Minutes of the November 21, 2012 NENC Board Meeting


Agenda setting meeting attendees for Tuesday, November 6, 2013 were: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Glenn Bailey, and Y.J. Draiman.

The corrected August 2012 minutes were approved. September and October 2012 minutes will be corrected and approved for the December meeting.

Since Don Dwiggins was not in attendance, Steve Patel reviewed the Treasurer’s report. Monthly Standing expenditures: rent for Northridge Woman’s Club = $150 per month – motion to approve was made and accepted. Northridge Woman’s Club has notified the board that they will increase the rent to $200 starting January 1, 2013. Webmaster = $100 per month – motion to approve was made and accepted. Minute taker-Apple Services up to $200 month – motion to approve was made and accepted. Google App., e-mail, Tel, etc. $66.66 monthly – motion to approve was made and accepted. One and One Web Hosting-$143.88 per quarter – motion to approve was made and accepted.

Prior month’s expenses: $ 3,750.71
Current balance: 32,774.71
Committed funds 7,243.61
Uncommitted funds 30,531.06

Details, explanations and spreadsheets were sent to all board members.

Approval of Financial statement reports – postponed to December.

NENC Annexing Northridge Library & Fire station 87 – we have no fire station or library within our boundaries. Closest library is located at Darby and Nordhoff. Closest fire station is located – at Mayal & Balboa. Motion to approve was made and accepted to annex the Northridge Library and Fire Station 87.

Possible retreat date - Sunday, January 13, 2013, noon until 3pm. (place to be determined).

NENC Outreach plan was discussed by Glenn Bailey. Newly formed committee met on October 29, 2013 and reviewed outreach plan which had several components- NENC meetings themselves, community stakeholders– developing contact information for the different types of stakeholders- religious, arts, public/private schools, service organizations, seniors, major leagues, park management, groups, businesses, non-profits. The third component is events and meetings, some of which we already do like the National Night Out and Family Festival of Northridge Park. Fourth area is informational materials. At present we do not have a brochure type handout. The committee’s recommendations were sent to the officers. Another meeting will be held to consider getting comments from the board as well as comments from CD12 and anyone else who wants to submit comments. A timeline for each component was suggested.

Revising the current ad by the outreach committee was suggested by President Steve Patel. We don’t know if the ad is working or not. Steve asked if anyone saw the ad and no one responded positively. It was suggested that we need a more effective way of spending $250 per month.
Budget Representative Report – Ankur, Glen and Don were at the meeting. Over 200 neighborhood council people attended. The Mayor, City Comptroller, and Inspector General of Revenue were there. There is a $216 million deficit for this next fiscal year’s budget which will impact every department in the city. Police and fire departments are included at this time. Neighborhood councils will also get a 10% deduction in monetary allotment. In the late morning session the groups was broken up into election regions. We are region 2 Northwest Valley – our budget advocates are Tom Johnson, Cindy Lou Freeman and Ankur and Glen will alternate. There are three seats from each region. Ballot measure will be made for an additional ¼ percent tax in the city of Los Angeles.

Tom Johnson was introduced as our area Budget Advocate. He will be taking information, concerns and input back to City Council as a voice representing our area.

Y.J. Draiman asked the budget advocate- Tom Johnson, if the deficit included the complete pension and health liability. Mr. Johnson discussed potential revenues from additional taxes but did not address the question directly.

It was suggested by Glen that the Budget Advocate come and report the current status on a monthly basis.

Northridge Vision meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for the third week in December.

Adjourned 9:15 pm