

# **Northridge East Neighborhood Council**

## **Minutes for Wednesday, October 15, 2014 (First DRAFT)**

1. Call to Order (President) 7:11pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Seating of CSUN student representative, Anna Iskikian - (Postponed; unable to attend due to scheduling conflict.)
4. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum (Secretary) [Insufficient; Please see Board Vote Count Form]

**Present:** 1st V.P. Glenn Bailey, Secretary Don Dwiggins, 2nd V.P. Kelly Lord, Board Members Lori Fass, John Hardy, Alice McCain (left at 8:45 pm), and Nadine McNulty (7)

**Absent:** President Steve Patel (excused), Treasurer Joseph Seoane, Board Members: YJ Draiman (excused), Nestor Fantini (excused), Roland Fauchard, Anna Iskikian (excused), Shawn Silleman, and Francesca Vega. (8)

5. Agenda Setting Meeting (4th Monday) Participation (President)  
Present: 1st V.P. Glenn Bailey, 2nd V.P. Kelly Lord, Secretary Don Dwiggins, Treasurer Joseph Seoane, Board Member Roland Fauchard, Stakeholders Brian Rhett and William Kuzmin. Note: The Budget and Finance Committee Meeting took place immediately prior. (Treasurer's Report at end of Meeting Minutes.)

6. Approval of Minutes — September, 2014 (Secretary) 1st V.P. Glenn Bailey announced that without a quorum, the Board could not vote. He suggested that should quorum be met later in the meeting this item could be reintroduced. He announced that the General Board Meeting would continue to afford speakers and stakeholders an opportunity to be heard and exchange information.

### 7. Comments from Public Officials:

CD12 - Megan Cottier said "Thank You" on behalf of Mitchell Englander & CD12 Staff for NENC participation in the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. She reported that Councilmember Englander voted "NO" on CF14-0223 (Motion to approve a Hotel Workers' Minimum Wage Increase) citing his strategy, that this requires a broader conversation and a ballot initiative to increase the minimum wage, not just for one select group, but to benefit Angelenos working at minimum wage levels in every industry. Ms. Cottier also reported on CF11-1935 empowering the Bureau of Street Services to enforce tighter restrictions on Contractors cutting into City Streets. It will mandate oversite to ensure coordination of projects to be completed. The goal is to reduce waste and traffic congestion caused by excessive and unnecessary lane closures. In a related item she reported that paper files are currently maintained for all Street service projects they detail street names, street signs, traffic, and parking considerations. CF14-1351 calls for an electronic inventory to be maintained instead to improve remote accessibility and increase efficiency of public utility construction and repairs. She finished with an announcement about S.O.L.I.D.'s Pasta Dinner, Friday night fundraiser to aid the Devonshire Division.

Mayor - No Comments (No Representative Present)

DONE - No Comments (No Representative Present)

BONC - No Comments (No Representative Present)

LAPD - No Comments (No Representative Present)  
LAFD - No Comments (No Representative Present)

CSUN -

LAUSD - No Comments (No Representative Present)

8. Public comments (3 min. max.)

**Stakeholder Karen** - addressed the assembly to report on the Santa Suzana Field Lab Town Hall Meeting (Friday 10/17) having to do with the removal of toxic waste and community safety concerns. She also mentioned a meeting in Simi Valley (see flyer) Monday, 10/20 from 6-9:30 pm.

**Stakeholder Polly R** - announced that North Valley YMCA will host a food drive for Thanksgiving, stating that the food would benefit North Valley residents from Chatsworth to Pacoima and that the food would be distributed primarily to needy families through school distribution programs. She asked that NENC consider a funding request to purchase Turkeys for distribution on November 17th - 18th.

**Stakeholder Brian F** - reported that the next SEEC (Stakeholders Empowerment Enlightenment Coalition) meeting would be held at the Mid Valley Branch Library on 10/27 at 6:00 pm.

**Suzy Levy, RN, MSN, Instructor/Consultant** - made a brief presentation on behalf of **HeartFare "Hands-Only" CPR, AED, PALS, ACLS, & First Aid Training** (American Heart Association).

**Mark Reed** - made his candidate statement emphasizing his family's local roots, his high school sweetheart / wife, and their children. He also emphasized his education and professional experience. Mr. Reed mentioned the \$850 Million dollar Water Bond, employment, student debt, and the fact that although schools promote college for everyone, NOT everyone wants, needs, or can afford college for the career of their choice. He stated the need for more vocational education to prepare students to enter the job market. He asked for everyone's vote in the coming election. (see attached flyer)

**Board Member Nadine McNulty** - announced a community meeting scheduled for 7pm, Monday, November 3rd @ Our Lady of Lourdes Moran Center 18400 Kinzie Street, Northridge, CA (corner of Reseda & Kinzie) - CSUN Administration has requested to meet with residents to explain the findings of the CSUN Feasibility Study March 2014, for the proposed Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC).

9. Our Budget Advocate's report on the 2015 budget process (Glenn Bailey) {standing item through July 2015} Saturday (10/11) was Regional Budget Day. The Budget Advocates met with the Mayor in September to ensure that all Budget and Finance-related items will be properly handled.

10. Standing committee reports

Budget and Finance - Acting President, 1st V.P. Glenn Bailey, deferred this report (agenda item 20)

Membership (update: recommend hiring of webmaster) Recommendation that the NENC Board consider a future motion to hire the highly professional, Wendy Moore as the new Webmaster.

Environment - "Nothing to report."

Executive - Given previously (see agenda item 5)

Outreach - "Nothing to report."

Planning & Land Use (status of 18257 Halsted St) - Kelly Lord, Chair reported on the following:

CUP (Conditional Use Permit) application for Highland Hall / Waldorf School at 17100 Superior Street

Halsted - HADA variance OK to build additional living space as long as permitted for recreation room. RA1 zone mandates that residence maintain a 2-car garage &/or a car port. Bedroom / Studio Apartment is NOT permitted but that's what's there. It's compounded by the fact that the renters are essentially using the property as a Frat House. Kelly Lord has filed a formal complaint. Nadine McNulty will follow-up with her contact at the Department of Building & Safety.

Note: Stakeholders can meet with the Department of Building and Safety, on the first Monday of every month, at the CD12 Community Service Center: 9207 Oakdale Ave., Suite 200, Chatsworth, CA 91311

Community/Public Safety - Acting President, 1st V.P. Glenn Bailey, reported that he will ask Roland Faucher to serve as the NENC Liaison.

11. Northridge Vision Update - **skipped**

12. Reports on NENC-sponsored events: 7th Annual Disaster Preparedness Fair (9/27/14); Assembly District 45 Candidate Forum (10/6/14); VANC Supervisorial District 3 Candidate Forum (10/9/14); Granada Hills Street Faire (10/11/14) skipped

13. Gas Company presentation on the Advanced Meter Project – 5 minutes (Ray Verches, SoCalGas) Mr. Verches reported that the Gas Company has 1100 Meter Readers (700 P/T) IBEW negotiated an agreement with the Gas Company to create new positions for displaced workers as more homes are converted. A letter will be mailed to customers prior to installation. If there are special considerations such as a locked gate, a pet to be brought into home, etc... a number is provided to customers to call and make arrangements for Gas Company employee access.

Mr. Verches displayed a sample of the new meter to be added. He explained that it takes two AA batteries and because it cycles on only four times per day for a few seconds at a time (during usage transmission, the batteries are expected to last for many years. Daily readings will be available through customer's online accounts leading to immediate feedback and greater conservation. Mr. Verches explained that this is a much more energy-efficient monitoring and billing system. By removing 1000 vehicles from the road every day, this eliminates 6.3 million vehicle miles and approximately 140,000 tons of Greenhouse Gas Emissions per year. [Please see handout on Advance Meter Reading]

14. Presentation of the CSUN Community Engagement program, and offer to volunteer by CSUN student. (Dwiggins) Secretary Don Dwiggins reported Heather Brendon from CSUN's Sustainability Institute has volunteered to work on NENC community clean-up efforts. Ms. Brendon is working with Joyce Burston from the Office of Community Engagement. Don has called to set up a date and time to meet and discuss future clean-up projects.

15. The Planning, Land Use, and Mobility Committee recommends that the Northridge East Neighborhood Council deny Richmond American Homes' request to modify it "Q Condition". The Committee recommends that the NENC approve the maintenance of the 7-year waiting period but add an exceptions clause that allows the homeowner to reent out their home prior to the end of the 7-year waiting period in the event of certain specific and limited circumstances -- such as the death of the homeowner, medical disability, mandatory job transfer, job loss, or change of circumstances, i.e., divorce. [This item to be carried forward to next month's agenda for a vote.]

16. Report on the September 20 Congress of Neighborhoods (Bailey, Grant) **skipped**

17. West Nile virus presentation by Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (invited) (Dwiggins) Wesley Collins and Levy Sun gave an informative Power Point Presentation on Vector Control and Public Health concerns including diseases such as West Nile Virus. Their offices are located in the City of Santa Fe Springs and locally, in Sylmar. Complete extermination is impossible, these mosquitos are here to stay so we need to adapt. They multiply between Spring and Autumn (hatching young through November.) The public should be aware and report back yard sources such as swimming pools, ponds, and fountains. ([www.reportmosquitos.org](http://www.reportmosquitos.org)) A new species: the Asian Tiger Mosquito was recently introduced into South El Monte, Whittier, and El Puente (The dormant larvae imported in growing soils along with tropical plants like Orchids & Bromeliads.) These insects are known to carry Denge Fever and other tropical diseases. The presenters also mentioned the "Buzz Bus" (a 'Bugmobile'!) that travels to schools to teach children about these pesky pests. Contact the Sylmar Field Office: (818) 364-9589 or Santa Fe Springs, Vector Control District HQ:(562) 944-9656.

18. Webmaster Aaron DeVandry: motion to pay outstanding invoices. (Dwiggins)

19. Conditional motion to update bylaws to reflect sharing Fire Station 87 with whichever NC boundary it will be located in. (Bailey) This request was explained briefly but no motion was made due to lack of quorum. Minute Taker, Carol Hart, also a NHWNC Board Member, commented that this request was premature as NHWNC has not signed off adding that it is highly unlikely that the Board will ever do so.

20. Review of current committees (Patel/Bailey)

a.) Approval of Committee Members

b.) Committee size and length of Service

Note: the committees haven't been revised since the new Board took office.

**[This item to be carried forward to next month's agenda.]**

21. Consideration of AppleOne invoice(s) for NENC Board meeting note taker services January - June 2014 in the amount of \$1,178.10.

Note: Switch to Partners in Diversity wasn't ratified until the August General Board Meeting. Therefore the Minuter Taker was instructed to submit two additional time sheets (unpaid hours) for the months of July and August.

**[This item to be carried forward to next month's agenda.]**

22. Treasurer's Report [Seoane] - 1st V.P. Glenn Bailey in consultation with, Ankur Patel

a) Approval of September 2014 Monthly Expenditure Report

b) Fiscal Responsibility Admonition compliance update (Still no update to report.)

c) Approval of remainder of 2014-2015 Budget Package\*

**[This item to be carried forward to next month's agenda.]**

\*Self-Assessment; Strategic Plan; Outreach Survey

23. Adjournment (Time: 8:47pm)

Minutes taken and transcribed by Carol N. Hart