

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (RNC)
Monday, April 5, 2010**

RNC Office, 18341 Sherman Way #102, Reseda, CA 91335

1. Call to Order

Chair Cary Iaccino called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stakeholder Jim Diamond.

3. Roll Call

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

Cary Iaccino, Chair, At-Large
Lee Smith, Treasurer, At-Large
Vahan Chaparyan, Secretary, Residential
Anna Measles, Parliamentarian, At-Large
Juan Guzman, Board Member, Business
Noelle Guzman, Board Member, Residential
Jerry Hill, Board Member, At-Large
Phil Merlin, Board Member, Residential
Faye Nia, Board Member, Business

Board Members absent: Magdy Abdalla, Sergeant-At-Arms, Residential; Garth Carlson, Board Member, At-Large; Jim Luis, Board Member, At-Large and Timothy Mulholland, Board Member, At-Large.

Nine of the 14 Board Members were present at this time. A quorum is eight or more, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Also attending were 10 Stakeholders and Guests.

Mr. Iaccino announced the death of co-founder and long-time RNC Board Member and community activist Ann Kinzle and that there'll be a memorial service and mass in her honor April 10th at 9:00 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 18115 Sherman Way, west of Lindley Ave. Mr. Iaccino noted that no one can yet be appointed to fill Ms. Kinzle's Board seat because it's less than 60 days before the RNC Election. The new Board will be seated at the May 3rd General Meeting.

Board Member D.J. Frank, Vice-Chair, Business arrived later.

4. Introduction of City Employees and other Visitors

Stakeholders Don Sweeney and Shandra Daniels were introduced.

5. Public Comment and Announcements

Stakeholder Michael Cohen announced the June 8th State Election, including Proposition 15 regarding public financing that would help finance campaigns using lobbyists fees, not public funds and would start in 2012.

6. New Business

Don Sweeney, Director of Operations, Valley Cultural Center (VCC) (818.704.1358; Info@ValleyCultural.org; http://ValleyCultural.org), described that the VCC has free concerts at Warner Center and at the Madrid Theatre that are enjoyed by thousands every summer. Fundraising is down; they need help. They're a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Board Member D.J. Frank arrived at this time.

Mr. Merlin believed that the RNC may have a credit with the VCC from a 2009 Outreach event and explained the allocation procedure. Mr. Sweeney confirmed that other NCs have been asked for funding and that an event program and booth would be included for sponsors. Mr. Iaccino encouraged him to return after this is agendaized for another Meeting.

7. Review and Approval of RNC Minutes from General Meetings of February 16, 2010, March 1, 2010 and March 15, 2010

The following correction to the March 1, 2010 General Board Meeting Minutes was requested:

Page two, Item #6: "**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote" should read "**MOTION PASSED** by a unanimous hand vote."

MOTION (by Ms. Measles, seconded by Mr. Merlin): to approve the Minutes of the February 16 (as written), March 1 (as corrected) and March 15, 2010 (as written) General Board Meetings.

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.

8. RNC Officer – Action / General Reports

Chair

Mr. Iaccino had no report.

Vice-Chair

Mr. Frank reported that Ms. Nia will transfer RNC files to him.

Secretary

Mr. Chaparyan had no report.

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance Committee

Mr. Smith distributed an "[RNC] Account Balances as of 4/5/2010" worksheet and reported that the General Account started with (approximately) \$79,824; Petty Cash has been eliminated and is \$0; Credit Card Stored Value, \$1,047; the Overall Total was \$80,071; Board-Approved Allocations were \$45,653; there's a Balance of \$35,217 to spend by June 30th. The Committee will meet Monday, April 19th. He reviewed the maximum quarterly dollar amount for which an NC will be allowed to use the credit card and reviewed recent allocations. A little more than \$3,000 in allocations has been made so far this quarter and he cautioned to be careful about

budgeting. There was discussion regarding challenges and limits of allocating by credit card and Demand Warrant.

9. RNC Board Administrative Matters -- Review the RNC budget for possible allocation revisions.

Mr. Smith said the NC “needs to revise the budget . . . [He] suggest[ed] to up the \$3,500 in the budget to \$6,000 [in the “Assistant Secretary” category for additional work and which] includes Minutes writing.” Also, recently the Webmaster billed the RNC for \$4,000 for website upgrading.

MOTION (by Mr. Frank, seconded by Mr. Merlin): the RNC approves budget revisions for fiscal year 2009-2010 as follows: the “Secretary” line item budget is increased from \$3,500 to \$6,000 per year and the “Website” line item budget is increased from \$2,500 to \$8,000 per year.

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous hand vote.

10. A Vision for Reseda Town Hall – Possible Action/Approval for various expenditures and allocations. This Action is required to advance the previous allocation of up to \$18,000 that was approved by the RNC Board [11-16-09]. [This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #11.] Mr. Iaccino reviewed that “the Board approved \$18,000 for” a Town Hall Meeting and described the need to spend funds on the Town Hall or other projects. There was discussion regarding the allocation of funds.

MOTION (by Noelle Guzman, seconded by Juan Guzman): the RNC approves the proposed budget for the Reseda Town Hall on May 15, 2010.

DISCUSSION: There was extensive discussion regarding the substance, organization and scheduling of the Town Hall and the lack of progress on the Reseda Theatre project in regard to the CRA [L.A. Community Redevelopment Agency] and Revitalize Reseda and Reseda Blvd. development.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; Mr. Hill and Mr. Frank opposed.

11. RNC Committees – Action / General Reports

Emergency Disaster and Community Safety Committee

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

Graffiti Outreach Subcommittee

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

Outreach / Public Relations Committee

Mr. Frank reported that hand sanitizers were available.

Youth Advocacy Committee

Youth Advocacy Committee passed a motion to allocate \$500 in order to help the Magnolia Science Academy with their graduation ceremony.

Ms. Daniels from the Magnolia Science Academy [18238 Sherman Way, Reseda; 818- 609-0507; Reseda@MagnoliaScience.org;

http://Reseda.MagnoliaScience.org] described the program, from which students “like to be involved in Revitalize Reseda, Big Sunday, any events [the RNC] has . . . [Students] fundraised the majority of the money . . . to have a bigger place for their families to attend the graduation . . . [They’ve been] fundraising since June 2008 . . . [The NC] is invited to attend . . . [They’re] planning on having it at [a facility at] Hollywood [Blvd.] and Highland [Ave.] . . . \$4,600 is a good price [for the ceremony] . . . [Students] stayed from 6th grade to 12th grade . . . They’re all going to college.” Mr. Merlin was very supportive and noted the RNC “worked with them a year ago.”

MOTION (by Mr. Merlin, seconded by Noelle Guzman): the RNC shall allocate \$1,000 to the Magnolia Science Academy for their 2010 graduation ceremony.

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous hand vote.

Planning and Zoning Committee

Mr. Frank reported that the Committee did not meet, but he attended a project Hearing regarding a Reseda Ranch subdivision request that’ll be a Zoning Administrator decision. Mr. Diamond said that the developer “wanted a variance . . . [and] six, then four, then three lots . . . [at] the 7719 Wilber [Ave.] corner lot . . . [It’s] 325 feet long and 100 feet wide.”

Senior Advocacy Committee

Mr. Merlin reported that the [March 27th] Senior Symposium was attended by “over 200 seniors . . . a very large number of speakers . . . [had] a catered lunch . . . The Councilman [and] City Attorney were there . . . [It was] a resounding success . . . sponsored by the RNC and the Tarzana NC.” Ms. Daniels offered to refer volunteer students for future events.

Liaison Committee

Michael Cohen, Committee Member, reported that an NC Bylaws wireframe is being developed and a Mentoring Team is being formed. Budget Advocates were elected to liaison for NCs with the Mayor. He described City budget crisis challenges and that DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] will lose most of its staff.

12. Upcoming Agenda Items -- Any items the RNC Board would like to see taken up before the May 27th Election.

Mr. Iaccino noted that a Stakeholder will contact the RNC about an Item. Mr. Hill suggested creating a plaque in Ms. Kinzle’s memory and other ideas were offered.

13. General Announcements and Upcoming Events

Mr. Merlin announced the April 17th YMCA “Healthy Kids Day.” Anyone can attend; admission is \$4 and they’ll have all you can eat.

- (a) American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Reseda Summer of 2010
Stakeholder Helen Hatat described the June 26-27 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Relay For Life fundraiser at Reseda High School.
- (b) Big Sunday is on May 1st and 2nd
Mr. Iaccino and Mr. Merlin noted that SOCES (Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies) will participate.
- (c) RNC Election May 27th
Mr. Iaccino and Mr. Merlin noted that there're nine candidates so far. Mr. Merlin suggested and Mr. Iaccino agreed to agendaize having a Candidates Forum before the Election.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Iaccino declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes written by D. Levin, approved by V. Chaparyan.