

Minutes of the Regular General Board Meeting of the  
Reseda Neighborhood Council

Monday, April 1, 2019

Reseda Neighborhood Council Community Space, 18118 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335

- I. **Meeting called to order** by Board President Anna Measles at 7:09 PM.
  
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Board member Tracy Forrester.
  
- III. **Roll Call – In attendance**, making a quorum: Anna Measles, Priscilla Anchondo, Sharon Brewer, Robert Vogel, Martin Buonora, Maggi Espada-Hernandez, Yassmin Flores, Tracy Forrester, Joe Phillips and Connor Vassallo. **Not in attendance:** Jeffrey Minter, Sarah Williams, Nicole Choder and Gilbert Juarez.
  
- IV. **Introduction of City Employees and other visitors:**
  - A. **Mayra Valadez**, Field Representative from Assembly member Jesse Gabriel’s office, addressed the meeting to announce an upcoming event. On Saturday, April 6, 2019, from 10 AM to 1 PM, in partnership with the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission, the event is “Fill the Truck” at The Promenade at Westfield Topanga. They will be accepting gently used clothing and household items for distribution to the homeless.
  - B. **Semee Park**, Director of Neighborhood Council Operations, addressed the meeting to announce upcoming events including a League of Women Voters class on How to Speak on Difficult Subjects and Board Orientation Trainings in May and June.
  
- V. **Public Comment:**
  - A. **John DeVincent**, from the LA Tenants Union, submitted a Speaker Card but will speak during the presentation.
  
- VI. **Announcements:** (No announcements)
  
- VII. **Presentations:**
  - A. San Fernando Valley Local of the LA Tenants Union  
John DeVincent, spokesman for the union, explained that the LA Tenants Union has 9 chapters in the Los Angeles region and spoke on what the San Fernando Valley Local does. He also explained that the San Fernando Valley local is looking for a new meeting space as their space in Van Nuys is no longer available. Their meeting is held on two Wednesdays every month from 7 to 9 PM, plus they provide public workshops from time to time. Anna Measles, RNC President, suggested he submit his request through the Community Space Committee and meet with them.

## VIII. Officer Reports:

### A. President

We have been told emphatically not to use our personal email for RNC use. We now have new RNC email accounts, all business will be conducted through them.

### B. Vice President (no report)

### C. Secretary (absent)

### D. Treasurer

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

### E. Parliamentarian (absent)

### F. Sergeant-at-Arms (no report)

## IX. RNC Committee Reports

### A. Outreach and Public Relations – Sarah Williams

Garth Carlson reported on the RNC Newsletter on behalf of Sarah Williams. The April edition has been printed and is ready for distribution.

### B. Planning and Land Use Management – D.J. Frank

There will be no meeting in April. The next Meeting is Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### C. Finance Committee/Grant Proposal – Sharon Brewer (will report later in the agenda)

### D. Disaster & Emergency Services/Community Safety—Garth Carlson

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### E. Youth & Senior Advocacy – (no Chair, no report)

### F. Economic Development – Garth Carlson

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### G. By-laws & Standing Rules – D.J. Frank

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### H. Health & Wellness – Maggi Espada-Hernandez

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. They will be planning their next “Reseda Fit” Event.

### I. Mobility & Environment – Joe Phillips

The Chatsworth Nature Preserve would be open for its annual Earth Day Open House on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and CSUN will have an Earth Day Fair on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### J. Homelessness Advocacy – Jeffrey Minter (no report)

K. Community Space – Robert Vogel

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

L. Ad Hoc Education – Gilbert Juarez and David Yakerson

David Yakerson reported that he has had no response from Gilbert Juarez and that he cannot move forward with the committee without him.

M. Ad Hoc Election – Priscilla Anchondo

There will be an RNC Candidates' Forum on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 PM in the RNC Community Space. All candidates for the next election will be there to introduce themselves and talk about how they want to help Reseda. All RNC board members should also be there to meet these prospective team members. The next committee meeting will be on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

X. **Business: all items may have discussion and possible action**

A. Approval of Minutes

1. January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019
2. February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019
3. March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019
4. March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**All minutes were tabled until next meeting.**

B. Discussion and possible action to allow the use of the Reseda Neighborhood Council Community Space for the San Fernando Valley Local of the LA Tenants Union's Bimonthly Meeting.

**This item was sent to the Community Space Committee for review.**

C. Discussion and possible action regarding Homelessness Advocacy Committee's recommendation:

1. To host the West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness Informational Fair on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at ONE Generation.

**This item was postponed until Jeffrey Minter can be present to discuss it.**

2. To change the name of the Homelessness Advocacy Committee to the Homeless Advocacy Committee.

**This item was passed by unanimous vote, 10, 0, 0, and referred to the By-laws & Standing Rules Committee to make it official.**

D. Discussion and possible action to set the schedule of regular meetings.

**This Item was tabled.**

E. Discussion and possible action regarding the Finance Committee's recommendation:

1. To approve February 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

**This item was approved by a roll call vote: 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.**

2. To approve AppleOne invoices totaling \$346.50 (minute taker) for the following (4) RNC General meetings: 10/01/18 \$92.40; 11/05/18 \$92.40; 11/19/18 \$69.30 and 12/03/18 \$92.40.

**This item was approved by a roll call vote for the total 4 invoices of \$346.50: 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.**

3. To add Priscilla Anchondo to the Finance Committee.

**This item was passed by unanimous vote, 10, 0, 0.**

F. Discussion and possible action regarding the Community Space Committee's recommendation:

1. To approve up to \$200.00 for the purchase of (2) 5# ABC Fire Extinguishers including delivery, installation and tax.

**This item was approved by a roll call vote: 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.**

2. To approve up to \$960.00 for the purchase of a double tier chair storage rack including shipping and tax.

**This item was approved by a roll call vote: 9 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain. (Anna Measles yes, Priscilla Anchondo yes, Sharon Brewer yes, Robert Vogel yes, Martin Buonora no, Maggi Espada-Hernandez yes, Yassmin Flores yes, Tracy Forrester yes, Joe Phillips yes, Connor Vassallo yes)**

## XI. Upcoming Agenda Items

1. What's the status of the holiday lights?

XII. **Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, April 15, 2019 at 7 PM in the RNC Community Space.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.**