Minutes of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

June 16, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Patel at 7:13PM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Conor Lansdale.
3. Roll Call: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins (excused), Lucile Meehan, Alice McCain, Brittny McCarthy (left at 8:11PM), Steven Ramirez (excused), Peter McCarty, Kelly Lord, Barry Greenberg, Yeprem Davoodian (excused), Conor Lansdale, Nestor Fantini, Jay Draiman (tardy), Stephen Hubbard, Michael McNulty (absent).
   a. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Barry Greenberg, Jay Draiman.
4. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Lord made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting; 2nd Mr. McCarty. Motion passes unanimously. Mr. Lord made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting; 2nd by Ms. McCain. Motion passes unanimously.
5. Comments from Public Officials:
   a. Council District 12 – John Bwarie introduced himself and was available for questions.
   b. City Attorney’s Office – Bill Larsen introduced himself and announced that he handles nuisance abatements; his office has received complaints regarding 9963 Lindley’s proposed fraternity house. Mr. Larsen stressed that his office does not take a position or action before arrests have been made and actual nuisances have been documented.
   c. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – No appearance.
   d. LAPD – No appearance.
   e. Senator Padilla’s Office – No appearance.
   f. CSUN – Ms. McCarthy discussed the new athletic lights that are being erected on fields mid-campus; the inaugural game for the use of those lights is in August at a CSUN women’s soccer game (versus Portland). Concerns about the lights, traffic, or noise can be directed towards Ms. McCarthy. This Friday is the last furlough day for the 2009-2010 year; the state of the budget for next year is unknown. Ms. McCarthy passed around a sign-up sheet for a newsletter that will announce upcoming events and issues in and around the campus community.
6. Public Comments – Pat LoPresti discussed the Jack Oakey property built in 1937 on Devonshire and how the property will be developed and used by the community; there
will be informational meetings on July 22\textsuperscript{nd} from 3-5PM and August 26\textsuperscript{th} from 3-5PM at the Balboa Fire Station.

7. New Vision Committee Update – Mr. Patel announced the online surveys available at www.NorthridgeVision.org which will be used to gain community feedback about what they want Northridge to look like in the next 3, 5, 10, and 20 years. Mr. Patel encouraged everyone to participate so they reflect the community’s diverse wants and needs.

8. Old Business
   a. Planning and Land Use — 9963 Lindley Proposed Fraternity House Update – Mr. Tailor, the consultant working with the fraternity, has asked to return to the July meeting in order to answer all the questions asked by the Land Use Committee and the community. Additional questions can be directed to Don Dwiggins. Pat LoPresti from the Lindley West Coalition mentioned that they have dealt with fraternity problems before and support their neighbors in their fight against the proposed fraternity. Steve Kaplan, attorney from Luna and Glushon, representing the Northridge Community Coalition and the Northridge Townhouse Estates, is asking the Council to sign a motion against the fraternity’s proposed Conditional Use Permit once the NENC has gathered all the information. Mr. Kaplan gave a brief presentation regarding community land use policies and the proposed fraternity’s application. Ms. McCarthy clarified specific details regarding the university’s position on student organization housing. Mr. Greenberg asked if a part of the website can be dedicated to the issue. Questions can be directed to Mr. Dwiggins or Ms. McCarthy.
   b. Board Member Duties/Responsibilities – Defer to July meeting.
   c. Opposition to Proposed Sidewalk Maintenance/Repair – Mr. Bwarie announced that the City has decided to revert to its pre-1973 position that the property owners are responsible for broken sidewalks; the City is working on effective ways for property owners to deal with the issue.

9. New Business
   a. Budget Committee Meeting Presentation – Mr. Lord made a motion to approve the budget; 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Mr. McCarty. A brief discussion ensued; one opposition, motion passes.
   b. Motion to Buy Veteran’s Commemorative Brick – Mr. Greenberg made a motion to purchase three bricks in the memorial at Zelzah and Chatsworth for $300; 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Mr. Fantini. Mr. Greenberg recommended that an informal committee meet to decide what to engrave on the bricks. Motion passes unanimously.
   c. Announcement Honoring Bob Buckles as Senior Honoree at Northridge Festival – Mr. Buckles was honored at the Senior Dance as an outstanding Senior community member; Mr. Buckles thanked the Council for their recognition of his honor and says he will continue to be a vigilante as long as he is able.

10. Committee Reports
   a. Education – Mr. Fantini announced that the next Education Committee meeting will be held in September. A questionnaire has been sent out to local educators to help assess local education needs.
   b. Public Safety – Mr. Greenberg reminded everyone to take their belongings out of their cars at night and to remind their neighbors; the community has seen a rise in car break-ins. Tom Baker discussed the recent fires that were set around Northridge
as well as the increase in graffiti around the area. Mr. McCarty discussed a couple of pit bull attacks in the area; one dog is still loose. Mr. McCarty wants to have a meeting with Devonshire Surveillance Team. Mr. Larsen asked Mr. McCarty to report the incident to his office with an address.

11. Adjournment
   a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47PM.

Certified as True and Correct:

July 21, 2010

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Barry M. Greenberg, Secretary