

Minutes 3.20.2013 of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

1. Meeting Called to Order by Steve Patel at 7:10pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum: Roland Faucher, Don Dwiggins, Kelly Lord, Spencer Schmerling, Steve Patel, Glenn Bailey, Steve Ramirez, YJ Draiman, Jack Harriman, Francesca Vega, Nestor Fantini, Ankur Patel, Ahmer Qureshi

4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation –Don Dwiggins, YJ Draiman, Glenn Bailey

5. Approval of Minutes – February 2013

~Item Tabled

6. Comments from Public Officials – CD12, DONE, LAPD, LAPD

Semme Park – Councilman Englander is pushing for a 3 million dollar street bond which would fix all streets in the city of Los Angeles. The city has voted and he's moving forward for the public to be able to file police reports online. Recently opened Eliso Park on Rinaldi between Reseda and Zelzah. Introduced a motion for Planning and Safety, Building and Safety and work on how to preserve horse locations in the Valley. Englander also authored a resolution supporting bill 57 that will increase fines for criminals who remove ankle monitors. Councilman Englander is asking all councils to take a stance on the Planning committee's Mural Ordinance.

Rosalvo Gonzalez - Sidewalk repair bill will be heard in assembly on April 10. Currently no opposition has been heard. Must submit a letter of support by April 1. Budget is looking good and revenue is coming in higher than projected. We'll get more answers once May comes around.

7. Public Comments

~None seen, none heard

8. CSUN Walk-ability study presentation

Victor Kinsey – Students at CSUN are working on a project to study transportation to and from the university. Currently referring to the Northridge Vision plan and would like the council's input on how to decrease the traffic surrounding the University. Would like the council to sponsor report and sign a letter from the GM.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to approve to sign the proposal letter from the GM, seconded by Kelly Lord

MOTION PASSES

(12-0-0)

9. Santa Susana Mountain Park Association Presentation

Luke, Vice President of the Santa Susana Park Association – We've been around for 43 years now and our mission statement is to preserve the Santa Susana Mountains in the Simi hills. Right now we're looking at 15,000 acres that is endangered by development. This is the most important habitat land in Southern California because all the animals that migrate into the Santa Monica

mountains pass through this corridor that's why we are so concerned about it. The property is currently administered by NASA but it's owned by the General Services Agency. It is General Service's responsibility to dispose of the property. There are two entities currently interested in the property: National Park Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We believe the National Park Service is the only agency with the track record and expertise to take care of this property. We believe this property needs to be run as a museum and culture center. Within a year GSA will decide where this property goes. Requesting the board sign a resolution asking the National Park Service to please utilize the GSA process in obtaining this property. For more information visit www.GSA.gov

~Item Tabled until next month's meeting

10. Ground Water Contamination

~Item Tabled

11. City Hall Franchising waste haulers. Waste to Energy

Stakeholder – City has proposal to divide Los Angeles up into 11 franchise areas. Requesting board to take a multiple vendor vs. single vendor position.

Glenn Bailey – Would like to file a CIS.

YJ Draiman made a motion to oppose City Franchise Waste Haulers proposal, seconded by Spencer Schmerling

MOTION PASSES

(10-1-1)

12. NC plan review committee

Glenn Bailey – We've had 3 meetings so far. Dealt with grievances, complaints funding issue and contribution. Next meeting is March 30 in Van Nuys. Commissioners heard from Council members and need more time to review. Will extend deadline for by laws past June 1.

13. Motion and letter to City Hall to retrain 2014 NC Elections and funding

Glenn Bailey – Voted to approve the report that the election be held in Spring of 2014. Waiting until the Mayor's budget is complete that will contain details. The Mayor's office announced that if the Neighborhood Council's wanted to have their elections as scheduled that they would have to pay the cost which is 20% of the budget. Would like to file a CIS.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to keep elections as scheduled for the Spring of 2014 and council not be charged for cost of elections and support restoration of annual funding amount of \$50,000, seconded by YJ Draiman

MOTION PASSES

(13-0-0)

14. Approve VST funding laminating ID Machine & Supplies up to \$500

Roland Faucher – Will be used to create badges for the volunteer service team at the Devonshire division.

YJ Draiman made a motion to allocate up to \$500 for laminating machine and supplies, seconded by Glenn Bailey

MOTION PASSES

(12-0-0)

15. Approve funding Reseda Median irrigation up to \$5000

~Item Tabled

- 16. Annexing new Northridge area of east of Balboa – Bull Creek to Woodley and Lassen to Plummer**
Stakeholder – Potentially the rest of North Hills could be interested in expanding boundaries further. Will be on the North Hills agenda Friday.
- 17. NENC Annexing Northridge Library & Fire Station 87 update add to by laws**
Glenn Bailey – Was at the Northridge South meeting and voted unanimously to support our request.
- 18. Economic Comments – Jobs/Businesses in Northridge**
~Item Tabled
- 19. Approve NPG submitted by Foster Children Resource Center Funding up to \$500 for school supplies for impoverished children**
Don Dwiggins made a motion to approve NPG submitted by Foster Children Resource Center for funding up to \$500 for school supplies, seconded by Roland Faucher
MOTION PASSES
(13-0-0)
- 20. Approve NPG submitted by Friends of the Northridge Library, \$500 to purchase audio/video courses from The Great Courses.com**
Glenn Bailey – Would like to revise the verbiage on the NPG. It's different than what we approved at last month's meeting. We approved this subject to three levels of materials. This should be in addition to what we voted on last month.
Steve Patel – We will re-visit this during next month's meeting.
Don Dwiggins made a motion to allocate up to \$500 for Library, seconded by Roland Faucher
MOTION PASSES
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- 21. Elder Care project on 17545 Parthenia/Shoshone 140 units cpc20123544-3545**
Kelly Lord – The 140 single family residence/80,000 s. ft. facility is now in the planning process.
Steve Patel – Had a meeting with DOT. Focused on increasing safety on Reseda Boulevard. Recommended that over the next 30 to 60 days to strike crosswalks.
Glenn Bailey – Devonshire, Plummer and Nordhoff all have left turns arrows. The only one that doesn't is Lassen. Noticed the zebra crosswalks in Downtown LA. Should include verbiage in planning process.
Glenn Bailey made a motion to oppose project and support Northridge South's opposition to the Elder Care facility, seconded by Kelly Lord
MOTION PASSES
(13-0-0)
- 22. Senior Dance**
Roland Faucher – It's still up in the air. They have talked about a picnic and may have a possible sponsor. Will not know until April 1.

Steve Patel – Suggest the board has its own senior event if the Senior Dance does not happen.

23. Approve Benches logo funding up to \$1350 – 10 benches

Roland Faucher – Benches that have Northridge East logo on Reseda Boulevard

Roland Faucher made a motion to approve up to \$1350 for benches, seconded by YJ

Draiman

MOTION PASSES

(13-0-0)

24. Approve funding up to \$3000 Darby Elementary P.E. Program

Nestor Fantini – Meeting took place on January 23 with Education Committee and in that meeting we voted to allocate \$3,000 for the P.E. Program. This will help the school fund a teacher once a week and will include several programs between 2 schools.

Glenn Bailey – Everything has to go through the NPG process and completed by May 15. Also if you could include a bicycle component to the physical activity that would be great.

Nestor Fantini made a motion to allocate \$3000 for Darby Elementary P.E. program, seconded by Roland Faucher

MOTION PASSES

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25. Approve Funding up to \$3000 for Northridge Academy Projectors

Nestor Fantini – Asking for funds to purchase document cameras. The cameras are needed because funds have been cut. Total for cameras are \$2,880.

Nestor Fantini made motion to approve up to \$3000 for document cameras, seconded by Roland Faucher

MOTION PASSES

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26. Election funds transfer status

~Item Tabled

27. Community Safety Issues

YJ Draiman – Found a 43 year old woman dead execution style. Big raid by Devonshire police department.

28. The bylaws committee report – update and Regional Budget Day

Glenn Bailey – Will have a meeting

29. Community Impact Statements

Glenn Bailey – Need to set up account so we can file CIS's.

30. Budget Advocate Update

Glenn Bailey – Only 4 board members and 13 stakeholders filled out the survey. There were 5,000 people who filled out the survey citywide. The budget advocates will be meeting with the Mayor and it will be presented to the council.

31. NC Plan Review committee (DONE BONC Ordinance)

~Item Tabled

32. Treasurer's Report for February (D Dwiggins)

- a. **Prior Month Exp \$426.46**
- b. **Current Balance \$31,761.39**
- c. **Committed Funds \$5,669.25**
- d. **Un-committed funds \$26,542.14**

Don Dwiggins made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report, seconded by Kelly Lord

MOTION PASSES

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33. Standing Expenditures Approval

- a. **Web master: \$100/Mo Aaron DeVandry**
- b. **Minute Taker; Apple Services up to \$200/mo**
- c. **Google App. Email, Tel, etc. \$66.66 monthly**
- d. **One and One Web Hosting up to \$35.97 for April**

Don Dwiggins – Items 32 & 33 cannot be paid by Pcard. Council can only give money to non-profit and schools.

Don Dwiggins made a motion to approve Standing Expenditures, seconded by Kelly Lord

MOTION PASSES

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34. Review & Approve P-card reconciliation form, US Bank monthly statement

Don Dwiggins made a motion to approve P-card reconciliation, seconded by Kelly Lord

MOTION PASSES

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35. Approve payment by DONE Auto-deducts for the Northridge Women's Club for \$1400 to cover all NENC meetings & storage for the period Jan. thru June 2013

Glenn Bailey – Recommendation that the board be sent a confirmation

Don Dwiggins made a motion to approve auto payments by DONE for \$1400 for Northridge Women's Club, seconded by YJ Draiman

MOTION PASSES

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36. We need to appoint new board member to replace Mrs. Meehan, property owner representative

Steve Patel – Would like to donate plaque for Meehan. Will notify stakeholders of her recognition ceremony. Will agendize for next month's meeting.

37. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

