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A G E N D A**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010 · 07:00PM TO 09:30PM
RAMONA HALL COMMUNITY CENTER**

4580 North Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90031

Supporting documentation for this meeting can be found at:

http://www.asnc.us/2010-archives/-01-January/_0110archives.htm

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** Roll call. Chair's Comments [Tom Marble, 5 minutes]
- II. **SECRETARY'S REPORT.**
 1. Reminder that visitors provide names/business cards to secretary.
 2. Approval of Minutes of November 23, 2009 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. PET ADOPTION BENEFIT. [Category: Festivals & Events] – Motion to allocate up to \$1500 in community project funds to support the "Adopt a Valentine" pet adoption benefit on Feb 13, 2010 at the North Central Animal Shelter (3201 Lacy St). Money will be used to purchase canopies, tables, chairs, tablecloths, skirts, prizes, games, spinners, raffles and water. \$500 also being requested from Atwater Village NC and \$1500 from Census 2010. [Wendi Riser & Mark S. Legassie, Friends of Hermon Dog Park]
 2. ELECTION EVENT. [Category: Communications & Outreach] – Motion to allocate \$1,200 for costs and publicity to hold a special event at Ramona Hall in conjunction with the ASNC's election in order to attract voters.



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3. "2010 SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS" GANG REDUCTION PROJECT. [Category: Safety] – Motion to allocate \$2500 in community project funds to support the 2010 Summer Night Lights Gang Reduction project in Northeast LA. Sponsored by the Mayor's Gang Reduction and Youth Development Office, this program keeps local parks open after dark and provides free food and activities for at-risk youth. [Approved by the Public Safety Cmte on 1/16; Request Originator: Mark S. Legassie, Public Safety Cmte Chair]
4. AVENUE 50 STUDIOS SECURITY CAMERA. [Neighborhood Purposes Grant] – Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$477.81 for the purchase and installment of security system for the non-profit organization Avenue 50 studios. The breakdown is as follows: \$187.86 Security System \$ 89.95 Video Capture for Mac, \$200.00 Installation charges = \$477.81 Note: Ave 50 Studios will reimburse the ASNC \$187.86 for the cost of the camera upon receipt of the NPG grant, and this NPG will resolve the issue with DONE (purchase of equipment for private property). [Mark S. Legassie]

VII. ACTION ITEMS. Non-Finance Related.

1. ELECTION PROCEDURES. Approval of ASNC Election Procedures as proposed by the City Clerk, with changes (from December meeting). Requires Board Action. [Rules and Elections Cmte]
2. CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT. Request that all ASNC Local Issues Meetings held between now and the election on April 29 include time for candidate recruitment and voter information to promote participation. [Rules and Elections Cmte]
3. VOTING BY PRESIDENT. Report by Tom Marble (Rules and Elections) on motion to amend Standing Rules or Bylaws to enable the President to vote on ASNC business, and action as appropriate. [Joseph Riser]
4. FY11 BUDGET SURVEY. Motion to approve the following categories and descriptions for use in the FY11 community project budget survey, which will be included with the election voting materials [Approved by the Budget & Finance Cmtee on 1/16; Request Originator: Mark S. Legassie, Treasurer]:

ASNC Budget Categories (in reverse alphabetical order)

- 1) **Safety** – e.g. gang violence reduction, emergency preparedness supplies, neighborhood watch signs, public transportation issues.
 - 2) **Recreation** – e.g. playground equipment, skateboard parks, bike path & trail maintenance, organized hikes, hobbies and fun recreational activities, bird-watching, bike rides
 - 3) **Health** – e.g. free flu shots for the poor, health fair, poop bag dispensers, exercise equipment, banner for new low-cost community clinic, advertisements to promote drug-free living.
 - 4) **Festivals** – e.g. limited-duration festivals and events for the public (and not referenced elsewhere on this list)
 - 5) **Environment & Beautification** - e.g. energy conservation, recycling, tree/flower planting & maintenance, graffiti cleanup, community gardens, roadside cleanup, park beautification improvements.
 - 6) **Education** – e.g. equipment for schools, after-school and summer programs, school supplies, school capital improvements (field trips not allowed).
 - 7) **Culture & Arts** – e.g. display case for museum, cultural landmark preservation, equipment for dance/art studio, permanent art display (does not include limited-duration events)
 - 8) **Animal Welfare** – e.g. stray animal rescue, pet adoption events, spay-neuter programs, low-cost vaccinations, micro-chipping
 - 9) **Other** : ____ (let voters fill in their own)_____
5. ARROYO SECO PARKWAY UPGRADES. Consideration and possible adoption of Statement outlining recommendations for the design and construction process for the upgrades now under way. [Recreation, Culture and The Arts Cmte]

In December Caltrans held an informational meeting about the upgrades to the Arroyo Seco Parkway to be constructed over the next two years. Although everyone appreciates the project's safety improvements, some of the information alarmed attendees, especially those responsible for arts and recreation facilities and stakeholders concerned with preserving the historic character of our area.

These people came together in the recent meeting of ASNC's Recreation, Culture and the Arts Committee to develop a consensus on changes to Caltrans plans that are urgently needed. Elected state officials must be informed as soon as possible to intervene. This is a brief summary.



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Construction Process – The freeway will be divided into four segments and each one will be closed for five consecutive weekends, starting at 10 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Monday. Only one northbound lane will be open to traffic. That means for 20 weekends, the primary north-south artery will be disrupted with detours.

- REQUEST: One southbound lane must also be open.
- REQUEST: Firm dates for the weekend closures must be disclosed.
- REQUEST: Specific weekends must be excluded from closures.
- REQUEST: Details of the equipment staging area must be disclosed.
- REQUEST: Shuttles, free Gold Line service be provided.
- REQUEST: Graffiti control must not be left to the contractor as a low priority.

Design – The project design was conducted with minimal community input. Since the Arroyo Seco Parkway, unlike other freeways, has historic significance to the area, a more meaningful design must be implemented with respect to local character.

- REQUEST: Caltrans has a specific historic light fixture standard on record for the Parkway. Caltrans must modify its plan to use that fixture.
- REQUEST: Center median design needs to adhere to historic local style with an articulated surface to discourage tagging and reduce noise.
- REQUEST: Side barrier facing of broken concrete must adhere to the 1940s style of the Parkway with a variety of color stains.
- REQUEST: Side barrier fencing must be optimized for the viewshed within the limitations of safety.
- REQUEST: On/offramps must not be capped with impermeable hardscape and must include landscaping appropriate to the area as a first priority.

The Recreation, Culture and The Arts Committee moves that the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council support this appeal to State officials in order to guide Caltrans to meet the needs of our stakeholders.

7. TNR AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. Discussion about the lawsuit ending the city's participation in Trap, Neuter, and Release programs and the resulting status of such programs supported by the ASNC [*Ann Walnut*]
8. MODIFICATION OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS. Discussion of Parking Restrictions on Mount Washington [*Mount Washington Local Issues Cmte*]

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. Budget and Finance (Mark S. Legassie)
4. Environment (Jerry Schneider)
5. Recreation, Culture, and the Arts (Martha Benedict)
6. Community Garden (Paula Sirola)
7. Public Safety (Mark S. Legassie)
8. Rule and Elections (Tom Marble)



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9. Report on Mayor's Budget Workshop (Paula Sirola)

IX. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS. (10 minutes)

1. LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS COALITION (Ann Walnum)
2. MW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM (Ann Walnum)
3. FRIENDS OF SOUTHWEST MUSEUM (Ann Walnum)
4. DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL WELFARE (Lezle Stein, thedogtrainer@hotmail.com, 323-225-6700)

X. 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 [*Tom Marble for Hank Shaeffer*]

Next meeting date: February 22, 2010 at 07:00PM, in Ramona Hall, 4580 North Figueroa, Los Angeles, CA 90031.

XI. 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.

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all members the Board of Representatives in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the neighborhood council Website by clicking on/visiting the link at the top of the agenda, or at the scheduled meeting.



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