Mission Hills Neighborhood Council
Minutes
September 2, 2010

(Members, Fred Ginsburg, Jerrilynn Paley, Joyce Sipes, Tuesday Sipes, Young Lee, John Samuelson, Irma Chaidez not present. David Guzman, Randy Kuluva, Joseph Chicas absent)

The meeting of the MHNC was called to order at 6:45 p.m. at the Mission Hills Police Department Station by Vice Chairman, Fred Ginsburg.

Attendance was taken and it was noted that Patricia Aidem (secretary) of the board has resigned and that there is a vacancy. Joyce Sipes volunteered to step in as interim secretary until this position could be filled. The board unanimously approved the appointment.

Acting Senior LAPD, Mission Hills Station, Lead Officer Philip Ruiz presented his report. He provided information on the Lock it, Hide it, Keep it. Program that is to encourage everyone not to leave anything of value in their car that would entice someone to break in. He also informed us that the Special Enforcement Patrol of the LAPD has flooded problem areas where crime is up. As a result, the numbers of crimes in these areas have decreased. Officer Ruiz with regret informed us that he will no longer be assigned to the council as the reporting officer as this was only a temporary position. It is unknown at this time who will be assigned to provide reports to the MHNC.

Budget and Finance Committee, Chairman Fred Ginsburg, presented the Treasurer’s Report. He informed us that DONE rejected the approved budget for 2010-2011. The reason for the rejection is DONE is requesting that all rollovers and Demand Warrants be itemized. Fred provided the updated budget showing the itemization as requested by DONE. He noted that the budget remains exactly the same with the exception of the itemization. The total Budget for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 remains $55,884. The budget was approved and will be resubmitted to DONE.
Fred asked for any new members to join him on this committee. Young Lee volunteered to sit on this committee.

Zoning and Land Use-Chairman Jerrilyn Paley reported two big projects coming to our community:
First, Facey Medical is coming up at the end of their lease and have purchased the vacant Verizon building located on Sepulveda between Rinaldi and San Fernando Mission Boulevard. Drawings were presented to the Zoning and Land Use Committee. Everyone is encouraged to go online and take the survey in regards to this development.
Next issue is the vacant lot at 10635 Woodman Avenue. The property has been purchased and they are requiring a Zone Variance Hearing. The development will include 28-1 bedroom rentals, a two-story church, a multipurpose room and a 55 foot bell tower. A special meeting of the Zoning and Land Use Committee will be held on September 23, 2010 at San Jose Elementary School. Again it was reiterated to go to the website and take a survey.

Public Safety: Joseph Chicas was absent. A member of the board present summed up everything officer Ruiz and reported. It was also brought to the attention the graffiti problem on the exit signs leading to Mission Hills. Manny from councilman Alarcon’s office will be calling Cal-Trans to see about removing.

Betty Ley: Providing information on CPAC and asked for volunteers on October 13, 2010 from 5:30 am to 7: p.m. to help with Officer Appreciation Day. She mentioned that they intend to have a theme of the 50’s and have classic cars present. She presented the board with a certificate of appreciation for our participation with National Night Out.
**Outreach**- Nothing to report. Joyce Sipes utilized this time to inform all present that the new phone number for the board is (818) 902-2361. She also informed that answering service can only accept messages and provide dates of upcoming meetings and events as provided by the council.

Manny Figueras, representing Councilman Richard Alarcon, provided information on the water ordinance. Hand out provided. He also informed up of an upcoming meeting with DWP and encouraged all to participate. Hand out provided.

It was mentioned that the Fire department is declaring September as National Preparedness Month. Hand out was available.

**New Business**

The board unanimously approved in one vote the revisions to the new budget submitted by treasurer Fred Ginsburg.

Re-Approval of the proposed 2010-2011 Mission Hills Neighborhood Council fiscal year budget (the budget specifics are posted online for stakeholder review). The new version incorporates the Roll-over along with outstanding expenditures from last Fiscal Year. No impact/changes to this year’s budget, but DONE has asked for this revision.

The board unanimously approved in one vote the allocation of $450 dollars to send an informational mailer to 1000 stakeholders to inform them about the Azyrian Church proposal at 10635 Woodman Avenue.

Motion to allocate a grand total of $450.00 dollars to send to an informational mailer to 1000 stakeholders to inform them about the Azyrian Church proposal at 10635 Woodman Avenue. The boundaries covered are the following: from 118 to Devonshire (north to south) and from Arleta Avenue to Lemona Avenue (east to west) a map and draft of the mailer has been given to your for reference. Amendment: If it is feasible in terms of deadline & space to include the survey in the upcoming newsletter, that would be an alternative to this separate mailing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.