

Elected Executive Board
Steve S. Patel – President e
Glenn Bailey – 1st VP, Membership v
Kelly Lord, Jr. – 2nd VP, Outreach v
Joe Seoane – Treasurer v
Don Dwiggins – Secretary v

Elected Board Members

Nestor Fantini v Lori Fass v Roland
Faucher v
John Hardy __ Alice N. McCain excused
Nadine McNulty v YJ Draiman v
Francesca M. Vega – Appointed CSUN Faculty /
Staff v
Vacant – Appointed CSUN Student __
Shawn Silleman – Appointed Youth __

Associated Documents available at <http://is.gd/r9dlq4>

Summary

1. **Call to Order** (President) 7:04 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call** – Determination of Quorum (Secretary) [see official funding vote count form]
4. **Agenda Setting Meeting Participation** (President) Glenn Bailey v Kelly Lord v Don Dwiggins v Ankur Patel v
Others: Steve Patel excused Joe Seoane excused
5. **Approval of Minutes** — July 16, 2014 (Secretary) – copies arrived late and were handed out at this time. Action postponed to allow for public review.
6. **Comments from Public Officials**
7. **Public Comments** (3 min. max.)
8. **CSUN Update on Campus Projects**
9. **Discussion and possible action on The River Project**

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3. Kelly Lord moved for adjournment of the Special Board Meeting. YJ Draiman 2nd, unanimously approved. The General Board Meeting was immediately reconvened after a short 5 minute break.

Return to General Board Meeting

10. **Discussion and possible action on application for Conditional Use Permit application for Cell tower:** the Board approved a motion of non-support for the tower.
11. **Update on possible zoning violation on Halstead** (at Etiwanda on the NE corner) (Lord)
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12. **Ratify SOLID NPG and Neighborhood Watch signs** (Faucher)
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14. **Motion to approve an appropriation of up to \$500 from the 2014/2015 fiscal year budget for a “Town Hall” style forum with the Candidates for the Assembly District 45 and certain Propositions which**

are to be voted upon in the November election. The board moved to approve the appropriation (see attached Vote Count Form)

15. **Possible Community Impact Statement to LA Election Reform Commission**

16. **Review and approve 2014-2015 NENC Budget** (Seoane) Board approved – See hand-written corrections (copy attached)

17. **Treasurer's Report** [Seoane] (Figures copied and/or calculated based upon the July Monthly Expenditure Report)

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Monthly Expenditure Reports

18. **Adjournment:** 9:55pm

Full Minutes

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6. **Comments from Public Officials:**

CD12 – Jessie Levine offered the CD12 Report including notice of the reconfirmation of Police Chief Charlie Beck, and announced Mayor Garcetti’s appointment of Ralph M. Terrazas, the first Latino to head the Los Angeles Fire Department. Ms. Levine also announced the end of her service with CD12 and her acceptance to Grad School. Glenn Bailey spoke on behalf of the NENC Board thanking Ms. Levine for her service and wishing her well in all future endeavors.
(Audience applause followed)

Mayor – There was no one in attendance from the Mayor’s Office

BONC – Lydia Grant announced that the next BONC Mtg would be held Tuesday, September 2nd at the Beachy Elementary School in Arleta. She advised that NC’s may make short presentations (5-10 minutes) and made further explanation of the changes to Neighborhood Council posting policies. Ms. Grant reported her work on a final draft of the Anti-Bullying, “Political Etiquette” training she’ll offer during the September 20th Congress of Neighborhood Councils. She explained that all NC Board Members will be expected to read and sign-off on the new policies. Re-training will be mandatory in the event of any violation of this policy. Ms. Grant invited the NENC Board & interested stakeholders to attend the Congress. Facilitators will offer twenty-five training sessions on a variety of topics. (GB awarded her a composition notebook in thanks for her service. (Audience applause followed)

DONE – (Lydia announced that Melvin Cañas was attending another NC meeting and would arrive at a later time.)

LAPD – There was no one in attendance

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CSUN – (Glenn Bailey acknowledged CSUN Representatives but waived this Comment in consideration of their full-length presentation as part of Agenda Item 8.)

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An unidentified stakeholder reported a disturbance caused by a barking dog & sounds of distress. She expressed her concerns for the animal’s well-being and asked the NENC Board if someone could address this issue. She mentioned a second [quality of life] issue having to do with CSUN students dropping trash around her neighborhood. Glenn Bailey asked that she write down her name and address and leave this information for later follow-up by the appropriate committees.

Ankur Patel, former NENC Treasurer, commented that although he is currently being paid to assist with the Treasurer’s work, [the NC Board] needs to transition away from needing to make payments for this and

the web administrator too. He recommended outreach efforts focused on finding an interested and qualified CSUN student to maintain the NENC website. Mr. Patel further recommended a Water Bond Forum to help improve the public's understanding of Water Sustainability.

Representatives from Heritage Christian School arrived late and were instructed to fill-out and submit a public comment card. (Their comments were deferred until later in the proceedings.)

8. CSUN Update on Campus Projects (Bailey) Francesca Vega, Director of Government and Community Relations, reported on CSUN's activities regarding their benefit and effect upon the surrounding community. In August of 2013 a Feasibility Study was begun for the construction of a Multi-purpose Event Center (North Campus.) It was completed in March [2014] and the findings are being discussed and considered internally. Ms. Vega introduced her colleagues, Colin Donahue, VP – Administration & Finance and Ken Rosenthal, Associate Vice President, Facilities Development & Operations. The phase I Feasibility Study considered similar facilities, across the country (eleven in all.) Highlights of their presentation follow:

4. The biggest issue now is choosing the site for the center. It's hasn't been decided upon yet
5. There is NO state funding for this project, NO bond initiatives. This will require private investment
6. Stakeholders can go to: csun.edu/facilities for more information on possible sites, Environmental Impact Report, Traffic Analysis, and Parking. Parking is already an issue and since many of the anticipated events will take place concurrent with night classes, any event center design must include additional parking. Unless part of the structure, adjacent or off-site parking may necessitate the use of a shuttle bus.
7. The proposed Multi-Purpose Event Center is more than just a sports stadium but this is a big part of it.
8. Currently the 40,000 square foot "Matadome" is a shared gymnasium and Kinesiology classroom.
9. More space is needed for commencement ceremonies.
10. A larger event venue is needed (i.e. "Big Show") The Performing Arts Center, even though it's the largest in the San Fernando Valley, has only 1,700 seats. 10,000 seats are needed. (USC's Galen Hall has 12,500)

The proposed project is still in the earliest phases (Phase I EIR is currently under consideration.) Presenters explained that they're unable to answer many questions without further study and discussion. Glenn Bailey opened the floor to questions, beginning with members of the board. Glenn B asked about the size of parking anticipated. Answer: Project would require a lot with at least 3000 spaces. Roland F asked whether they'd looked into the area north of Lassen currently leased to Ridel. Answer: Yes the lot at Lindley and Lassen has 1000 spaces. Ancillary discussion arose re: Kiosks, shuttles, 3 blue phones provided for students, and landscaping that all require regular care and maintenance. Nadine commented that in spite of the current parking available, students cut costs by parking off campus. She stipulated that any NC approval should be contingent upon CSUN assurances that students will park ON campus, rather than on neighborhood streets. "As a Realtor," Nadine stated, "I'm in a position to know that this *is* affecting property values and home sales around the campus.

The follow stakeholder feedback was manually recorded:

Stakeholder: "Ten-thousand spaces?" Answer: Yes, for commencement use of the floor space would accommodate 1000 – 1500 seats. Without public funding will it become necessary to go with commercial sponsors; could we be faced with something like "The Cialis Center" or "The Depends Dome"? [Much laughter ensued] Presenter's answer: No, we can understand your concern, but community acceptance [and patronage] is crucial to any project's success so impact on the surrounding neighborhoods will definitely be taken into consideration, prior to signing any agreements.

Stakeholder: "There are Bike Lanes and Service Centers already, but what happened to them. [Even without this new project these are already not being well maintained.] **Since this is largely for student athletes, will you be raising student fees to help pay for this stadium?** Answer: Eventually there may be

an increase to student fees but this isn't where we'd start sourcing the necessary funds. Such a project would require much more starter money.

Stakeholder commented: Near Lindley the bike lanes around student housing are dangerous. Stakeholder has witnesses many examples unsafe passing and turns [being made illegally.]

Stakeholder: (Noting his Professional/Technical Background) asked, **“Are those studying the problem limiting the number of requirements to narrow the focus, or are they trying to look at everything at once?”** Answer: Yes, an RFP (Request for Proposal) went out asking for proposed solutions to pre-determined, limited, and very targeted [challenges] based upon market analysis, [projected] utilization, and other criteria.

Stakeholder: This is an indoor venue? What are the possible uses beyond direct use by the university? He commented that CSUN must control who will lease the property & what uses will be permitted. Answer: People of the San Fernando Valley must want the facility, because if they don't want it, they won't use it. The facility isn't sustainable without community participation and the revenue their activities will generate. Public-Private and Public-Public partnerships are possible. Mention of CIS Basketball which requires a minimum 5,000-seat arena. The question is, does the community even want that? (Some may, others may not want it.) There's still a great deal to study and consider.

Statement: Go to LACity.org to get e-Blast notifications

Bob Hertzberg arrived so his Public Comment was allowed between Agenda Items 8 and 9. The candidate addressed the assembly making a brief statement of issues, proposed solutions, and his own qualifications. Mr. Hertzberg announced that he is running for State Senate (for Alex Padilla's seat) an office representing one million people. He noted that although he had sufficient votes before, he had to run again as a result of redistricting. He mentioned having been called “an exceptional candidate”. He spoke of the “Fund for the Valley” stating that private-sector funding is needed to create jobs.

9. Discussion and possible action on The River Project - Jessica Sanchez presentation of the WATER LA program (Lord) Ms. Sanchez was not present at the time that this agenda item came up. A motion was made (K Lord, no 2nd required) to table this item pending her arrival. He noted that a board member should sponsor such requests for presentation and board consideration.

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 - a. Presenter stated that the 40' height of the proposed faux mono pine had been reduced to 33' to comply with local code and that the company would add more branches for more density to create a more natural appearance.
 - b. In addition the company will plant two *real*, 18' tall pine trees to enhance the effect.
 - c. The design was altered to use a wooden, rather than a chain-link fence

- d. The presenter noted that he is a consultant hired by Verizon, not on staff with Verizon.
 - e. In answer to questions about why this site was chosen he cited the reasoning for placement here and noted that this site was best (best transmission with the least impact on the surrounding landscape.) He stated that the Church on Lassen is in a residential area and that there's no commercial property available for this purpose.
 - f. He further stated that some people won't want it, and won't approve of the project, regardless of any accommodations made to the original plan.
 - g. NENC Board member, Don Dwiggin, stated that he had attended a public hearing where he learned that this falls under federal-level jurisdiction and such requests can't be denied locally on the basis of Health Issues, so the public's health concerns over harmful effects of radiation won't be taken into account.
 - h. The Company Representative responded to concerns about diminished property values by stating that PV aren't negatively affected, if they were, homeowners and Neighborhood Associations all over the City would be up in arms.
 - i. With regard to heat and fire hazard, he stated that no excessive heat is generated.
 - j. A stakeholder asserted that [companies] may ONLY add towers in areas where there is a "significant gap". According to this law this installation doesn't qualify since T-mobile is there already, so there is no gap. She also stated that even *CHINA*, a country not known for being particularly concerned over its citizens' health and well-being, only allows .02 (UM?) EMF (?) exposure from such installations. This being due to concerns over an increased risk of *Cancer*.
 - k. Stakeholder, Estelle Goldman said, "I live on one of those [previously mentioned] view lots and I don't want this eyesore in our area. She recited a quote: "The Telecommunications Act of 1996 does NOT guarantee Telecom companies, *seamless* coverage." (reference?)
 - l. Glenn Bailey explained that such proceedings aren't usually handled in this way, but felt that it was important to offer the stakeholders an opportunity to respond to the presentation.
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Cost breakdown: \$200 to Northridge Women Club (facility rental) + \$100 to Smart & Final for refreshments + \$200 to Community Connections for Ads = \$500 Total in addition to suggestion of issuing weekly e-Blasts.

Lori Fass recommended that spending more than \$500, stating, "If you're going to do it, invest enough to ensure success."

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The wrong Budget was printed and distributed so the following changes were proposed and approved:

Budget for Fiscal Year ~~2013-2014~~ change to read: **"Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015"**
Proposed on ~~6/19/14~~ change to read: **"Proposed on 8/20/14"**

No change to Total Annual Allocation (\$37,000) and Budget Category 100 (Operations) and 400 (NPGs.)

Under Budget Category 200, remove: ELE - Election Outreach Expense \$4,000.

Add to \$4,000 in Budget Category 300 CIP (Community Improvement Project) Sidewalk cleanup = \$8,000
Total

Change Category 200 (Outreach) to 38.65% and Category 300 (Community Improvement) to 21.62% of the Annual Budget

Final changes under Budget Narrative: omit everything under Mandatory Election Budget and Optional Election Items

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