

## **Minutes of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013**

- 1. Meeting Called to Order by Steve Patel at 7:10pm**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum:** Roland Faucher, Don Dwiggins, Kelly Lord, Alice McCain, Spencer Schmerling, Steve Patel, Glenn Bailey, Steve Ramirez, YJ Draiman
- 4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation –** Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Roland Faucher, YJ Draiman, Glenn Bailey
- 5. Approval of Minutes – January 2013**  
**Glenn Bailey –** Can we correct the misspelling of Spencer's name?  
**MOTION PASSES**  
**(9-0-0)**
- 6. Comments from Public Officials – CD12, DONE, LAPD, LAPD**  
**~None seen, none heard.**
- 7. Public Comments**  
**Michael Towman –** City of Los Angeles is installing solar powered LED lights between Devonshire and Saticoy and from Victory to Ventura. All the prep work has been done and the lights have been delivered and now we are just waiting for crews to come out and install them. A petition was submitted and the council voted to add Sherwood Forest as a domestic geographic name.  
  
**Rosalva Gonzalez –** Sidewalk repair bill geared towards charter and county cities. It is trying to prevent charter and county cities from pass along to home owners and business owners when a city tree has damaged a city sidewalk. We are looking for community support.  
**Glenn Bailey –** At last month's meeting we voted to support this bill. Has LA taken a position on this bill?  
**Rosalva Gonzalez –** This will be heard in committee in April and move to Senate in early May.  
  
**Jerry Sanders –** CSUN parking is overflowing into surrounding neighborhoods from Zelzah to Bianca in between Plummer and Nordhoff. CSUN is overselling parking permits. Last 2 years the parking situation has gotten worse. Some cars are parked for 12 hours or more. I have reached out to campus police and the Devonshire division about this and haven't gotten a response. I don't want to have a 1 or 2 hour parking sign in front of my house. Garbage is being left behind, kids are camping out in their vehicles and they are removing trash cans to create parking spaces.

**Steve Patel-** Suggests exchanging information with Francesca M. Vega the appointed CSUN Faculty/Staff representative.

**Donna** - Chair of Land Use for Northridge South. Wanted to make the neighborhood aware of an elder care facility that's 17545 Parthenia Street. We had 500 in opposition of this facility. We'd like to request the board's support in opposition of this facility as well. It takes away the use of single family units. The facility is 83,000 square feet including 140 units and 70 parking spaces.

**8. City Attorney Candidate Carmen Trutanich will make a presentation 10 – 15 minutes**

**Carmen Trutanich** – I have been the City Attorney for the last 4 years. We are the law office of the city and anything legal that happens in the city of Los Angeles goes through my office. We have 7,000 lawsuits in this city. We advise the Neighborhood Council. There are two divisions to the City Attorney's Office, Criminal and Civil. Crime is down 23% in Los Angeles. We see 50,000 – 55,000 cases a year and read 80,000 police reports in the Criminal division. The LAPD is doing a phenomenal job in keeping crime down. You can't have a discussion about gun control without discussing gun control law. I came up with an idea to send a letter to everyone who tries to buy a gun that shows the responsibilities of owning a weapon. A study by RANS shows that people are 200% more likely to comply with the law if you notify them ahead of time of their responsibilities. We also need to address mental illness at the state level and Environmental Consumer Protection. In 2012 we had 33 trials and 29 favorable victories. On Medical Marijuana, we drafted an ordinance back in January 2010 and it came back in July 2012 as unconstitutional by the appellate court. The Attorney General stated that if these Marijuana dispensaries are operating pursuant to state law, the feds will leave them alone for people who actually need marijuana to treat illness. I answer all of my emails personally. Email: [@ctrutanich@lacity.org](mailto:@ctrutanich@lacity.org)

**9. NWNC Support Letter to use Northridge Recreation Center**

**Glenn Bailey** – The request is to include all Northridge Recreation Park as a shared area for all neighborhood councils.

**Glenn Bailey made a request to support letter from Northridge West regarding use of Northridge Recreation Park, seconded by YJ Draiman**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**10. NSNC Support to use Dearborn Park**

**Glenn Bailey** – Northridge South might not be making the request for Dearborn Park and instead would be requesting part of CSUN. Looking for a venue for Citrus Sunday.

**YJ Draiman made a motion to support Northridge South use of Dearborn Park, seconded by Roland Faucher.**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**11. Annexing new Northridge area east of Balboa – Bull Creek to Woodley and Lassen to Plummer**

**Estelle** – Thank you for your support. Last August City Council voted to make us a part of Northridge. Now we would like to become part of the Northridge East neighborhood council.

**YJ Draiman made a motion to adopt new boundaries subject that there is no opposition from North Hills, second by Roland Faucher**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**12. NENC Annexing Northridge Library & Fire-station 87 update**

**Glenn Bailey** - Will be on Northridge South agenda next week.

**13. Economic Comments – Jobs/Businesses in Northridge**

**YJ Draiman** –Would like to help anybody that’s unemployed or looking for work. I would like to start a list for anybody that resides in our neighborhood council and reports to us the possibility of jobs within the area.

**YJ made a motion to create Economic Development Ad Hoc committee, seconded by Roland Faucher**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(7-2-0)**

**14. Authorize up to \$100/mo for Bookkeeper**

**Don made a motion to allocate up to \$100/mo for bookkeeper, seconded by Kelly Lord**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**15. Foster Children Resource Center Funding up to \$500**

**Glenn Bailey** – Material items that can be used and re-used such as school supplies, clothes, etc.

**Alice McCain made a motion to allocate up to \$500 for Foster Children resource center, seconded by Glenn Bailey**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**16. Valley Family Festival funding up to \$1000**

**Stakeholder** – The Senior Dance will not happen this year. The Valley Family Festival might take over the Senior Dance. The up to \$1000 would cover the 20 x 20 booth.

**Steve Patel** – We would like to continue to support the Senior Dance.

**17. Support Citrus Sunday and funding up to \$500**

**Steve Patel** – This is for refreshments

**Alice McCain made a motion to allocate up to \$500 for Citrus Sunday, seconded by Glenn Bailey**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**18. Senior Dance Funding up to \$500**

**Stakeholder** – The Valley Regional Commerce said they were not going to do it.

**Roland Faucher made a motion to allocate up to \$500 for Senior Dance, seconded by YJ Draiman**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**19. NENC to Co-Sponsor VANC Mixer funding up to \$1000**

**Glenn Bailey** – Mixer is on March 14 at CBS Studios at 5:30pm.

**Don Dwiggins made a motion to allocate up to \$1000 for VANC mixer, seconded by Glenn Bailey**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**20. Northridge Library Funding up to \$500**

**Marcie Orkin** – Librarians would like books for stakeholders because the budget has been cut. Funding would be for DVD's, anime, current editions, etc. for our Elementary program.

**Glenn Bailey made a motion to allocate up to \$500 for Library, seconded by Faucher**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**21. Extend 741 Metro Bus to Sylmar to connect with Metrolink**

**Manuel Falco** – Representing the CSUN Tiger Team and we focus on transportation. Here to address the need for the 741 metro extension. Several proposed lines for this extension route and will connect with CSUN. Would like to request to be added to the agenda for March meeting. The extension will eliminate parking fees and parking overflow for CSUN students.

**Glenn Bailey made a motion to support 741 Metro extension, seconded by YJ Draiman**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**22. Treasurer's Report Term**

- a. Prior Month Exp **\$615.66**
- b. Current Balance **\$32,741.51**
- c. Committed Funds **\$6,285.91**
- d. Uncommitted Funds **\$26,455.60**

**Don Dwiggins made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report, seconded by Kelly Lord**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**1. Standing Expenditures Approval**

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013 (Jan – Mar)

- a. Rent \$200/mo Northridge Women's Club
- b. Web master: \$100/mo Aaron DeVandry
- c. Minute Taker: Apple Services up to \$200/mo
- d. Google App. E-mail, Tel Etc. \$66.66 monthly
- e. One and One Web Hosting up to \$143.88 per qtr yr.

**Don Dwiggins made a motion to approve Standing Expenditures Items A - D, seconded by Kelly Lord**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**1. Approve Funding for Video projector & acc. Internet Card up to \$990**

**YJ Draiman made motion to approve up to \$990 for Video Projector & acc. Internet Card, seconded by Glenn Bailey**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**2. Approve Funding for PA System, mics & acc up to \$990**

**YJ Draiman made motion to approve up to \$990 for PA System & acc, seconded by Glenn Bailey**

**3. Review and approve P-card, US Bank monthly statements**

**Glenn Bailey – DONE** made a statement out saying that 75% of neighborhood councils were delinquent on the P Card statement. Just want to make sure we are not in that category.

**Don Dwiggins made a motion to approve P-Card statement, seconded by Kelly Lord**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

**4. Auto-deducts to pay recurring charges from vendors that don't accept the P-card.**

**Approve auto-deduct for Rent Northridge Women's Club \$200 starting January 2013**

**5. Don Dwiggins made a motion to pay recurring chargers from vendors that don't accept P-card and approve auto-deduct for Rent Northridge Women's Club,**

**Seconded by Kelly Lord**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

- 6. Approve Financial Statement reports monthly & p-card quarterly audit  
Don Dwiggins made a motion to approve Financial Statement and P-card monthly  
quarterly audit, seconded by Kelly Lord**

**MOTION PASSES**

**(10-0-0)**

- 7. Adjournment 9:20 pm.**