



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2007
Andasol Elementary School Auditorium, 10126 Encino Ave.

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Attendance: Kelly Lord, Don Dwiggins, Thomas Baker, Chuck Bunnel, Steve Patel, Ray Calnan, Barry Greenberg, Peter McCarty, Lucille Meehan, Judith Nutter, Harold Ellison, Alice McCain, James Gardner, Caroline Moore, Harold Ellison

Absent: Alice McCain (excused), Ryan McElveen, James Gardner, Caroline Moore

Minutes: Ray Calnan motioned to approve the minutes. Don Dwiggins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda

1. Colin Donahue Facilities Planning Office at California State University Northridge Envision 2035 Campus Expansion Report 20 minute presentation. Question/Answer following.

Mr. Donahue is Associate Vice President of Facilities Development and Operations at CSUN. He came to present information regarding Phase I of the Devonshire Downs faculty/staff housing community:

- The program is designed to maintain the community as a long-term asset to attract faculty and retain staff at CSUN
- Construction will take place on the south portion of the North Campus.
- Plans for Phase I include the construction of 159 townhomes. Townhomes will have 2-car garages, and will be 1,350 to 1,900 square feet.
- The 15-acre site will include a central park, and approximately 1 guest parking spot per townhome (this is four times the city parking requirement.)
- Perimeter of project runs along Zelzah, Lassen and Lindley
- Two entries: on Zelzah, and on Lindley. Entry streets have a median for two-way traffic.

The design effort should be completed in November of 2007. Plan check (by the state) should take until about March 2008. Construction will begin around June 2008. First delivery of homes, September 2009. Completion July 2010 (move-in).

More information regarding this project and other ongoing campus construction projects can be found at the following websites:

www.csun.edu/envision2035

www.admn.csun.edu/facplan

For specific comments or questions, Mr. Donahue can be reached at 818-677-2561, or by email: colin.donahue@csun.edu. Rick Evans, Associate Director, can be reached at 818-677-6285, or by email: rick.evans@csun.edu

2. Kathy Arnos “Whole Children Whole Planet” event May 17, 2008 at Highland Hall

Ms. Arnos is a health and environmental writer. The “Whole Children Whole Planet” event aims to educate on issues regarding sustainable lifestyles, introduce people to non-toxic substances, holistic medicines, different learning styles that encourage art and music, and teaches families how to recycle. The event will take place May 17th and 18th,

2008 at 1711 Superior Street. Celebrities will be present to donate time. The event is non-profit and media-sponsored. There will be three stages to educate people on Yoga. Ms. Arnos invites the Neighborhood Councils to get involved, and to get other people involved in having an active voice. She has asked Councilmember Smith to be on a panel for a discussion with Ed Bagely. All three churches around Highland Hall have allowed for parking.

Ray Calnan suggested that Kathy Arnos come back in three or four months before the event. Kelly Lord requested that Kathy keep in contact with NENC. Ms. Arnos left information for distribution.

3. Candidate Filing Deadline for NENC Elections May 25, 2007, Jerry Kvasnicka, Independent Election Administrator from the League of Women Voters

Date of election is June 24th. The Board has approved the procedures. Mr. Kvasnicka invited stakeholders to bring people to vote. Card filing form is due on May 25. To be on the printed ballot, mail or fax it back. After May 25th, "write-in" candidates will be accepted until the day before the election. Those interested need to include proof that they fit in one of the following categories:

1. Youth: must be stakeholders within the boundaries
2. Business owners: must send proof that they own, work within boundaries
3. Owners of property: proof can include tax documents, title
4. At-large: (6 positions – any stakeholder who lives, works, owns property or participates in groups such as the PTA, library, church). Proof can include membership card, roster, church bulletin with name, letterhead

Candidates will have three minutes to tell people why they should vote for them.

If voters do not have documentation, provisional ballots will allow them to send documentation within three days.

In addition to the 13 members who are voted on, 2 members are appointed (one CSUN student, one CSUN faculty).

Tom Soong from DONE discussed saturation mailing: Walking Man has been used for a couple of years now. It is a hit or miss. Takes 1 week prep time. If you want them to bundle all the mail for you, takes 2 weeks preparation time. Tom can give NENC the contact info.

4. West Valley Alliance graffiti removal/weed abatement within NENC borders (action required \$500), Thomas Baker.

Thomas contacted Daniel Ruiz, Executive Director of West Valley Alliance. Mr. Ruiz was excited to hear about the financial help for paint and tools. The partnership with West Valley Alliance will be beneficial for NENC: NENC will get more attention, get jobs finished quicker.

Thomas Baker motioned to allocate up to \$500 to the West Valley Alliance in the form of graffiti removal for Northridge East. Peter McCarty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Los Angeles City Master Plan and Amendments for Northridge East (Phyllis Winger from Greig Smith's office).

Cancelled. Hopefully next month will have City Planner Tom Glick. The project is in very early environmental stages.

6. Northridge East Neighborhood Council Proudly Participates with the Valley Greek Festival (action required up to \$500) ¼ page \$150, ½ page \$250, full page \$500.

Peter McCarty motioned that NENC participate in the Valley Greek Festival by purchasing a ½ page ad for NENC for \$250. Thomas Baker seconded the motion. NENC will have a tent. 60,000 programs will be produced.

7. Child Safety CD from Child Safety Network for local schools (action required \$0.50 per CD), Ray Calnan

Child Safety CD was worked on in conjunction with the State, PTA. Is distributed in a folder; contains information on DNA kits, photo ID, checking photos of child molesters, abductors. Cost is 50 cents per piece. Ray contacted elementary schools: one has already bought the CDs, and Andasol and Dearborn Elementary may want it. NENC can purchase CDs and add a flyer to both perform outreach and provide safety. Ray Calnan motioned to provide up to \$500 for buying 1000 child safety CDs. Peter McCarty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CDs can be obtained in the next couple of weeks. Universal Studio tickets are included and expire in June.

Board Member Reports

- Tom Soong from DONE:
City Legal Meetings: Mayor's new budget calls for approximately 90 boards and 1000 board members. City is considering cutting the number of City Attorneys from four to two. If you would like to keep the current number, consider writing a letter.
Congress of Neighborhoods: A member from the Department of Aging had lots of resources to share. Has a list of free items on their website.
- Don Dwiggins attended the conference on clean money. City Ethics Committee proposed ordinance. Each signature requires \$5. Present proposal to get \$250. The clean money group has been encouraged to write its own proposal for the funding of city elections. More info to come.
- Steve Patel to work on Budget with Peter McCarty
- Don Dwiggins: MOU was approved with DWP. NENC needs to formalize it. Kelly Lord signed the MOU.
- Ray Calnan:
There will be an American Cancer Society event at Birmingham.
150 volunteers showed up for Citrus Sunday, which was less than last year. The freeze earlier this year resulted in less fruit. NENC was thanked for contribution.

Don Dwiggins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ray Calnan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned: 8:56p.m.

Minutes prepared by Anchulee Raongthum, AppleOne, May 31, 2007