzana Neighborhood Council is attempting to confirm that they will also be funding the Symposium for a joint project between the two councils.

10. New Business

- (a) **Discussion:** Update on the LA River/Aliso Creek Project - Garth Carlson
- There was a meeting for final preliminary design for the project on July 29, 2009
 - There will be a bike path on the south side of the river.
 - There will be walking paths on both sides of the river, along Aliso Creek.
 - There is a plan for a park at the Y that's formed by the river and the creek.
 - Amenities will be provided.
 - A final design will be presented to RNC at the end of September 2009.
- (b) **Discussion:** Standards set regarding post Committee Meeting Agendas emailed within 24 hours. (Jim Luis)
- Item 10(b) was tabled until the next meeting
- (c) **Discussion and Possible Action:** Election of Acting Chair when the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent from General Meetings.

Cary Iaccino was nominated by Magdy Abdalla second by Phil Merlin as interim Chair when the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent from General Meetings.

Cary Iaccino was confirmed by unanimous vote.

11. Unfinished Business

- (a) **Discussion and Possible Action:** Prospective paid secretarial assistance candidate.

Motion by Cary Iaccino second by Phil Merlin the RNC shall hire Apple One to fulfill the secretarial assistance duties subject to Finance Committee approval.

Motion carried with 10 yeas, 1 nay, 1 abstention

- (b) **Discussion and Possible Action:** The Reseda Park pond has a filtration system that has not been working and some of the animals using this body of water have died recently. {Item 11.(a) held over from July 20, 2009 General Meeting}

11(b) was tabled until the next meeting

- (c) **Garth Carlson** - The deadline for By-law changes is September 1, 2009. A special meeting needs to be called to get the By-laws changed before the deadline.

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

None

13. General Announcements and Upcoming Events

- (a) National Night Out is at Birmingham High School on Tuesday August 4 from 5 PM to 9 PM.
- (b) Project Fatherhood flyers were available.
- (c) American Red Cross Blood Services needs volunteers
- (d) Camille Skipper Watson - Training Director with Jay Noland Community Services located in Mission Hills working is with people with autism and developmental disabilities. Logan's run Event is on October 10, 2009 a 10K, 5K, 1K.

14. Adjournment at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maggie Shumaker