

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (RNC)
Monday, March 15, 2010
American Legion Hall, 7338 Canby Street, Reseda, CA 91335**

1. Call to Order

Chair Cary Iaccino called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Magdy Abdalla.

3. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Chaparyan. Board Members present:

Cary Iaccino, Chair, At-Large

Daryt J. Frank, Vice-Chair, Business (late)

Lee Smith, Treasurer, At-Large

Vahan Chaparyan, Secretary, Residential

Magdy Abdalla, Sergeant-At-Arms, Residential

Anna Measles, Parliamentarian, At-Large

Garth Carlson, Board Member, At-Large

Juan Guzman, Board Member, Business

Noelle Guzman, Board Member, Residential

Phil Merlin, Board Member, Residential

Board Members absent: Jerry Hill, Board Member, At-Large; Ann Kinzle, Board Member, Business; Jim Luis, Board Member, At-Large; Timothy Mulholland, Board Member, At-Large; and Faye Nia, Board Member, Business.

Nine of the 15 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting. A quorum is eight or more, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Also attending were 23 Stakeholders and Guests.

4. Introduction of City Employees and other Visitors

Jose M. Martinez, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Three Councilman Dennis Zine (818-756-8848; Jose.M.Martinez@LACity.gov), distributed a "Student Safety Community in Action Meeting" flyer for their Thursday, March 18, 2010, 6:30 p.m. Meeting at Reseda High School; he described the event. Resource people for youth and the community will speak and answer questions; Spanish translations will be available. More than 100 people are expected to attend. Also, the "Senior Symposium" (213-252-3323), Saturday, March 27th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at OneGeneration Senior Enrichment Center [18255 Victory Blvd., Reseda], with "practical presentations and workshops . . . for seniors."

5. Public Comment and Announcements

There were no public comments at this time.

6. Review and Approval of RNC Minutes

Mr. Chaparyan requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item. All Minutes were received.

7. **RNC Board Administrative Matters**

There were no administrative matters at this time.

8. **RNC Officer – Action / General Reports**

Chair

Mr. Iaccino said there was no report.

Vice-Chair

Mr. Frank was not present and there was no report.

Secretary

Mr. Chaparyan said there was no report.

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance Committee

Mr. Smith reported that “all documents have been submitted” and he’s awaiting a response from DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] regarding various matters. The General Account started with (approximately) \$97,792; Petty Cash, \$866; Credit Card Stored Value, \$1,047; the Overall Total was \$81,705; Board-Approved Allocations were \$46,100; and the Balance was \$35,605. He reminded that no more petty cash is available and that the petty cash account “will be closing out.” The Finance Committee met; there’s one funding request: \$500 for the May 17th YMCA “Healthy Kids Day” booth.

9. **New Business**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Request for funding for “Reseda Cowboys Feed the Homeless.”

Adreena Thomas, Cowboys Board Member, and Cat Walton, Treasurer, distributed a “2010 Reseda Cowboys 04.04.2010 Feed the Homeless” handout describing the event and presented about it. Mr. Iaccino and Mr. Merlin explained the NC allocation process. Ms. Walton described the Cowboys as a “non-profit organization that deals with troubled youth . . . 400-500 children every year . . . keeping them off the streets . . . teaching them how important it is to give back to the community.” They expect 50-75 children to “be waiting on [homeless people] hand and foot” at the event. Ms. Thomas said the Cowboys work to teach children “good sportsmanship on and off the field . . . [they] provide a year-round sports program . . . Every single person is a volunteer.” Mr. Merlin explained that the NC “can’t give a donation” and described City allocation limitations. There was discussion regarding how funding could be allocated.

MOTION (by Mr. Merlin, seconded by Mr. Carlson): for the RNC to buy a one-page ad for \$500 in the Reseda Cowboys April 4, 2010 Feed the Homeless event program.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion regarding the NC outreach value, ability to allocate funds and the allocation mechanism. Ms. Walton assured that the Cowboys “would put [the NC] on” promotional material, including flyers, their website and the program guide. Ms. Thomas added that no children are turned away for inability to pay. Ms. Walton noted that some children have been playing with the Cowboys for years. Stakeholder Larry Bowman was concerned regarding homeless veterans and plans to support this program.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Chaparyan, seconded by Ms. Measles): to increase the allocation amount to \$1,000, pending Finance Committee approval.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION on the Amendment (by Mr. Iaccino). There were no objections.

AMENDMENT PASSED on a roll call vote with nine in favor and none opposed; Mr. Merlin abstained.

MAIN MOTION now reads: “for the RNC to buy a one-page ad for \$1,000 in the Reseda Cowboys April 4, 2010 Feed the Homeless event program, pending Finance Committee approval.”

DISCUSSION: There was discussion regarding the Outreach Committee effort.

MAIN MOTION PASSED on a hand vote; Mr. Abdalla abstained.

Mr. Iaccino encouraged contacting Mr. Carlson or Mr. Smith to begin the process. Mr. Carlson encouraged invoicing the NC.

10. RNC Committees Action

Outreach / Public Relations Committee (Garth Carlson, Chair)

i. RECOMMENDATION. [See below Motion.]

Mr. Carlson described the West Valley YMCA “Healthy Kids Day” and Pancake Breakfast.

MOTION (by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Measles): for the RNC to allocate \$500 to fund a booth at the Healthy Kids Day April 17th at the West Valley YMCA, subject to funding availability and Finance Committee approval.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Merlin noted that the allocation was already approved; 125 Pancake Breakfast tickets will be donated.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; Mr. Merlin abstained.

Planning and Zoning Committee (DJ Frank, Chair)

i. [See below Motion.]

Mr. Frank explained the project to convert the back of the property “into a takeout restaurant . . . The Committee unanimously approved the project and felt that it was an improvement.” It’ll be “serving Asian food. There’s not going to be any dine-in . . . The front of Reseda Blvd. will still be used for a beauty supply . . . The only entrance will be from the back alley . . . It’s a high-traffic area.”

MOTION (by Mr. Frank, seconded by Mr. Abdalla): to approve the change of use from retail to a takeout restaurant, and accompanying building façade improvement. (Change of Use and Façade Modification. 7217 Reseda Boulevard. Change of use from Retail to Take Out Restaurant, and corresponding façade modification. Case #DIR 2010-136 CDO).

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Frank). There were no objections.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote.

ii. [See below Motion.]

Mr. Frank explained that the project, to modify the facilities at five locations, “has to do with improving cellular phone coverage in Reseda . . . [It] passed out of Committee unanimously.”

MOTION (by the Committee): to approve the modification of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities at 19231 Victory, 8228 Yarmouth, 18756½ Kittridge, 18855 Victory, and the installation of WTF at 19145 Sherman Way and 17750 Sherman Way. (Installation and/or Modification of WTF. 17750 Sherman Way. 8228 Yarmouth. 18756½ Kittridge. 18855 Victory. 19145 Sherman Way. Installation of new WTF, or modification of existing facility. Case #'s za 2010 99, za 1993-735 cuz-pa2, za 1996-456, za 1999 3167 cuz paz, za 1999-3167-cuz).

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote.

iii. The RNC shall disapprove the division of the two lots into four, and instead recommends the two lots be divided into no more than three equal sized lots. (Request for lot split. 7401 Tampa Avenue. Preliminary Parcel Map to subdivide 2 lots into 4. Case # 2009-3058-CE*).

Mr. Frank explained that Item #iii will be postponed until the April 19th Meeting.

11. New Agenda Items

Mr. Smith noted a need to address the Budget to “possibly shift some dollars around.”

12. General Announcements and Upcoming Events

a) American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Reseda Summer of 2010.

Mr. Carlson announced the June 26-27 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Relay For Life at Reseda High School is seeking volunteers. It’s a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. There’ll be an outreach meeting at the RNC Office on the fourth Thursday night.

b) Big Sunday is on May 1st and 2nd (www.BigSunday.org).

Mr. Merlin announced the event and that he met with a SOCES (Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies) representative regarding a possible May 1st event. Also, the RNC and Tarzana NC are having the Senior Symposium on how “seniors . . . can take care of themselves . . . [and for] caregivers.” Pre-registration is needed. Mr. Iaccino reminded that the NC Election Candidate filing time is now; the website has information regarding the May 27th Election.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Iaccino declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:09 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.

Approved by Vahan Chaparyan