Minutes of the Meeting of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

December 17, 2008

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Pres. Steve Patel.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peter McCarty.
3. Roll call: Steve Patel, Thomas Baker (excused), Peter McCarty, Barry Greenberg, Kelly Lord, Steven Ramirez, Pamela Butts, Yeprem Davoodian, Don Dwiggins, Nestor Fantini, Alice McCain, Lucille Meehan (excused) Caroline Moore, Judith Nutter (absent), Conner Lansdale (excused). Quorum was present.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes subject to certain corrections not incorporated made by Mr. Greenberg, 2nd by Mr. Lord. Minutes to be approved in January 2009.
5. Comments From Public Officials:
   a. Council District 12 -- no appearance
   b. Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment -- no appearance
   c. City Attorney -- Local Safe Neighborhood City Atty. [missing name and contact information] made a presentation regarding problems in the neighborhood. Presented a brief rundown with regard to the city of Los Angeles "eviction process" especially as applied to fraternity houses. For dealing with non-code violations in the neighborhood advised the neighborhood Council to speak to senior lead officer(s) Ken Chioffi, and Kathy Bennett. The speaker advised the council to take code enforcement issues to the local Department of Building and Safety Code Enforcement Officer.
6. Public Comments – There were no public comments
7. Old business:
   a. 18240 Superior Street subdivision -- Mr. Fantini left the meeting for discussions with constituents and the developers; no report was given.
   b. Speed limit changes on Zelzah: Mr. Patel stated that he would postpone making a motion with regard to the situation until the January meeting.
   c. Revised Amount for Los Angeles Police Department Volunteer Surveillance Team -- motion by Mr. Lord to revise previous allocation for an additional $80.34. Motion seconded by Mr. Dwiggins. Motion passed 11-0.
d. It was noted that certain members of the Council met with Lynn Daniels prior to the start of the meeting.
   
i. Ms. Daniels requested additional information to complete updates to the Council’s website including a listing of committees and members with contact information.
   
   Mr. Dwiggins stated he would provide Ms. Daniels with that information.

e. Mr. Greenberg presented a draft of the council’s new business cards along with an update as to the reasons for the current delay.

8. New Business:

   a. Mr. Greenberg acknowledged those who brought gifts to support the Devonshire Pals Toy Drive, he further stated that it could be brought directly to the Devonshire community police station through December 19. Mr. Greenberg stated that he would take all toys brought to the meeting to the Devonshire community police station.

   b. Motion regarding establishing a STANDING EMERGENCY ACTION ORDER to authorize the treasurer to make emergency expenditures up to a maximum of $5000 subject to a determination by 3 out of the 5 executive board members that an emergency situation requiring immediate expenditures exists, subject to procedures to be presented to the council in the next 30 to 45 days. Motion by Mr. Patel, 2nd by Peter McCarty. Motion passed, 10 in favor one abstention.

   c. Report on community food banks especially with respect to seniors in the community. This matter was continued to the January meeting.

9. Committee Reports:

   a. Mr. Davoodian made a further presentation with respect to the counsel retreat which will be held at a location to be determined on Sunday, January 25, 2009.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Certified as True and Correct:

January 21, 2009

Barry M. Greenberg, Secretary