

Minutes of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

- 1. Meeting Called to Order by Steve Patel at 7:10pm**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum:** Steve Patel, Kelly Lord, Glenn Bailey, Ankur Patel, Don Dwiggins, Alice McCain, Spencer Schmerling, Michelle Smith, Roland Faucher
- 4. New NENC Board Member – Michelle Smith**
Steve Patel – Michelle is an official board member. Need to add Michelle to roster. She has completed funding and ethics training.
- 5. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation (S Patel):** Don Dwiggins, Ankur Patel, Steve Patel, Roland Faucher
- 6. Approval of Minutes – August 21, 2013**
Glenn Bailey – Add my name to Agenda Setting meeting.
Steve Patel - Change Street name from Wooley to Woodley.
MOTION PASSES
(9-0-0)
- 7. Comments from Public Officials – CD12, DONE, LAPD, LAPD**
Jessie Levine, CD12 – Resolution to declare September 19 for city to take a pledge not to text and drive. Working to make LA a no kill city. LAPD wants to reclassify hit and run. Test pilot for there to be individual cameras on police officers. Mural Ordinance was adopted. Murals allowed on commercial buildings but not allowed on single family homes of apartment buildings with 5 units or less.
- 8. Public Comments**
Rebecca Varen – Outreach and Marketing Director for Highland Waldorf School. 17100 Superior Street East of Balboa. Preschool through Grade 12. Nearly 1,000 schools all over the world. Serving in the San Fernando Valley since 1965. Offer school tours, the next one available is October 8.

John Engels – Against the proposed street bond. Bond will cost \$200 million dollars more than what was proposed and will go to interest payments and underwriting fees to Wall Street. This is a 30 year bond. Alternate suggestions are to sell the DWP in an IPO to raise cash.

9. General Announcements

Brain – You guys allocated money for the median on Superior. Weeds were supposed to be removed. Northridge Park meeting September 19 regarding Oakridge Estate.

Steve Patel – Spencer completed funding training online. Roland did not complete funding training. Roland is ineligible to vote on all funding matters.

10. Open Board Positions

Peter Schmerling – Would like to nominate self for youth member. Would like to be part of the board to improve the community.

Steve Patel – Will hold off on selecting a Youth Member for one more month to allow more people to apply for board position.

Ankur Patel – Would like to nominate someone for CSUN student member.

Glenn Bailey – Need something in writing from Associated Student President for CSUN student member position.

11. Public Works Liaison Position

Glenn Bailey made a motion to nominate Ankur Patel as Public Works Liaison and Michelle Smith as alternate, seconded by Roland Faucher.

MOTION PASSES

(9-0-0)

12. Approval of Acapulco Restaurant Operating Hours & Music venue

Kelly Lord – Hours of operation will increase by hour (midnight to 1 a.m.) on weekends with music and the presence of 2 security guards during extended operating hours.

Steve Patel made a motion to approve extension of hours of operation on weekends with music and presence of 2 security guards.

MOTION PASSES

(8-0-1)

13. Standing Committee Reports

Glenn Bailey – There is a required outreach survey that I completed. Set up a Facebook page & Twitter page @NorthridgeEast. Would like to post on Website.

Steve Patel – Also suggest post open board positions on social media sites.

14. Community Impact Statements

~No Updates

15. Google email other options

~Item Tabled

16. Get confirmation of NENC Board Roster & Data

~Item Tabled

17. Ankur Patel treasurer effective 9.1.2013

~Item Tabled

18. Encino N.C. Apple One Charged to NENC for \$528, reverse charges, exhaustive efforts

Ankur Patel – I will confirm.

19. 3 Billion Bond for LA Streets

Jesse Levine – Proposal to address over 28,000 streets in Los Angeles. Micro paper test material of roads. Streets are in poor or failing conditions. Average grade of streets is a C-. Estimated 3 million dollars to repair in 2013. Currently money is coming from Gasoline Tax. City is left with 3 cents per gallon. Believes it will increase business and property value.

Jack Humphrey – Going to cost \$462,000 per mile for repairs. Where is all that money going? Need independent oversight. Make sure streets are being maintained at a B rating. Increasing Vehicle Registration fees, gas tax and tolls. General fund obligation this is not a special tax. City has not been living with its means. Email: LAjack@gmail.com or visit citywatchLA.com

20. Motion to support Council file 13-0650. NENC supports Englander's Council File 13-0650. This motion will allow LA City to fine violators of LAMC 56.08, the parkways & sidewalk ordinance that requires adjacent owners to maintain these areas.

Ankur Patel made a motion to support Council File 13-0650, seconded by Don Dwiggins.

MOTION PASSES

(8-1-0)

21. Board Member T-shirts funding increase from \$300 to up to \$540

Roland Faucher – Final cost \$386.95. Will be ready by next Wednesday.

Ankur Patel – Motion should read polo shirts.

Motion by Roland Faucher to increase funding for polo shirts to up to \$400, seconded by Ankur Patel.

MOTION PASSES

(7-1-0)

22. Appoint Roland Faucher as NENC's representative to the Oakridge Estate Oversight Committee

Ankur Patel made a motion to appoint Roland as Representative to the Oakridge Estate Oversight Committee, seconded by Don Dwiggins.

MOTION PASSES

(9-0-0)

23. Funding for up to \$250 for Neighborhood Watch Signs

Roland Faucher – Neighborhood is concerned and would like to have signs. Looking into the idea of signs with video cameras. Will bring back to the next board meeting.

~Item Tabled

24. Mural Ordinance CF – “opt in” versus “opt out” CF #182706

Glenn Bailey – Signed by the mayor and will be effective October 12. Proposal of “opt in” vs. “opt out”. Murals will not be allowed in single family areas unless the neighborhood “opts in”. Motion to support “opt in” option should include that neighborhood councils approve “opt in” process.

Glenn Bailey made a Motion to support Mural Ordinance opt in with neighborhood council’s approval, seconded by Alice McCain.

MOTION PASSES

(9-0-0)

25. Northridge Vision Oct 4 presentation to City Council update

Steve Patel – No meeting.

26. Approve Revised NENC Strategic Plan per DONE requirements

Steve Patel – Approved in June.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to approve revised NENC Strategic Plan per Done, seconded by Ankur Patel.

(9-0-0)

27. Treasurer’s Report for February (D Dwiggins)

- a. **Prior Month Exp** **\$2524.00**
- b. **Current Balance** **\$33,603.00**
- c. **Committed Funds** **\$3,903.00**
- d. **Un-committed funds** **\$29,700.00**

Glenn Bailey – Congress of Neighborhoods & budget Advocates missing from budget

Ankur Patel made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Report.

MOTION PASSES

(8-0-0)

28. 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. \$80.00 monthly**
- d. **One and One Web Hosting up to \$44.97 for April**

Steve Patel – Remove Item D.

Ankur Patel made a motion to approve Standing Expenditures and remove item D.

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****Board loses quorum****

29. Review & Approve P-card reconciliation form, US Bank monthly statement
Glenn Bailey – Must submit to DONE with board’s approval. Check on paypal is not allowed has to be direct payment.

~Item Tabled

30. Funding Report & Voting record for July

~Item Tabled

31. Revised Budget Approval

~Item Tabled

32. Committee for street decorating/tree planting event

~Item Tabled

31. Adjournment 9:00pm.