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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



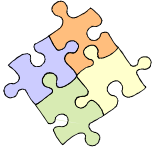
ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Lisa Anderson Alice N. McCain
Jay Draiman Lucille Meehan
Nestor Fantini 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, May 18, 2011**

at Cal State University Northridge, Orange Grove Bistro, Northridge, CA 91330

1. Call to Order

President Steve Patel called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3. Roll Call

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

Ten 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: 23 Stakeholders and Guests. Board Members absent: Peter McCarty, Lucille Meehan and Michael McNulty.

4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation and Approval of the Minutes

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

MOTION (by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Mr. Dwiggins): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its March 16, 2011 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

MOTION (by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Ms. McCain): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its April 20, 2011 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

5. Comments from Public Officials

a. Congressman Brad Sherman will speak.

Steve Patel announced that Congressman Sherman couldn't attend this Meeting.

b. 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 since the recent accident at Zelzah and Superior CD12 "asked CSUN and the LAPD to increase enforcement [and put] in a mobile speed" indicator. She distributed an "LAFD Deployment Plan Information Sheet" and said that "no Fire Stations will be closed"; information is at (213) 978.3820 or e-mail LAFD.Deployment@LACity.org. Also, the Wilkinson Senior Center will be operated by the Valley Interfaith Council and "there will be no disruption of services." Movie Night at Holleigh Bernson Park is Saturday June 11th at sundown.

Board Member Kelly Lord arrived at this time.

c. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

No representative was present and there was no report.

d. CSUN

Ms. McCarthy, CSUN Director of Government and Community Relations (818-677-2123; Brittney.McCarthy@csun.edu), reported that focus groups supported various community outreach ideas. The recent Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Sherman was attended by 1,200 people. She encouraged attending the California Redistricting Commission Hearings May 26-28 [see http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/downloads/meeting_handouts_may2011/hearings_20110526_northridge.pdf]. Commencement and extra traffic will be next week. Darby Ave. will be closed for reconstruction June 6th – July 31st. She reviewed upcoming events. There'll be a Lawnmower Exchange Program in July at Lassen and Lindley. Ms. McCarthy will be lobbying in Sacramento for more funding; if planned budget cuts happen there could be as much as 32% tuition increases. CSUN President Koester announced she's retiring by the end of September.

6. Public Comments

CSUN Student Oka Patel studied how CSUN connects with Northridge; one example is "a community garden [already] on campus . . . that people can" use. He requested and Steve Patel will Agendize this for the June 15th General Board Meeting.

Glenn Bailey, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils [VANC] Executive Board Member, reported that the City Board of Recreation & Parks Commissioners proposed a policy to allow the installation of cell phone towers in City parks. VANC voted to request 60-day notices regarding such planned installations. He believed that the policy “may open up the floodgates for cell tower installations in parks . . . many parks are adjacent to homes . . . corporate advertising is being considered to be put in parks.”

Pat LoPresti of the Oakridge Estate Advisory Board [818-756-8501; OakridgePAB@gmail.com] announced a June 2nd, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meeting at the Northridge Recreation Center. A “preliminary Conceptual Site Plan” will be presented. Mr. Greenberg requested and Ms. LoPresti will send content to Mr. Dwiggins for the www.NENC-LA.org website.

A Stakeholder reported that the City Council supports the Mayor’s LAFD Redeployment Plan which says that no Fire Stations will be closed and no Firefighters will be laid off.

Board Member Stephen Hubbard arrived at this time.

7. NENC Budget Report

Mr. Lord distributed a draft Budget based upon an expected annual City allocation of \$45,000 and reviewed current allocations; approximately \$1,500 remains to be allocated this Fiscal Year.

MOTION (by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Ms. McCain): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council adopts its draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; Mr. Hubbard abstained.

8. Northridge Vision Committee Update

Steve Patel reported that he, Ms. McCain and Mr. Greenberg met with Congressman Sherman and discussed the Northridge Vision. A draft report will be ready in 10 days.

9. Old Business

a. 9963 Lindley Ave. Fraternity House CUP Hearing Update - May 23.

Mr. Dwiggins encouraged attending the Hearing. Stakeholder Richard Silibant said “we’ve obtained signatures from 472 people” and they want more opposing the Fraternity House. Steve Patel reminded that the NENC “took a position opposing the CUP” [July 21, 2010].

b. Devonshire House renovation update.

Steve Patel described some issue history and the idea to use the facility as a joint Neighborhood Councils meeting place.

Board Member Brittny McCarthy left at this time.

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

- a. Northridge Recreation Summer Musical Theatre Program [up to \$500].
Stakeholder Mary Engstrom described the full-length theatre production youth camp that needs sound and lighting funding. Steve Patel noted that the NENC has sponsored this “for the last several years.”

MOTION (by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fantini): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$500 for the Northridge Recreation Summer Musical Theatre Program for sound and lighting expenses.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

- b. Nomination for Outstanding Senior - Senior Dance.
Mr. Lord announced the June 3rd Dance and that Mr. Silibant was nominated.

- c. Redistricting Resolution
[Items #9c and 9d were combined.]

- d. Presentation Liz Moran/Estelle Goldman - becoming part of Northridge East Neighborhood Council.
Ms. Goldman requested support for the Woodley Hill neighborhood to change its affiliation from North Hills to Northridge. The area is between Woodley and Hayvenhurst, and Lassen and Plummer. It’s a single-family residential area with around 400 homes, 1,300 people and no businesses. She described that the residents shop in and identify with Northridge, not North Hills. They’ve notified City Councilman Smith and Councilman-Elect Englander and the City Clerk is now processing their request. There’d be “no cost” for new neighborhood signs. Mr. Greenberg requested and Steve Patel will Agendize this for the June 15th General Board Meeting “as an action Item.”

- e. New Meeting Location - 18401 Lassen St. Northridge Women’s Club - (\$150/meeting, \$200/Refreshments).
Steve Patel described the location.

MOTION (by Ms. McCain, seconded by Ms. Anderson): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council designates the Northridge Women’s Club at 18401 Lassen St. as the new permanent NENC General Board Meeting location.

DISCUSSION: Steve Patel said the arrangement is month-to-month with no lease.

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

- f. Update re: Ocean Mediterranean Restaurant [Steve Patel, Nathan Jackson].

Ms. Park said that CD12 “notified the property owner” to better maintain the property regarding trash, graffiti and more.

- g. Education Committee - \$850 Outreach Darby Elementary [Mr. Fantini/Ms. Green]
Mr. Fantini described that there would be 600 reusable grocery bags with the NENC and Darby Elementary School names on them to be given to students next school year. Mr. Lord said funding would be from the NENC Education Budget.

MOTION (by Mr. Lord, seconded by Ms. McCain): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$850 to purchase 600 reusable grocery bags with the NENC and Darby Elementary School names on them to be given to Darby students next school year.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Lord clarified that the NENC can allocate, if needed, an additional \$125 at the June 15th General Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

- h. Bureau of Sanitation Presentation - Clean Water Initiative - JoAnn Moss.
The BoS’ Scott Mowry showed a slide presentation regarding the program and said that, even with recent rate increases they’re “falling behind” maintaining infrastructure because there “were no increases for many years” and the last increase was in 2008. They estimate a need for \$400 million per year for maintenance. He described the City’s “7,000 miles of sewers treating 350 million gallons per day” including one percent recycled water; the goal is to increase that to eight percent. Closed-circuit TV is regularly used to inventory and monitor sewer pipes for maintenance and damage issues. “Sewage spills are down 80% since 2000.” Ms. Moss said to expect around a \$6 per month bill increase and encouraged getting a private water sub-meter.

10. Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

11. Adjournment

Steve Patel declared and it was agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

[The next General Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Northridge Women’s Club, 18401 Lassen St., Northridge, CA 91326.]

Certified as true and correct.

Barry M. Greenberg, Secretary