

CITY OF LOS ANGELES California

ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD

Steve S. Patel – President
Don Dwiggins– 1st Vice President, Membership
Peter J. McCarty – 2nd Vice President, Outreach
Barry M. Greenberg – Secretary
Kelly M. Lord – Treasurer

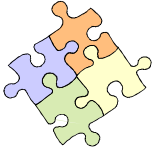


ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Yeprem Davoodian Alice N. McCain
Jay Draiman Lucille Meehan
Nestor Fantini Steven Ramirez
Stephen Hubbard

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Brittany McCarthy – CSUN Faculty/Staff
Conor P. Lansdale – CSUN Student
Michael McNulty – Youth



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

Making Northridge a Better Place to Live, Work, Play and Learn

Minutes of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

October 20, 2010

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Steve Patel at 7:07PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steven Ramirez.
3. Roll Call: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Peter McCarty, Barry Greenberg, Kelly Lord, Yeprem Davoodian (absent), Alice McCain, Jay Draiman, Lucille Meehan, Nestor Fantini (absent), Steven Ramirez, Stephen Hubbard, Brittany McCarthy, Connor Lansdale (absent), Michael McNulty (excused). Quorum was present.
 - a. Agenda Setting Meeting: Steve Patel, Jay Draiman, Kelly Lord, Don Dwiggins, Steven Ramirez
4. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Greenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from September 2010; 2nd by Mr. McCarty. Motion passes unanimously.
5. Comments from Public Officials:
 - a. Council District 12 – Ms. Park, a field representative with Councilman Smith's office, reminded everyone to go online to shakeout.org to learn earthquake preparedness tips. Councilman Smith is also looking for NC feedback to up number of pets owned per household. This Saturday there is a West San Fernando Family Festival that will include 80 vendors and health screenings.
 - b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – No appearance.
 - c. CSUN – Ms. McCarthy passed around an e-mail sign-up sheet for the new community newsletter. One issue that was in the last newsletter was regarding comments/suggestions about traffic issues; comments can be directed to trafficsafety@csun.edu. Fences will be taken off around the Performing Arts Center starting November 1st. The University is installing new storage facilities for bicycles to clamp down on bike theft.
 - d. LAPD Senior Lead Kathy Bennett – Thanked everyone who attended, SOLED, the annual dinner to support Devonshire Law Enforcement. Announced that this Saturday there is an annual open house that includes tours of the police station, the jail, and law enforcement vehicles, which is open from 10-3PM. There is a Haunted House on October 29th. Ms. Bennett gave some tips as to how to avoid car break-ins and

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reminded everyone to prepare for home left as well as the holidays approach. For more information, visit www.lapdonline.org.

6. Public Comments:

- a. Donna Smith – announced an upcoming community meeting regarding a new high school being built on Balboa. Local District 1 (the District the school will be a part of) is writing an educational plan for the running of this school, however other areas are writing competitive plans. Local District 1 is seeking input as to what the community would like to see educationally and operationally in the school. The meetings will be held October 26th and October 27th at 6PM in the MPR at Patrick Henry Middle School in Granada Hills.
- b. Diana Shaw – running for the 38th Assembly District. Ms. Shaw discussed mobile billboards as well as wanting to get a good handle on the community's wants and needs as District 38th Assemblywoman.
- c. Glenn Bailey – Announced that Neighborhood Council's must post their agendas on their websites as well as in any e-mail blasts that go out to stakeholders. A town hall meeting will be held at USC on Sunday from 10am-1pm. Mr. Bailey also discussed bike paths on Louise Ave. as well as increased bike left around the Valley. Suggested that cyclists, especially students at CSUN, need some education about proper bike lockage. Finally, Mr. Bailey discussed a report that was recently published by the Education Neighborhood's Committee and urged people to read and comment on the report.
- d. Brad Smith – President of Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council discussed the new high school on Balboa. An informational discussion meeting will be held October 30th from 2-4:30PM at the Pavilion on Balboa.
- e. Cheryl Frank – representing Jewish Women International, announced that JWI is participating in Northridge Centennial Celebration. On Dec 9th from 4:30 to 7:30PM they are honoring 14 nonprofit organizations and are looking for funding to help defray the cost of the event.

7. New Vision Committee Update: Mr. Patel announced that NEW Vision is still focusing on outreach. Information and surveys can be found on the NENC website.

8. Old Business:

- a. Board Member Duties/Responsibilities – Steven Ramirez is partnering with CSUN, there is a chair needed for the Beautification Committee, Mr. Greenberg is heading Transportation and Safety, and Mr. Lord is heading the City Cleanup. The rest is deferred to November meeting.
- b. Re-approval of NENC Budget – DONE is requiring the budgets to be submitted on a provided template rather than the previous Excel files. Mr. Lord made a motion to approve the new format, 2nd from Mr. McCarty. Motion passes unanimously.
- c. Status LADOT Neighborhood Council MOU – Councilman Smith is working on a motion in City Council that LADOT must confer with local Neighborhood Council's before taking any action. Councilman Smith's office will keep the NC's apprised of any updates.

9. New Business:

- a. Appointment of DWP Ratepayer Advocate – Mr. Patel appointed Mr. Draiman to be the DWP Ratepayer Advocate.
- b. Mr. McCarty discussed the NENC Education Committee Department and its relationship with the community. He talked about the importance of STEM departments (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) to our nation’s education system. He introduced Paul MacNeil, a mechanical engineer at JPL, who discussed current plans to help implement creative thinking back into education. 5th grade, middle school, and high school teachers can attend an 8 hour seminar to learn the Invention Contest which they can take back to their classrooms and teach in 5 hours over a 7 week period. Mr. MacNeil asked that the NENC consider sponsoring a few teachers for the \$200 seminar and \$100 stipend for the material costs. Wants item to be added to November NENC agenda. Mr. MacNeil will provide NENC with additional information regarding the project.
- c. Change in Mailing Address – The NENC’s mailing address is now: 9401 Reseda Blvd., Suite 100, Northridge, CA 91324
- d. Appointment of Mayor’s Budget Representatives – Mr. Lord announced that Ed Novey and Michael Chan, both from Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, are the Mayor’s Budget Representatives.
- e. Appointment of NENC Ambassador to NWNC and NSNC – Mr. Patel appointed Mr. Lord to be the Ambassador to Northridge West NC, and Mr. Greenberg as Ambassador to Northridge South NC. The NENC is looking for other members to be ambassadors to other NCs.
- f. Funding of up to \$100 for printing and refreshments for “Planning Forum” – The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils is hosting a Planning Forum on November 11th from 5:30 to 9:30PM. Mr. McCarty made a motion to approve funding of up to \$100 for printing and refreshments, 2nd by Ms. McCain. Motion passes. Anyone is welcome to attend the event, but you must RSVP by calling 818-990-4066 or emailing jbarae@roadrunner.com.
- g. CD 12 Candidate Presentations and Questions – Mr. Lord announced he is running for CD 12 and announced why a representative is needed, Mr. Draiman is also running for Councilman Smith’s office. He believes every NC should have someone assigned to their Council District. Mr. Smith, the President from Granada Hills South NC, is also running for CD 12 and announced why he feels there needs to be a change there. A forum for the candidates will be held on the last Monday in January 2011, the election is March 8th, 2011.

10. Committee Reports

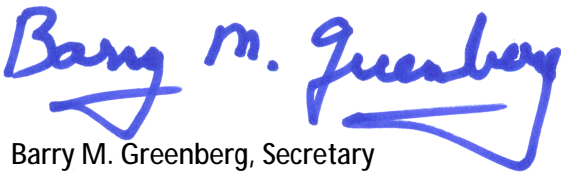
- a. Disaster Preparedness – A Disaster Preparedness event was held earlier this month that was a huge success. Mr. Patel thinks the venue is going to grow and help the community to prepare for disasters.
- b. Environmental Committee – Mr. McCarty announced that the committee is working on strategies for energy efficiency and discussed its economic and environmental

consequences. They are working on a viable strategy to be implemented in 2015. The Triscuit company is going to be sponsoring a local community garden.

- c. Traffic and Safety -- Mr. Greenberg reiterated that Councilman Smith is working on a motion to have LADOT work with local Neighborhood Councils.
- d. LADWP – Mr. Draiman is attempting to get a DWP representative to come to an NENC meeting.
- e. Devonshire House – Mr. Patel discussed the importance of the House, which is in need of repair, and the possibility to use it as a spot for a Community Center. The city announced that \$500,000 is going to be used to help repair the house.
- f. Ethics Training: Mr. Patel reminded the Council that the Ethics Training is valid for 2 years; if you have not completed the Ethics Training online a seminar will be held on Thursday, October 28th.

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM.

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Barry M. Greenberg, Secretary