

NORTHRIDGE EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Monthly Meeting Minutes, January 18, 2006 at Andasol Avenue School

Members present:

Judie Levin Sanchez (serving as chair in the absence of Kelly Lord, Don Dwiggins, Chuck Bunnell Steve Patel, Matt Adelman, James Gardner, Lucille Meehan, Joe Nam, Thomas Baker, Scott Hayman, Alice McCain, Judith Nutter.

Members absent:

Kelly Lord (ill), Caroline Moore

Agenda Topics

1. Agenda item #1: Discussion of the budget. Tom Soong unavailable – postponed until later
2. Agenda item #2 Election committee. Don Dwiggins, Chuck Bunnell, Steve Patel, and volunteer Ray Calnan. We have a deadline to submit documents Friday, January 20,2006. We will make the deadline. Other milestones to be met. Proposed date for election, June 11,2006.
3. Lindley Vintage Development. Presentation by Don Vuong. Proposal modified from two driveways on Vintage and two on Lindley, to one on Vintage and three on Lindley as per drawings by Wagner-Kerr Associates, Inc. After discussion, motion made by Scott Hayman to vote on NENC approval. Seconded by Steve Patel. Motion approved 10 to 2.
4. John Bwarie, representative from Councilman Craig Smith's office, announced a clean up day January 28,2006 beginning at 9:30 A.M. at Nobel Middle School.
5. John Bwarie also spoke of "Adopt a Street.." Organizations can keep areas clean and receive recognition with a sign provided by the city.
6. John Bwarie also announced that Valley residents can testify before the Los Angeles City Council on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 10:00 A.M. until meeting are finished. Testifying can be done at the Van Nuys City Hall.
7. Judie Levin Sanchez proposed that the NENC provide \$500.00 (as suggested by Councilman Smith) to pay for expensed for the clean up day January 28th.

After discussion a motion was made for approval by Chuck Bunnell, and seconded by Scott Hayman. The motion was approved 10 to 2.

8. Agenda Item #3: Cingular Cell Tower at Northridge Church of the Nazarene. Wally Shin and Rev. Dr. Chuck Smith made the presentation. There was much discussion on Cingular reception, on the design, and on the placement. Opposition was strongly expressed by community members. Discussion was ended and a new or revised proposal is expected at our next meeting.
9. Bob Bhashkar Bhindie expressed his concerns and frustration over the unregulated fraternity houses in the neighborhood. It is his, and many neighbor's desire that they be moved from the neighborhood rather than regulated. Mr. Bhindie asked that NENC take a stand against the fraternities being in the neighborhood. Steve Patel made the motion: "This board should take an active role in addressing the fraternity and Sorority issues with the Police, the University, the Building and Safety Department, etc." Motion seconded and passed with one abstention.
10. General Comment from Pat Lo Presti. Appreciation of response to the CSUN master plan from members of the NENC. Also, suggested NENC be aware of "street vacation" issue. A proposal was made, and rejected by the neighborhood. A report will be an agenda item at our next meeting.
11. Tom Baker suggested we read the report from Councilman Smith on the establishment of a "Greek Row" on CSUN campus.
12. Budget report from Steve Patel. We have a budget. There is a one year roll over of funds allowed. We need a report on how to spend our budget. It was suggested by Pat Lo Presti that it be spent on outreach.
13. Next meeting scheduled for February 15, 2006. Meeting adjourned.