

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
Jay Draiman – Secretary
Barry M. Greenberg – Treasurer

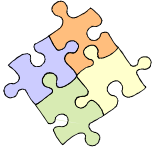
ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Lisa Anderson Alice N. McCain
Nestor Fantini Lucille Meehan
Stephen Hubbard Steven Ramirez

Kelly M. Lord

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, August 17, 2011

at the Northridge Women's Club, 18401 Lassen St., Northridge, CA 91326

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 Mr. Ramirez.

3. Roll Call

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

Thirteen 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: Stakeholders and Guests. Board Members absent: Brittny McCarthy (excused) and Michael McNulty (unexcused).

4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation

Board Members Steve Patel, Lisa Anderson, Steven, and Jay Draiman attended.

5. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION (by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Mr. McCarty): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its July 20, 2011 General Board Meeting, as recorded.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

6. Comments from Public Officials

a. Seme Park, Field Deputy for L.A. City Council District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818) 756-8501; Seme.Park@LACity.org

- LA DWP's Weatherization Assistance Program now available for people who have limited income
- Solar Program Rebate beginning again in September
- LA Stormwater is giving away free doggie bags; www.lastormwater.org/pet

- Coastal Clean Up Day at Balboa Park on Saturday, September 17, from 9am – 12p, with a drawing for a free eco-friendly car
- Citizen’s Commission for the DWP Ratepayer’s Advocate has been appointed
- New Remote Access Weather Station has been approved and shall be installed on a hillside in the area

b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Amelia Herrera-Robles reports on upcoming events:

- Free Annual Event for all Neighborhood Council Members and the Community to be held on Saturday, September 24 at City Hall Downtown; Workshops and topics to be discussed include Emergency Preparedness, Ethics and Open Government, How to Hold Meetings, Creating Community Partnerships, and more

c. CSUN ~ Brittany not present for report (excused).

7. Public Comments

100,000 Homes Campaign in the San Fernando Valley is an effort to find and place long-term homeless individuals into permanent housing by July 2013; Currently looking for volunteers to help with this project; Flyers distributed

Robert Press ~ Grad Student at CSUN, will represent his fraternity at each upcoming NENC Meeting; Recently completed construction on the property, now having people move in, with a Meet & Greet Barbeque with the Alumni at the house on September 11, at 3pm. (818) 606-8261
robishistory@gmail.com

Judy Baumwirt, Academic Programs Coordinator of Granada Hills Charter High School - Recently opened their brand new Global Business and Finance Program and is looking for people to build a very strong Advisory Committee and for opportunities for field trips and guest speakers; Informational meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at 6:30pm at Granada Hills Charter High School in Highlander Hall.

Chris Williams, Beautification Chair of the Northridge West Neighborhood Council – Holding local neighborhood clean ups every Thursday from 8am – 11am to clean up the streets; The median on Reseda Blvd. at Lassen costs \$180 per month to maintain, and Ms. Williams requests to be put on next month’s Agenda to ask the NENC Board to split that cost. (818) 694-9000 acwilliams@aol.com

Glenn Wilson, Northridge West Neighborhood Council – Adds that they have adopted the planters north of Nordhoff on Reseda Blvd.

8. NENC Budget Report

Mr. Lord reported that they started off on July 1st with \$40,500, and now have a current operating balance of \$35,850.16. A permanent Finance Committee Meeting will be regularly scheduled to occur one hour before the Agenda Meetings (6pm), the first Tuesday of each month at Northridge Park’s Craft Room. The Finance Committee will consist of Barry Greenberg, Jay Draiman, Kelly Lord (Treasurer), Steve Patel, and Nestor Fantini. **NOTE: Kelly Lord resigned as treasurer immediately after the board meeting. (The membership of the Finance Committee will be set at an upcoming Finance Committee Meeting. Standing members will be Barry Greenberg (subsequently elected treasurer, and Lisa Anderson, subsequently elected Second Signatory).**

9. Northridge Vision Committee Update

October 5th, 6 – 8pm (Venue TBD), Launch & Showcase of Northridge Vision Study, a 360 page report on the future of Northridge, By Invitation only, but all one has to do to join is RSVP

10. Old Business

- a. Ethics Training – All Members – June 18, 2011
Steve Patel, Kelly Lord, Alice McCain, Lucille Meehan, Steven Ramirez, Peter McCarty, Darren House were reminded to complete Ethics Training; Also, Nestor Fantini's will expire in three months.
- b. Opening for NENC - Youth Representative
Open to submissions for students that are interested (16 – 17 years of age)
- c. Intent to hold vote against DWP Rate Hike

MOTION (by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Ms. McCain): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council takes a position against the DWP rate increases as they stand currently, and in any event will not take a rate increase until a Ratepayer Advocate has been appointed.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with two abstaining.

11. New Business

- a. Dr. Jolene Koester – CSUN President [Item 11a was taken out of order to discuss before Item 6a]
Mr. Patel commends Dr. Koester for her leadership in such hard economic times; The Performing Arts Center has been LEED® Gold certified; Recently announced her plans to step down from her position as President of CSUN.
- b. Found Animals Foundation – Jennifer Brent – Presentation
Offering various services to the community such as The Pet Club, pet adoption, pet identification, pet spaying/neutering, and more.
Pamphlets distributed; www.foundanimals.org
Mr. McCarty suggests that they work together with the Northridge Vision Committee to come up with ideas to improve the zoning issues with regard to the animal shelters in the future
- c. NENC – Quarterly Audit Report Status
Mr. Lord requests that this Item be discussed in further detail at the upcoming Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Draiman suggests that the Board hire an outside bookkeeper to catch up on these matters. Mr. Patel requests that the Finance Committee has a clear direction for the bookkeeper, otherwise it will not work out. Ms. Herrera-Robles notes that once they are ready, they are required to hire an accountant through the agencies DONE has a contract with, and she believes that is true even if they are paying with a credit card, although she will verify and report back to the Board. Also a list of DONE approved bookkeepers will be sent.
- d. NENC funding status for three schools – Past due documents
September 16, 2009 the Board approved three grants: one for Andasol Elementary for \$4000, one for Darby Elementary for \$4000, and one for Weekday Preschool for \$2000; There is also one that was approved in December 2010, for \$2000 also for Darby Elementary. Ms. Anderson requests that the Board make every effort to honor these outstanding grants. Mr. Patel requests that whenever the Treasurer puts any kind of paperwork through DONE he notifies the Board of what reports are sent to DONE so the entire Board is aware.

MOTION (by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Steve Patel): The actual credit card statement and the actual bank statement are to be attached to every monthly report from the Finance Committee. Mr. Patel adds that, according to DONE's rules and the NENC rules, no expenditure is to be made without being clearly indicated and approved in the Minutes, and those Minutes are posted on the website, whether it be made on a credit card, purchasing card, demand warrant, or of any nature unless it's indicated in the Minutes and approved by the Board.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

- e. Jewish Women's Int'l – Past due funding \$100
To be addressed at the next meeting
- f. Jewish Women's Int'l - Presentation and funding \$100
To be addressed at the next meeting
- g. 2012 Education Forum - \$900
To be addressed at the next meeting
- h. Business Cards/Name Tags/Name Plates/Table Cloth funding
Mr. Draiman requests the Board's approval for funds for the following:
\$774.03 for Business Cards (\$49/250 cards); \$256.38 for Name Plates (\$15/pc); \$256.38 for
Name Badges (\$15/pc); \$383.38 for a 110" x 72" Tablecloth with the Northridge East Logo. Mr.
Patel requests that the Board wait until they get a second bid on the business cards.

MOTION (by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Peter McCarty): Table Item h until the Board has a report from the Finance Committee, and also additional bids on the business cards.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote, with one opposing.

13. Committee Reports

Mr. Lord suggests that all the Committees on the Board post notices as to when they are holding meetings.

Mr. Fantini announces that the Education Committee's meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every other month at Darby Elementary School at 4pm.

Mr. McCarty suggests that the Board create a new Economic Development Committee, and the Board agrees and Mr. Patel designates Mr. McCarty as the Committee's Chair.

14. Adjournment

The next General Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Northridge Women's Club, 18401 Lassen St., Northridge, CA 91326.

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** without objection at 8:49 p.m.