

Minutes of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Wednesday December 21, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Patel at 7:05PM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the students of Our Lady of Lourdes School.
3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum – Present: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Peter McCarty, Jay Draiman, Alice McCain, Lucille Meehan (In at 7:09pm), Steven Ramirez, Kelly Lord, and Amir; Absent: Nestor Fantini (Excused), Stephen Hubbard (Excused), Brittney McCarthy (Excused) and Darren Hause (Excused)
4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Jay Draiman, and Kelly Lord.
5. Approval of Minutes:
Mr. Patel made a motion for the NENC to approve the Minutes of the September 6th meeting and the November 16th meeting. MOTION PASSES by unanimous vote.
6. Comments from Public Officials: *On Vacation/No Report*
7. Public Comments –
Dennis D'Alfonso, CSUN – Goal to make valley more bicycle-friendly by connecting east & west valley via bike lane on Devonshire between Reseda and Hayvenhurst; *ITEM #19 is taken out of order to discuss at this time (See ITEM #19)*
8. Treasurer's Report – The Board is looking for volunteers for Treasurer's Secretary
Mr. Dwiggins made a motion for the NENC to submit Purchase Card Application, 2nd by Mr. Draiman. MOTION PASSES unanimously.
Mr. Dwiggins made a motion for the NENC to pay \$205 to Robin Kellog (Re: Public Relations), \$300 to Aaron DeVandry (Re: Website), and \$250 to Wayne Adelstein (Northridge Vision), and \$150 monthly to Northridge Woman's Club (recurring monthly), 2nd by Ms. McCain. MOTION PASSES unanimously.
Mr. Dwiggins made a motion for the NENC to submit Quarterly Reconciliation to DONE for September 1st Quarter, 2nd by Mr. Lord. MOTION PASSES unanimously.
9. New Board Appointments and Executive Committee (for clarification from last month)
 - Don Dwiggins appointed as Treasurer
 - Alice McCain appointed as 1st Vice President
 - Amir K. appointed as Youth Representative
10. Open Board Seats (2) (Mr. Patel)
The Board is looking to fill (2) Open Board Seats; Anyone interested, living within boundary can apply by emailing their bio.
11. Elections NENC Survey 2012 (Mr. Dwiggins)
Survey Question #1:
Mr. Dwiggins made a motion to select NO (Are you willing to postpone elections until 2014, as determined by the City's 2011-2012 Budget and Administrative Code restrictions placed on the City Clerk?), 2nd by Mr. Lord. MOTION PASSES unanimously.
Survey Question #2:
Mr. Dwiggins made a motion to select not to contribute a limited amount of funds but to cover the full cost and no town hall-style elections, 2nd by Mr. Lord. MOTION PASSES unanimously.

Survey Question #3:

Mr. Dwiggins made a motion to select Independent Elections Administrator, 2nd by Ms. McCain. MOTION PASSES unanimously.

Survey Question #4:

Mr. Dwiggins made a motion to select At-Polls Elections, 2nd by Mr. Amir K. MOTION PASSES unanimously.

Survey Question #5 (Comments): *No City Clerk involvement.*

Stakeholders are encouraged to visit NENC website for a link to take this survey online to review and share feedback.

12. Update on DONE's meeting (Mr. Patel)

Confirmed Wesley Kramer issue, vendor overcharged, proposal to rectify sent to DONE and they rejected it; To meet with vendor and find out what was charged and what work was done and pass a motion; Executive Board is on that committee by default within 30 days request physical meeting; Mr. Lord to reach out to Mr. Kramer by the next Agenda Setting Meeting, cc Mr. Dwiggins; DONE has been invited on this committee.

13. Holiday toy drive – Mr. Ramirez

Collecting for “Toys for Tots” at Porter Ranch WalMart by Friday December 23; Thanks go out to Mr. Ramirez for all of his work, see photos of the event on the NENC website

14. Redistricting motion by NC's (Mr. Draiman)

Mr. Draiman made a motion to designate Roscoe the southern boundary (removing the section south of Roscoe & Balboa into Encino) incorporating all of West Hills into CD12, and keeping eastern boundary at the 405 Freeway and western boundary at Topanga, in a draft to be sent to redistricting, 2nd by Mr. Lord. MOTION PASSES unanimously.

15. Sidewalk Easement (Ms McCain)

Glenn Bailey reports on current status of the City's proposed ordinance on the responsibility of sidewalk repair, which is still in debate.

16. Support of the VA - sober living conversion (Mr. Lord)

For clarification, NENC is not in support of the conversion of the VA to a sober living home.

17. P Card activation – *Approved (See ITEM #8)*

18. Approval of November minutes – *Approved (See ITEM #5)*

19. Bicycle lanes - Smart planning not a crusade - (Mr. Draiman)

Mr. Dwiggins suggests the Board create a Transportation Committee; Steve Patel appoints Dennis D'Alfonso as Chair, with Ankur Patel and Kenneth Dahmen, to begin the Transportation Committee; Mr. McCarty suggests working in conjunction with CSUN's existing Transportation Committee and recruit CSUN's Urban Studies & Land Use students to join; Mr. Patel suggests adding safer smart routes, i.e. from CSUN to Northridge Mall and from elementary schools to parks, using side streets as opposed to major streets; Dept. of Transit offers free bike racks in front of businesses, with free installation, and ideas are presented to utilize them as NENC outreach ads

Glenn Bailey – Urges NENC to support the community's cyclists and CSUN's plans to improve the area's infrastructure of alternative transportation; CSUN plans to install a bike lane on Lindley Ave. north to Devonshire, which would connect to the proposed Devonshire bike lane. Mr. Draiman suggests investigating the amount of use and

strongly urges adding a condition to allow roads to be returned to their original state or for use on weekends only if not used enough, to help ease traffic.

Mr. Draiman made a motion for the NENC to support the implementation of a bicycle lane on Devonshire between Hayvenhurst and Lindley, 2nd by Mr. McCarty. MOTION PASSES unanimously.

20. Congressional Candidate Forum (Mr. Patel)

Ms. McCain made a motion to support the Congressional Candidate Forum, 2nd by Mr. Dwiggins. MOTION PASSES unanimously.

21. By Laws revisions proposal ~ *Item Tabled*

22. VST (Volunteer Surveillance Team) Presentation

Mr. Lord made a motion to allocate funds of up to \$250 (if funds are available) to Volunteer Surveillance Team, 2nd by Mr. Amir K. MOTION PASSES unanimously, with one abstention.

23. Standing Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee Update (Treasurer)

b. Environmental Committee (Mr. Dwiggins)

1. LA Green Machine—Possible Endorsement of Proposal “Ban on Plastic Bags” ~ *Item Tabled*

2. Sierra Club—Possible Endorsement of Proposal “Beyond Coal Initiative” ~ *Item Tabled*

c. Land Use Committee (Mr. Dwiggins)

1. Appointment of New Chair – **Mr. Dwiggins resigns as Chair; Mr. Patel appoints Mr. Lord as the new Chair of the Land Use Committee; Mr. Lord accepts, and vote is unanimous.**

2. 18342 Halsted—Update: *42 Unit condo at Halsted & Reseda to come before the PLUM Committee in January*

3. Sidewalks – Update (*See ITEM #15*)

d. Outreach Committee (Peter McCarty) – Mr. Amir K. volunteers his assistance to help create a blog for NENC Outreach.

24. Other Committee Reports

a. Northridge Vision Committee Update (Steve Patel) – Northridge Vision working with CSUN Vision; new Bus Depot at CSUN; Upcoming Vision 2035 presentation by Colin Donahue in January or February.

b. Education Committee (Karen Green stepping in for Nestor Fantini) – Looking for teachers in the area (Grades 5 – 12) to participate in Invent for Life training; Next Education Committee meeting March 6.

25. Revision to NENC Bylaws by DONE (Mr. Dwiggins) ~ *Item Tabled*

26. Other Business Items

VST (Volunteer Surveillance Team) offers to match NENC’s donation of \$250, and is willing to help the project with manpower.

27. Adjournment

Mr. Patel made a motion to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Mr. McCarty. MOTION PASSES unanimously.