

Minutes of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

1. Meeting called to order by President Steve Patel at 7:10 PM

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Patel

3. New NENC Board Swearing In:

- a. Spencer Schmeli
- b. Glenn Bailey
- c. Jack Harriman

4. Selection of Officers/Executive Board – Glenn Bailey accepts nomination of Interim 2nd Executive Vice President of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council

5. Re-vote on all Motions from August 15th agenda due to lack of quorum at August meeting (YJ Draiman)

- a. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report from August 15, 2012 meeting:
 1. Prior Month Exp: \$0
 2. Current Balance: \$37,000
 3. Committed Funds: \$0
 4. Un-committed Funds: \$37,000
- b. Motion to approve Standing Expenditures from August 15, 2012 meeting:
 1. Rent: \$150/mo Northridge Women's Club
 2. Web master: \$100/mo Aaron De Vandry
 3. Minute taker; Apple Services up to \$200/mo
 4. Ad: \$250/mo Decisions publications ¼ page (or consider Facebook or other options)

Glenn Bailey made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report and Standing Expenditures from August 15, 2012 meeting, seconded by YJ Draiman.

MOTION PASSES

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- c. Motion to approve \$500 for disaster preparedness & \$200 for cost of food for October 6th event held at LAFD #87

Kelly Lord made a motion to approve funding for disaster preparedness event, seconded by YJ Draiman.

MOTION PASSES

(12-0-0)

- d. Motion to approve Bike Lane Proposal presented by Glenn Bailey at August 15, 2012 meeting

Kelly Lord made a motion to approve Bike Lane Proposal, seconded by YJ Draiman.

MOTION PASSES

(12-0-0)

- e. Motion to approve Outreach Promotional Giveaway for up to \$1000 for Water bottles

Kelly Lord made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for Water bottles for Outreach Promotional Giveaway, seconded by Alice McCain.

MOTION PASSES

(12-0-0)

6. Open Board Seats: Candidate presentation & Consideration (S Patel) – At Large Rep position available

- a. Roland Foshay – Has been very active in the community as a surveyor and served on many neighborhood councils. Has been in the Northridge East Community for 47 years. Would be available to serve on board (retired).
- b. Chris (Did not provide last name) – Born and raised in the Valley and CSUN graduate. Was very involved at CSUN and would like to get involved with the council. Has not

been involved with board or councils previously. Started a Katrina fund at CSUN and raised nearly \$15,000 for Katrina victims. Currently a full-time lighting technician however job would permit time to devote to council.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to appoint youth rep Amher Qureshi at September 19th meeting due to restrictions in by laws, seconded by YJ Draiman.

MOTION PASSES

(12-0-0)

7. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum – Present: Steve Patel, Alice McCain, Don Dwiggins, YJ Draiman, Amher Qureshi, Kelly Lord, Nestor Fantini and Ankur Patel; Absent: Lucille Meehan

8. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation (S Patel) – None seen, none heard.

9. Approval of Minutes – August 15, 2012 (YJ Draiman)

Glenn Bailey's correctional comments not incorporated in August 15, 2012 minutes.

Steve Patel made a motion to approve August 15, 2012 minutes with the amendment that Glenn Bailey's comments be incorporated and re-submitted for next month's meeting, seconded by YJ Draiman.

MOTION PASSES

(12-0-0)

10. Comments from Public Officials: CD12, DONE, LAPD, LAFD

A. Unknown - Would like those who went to CSUN transit center and would like to continue working on transportation projects within the city. No legislative update. Cancelled votes for October. Congress will be back in session the week after Veteran's day.

B. Sammy Park – Councilman has asked LAPD to report back to the safety committee to give updates on the False Alarm Program. Program charges alarm companies for any false alarms that are set off and recovers the costs of sending an officer out to investigate. One fee will be waived if offender takes an online course on how not to trigger a false alarm. Needs a maintenance agreement signed and would like to request the board add to next month's agenda. Would also like to encourage board members to get involved with Devonshire Division such as VST or Neighborhood Watch. Pasta Dinner fundraiser for Devonshire Division, Friday, October 19 from 5 – 7:30p. \$8, all you-can-eat pasta and proceeds will go towards Devonshire Division.

11. New Board Member Training & Development (S Patel) – Scheduled same day as disaster preparedness event. Would like to request that the board reschedule training at a later date. Glenn Bailey advises board of conflict with Region Land 2 elections. Would like to make a request that DONE reschedule October 6 new board member training & development meeting.

Steve Patel made a motion to reschedule new Board Member Training & Development training, seconded by Kelly Lord.

MOTION PASSES

(12-0-0)

12. Election process debrief and lessons learned –

Ankur Patel -It's always good to get a longer head start. Felt like it was fairly successful and reached a lot of people. Felt like the Facebook Ads, lawn signs and water bottles were successful. Takes full responsibility for the postcards not arriving on time. Mike the vendor is working with Post Office to have money for postcards refunded.

YJ Draiman – Date of election was a problem because of the holiday and a lot of people could not exercise their right to vote. In the future would like to make a motion that no Saturday election be held.

Don Dwiggins – Would like to request that DONE be permanently responsible for holding future elections.

Glenn Bailey – The neighborhood council did vote for the vote by mail option but did so after the deadline. In the future council must meet deadline. The decision about the actual date of the election was done by all the neighborhood council's within the region and won by a majority.

Steve Patel – One major issue that needs to be addressed is the website. I am in favor of keeping DONE as the election officiator.

13. Approval of Election expenses and vendors (A Patel/ D Dwiggins) – Need to submit form for encumbered election funds. Total expenditures are \$8160.91. Funds encumbered up to 10,000 to cover expenditures.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to approve the expenditures for \$860.91 for the election with the amendment that this information be provided on the website in the future, seconded by YJ Draiman.

MOTION PASSES

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14. Treasurer’s Report – Don Dwiggins –

- a. Prior Month Exp \$132.33
- b. Current Balance \$36,867.67
- c. Committed Funds \$0
- d. Un-committed Funds \$36,867.67

Dwiggins – Working on resolving issue with Apple One regarding \$199.24 in charges made to Northridge East Council from previous fiscal year on behalf of Encino Neighborhood Council. Glenn Bailey suggests board make a request to Apple One to refund charges because it was Apple One’s mistake.

Kelly Lord made a motion to credit overcharges back to Northridge East Neighborhood Council account, Spencer Schmeli seconded.

MOTION PASSES

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Glenn Bailey makes a suggestion that all details are worked out in the budget finance committee and written report be provided.

15. Standing Expenditures Approval – Don Dwiggins –

- a. Rent: \$150/Mo Northridge Woman’s Club
- b. Webmaster: \$100/Mo Aaron DeVandry
- c. Minute Taker, AppleOne Services up to \$200/Mo, plus May 1, 2012 minutes
- d. Ad: \$250/Mo Decisions publications ¼ page

Glenn Bailey makes a suggestion that instead of the AD being static, the neighborhood council take advantage of that AD and use it for updates. Believes council needs to get its money’s worth.

Mr. Dwiggins made a motion to approve (4) Items (15a-15d), seconded by Kelly Lord. MOTION PASSES

(12-0-0)

16. PALS Funding Update (D Dwiggins / K Lord)– No other way to get funding other than through city council. Made obligations to PALS police activity lead supporters to fund flagpoles and invoices came 2-3 years later.

Public Comment – Neighborhood Council needs to approach Councilman’s office.

Glenn Bailey suggests put on next meeting agenda under NPG for this project.

Item Tabled until next month’s meeting.

17. Valley Disaster Preparedness Event (Oct. 6 Update, Steve Patel) - Disaster Preparedness event will be held October 6 at 11a at the LAFD #87. Will be sending out E-blasts for event. Expecting 600-900 people and nearly 25 vendors. Bringing Disaster awareness tot the community and Partnering with 9 other neighborhood councils. Having a bad stuffing day on October 5 and would like to request the board buy pizza for participants. **Kelly Lord made a motion to fund \$50 for food for the youth participating in bag stuffing event, Ankur Patel seconded.**

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18. Northridge Community Plan Update (Glenn Bailey) - The Northridge community plan is the city’s land use plan for Northridge and 35 throughout the city and this is one of them. The city set aside text policies and maps to show land uses allowed by the city threw zoning. Recent court decision that stated zoning needs to be consistent with the plan but just because it’s shown in the community plan it does not mean it will be zoned. Other things happening in the community that are not covered under the zoning act. Would like to request that the Northridge East Website provide a link to

community plan on the website. The last community plan text was done in 1988 and needs to be reviewed and renewed. The city is going through updating various community plans now including 2 in the Valley. I have asked where Northridge stands on the waiting list and I haven't gotten a response. Doesn't believe they have a schedule yet for all 35 plans. Would also like to create a PowerPoint presentation that shows what maps look like. Some of the issues and policies is something we should look at the Northridge community deals with.

19. Congress of Neighborhoods 9/22/2012 – City Hall – Public and neighborhood councils are invited to attend workshops. Location: City Hall, September 22 at 8 a.m.

20. Sidewalk repair – transfer of liability - 3 year, \$10 million dollar study. No update as of now but will come back to the committee in November.

21. LADWP Rate increase update – Going to council next week. Rate payer has been approved with a 2 year plan in place.

22. Measure R (tax for public transportation) update – None seen, none heard.

23. Prop. 37 (Mandatory Labeling on genetically Engineered Food) update – Would like to see presentation from a non-supporter of proposition.

Item tabled until next month's meeting.

24. Bike Lane Proposal – CSUN – Lassen – Zelzah to Lindley Lindley – Halsted to Lassen (G Bailey) – Bike lanes are down to Zelzah and Lassen. Requested DOT to study installation on Lassen Street between Zelzah and Lindley because it would be a service to North end of campus. At a meeting and had a discussion with the university about what was going to be done on the East side of Lindley. Possibility of doing one bike lane southbound on the west side between Lassen and Halsted because parking is not allowed there anymore. A bike line would guarantee cars wouldn't park there anymore. Would like to make a request to the council that it request DOT make continuation of bike lane on Lassen between Zelzah and Lindley.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to add bike lane proposal to next month's meeting agenda, Don Dwiggin seconded.

MOTION PASSES

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25. Today's economic condition and its impact on our community. Community Comments – YJ Draiman – Good.

26. NENC Board retreat – Sept/Oct. – Steve Patel would like to request a November date. Glenn Bailey suggests a less formal setting and on a Sunday afternoon. Patel - Haven't had a retreat in several years and believes they are very helpful. Suggests to raise a motion next month.

27. Board Member Workshop – City Planning Great Streets – City is looking to raise the city transfer tax from \$4.5 per thousand to \$9 per thousand. It is still in committee and might reach the ballot.

28. Adjournment – MEETING ADJOURNED (by unanimous vote) at 9:18 pm.