

Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 16, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Glenn Bailey; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joseph Seoane. There were approximately 14 stakeholders in attendance, including three CSUN Journalism 101 students writing a story on the meeting.
2. Roll Call:
Present: Glenn Bailey, Nick Beer, YJ Draiman, Don Dwiggins, Jeremy Mauritzen, *Nadine McNulty (arrived at 8:23 p.m.), Carl Petersen, Joe Seoane, and Ari Shapess.
Absent: Roland Faucher (excused), Diedra Greenaway, Eric Leiter (excused).
Determination of Quorum: 8* Board Members present (8 required)
Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct Compliance): All Board members present were in full compliance. Abstentions act as a “no” vote per the NENC Bylaws.
 - a. Max Reyes is no longer with CSUN and the appointment of a replacement CSUN Faculty, Administration and Staff Board Member is pending.
3. Agenda Setting Meeting November 7, 2016 participants were Bailey and Dwiggins (quorum not present).
4. Approval of Minutes: MOTION (Seoane/Draiman) to approve October 19, 2016 Board meeting minutes. Passed 8-0-0
5. Treasurer’s Report presented by Joe Seoane. MOTION (Seoane/Draiman) to approve October 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) as amended (description) and Bank Statement. Passed 8-0-0
6. Comments/Presentations from Public Officials/Departments/Agencies:
CD 12: Jessie Strobel reported two City Council motions were approved: community improvement projects (CF 14-1624) and a nurse practitioner response unit (CF 16-0857). She reported a court lighting project for Northridge Recreation Center is being reviewed and the next Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee meeting to be held in January 2017 (Nick Beer is a member).
CSUN: Francesca Vega indicated she would be able to serve as the CSUN Faculty, Administration and Staff Board Member on an interim basis. The proposed hotel on campus will be the subject of a more extensive presentation at an upcoming meeting. The NENC will be invited to an upcoming open house for the new CSUN Annex on Reseda Boulevard. She referenced a CSUN economic impact study.
NC Budget Advocates: Glenn Bailey reported Cindy Wu-Freedman of Granada Hills South NC will replace one of the previous Region 2 Budget Advocates.
 - a. CD 12’s Conversations with Councils was held on October 27, 2016 at Operation Gratitude in Chatsworth. Board members Bailey, Beer, and Dwiggins attended.
 - b. DONE’s NC Civic University 1.0 will be held on three Tuesdays: January 17, 24, and 31, 2017. Nick Beer indicated interest in attending; the President is allowed to submit two names.
 - c. LADWP 2016 Power Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Valley workshop was held on November 3 in Pacoima; 50% to 65% renewable energy is being considered.
 - d. Northridge Vision meeting held on November 9, 2016 included presentations on the Aliso-Limekiln Creek restoration project and the mixed use project located at 8350 Reseda Blvd (former Cadillac dealership site). The next meeting will be held December 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
 - e. Metro: [Measure M](#) on last week’s ballot passed exceeding the required two-thirds vote. The Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan includes a North San Fernando Valley Bus Rapid Transit Improvements for \$180,000,000. The ballot measure text provides: “This project will

increase system connectivity in the North San Fernando Valley and the Metro Transit System. Environmental plan work shall begin no later than six months after passage of Measure M.” The NENC will need to be engaged in this process.

7. Guest Speakers:
 - a. NC Budget Advocates October 15, 2016 MOTION to demand Governor Brown declare a State of Emergency for homelessness to free up California’s “rainy day” fund. No speaker was present and no additional information had been received so the item was postponed to the next meeting.
 - b. Loraine Lundquist, a LADWP IRP member, spoke regarding renewable energy. MOTION (Dwiggins/Shapess) to urge LA Department of Water and Power to shift its energy generation portfolio to 100% renewable energy by 2030 and refrain from further investment in its fossil fuel infrastructure. Related to [CF 16-0243](#). Passed 7-0-1 (Abstain: Draiman)
8. Public comments on non-agenda items were made by Don Martino, who thanked the Board for assisting with the Goodwill Store operational improvements.
9. President’s Report was given by Glenn Bailey.
 - a. No applications have been received for the vacant Business Owner or Employee or Resident seat however Stephanie Mills introduced herself as being interested in the Resident seat.
 - b. Valley Alliance of NCs Planning Forum held on November 10, 2016 and co-sponsored by NENC was informative and well-organized but only one NENC Board member attended (Bailey).
 - c. Northridge Post Office (9534 Reseda Bl.) closure/relocation procedures update was given. On November 2, 2016 Glenn Bailey spoke with Ralph Tapia, a finance manager with the US Postal Service. They have not received any notice of lease non-renewal or lease termination for the Northridge Post Office due to the proposed mixed use development. Early lease termination requires a minimum notice of one year and he advised that the current lease expires in July 2021. Upon receiving official notice of non-renewal or termination, the USPS procedure is to post a notice at the Post Office for 15 days and to send out a news release of the pending closure/relocation process. To replace the Northridge Post Office (currently serving 91324, 91325, and 91326 ZIP Codes), Mr. Tapia said the USPS would look for an existing 12,000 to 15,000 square foot building (such as a vacant retail site, preferably in Northridge) with parking for 56 delivery vehicles and 50 employee vehicles. They prefer not to split the retail services from the other operations due to the increased expense of doing so. Following discussion, it was agreed the developer will be contacted for lease clarification, etc.
 - d. There were no Liaison reports other than an announcement of the Homelessness meeting to be held on November 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. downtown.
President Bailey circulated a letter he signed supporting the Devonshire PALS/CSUN/Council District 12 2016 Great Streets Challenge Grant requested by Nicole Bernson of Council District 12.
10. Committee Reports – Standing: Education; Environment; Executive; Finance; Outreach; Planning and Land Use; and Public Safety. Ad Hoc: Bylaws; Goodwill Store; and Joint CSUN Parking.
 - a. There were no changes in Committee members requested or considered.
 - b. Education: MOTION to support a scholarship funded by private sources for a graduating high school student who is a resident within the NENC boundaries or attends school within these boundaries. (Vote 3-0-0 on 6/1/16) DONE/City Attorney suggests “encourage” rather than “support,” include “community benefit is to promote higher education” and “no funding will be provided by NENC” however City Attorney recommends against adopting motion. Kathleen Quinn of DONE advised that Deputy City Attorney Elise Ruden is concerned that persons may have indirect conflicts using NC to receive funds or facilitating getting funding and that Ms. Ruden does not think this is a good idea. This motion was referred back to the NENC Education Committee.

- c. Finance: MOTION to authorize the purchase of a washer and dryer for Fire Station 70 not to exceed \$2,100 (quote \$1,798.68 not including tax/shipping). Vendor: Sears, Penneys, Fry's, Home Depot, Lowes, Angel Appliances or similar (Vote 3-0-0 on 10/10/16) The motion was referred back to the NENC Finance Committee since there had been no meeting since the last Board meeting.
- d. Planning: Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance code amendment and policy update (CPC-2015-4499-CA and CF 13-1478) was given by Nick Beer. The City Planning Commission recommendations will next be considered by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee and then by the full City Council.
- e. Executive: MOTION (Seoane/Beer) that if BONC holds an upcoming North Valley Area meeting within the boundaries of the NENC, then up to \$100 is authorized for refreshments for meeting attendees. Passed 8-0-0.
- f. Executive: MOTION (Beer/Petersen) to request NENC representation on new SoCal Gas Community Advisory Committee. During discussion, it was noted that two NCs had opted out. Passed 8-0-0

(Jeremy Mauritzen left at 8:15 p.m., temporarily reducing the number of Board members present to less than a quorum.)

- g. Environment: Coyotes in Northridge update was given by Don Dwiggin. He announced a meeting being held the following evening in Northridge and possibility of forming a subcommittee on this topic.

(*Nadine McNulty arrived at 8:23 p.m. and a quorum was re-established.)

- h. No other Committee reports were given.

11. New Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions - Community Impact Statements (CIS)

- a. [CF 11-1020-S2](#) Transfer of DONE NC Funding Program to City Clerk; revised ordinance still pending.
- b. [CF 16-0600-S163](#) NC Empowerment Fund / Enhancement / Fiscal Year 2016-17 (\$5,000 increase) MOTION (Dwiggin/Seoane) to support and to include \$5,000 as part of the regular Budget process for a total of \$42,000 annual allocation. Passed 8-0-0
- c. [CF 14-1057-S1](#) Section 85.02 Prohibiting the Use of Streets and Public Parking Lots for Habitation / Ordinance. MOTION (Seoane/McNulty) to support. Following discussion, passed 6-2-0 (No: Beer, Petersen)
- d. [CF 15-1343](#) Indigenous Peoples Day. MOTION (Seoane/Shapess) to support a legal City holiday to replace or incorporate Columbus Day. Following discussion, passed 7-1-0 (No: McNulty)

12. Financial Items

- a. MOTION (Seoane/Draiman) to revise Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget to \$42,000 to include recent \$5,000 increase with Category increases as follows: Outreach \$2,000 and Neighborhood Purposes Grants \$3,000. Passed 8-0-0

13. The upcoming NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance meeting on Saturday was specifically noted.

14. The upcoming NC or NENC co-sponsored events were announced.

15. There were no additional public comments or requests for reconsideration of any motions.

16. MOTION (Seoane/Dwiggin) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

(The next NENC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Bailey

APPROVED: 10-0-0 on January 18, 2017