

**Minutes of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting
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Wednesday, December 19, 2012

- 1. Meeting called to order by President Steve Patel at 7:06 PM**
- 2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Patel**
- 3. Roll Call** – Determination of Quorum Present: Steve Patel, Alice McCain, Don Dwiggins, YJ Draiman, Kelly Lord, Nestor Fantini, Glenn Bailey, Ankur Patel, Amir Kuroshi, Roland Faucher, Steve Ramirez. Absent: Lucille Meehan, Spencer Schmeli, Jack Harriman
- 4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation** – Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Glenn Bailey and YJ Draiman all participated in agenda setting meeting. **Steve Patel made a motion to relinquish Alice McCain’s position as an executive board member.**
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- 5. Approval of minutes – November 2012**
Glenn Bailey suggests that personal notes not be included in the minutes before being posted on the website.
Steve Patel made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes.
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- 6. Comments from Public Officials** – No public officials present.
- 7. Public Comments – Speaker Cards**
Ed Londono – I have lived here in Northridge for the past 10 years. We are having issues with one of the neighbors overgrowing trees and grass and it’s affecting the sidewalks. It is very dangerous to walk by the property. On Thanksgiving Day a 110 ft. tree fell on my neighbor’s roof and damaged his house. The insurance removed the tree but lots of garbage was left in our driveways. The tree also broke the water main and the house is illegally getting by using a water hose and it’s blocking the sidewalk. I have contacted CD12 but they said it takes time.
Kelly Lord volunteers to follow up with this issue.
Nestor Fantini – Suggests sending a letter of concern to neighbors.
Steve Patel – Suggests putting a fact sheet together with neighbors addressing concerns.
Glenn Bailey – Suggests contacting 311 and having a report made. Also contact LAPD and let the lead officer know.
Ed Londono – Another thing that you should know about this house is that the owner doesn’t live in it and we think it’s a rooming house because several people come in and out. I tried to get my neighbors involved but everyone’s busy because of the holidays.
John Whittaker – Long term recovery and just celebrated 15 years of being sober. I am part of the Sober Living Coalition Chair in the San Fernando Valley. We have about 80 homes in the San Fernando Valley and 4 in this area. We

would like to make sure the rules are following sober living coalition regulations. If you have any questions or problems call our hotline. Making sure homes are not negative environments and if so, we follow up with the police department.

8. Northridge East Neighborhood Council Retreat Sunday, January 13, 2013 at noon, at CSUN University Student Union, approve funding up to \$1,000 S. Box, L. Grayce Liu.

Ankur Patel will not be able to attend due to work conflicts.

Glenn Bailey – Meeting place at CSUN is not confirmed. Suggests the Balboa room if available due to its larger size. Would like to have the President of CSUN attend meeting as well if no scheduling conflicts.

Nestor Fantini – What is the goal of the retreat?

Steve Patel – The goal of the retreat is to go over our bylaws, policies and procedures. It's more of an internal housekeeping.

Glenn Bailey – What if we move the meeting later in the day?

Ankur Patel – The later, the better. 5 p.m. would be feasible.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to go ahead with the retreat on January 13, 2013 with a 5 p.m. start and allocate up to \$1000, seconded by Roland Faucher.

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Glenn Bailey- Would like to have a neutral facilitator. Suggestions were Steven Box and Grayce Liu.

Kelly Lord – I would suggest Steven Box. We need someone who is dynamic, who's entertainment, knowledgeable and that's Mr. Box. Grayce Liu is very nice and pleasant but I couldn't see myself listening to her for 2 hours.

Glenn Bailey – It would only be an hour but that would be my recommendation too.

9. Treasurer's Report Term

- a) Prior Month: \$1021.04
- b) Current Balance: \$34,548.59
- c) Committed Funds: \$7,355.20
- d) Uncommitted Funds: \$27, 193.39

Don Dwiggins – November and December rent has been paid from personal funds and will submit a demand warrant for reimbursement from DONE.

Negotiating an arrangement for the next 6 months beginning in January with the Women's Club to pay \$150/mo for rent and \$50/mo for storage of our equipment and supplies. DONE has made a more convenient way for us to handle recurring expenses. We can now set up arrangements where vendors submit periodic invoices directly to the city, listing NC as the beneficiary. First use of this will be for the Northridge Women's club rent. Will get discounts through Office Depot. Roughly 2 cents a copy and they will create bundles for us to pick up.

Don Dwiggins made a motion to approve the Treasure's Report, seconded by Alice McCain.

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10. Standing Expenditures Approval

-)a Rent: \$150/mo Northridge Women's Club
-)b Web master: \$100/mo Aaron De Vandry
-)c Minute taker; Apple Services up to \$200/mo
-)d Ad \$250/mo Decision publications ¼ page terminated
-)e Google App. Email, Tel Etc. \$66.66 monthly
 Steve Patel – Which month is being approved?
 Don Dwiggins – January through March. (\$66.66 x 3)
 Stakeholder – Does item E include phone?
 Don Dwiggins – Phone is free.
-)f One and One Web Hosting up to \$143.88 per qtr yr
 Glenn Bailey – Because it seems to take awhile to get payments on demand warrants, suggests that we pay throughout the fiscal year so no one has to write personal checks.
Don Dwiggins made a motion to approve items A through F, seconded by Kelly Lord.
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-)g Approve funding for video projector & acc. Up to \$750
 Glenn Bailey – Will the projector be stored at the Women's club and locked?
 Steve Patel – Yes it will be a locked secured location.
 Nestor Fantini – Why are we buying a projector?
 Steve Patel – For presentations by the board.
YJ Draiman made a motion to approve up to \$750 for video projector, seconded by Roland Faucher.
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- 11. Approve Financial statement reports monthly & P card and quarterly Audit.**
Don Dwiggins - No new expenditures.
Steve Patel – Need a copy of the P Card statement. Next month need a copy of most current 2-3 P Card statements and payment log.
Glenn Bailey – Quarterly Audit is due January 30. Part of that audit includes October, November and December bank statements, P card listings, demand warrants, etc.
Don Dwiggins – Everything will be available early January.
Glenn Bailey – Has any action been taken on the Election encumbered reconciliation filing?
Don Dwiggins – We came close to \$10,000
Glenn Bailey – Say DONE screwed up, we would be out of \$10,000. This needs to be reflected .
Don Dwiggins – I will inquire about election funds.
~Item Tabled
- 12. Auto-deducts to pay recurring chargers from vendors that don't accept the P-card. Approve auto-deduct for Rent Northridge Women's Club**

\$200 starting Jan. 2013 inc. storage.

Don Dwiggin made a motion to approve auto deduct for Rent Northridge women's club January – through June for \$200 including storage, seconded by Kelly Lord.

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13. NENC Annexing Northridge Library & Fire station 87 update

Steve Patel – Propose sharing resources so that we are allowed to meet there.
Kelly Lord – Has to be included in our bylaws. We have to get approval from DONE.

Glenn Bailey – I sent an e-mail regarding the reason to have presentation of Proposal. This has to be in bylaws amendment but they are not having a meeting in December it has to be in January and it does require paperwork.

14. Board Member Workshop-City Planning Great Streets – January/ February.

Steve Patel – Will take up at the retreat.

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15. Proposed NENC Outreach Plan

Glenn Bailey – Because of Thanksgiving there was no outreach meeting. Proposing a recommendation of the outreach committee from the October meeting be approved tonight as a starting point. Would like to include a Cal State Northridge component and incorporate any additional input that comes along be added. If there are any errors of fact we can correct those or anything objectionable we can take back to the committee and discuss.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to approve the NENC Outreach plan, seconded by YJ Draiman.

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16. City Budget update, budget advocate rep. Report. NENC Budget Representatives & NC budget advocates. Report of Mayor's Community Budget Day November 17.

Ankur Patel – This week budget advocates met focusing on the mayor's budget survey. If you have any questions that you want to have them ask in the survey you can deliver to me. The FSR is scheduled for January 28.

YJ Draiman – Does that include all liability and pensions?

Ankur Patel - Yes that is a major issue that should be addressed.

Glenn Bailey – The other issues are the assumptions that are made from the rate returns. For budgeting purposes pension managers claim that the rate return is 7.5% or 8% and it's been more like 5% or 6%. That may not seem like a lot but when you have a multi billion dollar pension the city has to make up the difference out of its general fund.

Ankur Patel – So say we lost money, instead of making that amount of money we have to look for it.

Don Dwiggin – I hope the contention of the survey is being paid attention to.

Glenn Bailey – Just know that there is about a 4 to 6 week window to respond to the survey and they can track by neighborhood council how many board

members and stakeholders participate. So hopefully we'll have more participation than in the past.

Steve Patel – When will the Survey be available?

Glenn Bailey – After January 28th.

17. Northridge Vision Update

Northridge Vision is doing a community partnership between the three Northridge Neighborhood councils, CSUN and the Chamber of Commerce. The goal is what do we want our community to look like? We want leadership to help plan the future of the community. There is no voice so we decided to take the decision back to the community so we have an influence. The website is northridgevision.org . We asked the community to take a survey and compiled all the information using a firm. They brought back the results and analyzed it and now we have completed the first phase of it, which is putting a report together. The second phase now is how we are going to execute some of these visions. There are four main areas of focus: University Village, Taking advantage of the Northridge Hospital, Uptown Northridge and Northridge West.

18. Set up laws by review, policies & Procedures. Standing rules of order. Neighborhood propose grant. Job description. Sharing resources.

Glenn Bailey – All retreat topics.

19. Mass shooting on Devonshire. CCFO-CF110262 update & filing CIS.

Roland Faucher – They are still working on the case. The shooting was East of Encino on the North side and the suspect is in court. 4 people were executed.

Steve Patel – Also if you didn't know about it, there was a plane that landed at CSUN. No one was injured, just a little bit of damage to a fence. Someone also fell onto the train tracks.

Glenn Bailey – Has the CIS been filed for the CCFO?

Kelly Lord – No.

Glenn Bailey – The 3 people we designated to file the CIS will receive a Username and password and then we can decide who will file. Hopefully this will move forward because it goes to City Council in January.

20. Grayce Liu appointment as GM of DONE CF12-1934 & CIS

Steve Patel – She was assistant GM and now she has been appointed to GM. Congratulations to her.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to file CIS in support of her, seconded by YJ Draiman.

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21. Board Member Comments. Mandatory Ethics Training Compliance

Kelly Lord – 6 people have not completed their ethics training. I've spoken to them so hopefully we'll have this done in the next couple weeks.

22. Valley Alliance of NC's Report

Glenn Bailey – The speaker was Paul Krikorian Chair of the budget finance Committee. He was invited to speak because of the ½ cent sales tax increase that's going to be on the March 5th ballot. He brought up some other financial topics including city funding. Just want to let you know you're all invited to

attend the monthly meetings. It's the 2nd Thursday of every month at Sherman Oaks Hospital. Councilman Garcetti is scheduled as the next speaker for the January meeting. You're also invited to the 10th anniversary mixer. It's the 2nd Thursday in March at CBS studios.

Ankur Patel – Vank can't support our issues, in the future I would like to make a motion to support the issues we're working on.

23. VANC Citywide Candidate Forum February 23, 2013 at L.A. Valley College (tentative)

Glenn Bailey – They met Monday and approved two things. The city attorney Realized that after 10 years they've been doing it wrong as far as posting the minutes. All neighborhood councils had to comply with the Brown Act. It has to be visible 24/7. It also a requirement that it must be posted on the website and included in an e-blast. The other issue that they are going to work on is that they are going to be reviewing the plan for the Neighborhood councils. The process will be set up in 3 different areas of the city including the Valley. A 16 member committee which will be named by the Commissioner is going to critique them. He will contact each of the Neighborhood Council presidents and ask for validations that he would then Consider appointing 12 of the 16.

Steve Patel – When will I get a call?

Glenn Bailey – It will either be an e-mail or a phone call and it will probably come right after the new year.

24. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) December 17, 2013 Meeting Report

Steve Patel – Alice is this something you want to take on?

Alice McCain – I don't know if Felipe is still carrying it. I haven't seen this

Glenn Bailey – It will require a vote of any charter city of any measure that requires property owners to have to pay to fix sidewalks.

Alice McCain – We had taken a position to oppose.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to support AB22 which would require a vote before property owners are charged and that we file a CIS, seconded by Ankur Patel.

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25. Sidewalk Repair Legislation – Assembly Bill 22 (Note: The Bill is two paragraphs, would require a public vote. I would like NENC to support)

Alice McCain – Originally they were going to raise the transfer tax but then realized it still wasn't going to cover debt. All of the mayor's candidates have found opposition to this.

YJ Draiman- The city is losing a lot of businesses because they are being taxed to death. There has to be other avenues.

Glenn Bailey – Would like to suggest putting and informational item on the Website.

Ankur Patel – Are we allowed to take sides?

Glenn Bailey – We need clarification because once the City Council votes we

can't take a position.

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26. Proposed Los Angeles County "Clean Water" Parcel Fee- Deadline/Public Hearing January 15, 2013

Stakeholder- I got it in the mail and everyone should have got it from the flight Controller. Read it carefully. Every single one had a partial number and how much your assessment will be. Regardless of what your position read it carefully and understand it. If it should pass it's permitted to pay for specific city services. One of thing it listed there is it could be used for street sweeping. They are trying to prevent pollution of Santa Monica Bay and less pollution.

Stakeholder – This tax proposal seems premature. Read the court action in Appellate court for who's responsible for run off when it's causing pollution. All forms of transportation cause pollution so why is the property being singled out for fixing a problem that's not ours. This is a big engineering task.

Glenn Bailey - The deadline to file is January 15. Would suggest posting something factual on our website to inform the community.

27. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.