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

January 20, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Patel at 7:10PM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steven Ramirez.
3. Roll Call: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Peter McCarty, Barry Greenberg, Kelly Lord, Thomas Baker, Nestor Fantini, Pamela Butts (excused), Alice McCain Yuprem Davoodian (excused), Lucille Meehan (excused), Caroline Moore (excused), Brittny McCarthy (excused), Conor Lansdale (excused), Steven Ramirez. Quorum was present.
   a. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation: Steve Patel, Peter McCarty, Barry Greenberg, Don Dwiggins, Nestor Fantini, Pam Butts, Kelly Lord
4. Approval of Minutes – Mr. Greenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2009 and the December 16, 2009 meetings; 2nd by Mr. Dwiggins. Motion passes unanimously.
5. Comments from Public Officials:
   b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – No appearance.
   c. LAPD – No appearance.
   d. CSUN – No appearance.
   e. Department of Parks and Recreation – Steve Cline announced the upcoming annual Festival at the Northridge Recreation Center; the event will include the annual Hawaiian Festival and Northridge’s 100th Anniversary Celebration this year.
   f. California Senator Alex Padilla – Field Deputy Lauren Gallant updated the community about Senator Padilla’s activities: SB17 supports a smart grid deployment plan by July 1, 2010 and makes California eligible for federal recovery funds as well as competitive for green jobs; SB23 will require mobile home parks to have an evacuation plan; volunteers for 2010 census can email Ms. Gallant at Lauren.Gallant@sen.ca.gov.
6. Public Comments: There were no public comments.
7. Old Business:
a. Election 2010 Update – Applications can be sent to the City Clerk until February 1st, 2010 to be considered a write-in candidate. The President will appoint a stakeholder (to be approved by the Executive Board) if there are any vacant seats after the election. The NENC website has a list of current candidates running as well as a list of vacant positions.
b. PALS/Jeopardy Program Funding – Mr. Lord made a motion to fund PALS/Jeopardy Program in the amount of $5,621; 2nd by Mr. McCarty. Motion passes unanimously.
c. Free CERT Training will be held at Northridge Academy every Thursday from 3:30PM to 6:30PM starting January 21, 2010. Mr. McCarty made a motion to fund up to $500 to cover any incidentals for the CERT training; 2nd by Mr. Lord. Motion passes unanimously.
d. NENC Office Storage Space Move Update – NENC office moved to Reseda Blvd. and shares an office with NWNC and NSNC.
e. Reseda Blvd. Cleanup Memorandum of Understanding – Deferred to February meeting.
f. Special Event – Educational Forum 2010 – Mr. Fantini made a motion for the NENC to partner up to $500 for refreshments for the 2010 Educational Forum to be held in February; 2nd by Mr. Lord. Motion passes unanimously.

8. New Business:
   a. Candidate Presentation – Ms. McCain, Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Fantini, Mr. Patel, stakeholder Yehuda “J” Draman, Mr. Dwiggins, Mr. McCarty, Mr. Lord, youth representative candidate Michael McNulty, Mr. Ramirez, and stakeholder David McClain all gave brief statements as to who they are and why they are running for NENC election.
   b. Motion of Support for Chatsworth NC v. LA City Clerk – Mr. Dwiggins made a motion for NENC to support the Chatsworth NC in their effort to continue their elections in accordance with their bylaws; 2nd by Mr. Lord. Motion passes unanimously.
   c. Northridge East NC Contingency Fund – Mr. Lord made a motion to create a Contingency Fund to provide reimbursement of necessary expenditures on approval of two Executive Committee Members in an amount not to exceed $500; 2nd by Ms. McCain. Motion passes unanimously.
   d. Valley Economic Development Council – Defer to February meeting.
   e. Advertising at the 10th Annual Arts in Education Council, March 21st, 2010 at Chatsworth Train Station – Mr. Fantini made a motion to fund advertisement for the Annual Arts in Education Council event in the amount of $250; 2nd by Mr. McCarty. Mr. Patel inquired about a full-page ad and the possibility of
other NCs getting together and sharing the cost of a full-page ad. **Call to question made by Mr. Lord; motion passes unanimously.**

d. **Fireworks at Northridge Festival June 4-6 – Mr. Baker made a motion for NENC to extend their partnership to the Northridge Festival for the June 5th, 2010 Fireworks Show in an amount not to exceed $5,000; 2nd by Ms. McCain. After a short discussion, Mr. Patel made a Friendly Ammendment to call the Fireworks Show the “Neighborhood Council Festival Fireworks Show” which was accepted by Mr. Baker. Call to question: 8 in favor, 1 abstention, motion passes.**

g. **Updated Logo, Letterhead, Cards – Mr. Greenberg made a motion to set up a design competition for local students to design the new NENC logo and provide a scholarship to the winner and/or runners up. Motion withdrawn; deferred to February meeting.**

9. Committee Reports
a. Mr. Patel asked all Council members and stakeholders to send pictures of Northridge to Robin Kellog or to NENC.

b. Mr. Patel wants to thank The Donut Factory for this month’s refreshments and Maria’s Italian Kitchen for last month’s refreshments.

c. Mr. Ramirez updated everyone on the NAHS recycling program which will add 10 recycling bins to the campus pending approval by LAUSD and will hopefully be added in the next two weeks.

d. Mr. Baker would like speakers Renee Maas from Food and Water Watch and Colin Donahue from CSUN to be added to the February agenda.

e. Mr. Fantini made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Mr. McCarty. Meeting adjourned at 9:09PM.

Certified as true and correct by:

Barry M. Greenberg, Secretary