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Council File Number: 09-0600-s159

Agenda Date:

Item Number: All future dates appropriate

Brief Summary: Minutes of corresponding Arroyo Seco Board action opposing repossession of neighborhood council rollover funds, and further reduction of per-council allotments for 2010-11, as required for CIS submitted 2/24/10

Additional Information:

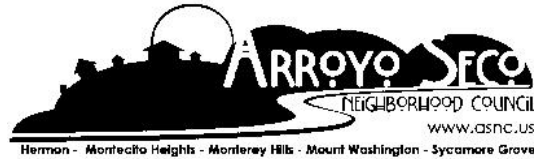
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**ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

MONDAY, February 22, 2010 -- 07:00PM TO 09:30PM

MONTEREY ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE CENTER

Ramona Hall, 4580 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90031

Supporting documentation for this meeting can be found at:

<http://www.asnc.us/2010-archives/0210archives.htm>

I. CALL TO ORDER (Hank Shaeffer, presiding)

Meeting called to order at 07:15 PM.

ROLL CALL (Martha Benedict, substituting for the secretary)

Present: Martha Benedict, Michael Blatt, Anthony Guida, Robert Hawkes, Judy Knapton, Mark Legassie, Robert Rakauskas, Joseph Riser, Hank Shaeffer, Jerry Schneider, Paula Sirola, Ann Walnum.

Excused Absences: Scott Folsom, Glenda Lubelsky, Tom Marble, Ernie Sanchez, Lacey Wagner

Unexcused Absences: Pablo Lopez

A Quorum was established.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT - tabled in consideration of the Secretary's absence

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

No public officials or representatives were present.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Mark Legassie) - taken out of order in deference to Item VII-3.

Mr. Legassie announced that \$20,000 in encumbered funds (17 open projects) are in jeopardy, depending on budget decisions to be made by the City.

Mr. Legassie requested that the Treasurer's report be approved. So moved by Joseph Riser, seconded by Paula Sirola. Motion approved: 13 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions.

VI. ACTION ITEMS. Finance Related

1. **STATUS OF OUTSTANDING ASNC DEMAND WARRANTS** The Treasurer announced that a report from DONE had been promised regarding four outstanding demand warrants, i.e., Audubon, Mt. Washington Schools, North East Trees, Cleland tree abatement. No report from DONE was received.

2. **BUDGET REVISION** - Revision of budget from \$52,000 back to \$45,000 based on DONE's Jan 2010 decision not to accept any budget changes pending a review of rollover and NC fund balances. Also discussion of impact and possible transfers from other budget categories to partially cover the loss.

Joseph Riser moved to transfer \$1500 from local issues and \$2000 from stakeholder communications to go to community projects. Seconded. Passed 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining.



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4. CIS STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED NC BUDGET CUTS [Joseph Riser]

Moved to oppose City Council No. 09-0600-S159 that would remove nearly two-thirds of the funds available to councils. Seconded and approved unanimously.

5. ELECTION PROCEDURES [Joseph Riser]

Moved to allocate \$6500 for Election Outreach to print bulk mailed postcard to stakeholders. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining.

VII. ACTION ITEMS. Non-Finance Related.

1. TNR AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES [Mark Legassie]

Draft letter presented to request that the City resume funding for Trap-Neuter-Return programs. Hank Shaeffer proposed to alter the letter to make the request within legal parameters. Joseph Riser moved to accept the letter in principle with Mr. Shaeffer's input. Motion passed as amended 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining.

2. COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION SIGNS FOR SYCAMORE GROVE [Lacey Wagner]

RESOLVED that the ASNC supports the installation of community identification signs for the ASNC community of Sycamore Grove and will communicate that support to local elected officials. Mr. Riser suggests adding the phrase, "in accordance with the ASNC bylaws." After discussion, the amendment is added. Motion passes 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining.

3. ENDORSEMENT OF ACQUISITION OF 7 LOTS ALONG "DIRT BURNELL"

(Taken out of order) Daniel Marliss of the Mount Washington Homeowners Alliance presented the case for urging the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) to add certain lots along an unimproved portion of Burnell Avenue to Elyria Canyon Park. After discussion it was moved to add ASNC as a supporter of the draft letter to SMMC. 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining.

VIII. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

1. Local Issues.

- (a) Hermon
- (b) Montecito Heights
- (c) Monterey Hills
- (d) Mount Washington
- (e) Sycamore Grove

2. Communications and Outreach (Joseph Riser)

3. Environment (Jerry Schneider)
4. Community Garden (Paula Sirola)
5. Public Safety (Mark Legassie)
6. Rules and Elections

IX. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

1. LANCC (Ann Walnum)
2. MW ELEMENTARY MULTIPURPOSE ROOM (Ann Walnum)
3. FRIENDS OF SOUTHWEST MUSEUM (Ann Walnum)
4. ANIMAL WELFARE
5. DWP - Jerry Schneider

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Joseph Riser suggests there be Liaisons to adjacent Neighborhood Councils
2. Next step on Sycamore Grove signs.



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3. Future meeting dates and locations (Hank Shaeffer) - March 22, April 26 and May 24, 2010 at 07:00PM, Ramona Hall Community Center.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M



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Council File Number: 09-0600-S159

Agenda Date:

Item Number: Items 2 and 5 (on Special Council Meeting of 2/18/10)

Brief Summary: The ASNC opposes the combined impact of this motion, which repossesses an average \$18,000 per council in critical rollover funds while also slashing 2010-11 allocations by half. This immediate, effective loss of nearly \$40,000 per council (leaving less than \$25,000 next year), makes the "shared sacrifice" for certified councils so much greater than that of most City entities -- including some not even mandated by the voter-approved City Charter.

Additional Information: Neighborhood council action take Monday, Feb. 22, and the agenda is attached. This CIS was unanimously approved; draft minutes verifying council action will take several days to complete, but will be uploaded here as soon as available.

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A G E N D A

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** Roll call. Chair's Comments (Hank Shaeffer, 5 minutes)
- II. **SECRETARY'S REPORT.**
 1. Reminder that visitors provide names/business cards to secretary.
 2. Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2010 Meeting.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** Comments from stakeholders, the public and the Board on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (limited to two minutes per speaker/ sign speaker card before meeting.)
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES**
 1. CD-1
 2. CD-14
 3. OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
 4. OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS
 5. DONE/BONC
 6. CITY CLERK
- V. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** (Mark S. Legassie)
- VI. **ACTION ITEMS.** Funding Requests and Related Matters.
 1. STATUS OF OUTSTANDING ASNC DEMAND WARRANTS Discussion of outstanding demand warrants which have been submitted to D.O.N.E. but remain unpaid. [Mark Legassie]
 2. BUDGET REVISION - Revision of budget from \$52,000 back to \$45,000 based on DONE's Jan 2010 decision not to any budget changes pending a review of rollover and NC fund balances. Also discussion of impact and possible transfers from other budget categories to partially cover the loss."
 3. CIS STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED NC BUDGET CUTS Moved that the ASNC communicate to City Council through a "Community Impact Statement" (CIS) filing, its opposition to currently pending motions (Krekorian - Hahn - et al)



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09-0600-S159. In several steps, these motions seek over the next 16 months to remove the vast majority of funds available to neighborhood councils for operations, outreach, and community improvement – including funds already promised in past years but not yet spent (so called “rollovers”). It includes \$1.6 million from past years, much of which may be encumbered by promises made by neighborhood councils as City entities, as well as half of the current per-council allocation rate of \$45,000. The combined takebacks and future cuts will result in an effective removal of nearly two-thirds of the funds available to councils, compared to the pre-2009 allocations, and make the neighborhood council system’s “shared sacrifice” under L.A.’s current budget crisis several times the “share” being taken from any other City function. [Joseph Riser]

4. ELECTION PROCEDURES. Discussion of ASNC Election Procedures including level of incumbent participation, applicable “term limit” rules, and outreach efforts to increase candidate filings and stakeholder participation. Motion to allocate up to \$6,500 from the already budgeted Outreach areas: a) “Election & ballot mailings” and, b) “Stakeholder communications” to create and mass-mail a postcard to all stakeholder addresses in the ASNC area. [Joseph Riser]

VII ACTION ITEMS. Non-Finance Related.

1. TNR AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. Discussion of the lawsuit ending the city’s participation in Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) programs and the resulting status of such programs supported by the ASNC – tabled from January meeting. A motion will be offered in favor of continuing TNR programs. [Mark Legassie]
2. COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION SIGNS FOR SYCAMORE GROVE. RESOLVED that the ASNC supports the installation of community identification signs for the ASNC community of Sycamore Grove and will communicate that support to local elected officials [Lacey Wagner].
3. ENDORSEMENT OF ACQUISITION OF 7 LOTS ALONG “DIRT BURNELL” . RESOLVED that in keeping with past full board and Mt. Washington Local Issues Committee positions opposing a proposed development along the unpaved portion of Burnell Street adjacent to the Elyria Canyon Park, the ASNC supports the acquisition of this available property for use as open space and for consolidation into Elyria Canyon Park and that this support shall include sending a letter to elected officials endorsing Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council’s letter dated February 9, 2010. [Joseph Riser, Jerry Schneider, Paula Sirola]

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2. Communications and Outreach (Joseph Riser)
3. Budget and Finance (Mark Legassie)
4. Environment (Jerry Schneider)
5. Community Garden (Paula Sirola)
6. Public Safety (Mark Legassie)

VIII. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS. (10 minutes)

1. LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS COALITION (Ann Walnum)
2. MW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM (Ann Walnum)



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3. FRIENDS OF SOUTHWEST MUSEUM (Ann Walnum)
4. DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL WELFARE (Lezle Stein, thedogtrainer@hotmail.com, 323-225-6700)

IX. **NEW BUSINESS** (Committee referrals and/or future Board agenda items). (10 minutes)

1. Comments from the Board on subject matters within its jurisdiction, and suggestions for future agenda items.
2. Future meeting dates and locations (Hank Shaeffer)

Next meeting date: March 22, 2010 at 07:00PM, Ramona Hall Community Center.

X. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Funding requests: Unless otherwise stated in the approved motion, any funds appropriated for community projects as a result of this meeting's actions: (1) will be drawn from the 2009-10 ASNC budget; and, (2) under ASNC standing rules, expenditure of any such funds must begin within 6 months or the appropriation will automatically lapse.

The public is requested to fill out a "**Speaker Card**" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived or adjusted in the interest of fairness, by the presiding officer of the Board. The agenda is posted for public review at Mount Washington Elementary School Bulletin Board, Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center, supermarket at Avenue 45 and Figueroa Street, art gallery at 4108 N. Figueroa Street, Montecito Heights Senior Center, Montecito Heights Recreation Center; adult day healthcare center at Avenue 60 and Monterey Road, as well as the ASNC's official Website at www.asnc.us, and distributed via the ASNCAlert Yahoo Group (opt-in E-mail listserv). As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting Naheed Qureshi, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment Project Coordinator, at (213) 473-5391.

Process for Reconsideration: The Board may reconsider and amend its actions on items listed on the agenda in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

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