

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (RNC)
Monday, May 17, 2010**

American Legion Hall 7338 Canby Avenue, Reseda, CA 91335

1. Call to Order

Cary Iaccino called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Merlin.

3. Roll Call

The roll call was taken by Secretary Chaparyan. Board members present:

Cary Iaccino
Daryt J. Frank
Vahan Chaparyan
Lee Smith
Anna Measles
Magdy Abdalla
Garth Carlson
Juan Guzman
Jerry Hill
Phil Merlin
Timothy Mulholland
Fay Nia

Board members absent: Noelle Guzman and Jim Luis

12 of the 14 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting, which is a quorum, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Also attending were Stakeholders and Guests.

4. Introduction of City Employees and other visitors

Los Angeles City Attorney William Larsen and City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation Supervisor of Solid Resources Valley Collection Division, Arman Martirosian was present.

5. Public Comment and Announcements

No speaker cards, no comments.

6. Review and Approval of RNC Minutes

The approval of the minutes from General Meeting April 19, 2010 and General Meeting May 3, 2010 was tabled.

7. CERT Training Presentation

What is CERT training, and what are its benefits to our Stakeholders?

In her presentation, Linda Pruett talked about the need to prepare for major natural disasters especially earthquakes. One way to prepare is to provide CERT training to the public. The CERT Training is provided free of charge by the Los Angeles Fire Department. More information can be found at CERT-LA.com

8. Sanitation Presentation

City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, West Valley District Recycling Supervisor, Arman Martirosian.

Mr. Martirosian talked about the problem of dumping bulky items in the streets. He stressed that by calling 311, the sanitation department will pick up the items. Mr. Martirosian also talked about people rummaging thru the trash cans. He said that it was a major problem because it causes people from not participate in the recycling program. This costs the city lots of money because the city is losing 5 to 10 tons of recycling items a year. The police department is aware of the problem and trying to tackle the problem. The other problem is that people leave trash containers out after the day of trash pick up. He reminded the board that there is a city ordinance on this and that the trash containers must be taken out of the street after the trash has been picked up.

9. Discussion and Possible Action

Crebs Ave Park Plan. The open area on the East bank of the Aliso Creek Wash could be a potential location for a future park. Presentation by Walter Hanna

Mr. Walter Hanna presented the idea for placing a park on the area of the east bank of the Aliso Creek Wash. This park will act as a beatification project for the area. It will clear the area so that homeless and other transients cannot hide there. Mr. Hanna is looking for funding and city approval for the proposed Crebs Ave. Park Plan. He will return in July for another presentation on the proposed park.

10. RNC Board Administrative Matters

Mrs. Nia announced that his was her last meeting. She thanked everybody and stressed that it was a pressure working with everybody.

11. RNC Officers – Action / General Reports

(a) Cary Iaccino, Chair – Time Yielded

(b) Daryt J. Frank, Vice Chair General Report – Time Yielded

(c) Vahan Chaparyan, Secretary: General Report – Time Yielded

(d) Lee Smith, Treasurer: Treasury Report/Finance Committee General Report
i. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Presentation and review of the Preliminary 2010/2011 RNC Budget

Mr. Smith gave the report of the budget and asked the board to start thinking about the possible allocation for the up coming budget for the year 2010/2011. Mr. Smith passed out sample budgets as a starting point.

12. **New Business**

(a) **RNC Committee Action:** Planning and Zoning Committee (DJ Frank, Chair)

- i. RECOMMENDATION: 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)**

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The motion passed with 9 votes in favor, 2 votes against, and 1 abstention.

- ii. RECOMMENDATION: The RNC shall approve the zone change at 7627 Etiwanda from RA-1 to RD3-1 and construction of 5 single family homes on the condition that there be garages measuring a minimum of 20 feet by 20 feet and 1 guest space per house. **(Request for Zone Change and Creation of Small Lot Development. 7627 Etiwanda Avenue. Change of zone from RA-1 to RD3-1. Construction of 5 Single Family Houses on a 16,800 square foot lot. Case# APSCV-2007-2824-ZC)**

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The motion passed with 7 votes in favor, 4 votes against, and 1 abstention.

(b) **RNC Committee Action:** Emergency Disaster and Community Safety Committee (Timothy Mulholland, Chair)

- i. RECOMMENDATION: The RNC shall approve \$3,000 for two 8-hour day CERT1 training. {Tabled item 11(d) from May 3, 2010 meeting}.

The proposed allocation of \$3,000 would go towards paying for food, vests, hats, and rental of the facility. After some further discussion, the following motion was proposed by Mr. Mulholland with a second by Mr. Abdalla:

“The RNC shall approve up to \$2,000 for two 8-hour days of CERT1 training subject to Finance Committee approval.”

The motion passed with unanimous approval.

- (c) **Discussion and Possible Action:** How should the issue of sidewalk repair in the City of Los Angeles be handled?

After some discussion on the topic of sidewalk repair, the following motion was proposed by Mr. Merlin with a second by Mr. Mulholland:

“The RNC strongly disapproves of the adoption of any point of sale ordinance regarding sidewalk repair in the City of Los Angeles.”

The motion passed with 10 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

13. Upcoming Agenda Items

An agenda item for street resurfacing will be added for the mid June meeting.

14. General Announcements and Upcoming Events

- (a) American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Reseda Summer of 2010
- (b) RNC Elections May 27th
- (c) National Night Out August, 2010

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 by Mr. Iaccino

Minutes submitted by Vahan Chaparyan