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ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD

Steve S. Patel – President
Alice N. McCain – 1st Vice President, Membership
Peter J. McCarty – 2nd Vice President, Outreach
YJay Draiman – Secretary
Don Dwiggins – Treasurer



ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Open
Nestor Fantini
Open

Open
Lucille Meehan
Steven Ramirez

Kelly M. Lord

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Brittney McCarthy – CSUN Faculty/Staff
Open – CSUN Student
Ahmer Qureshi – Youth



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

Making Northridge a Better Place to Live, Work, Play and Learn

Minutes of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Wednesday February 15, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Patel at 7:07 PM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the students of Our Lady of Lourdes School.
3. Roll Call (Mr. Draiman) – Determination of Quorum – *Present: Steve Patel, Alice McCain, Peter McCarty, Don Dwiggins, YJay Draiman, Nestor Fantini, Kelly Lord, Brittney McCarthy, and Steven Ramirez (in at 7:27pm); Absent: Lucille Meehan (excused), Ahmer Qureshi (excused), Stephen Hubbard (resignation accepted by Mr. Patel, work not allowing time to fully participate) and Darren Hause (resignation accepted by Mr. Patel, no longer a student of CSUN).*
4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation (Mr. Draiman) – *Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, and YJay Draiman.*
5. Approval of Minutes (Mr. Draiman) – **NENC approved the Minutes of the January 18th, 2012 meeting. MOTION PASSES (by unanimous vote).**
6. Comments from Public Officials (Mr. Patel) –
 - a. CD12/Councilmember Mitch Englander's Office, Field Deputy Semee Park – All “pot shops” in CD12 have been closed; Councilmember will remain Chair of Public Safety Committee, Vice-Chair of Budget and Member of Planning & Land Use; 2nd Non-profit Summit, a workshop “Strategies for Recruiting and Mobilizing Volunteers” on Mon. 3/12/12 from 10am-12pm at Child & Family Guidance Center; Informational Public Safety Meeting now at Devonshire Police Station; Museum of San Fernando Valley Public Art Program Art Walk tentatively on 4/20/12, a joint CSUN Neighborhood Council event, looking for coordinator; For more information on any events, contact (818) 756-8501
 - b. 40th District/Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield's Office, Field Representative Rosalba Gonzalez – Assemblymember pushes to make college affordable for middle-class families; CALCPA & Congressman Howard Berman's event open to the public “Dollars & Sense” workshops on financial planning, saving, investing, tax cuts on 3/16/12 at 6:30pm at Van Nuys State Building; Flyers distributed on locations to prep taxes for free, such as North Valley Occupational Center; For more information on any events, contact (818) 904-3840; Assembly Bill (AB) 1500 and AB 1501 will be added to next month's agenda for further discussion, possibly with speakers.
 - c. CSUN, Brittney McCarthy – Harry Hellenbrand announced as Interim president, Board of Trustees has appointed a committee to search for new President, to be announced sometime in March, with the expectation to possibly start at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1; Cut through driving to be eliminated by installation of remote hydraulic bollards operated by tram and emergency vehicles; CSUN's Dept. of Police Services to encourage driver and pedestrian safety by urging all to drive the speed limit, wear safety belts, and by not using cell phones; Performances at Valley Performing Arts Center include Sat. 2/11 Jazz & World Music Ramsey Lewis with Nnenna Freelon, Sat. 2/18 Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet Moulin Rouge-The Ballet, Thurs. 2/23 Wroclaw Philharmonic Orchestra, all performances at 8pm; New Student Recreation Center opened in January by students who voted to tax themselves to build the building, if you are a member of the Alumni Association you can become a member of the Recreation Center (you do not need to be an alumni to become a member of the Alumni Association); For more information on any events contact (818) 677-2123
7. Public Comments (Mr. Patel) – *No comments*
8. Treasurer's/Finance Report (Mr. Dwiggins) – *Wesley Kramer issue of which certain invoices were not turned in to DONE, causing them to incorrectly assess overbilling, has been reviewed and billing accurately justified, all invoices approved and included in spreadsheet reflecting work beginning in 2006. All related documents to post on site under Public Documents, and will be turned into DONE to allow Board to close those related quarters, returning to good financial standing.*
Mr. Draiman made a motion to approve the invoices billed for as justifiable (totaling \$5,155.99) and confirm that the work was done by Wesley Kramer, seconded by Mr. McCarty. MOTION PASSES (7-0-1 abstention by Mr. Fantini, who was not on the Board at that time).
Pending financial expenses to be discussed by the next Agenda Setting Meeting, and at the next Finance Committee meeting, which is held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the Rec. Room of the Northridge Recreation Center.
9. New Board Openings (Mr. Patel) – (4) New Board seats/positions open. *If interested and living within boundary, please*

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make the effort to attend meetings, submit bio, and get in touch with Board Members after meetings.

10. Update on DONE's Retreat (Mr. Patel/Mr. Dwiggins), Board Approval of Wesley Kramer billing (Mr. Draiman) – Still coordinating with involved parties, as DONE has said this may take two meetings to complete; dates to be presented at next Board meeting.

11. Redistricting Update by NC's (Mr. Draiman) – Proposed map of CD12 presented, to be finalized.

12. Sidewalk Repair (Ms. McCain) – Bureau of Street Services is to report back in 120 days to the City Council on the options for repair of sidewalks and the Board of Realtors continues to fight.

13. VA Status & volunteers (Mr. Lord) – 5 Veterans have been named as plaintiffs in the case; Mr. Patel suggests opponents speak on the issue at the upcoming Congressional Debate on 4/12/12 at the New Valley High School on Balboa between 7-9pm; Mr. McCarty urges them to compile talking points and strategy.

14. Update removal of 9 yellow benches on Reseda Blvd. (not the ones at bus stops) – If each NC can maintain existing benches, Bureau of Street Services will not pick them up; estimate to re-powder coat and re-install at approx. \$200 each, total commitment of \$2,000 for 10 benches in Northridge East

15. a. Sewer charge rate increase – Bureau of Sanitation proposed a gradual 10-year rate increase to compensate for the underfunding of infrastructure and impact of environmental laws, rep. to team up with a rep. from DWP to explain and give an inventory, possibly with Fred Pickle; b. Green Vets LA – logo on bags – More info to come, speaker to be invited; c. LA Rain-gardens – Tree People and LA DWP are proposing a new program to collect rainwater; d. Smoke-free Air For Everyone (“S.A.F.E.”) – Speaker to come next month, with possible motion to support

16. CSUN cut thru traffic (see Item 6c)

17. Standing Expenditures Approval (Treasurer, Mr. Dwiggins) – Demand warrants for operating expenses will still be honored by DONE.

a. Rent, Northridge Woman's Club, \$150 monthly; b. Email, Gmail, \$827 once a year; c. Telephone, 1 & 1, up to \$50 quarterly; d. Web, Aaron Devandry, \$100 monthly; e. Food, Greet & Meet, \$150 monthly; f. Minute Taker, Gabriella/AppleOne Services up to \$200 monthly; g. Ad, Decisions Publications, \$250 monthly

Mr. Dwiggins made a motion to approve funds listed above (Items 17a-17g), seconded by Ms. McCain. MOTION PASSES (by unanimous vote).

18. Standing Committee Reports –

a. Environmental Committee (Mr. Dwiggins) – No update

b. Outreach Committee (Mr. McCarty) – Goal to access Twitter for outreach purposes

c. Northridge Vision Committee Update (Mr. Patel) – Initiating efforts on the future of “University Village”

d. Education Committee (Mr. Fantini) – Youth Pledge of Allegiance Project to continue; “Invent for Life” event coordinating with local NC's; Education Forum postponed to 5/15/12 at new location of Darby Elementary, with speaker; Website to be created for Education Committee, funded by the committee

e. Land Use Committee (Mr. Lord) –

1. 18342 Halsted – Update request for approval by Ms. Jodi Wood, representing City Homes Corp., of Case #71664: Vesting Tentative Track Map 71664, 18432-18452 Halsted St. Project: Zone change request from RA-1 to R3-1 for a 43 unit condo building. 4 story over parking garage, which includes density bonus units with 4 set aside for very low income. Requesting a height increase and density bonus increase, parking reduction included in density bonus, also removal of 15' line incidental to VTT 71644. – No update, presentation possibly next month

19. Status of 2012 NC Elections (Mr. Dwiggins) – DONE now responsible for conducting NC Elections, more info to come

20. Adjournment (Mr. Patel) – **Mr. Lord made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Draiman. MOTION PASSES (by unanimous vote). Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.**