

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

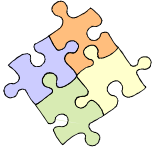
Lisa Anderson
Jay Draiman
Nestor Fantini

Alice N. McCain
Lucille Meehan
Steven Ramirez

Stephen Hubbard

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Brittany McCarthy – CSUN Faculty/Staff
Darren L. Hause – 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 (NENC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 20, 2011
at Fire Station 87, 10124 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91344

1. Call to Order

President Steve Patel called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Steven Ramirez.

3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Board Members present: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Peter McCarty, Barry Greenberg, Lisa Anderson, Jay Draiman, Nestor Fantini, Darren Hause, Alice McCain, Steven Ramirez, Brittny McCarthy. Kelly Lord and Lucille Meehan arrived later.

Eleven of the 15 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting. The NENC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is eight, so the Board could take such votes. No Board seats were vacant. Also attending: 20 Stakeholders and Guests. Board Members absent: Stephen Hubbard and Michael McNulty.

4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation

Board Members Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Kelly Lord, Barry Greenberg and Lisa Anderson attended.

Mr. Patel recommended and it was agreed to TABLE approval of the March 16, 2011 General Board Meeting Minutes until the May 18th Meeting.

5. Comments from Public Officials

a. Council District 12

Semee Park, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-756-8501; Semee.Park@LACity.org), reported that a recycling pilot project is

being done that measures the amount you recycle; rewards are available through <http://www.RecycleBank.com>. Saturday, May 7th there'll be a Community Cleanup at Reseda and Rayan. Saturday, May 14th is the annual Letter Carriers Food Drive. May 15th is the annual Citrus Sunday; packed fruits and vegetables can be picked up. The proposed Community Care Facilities Ordinance passed the City Planning and Land Use Committee; it's "a set of tools" to "regulate . . . group homes." Door-to-door solicitors must be at least 16 years old and carry an ID and Business License. The Mayor released his proposed Budget; it includes big cuts.

Board Member Lucille Meehan arrived at this time.

Rosalba Gonzalez, Representative for State Assembly 40th District Member Bob Blumenfield (818-904-3840; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a40/default.aspx>), distributed a "State of California toll free telephone numbers and websites" brochure and encouraged calling her Office to remove hitched or unhitched mobile billboards. The Assemblyman proposed the AB 935 Foreclosure Bill that would "levy a fine or fee on banks that are foreclosing homes." The AB 818 Apartment Recycling Bill "would require landlords" to make "recycling services available to their tenants."

b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
No representative was present and there was no report.

c. CSUN

Ms. McCarthy, CSUN Director of Government and Community Relations (818-677-2123; Brittney.McCarthy@csun.edu), encouraged signing up [at Susan.Widelitz@csun.edu or 818-677-2123] for the CSUN Community E-Newsletter; it includes events and construction updates. Electronic waste collections information is at www.csunas.org/ewaste. She reviewed upcoming Valley Performing Arts Center events, including Congressman Brad Sherman's Town Hall Meeting May 15th at 3:00. Starting June 6th CSUN is reconstructing Darby Ave. from Nordhoff to Dearborn St.

Ms. McCarthy encouraged completing a CSUN community survey [see <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CSUNNeighbors>] and participating in an upcoming focus group [to sign up call (818) 677-2123 or e-mail CommunityRelations@csun.edu]. Also, there'll be California Redistricting Commission Meetings at the Lecture Hall Thursday May 26-27 from 9:00-5:00; it's a historic opportunity to view redistricting work; see www.WeDrawTheLines.org.

Stakeholder Richard Fisk of the Granada Hills South NC announced a May 1st Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament and other events. A Hospital High School [Valley Region High School #4] vote explanation is at www.oghrg.org. A Safe Center for hazardous materials drop off will be completed in May 2012 at the site of the old Fire Station 87.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

7. NENC Budget Report

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #9. f.] Mr. Lord said the Budget Report needs to be deferred to May because DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] is behind on processing payments.

8. Northridge Vision Committee Update

Mr. Patel reported that a “draft report will be presented” at the May 18th Meeting and then to the community.

9. Old Business

a. Bylaws Update - [Mr. Dwiggins]

Mr. Dwiggins reported that the draft was submitted to DONE on time.

b. Lindley Ave. Fraternity House CUP Hearing - May 23 [Mr. Dwiggins]

Mr. Dwiggins reported that May 23rd is “a tentative date.”

c. Devonshire House renovation update [Mr. Patel]

Mr. Patel reported that \$500,000 in Prop K funds are available for the renovation; he’s been asking the L.A. Dept. of Recreation and Parks to designate the Guest House as a Neighborhood Councils community center.

d. NENC Bylaws Update [Mr. Dwiggins]

This is the same as Item #9. a.

Board Member Peter McCarty had to leave around this time.

9. New Business [the second Item #9 on the Agenda]

a. NAHS Girls Volleyball/Amer. Cancer Relay for Life Sponsorship. \$250 [Mr. Lord]

MOTION (by Mr. McCarty, seconded by Ms. McCain): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council allocates \$250 toward NAHS Girls Volleyball / American Cancer Relay for Life Sponsorship.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; Mr. Patel recused.

b. Holmes Middle School Robotics Team Championship competition sponsorship. \$500 [Mr. Lord]

Board Member Kelly Lord arrived at this time.

The Team competed with 500 Schools from 16 countries and won the World Championship. A student demonstrated a robot.

MOTION (by Mr. Lord, seconded by Ms. Anderson): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council allocates \$500 toward Holmes Middle School Robotics Team Championship competition sponsorship.

DISCUSSION: The funding will be from the NENC Education Budget category.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

- c. Outstanding Community Service Award - Nathan Jackson. \$50 [Mr. Lord/Ms. Meehan]

Ms. Meehan introduced Stakeholder Nathan Jackson, who described his individual community cleanup efforts. Ms. Anderson and Ms. Park volunteered to assist and recruit other volunteers. Mr. Patel said the NENC recognizes Mr. Jackson for his outstanding community service [applause].

- d. Valley Heritage Festival fireworks sponsorship. \$2,000 [Mr. Lord]

Mr. Lord described the Saturday June 4th event. The \$2,000 would only be for fireworks.

MOTION (by Mr. Lord and seconded): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council allocates \$2,000 for Valley Heritage Festival fireworks sponsorship.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; Mr. Ramirez opposed.

Board Member Brittny McCarthy had to leave around this time.

- e. Boy Scouts Troop 911 funding support. [Mr. Lord]

Mr. Lord relayed that the Boy Scouts could not attend this Meeting.

- f. NENC Budget Committee formation and meetings. [Messrs. Lord/Patel]

Mr. Lord requested volunteers. Ms. Anderson volunteered to assist. NENC rollover funds will probably be swept by the City; \$2,000-\$3,000 of funds are unallocated. The Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 3rd and prepare a draft report.

- g. NENC permanent Meeting location consideration [Mr. Lord/Ms. Anderson]

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #7.] Mr. Patel described considering the Women's Club facility as a permanent location. It holds around 150 people, is fully handicapped-accessible, and has a full catering kitchen and parking for at least 150 vehicles. Signage and other amenities are available there. The NENC budgeted \$250 per month and "might have to increase that . . . to \$350." This will be Agendized for the May 18th General Board Meeting.

- h. Opening - NENC Environmental Committee Chairperson [Mr. Patel]

Mr. Patel announced that Mr. McCarty had to resign as Chair and that Mr. Dwiggins would like to Chair the Committee. Mr. Draiman volunteered to Co-

Chair. Mr. Patel appointed and it was agreed that Mr. Dwiggin and Mr. Draiman will Co-Chair the Committee.

- i. Returning parking to the north side of Nordhoff St. between Lindley and Etiwanda [Mr. Greenberg]
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #9. d.] Ms. McCarthy reported that CSUN is opposed to again allowing parking on the north side of Nordhoff St. between Lindley and Etiwanda.
- j. CERT Program Funding - \$1,000 [Mr. Patel]
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #9. h.]

MOTION (by Mr. Lord, seconded by Mr. Greenberg): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council allocates \$1,000 in support of the six-week CERT [Community Emergency Response Team] Program class starting May 5, 2011.

DISCUSSION: The funding supports the Program.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

10. Committee Reports

Treasurer/Budget

See Item #7.

Education

Mr. Fantini reported the Committee will meet Wednesday April 27th at Darby Elementary School.

Land Use

Stakeholder Christina reported that there'll be a groundbreaking for the 9750 White Oak Ave. property where it was proposed to build 27 homes where four are now despite NENC opposition; she's awaiting City Building and Safety Dept. information.

Environmental

See Item #9. h.

Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness

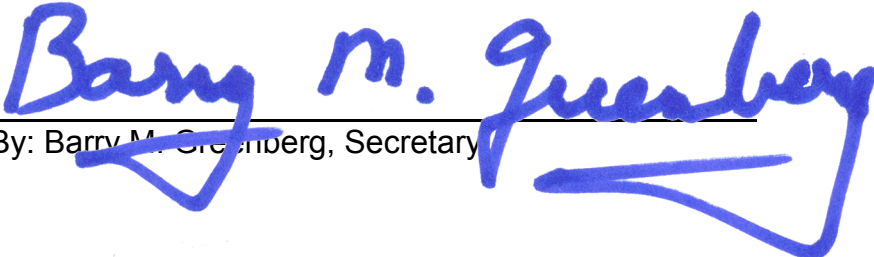
There was no report.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Patel declared and it was agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 8:41 p.m. [The next General Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station 87, 10124 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills.]

Certified as true and correct.

Dated: May 18, 2011


By: Barry M. Greenberg, Secretary