

NORTHRIDGE EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2006

1. Call to Order 7:15 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Charles Bunnell and Joe Nam were absent.
3. Approval of the February minutes. (Baker/Dwiggins)

Agenda:

1. **CSUN response to Councilmember Smith and the NENC on the Draft EIR for the Campus Master Plan (Envision 2035).** Tom Baker began the discussion with some history of the EIR process and the public meetings that were held at the university. He shared some responses to questions from the NENC, mainly focusing on traffic/transportation issues.

Phyllis Winger, Planning Deputy to Councilmember Smith, announced that the EIR was on the agenda of the CSU Board of Trustees on March 14 and 15. Hannah Lee of the Smith office was present at that meeting to read the Councilman's letter to the BOT which encourages the university to mitigate the impacts outlined in the LA-Department of Transportation's letter in response to the EIR. Copies of the Councilman's letter were distributed. Specific impacts such as traffic lights, street markings, and crosswalks were discussed. Ms. Winger reported that the Council Office requested an opinion from the City Attorney's Office and was told by that office that the university, as a state institution, is prohibited from providing mitigations on city property. The CA's Office will continue to explore this issue, as will the NENC and the Council Office.

The university did not respond positively to the NENC request for a committee to work with the university on Envision 2035.

There was discussion on funding for traffic mitigations. Councilmember Smith is seeking funding for this purpose. There will be ongoing dialogue with the university.

2. **Northridge Park-Salute to Recreation; Jasmine Dowlatshahi.** Ms. Dowlatshahi presented an overview of the three-day family festival. This year's theme will be Partnerships with the City. Neighborhood Councils can sponsor portions of the event. There was discussion on what that financial commitment could be. Parks and Recreation expects up to 100,000 people to attend over the three days. On the Sunday of the festival, there will be an area specified for neighborhood councils to have tables, display their banners and provide information. This was determined to be an excellent outreach opportunity. Ms. Dowlatshahi will advise the board of specific dollar amounts after an internal planning meeting is held.

3. **Election Procedures:** Don Dwiggins provided an update on election procedures. Upcoming deadlines are: candidate forms can be submitted beginning March 15, but no later than the candidate information session on May 17. Write-in candidates can submit after May 17, but no later than 5 p.m. on June 10. A final candidate forum will be held on June 21, with election day being June 25, from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m.

4. **New Fire Station 87:** Mr. Marty Prager provided an update for traffic and noise control associated with the new fire station to be constructed. It is scheduled to be completed in August/September of 2007. There has been an on-going dialogue with Chief Robert Rose. LAFD's first priority is public safety, so sirens are necessary but if traffic isn't an issue when they leave the station, flashing lights will be used instead of sirens. Traffic signals and traffic volume is an on-going subject of discussion. Councilmember Greig Smith's office and LA-DOT will be active participants in the decision-making process. Mr. Prager hopes to include the North Hills West NC as well. Captain Rose and Councilmember Smith will be invited to attend NENC's April meeting. Thomas Baker will follow-up with John Bwarie and Marty Prager.

Board Member Reports: The annual Walk, Run and Roll event will be held on April 29 at CSUN to benefit The Center of Achievement for the Physically Disabled. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils is hosting a planning/land use seminar on Thursday, May 11, from 5:30 until 9:00 at CBS Studios. Sunday, May 7 is the Mayor's Day of Service. North Hills East is participating and will focus on Reseda High School. Steve Patel provided the Treasurer's report.

Public Comments: Michael Tou from Congressman Sherman's office reported that the Congressman will hold a Town Hall on Sunday, March 26, at Reseda High School from 2:00 until 3:30 p.m.

John Bwarie from Councilmember Greig Smith's office reported that there will be a clean-up on Saturday, April 1; a music education festival at Rancho Cordellero on Saturday, April 8, (bring musical instruments to donate); Citrus Sunday on April 9, take citrus fruits from your yard to your local fire station. The fruit will be delivered to local food banks; household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, April 22 at CSUN, Lassen/Lindley; alert John if you are interested in visiting the ATSAC facility in May; the Council Office is looking for suggestions from constituents to improve traffic mobility on a policy level; Adopt-A-Street Program—the NC can select an area to clean or pay to have cleaned.

Stakeholder Jerry Dinowitz announced AYSO-North Hills Soccer team will be competing in the National Championships in Chicago. The team is fundraising for transportation/housing costs for the trip.

Pat LoPresti requested an update at the April meeting on the two fraternity houses located on Halsted at Etiwanda.

Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. **The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2006.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Nutter
Acting Secretary
March 17, 2006

