

Minutes of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

1. Meeting Called to Order by Steve Patel at 7:10pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum: Kelly Lord, Spencer Schmerling, Steve Patel, Glenn Bailey, Steve Ramirez, YJ Draiman, Nestor Fantini, Alice McCain

4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation (S Patel) Approval of Minutes – Feb 2013 and Mar 2013 –Don Dwiggins, YJ Draiman, Glenn Bailey, Steve Patel, Kelly Lord, Roland Faucher

5. Comments from Public Officials – CD12, DONE, LAPD, LAPD

Semme Park – Councilman Englander is launching a leadership development program for high school students. It is an intensive internship that will provide them with research skills.

Applications will be going out soon. If you know any high school students interested please have them contact me. Our office is working with the Census Bureau. We're organizing a workshop for nonprofits and anyone who would like to learn how to utilize Census data.

6. Public Comments

Ricardo Bennett – Work for Northridge Hospital and would like to notify the board that we are modifying the Conditional Use Permit. Have larger helicopters that are larger than the original permit was designed for. Going to the zoning administrator to get that modified. Will be submitted in May.

Steve Patel - This will be added to the agenda for next month.

7. Motion to support N.C. Congress up to \$250 for Sat. 9-28-2013

Glenn Bailey – City Council passed an action that set up two different funds. Neighborhood Councils are no longer able to carry over funds that are encumbered. Two funds set up: Congress of Neighborhoods and Budget Advocates. These are separate accounts for the city where Neighborhood Councils can designate money for upcoming events. It costs about \$28,000 to put the whole thing on including paying for City Hall, ITA, etc. Recommendation of \$250 to come from this fiscal year to support.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to approve \$250 to support N.C. Congress event on September 28, 2013, seconded by YJ Draiman.

MOTION PASSES

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8. Santa Susana Mountain Park Association Tour is on 4.27.2013 by NENC

Steve Patel – This is not the official tour we are looking for but in the meantime there is a 3 to 4 hour hike the will be conducted in the Santa Susana mountains. There has been a tour requested but until we hear back from them a motion will not be passed.

9. Water Privatization

~Item Tabled

10. Mural Ordinance not in residential area.

Semme Park – This needs to go to Council to be voted on. The Mural Ordinance as being presented does not allow the community to approve or reject the mural. There needs to be a requirement for Outreach.

Steve Patel – This where one person might consider this art another might consider it offensive. Murals should have to be approved by Neighborhood Council.

Glenn Bailey – My suggestion is that we put this on the agenda for the May meeting.

11. N.E.N.C. letter regarding sidewalk ordinance

Alice McCain – We vote to support the city retaining possession of the sidewalks last year. It has not resurfaced recently.

Semme Park – Council Englander is opposed to returning possession of sidewalks to property owners.

Glenn Bailey – Will look at council file on Sidewalk Ordinance and make sure there is a CIS.

12. 3 Billion dollar bond – action item

Glenn Bailey – Attended the Public Works meeting. There were a lot of questions, suggestions and that had merit. My suggestion is we submit our comments. I hear this is headed to the November 14 ballot.

Steve Patel – Suggests this be agenzized for May meeting.

~Item Tabled

13. Recommend 5 cents gasoline tax to fund street repair for 10 years

~Item Tabled

14. Approve NENC Funding for T shirts W/NENC logo + 15 embroidered \$500

Glenn Bailey – The 15 polo shirts would be for the board members. T-shirts would be for future events for volunteers or however else we would like to distribute.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to approve up to \$500 for NENC T shirts and 15 board member shirts, seconded by Kelly Lord.

MOTION PASSES

(8-0-0)

15. Status on SE cor. Halsted Reseda new Apt. Dev. – Jodi Woods

Kelly Lord – This should come through the PLUM Committee.

~Item Tabled

16. NC Plan review committee (DONE BONC Ordinance) stakeholder definition

Glenn Bailey – BONC sent out an email from Commissioner Schaffer. This will be voted on May 20. We could consider this at our May 15 meeting. The motion basically states to leave the Stakeholder definition up to the Neighborhood Council.

~Item Tabled

17. Approve funding for laminating ID machine & supplies up to \$500 reimburse

Roland Faucher

Glenn Bailey – Glenn Bailey made a motion to reimburse Roland Faucher for Laminating ID machine & supplies, seconded by Alice McCain.

MOTION PASSES

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18. Approve funding for Reseda Blvd. (Superior) Median irrigation up to \$3,000

Tom – Requesting up to \$3000 for Median Irrigation between Kinsey and Superior on Reseda Boulevard. I have been currently knocking down weeds but haven't been able to plan anything or address the sprinkler situation. A car recently hit the sprinkler system and it needs a new valve. Would like to try and make this low maintenance by putting a weed barrier. I was quoted around \$2,500.

Kelly Lord made a motion to approve up to \$3,000 for Median Irrigation, seconded by Steven Ramirez.

MOTION PASSES

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19. Approve up to \$500 for water tank and supplies

Tom – Requesting up to \$500 for a water tank. The tank will fit in a small or large truck and hold up to 200 gallons of water. None of the water planters have a source of water. Total cost is \$467.

Kelly Lord made motion to approve up to \$500 for water tank and supplies, seconded by Glenn Bailey.

MOTION PASSES

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20. Sidewalk Cleanup funding up to \$4,000

Steve Patel – We might have funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year. If this is the case then one of the proposals we have is to look at what we can do to have a greater impact on the community. We would like to retain a third party and pick out streets with overgrowing weeds and clean up the sidewalks in our community. If you have any suggestions for areas that need assistance, please submit street name and location to the council.

Steve Patel made a motion for a NPG, Demand Warrant or Pcard to use remaining fiscal year funds up to \$4,000 for a 3rd party vendor for sidewalk cleanup, seconded by YJ Dramain.

MOTION PASSES

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21. Annexing new Northridge area east of Balboa – Bull Creek to Woodley and Lassen to Plummer North Hills NC approved

YJ Draiman – North Hills West approved unanimously after their last meeting.

Steve Patel – Would like to Thank North Hills West Neighborhood Council.

22. NENC Annexing Northridge Library & Fire-station 87 update add to by laws

Glenn Bailey – This is a shared facility. We're just waiting for North Hills West to agendize this item.

23. Economic Comments – Jobs/Businesses in Northridge Grants and Funding

Steve Patel – Met with CDD. There are a lot of resources available. If you know people who need help let us know so we can connect them to the right resources.

24. Approve course submitted by Friends of the Northridge Library, for \$500 to purchase audio/video courses from TheGreatCourses.com

Glenn Bailey made a motion to approve NPG, Demand Warrant or Pcard for up to \$500 for Friends of the Northridge Library, seconded by YJ Draiman.

MOTION PASSES

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- 25. Elder Care project on 17545 Parthenia/Shoshone 140 units. Cpc20123544-3545 Status Semme Park** – Everyone is essentially opposed to this project including our office. Not sure where it is at as far as status.
Glenn Bailey – A revised project has been submitted.

26. CSUN Soccer Field – Benches, Enhancements

Representative – Campus has made an initiative for freshman housing. Research has found that freshman's that live in apartment style housing are not as social. We've began the planning process for phase 2 by adding an additional 400 beds. Occupancy will be ready for fall of 2015. We are building just north of the track and inside Lindley. Each group of 32 students will have one common living room. This housing is limited to freshman only. Studies show there is a dramatic decrease in dorm offenses in this this type of housing. Construction will begin in November.

Glenn Bailey – Would suggest that parking be reduced in lots where limited parking spaces are being utilized.

27. Support Oakridge Estate up to \$1000

Stakeholder – Asking for \$1,000 to find a more detailed master plan for the park and house. Would like to restore house and make accessible as a cultural facility. Northridge West approved \$1250 for the project by NPG. Currently we have majority of the funds, we are just looking for Northridge East's support to add to detailed plan.

Glenn Bailey – Concerned about supporting something that is not specific.

Kelly Lord – Paperwork has not been submitted. Needs to be completed within 7 days for review.

Steve Patel made a motion subject to review of paperwork by finance and committee to approve up to \$1000 for Oakridge Estate project, seconded by Alice McCain.

MOTION PASSES

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28. Senior Dance funding up to \$500

Glenn Bailey – We already approved up to \$500 for Senior Dance. I think it will be easier if we submit an NPG.

Glenn Bailey made motion to approve an NPG for up to \$500 for the Senior Dance, Seconded by Nestor Fantini.

MOTION PASSES

(8-0-0)

29. Election funds and transfer status

~Item Tabled

30. Approval NPG for Valley Family festival funding to be held 5.31 thru 6.2.2013 @ Northridge Recreation Center an amount up to \$1,000

Glenn Bailey – There's different levels of sponsorship and most Neighborhood Councils have chosen the \$1,000 level. The money will help cover the costs of table, covers, chairs, booth, tent and our logo on the program. Tote bag or a T-shirt printed with logo TBD.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to approve a NPG in the amount \$1,000 for the Valley Family Festival, seconded by YJ Draiman.

MOTION PASSES

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31. The by-laws committee report – update and Regional Budget Day Report

~Item Tabled

32. Community Impact Statements

Kelly Lord – I have been certified to submit Community Impact Statements.

33. Budget Advocate update and funding

Glenn Bailey – The budget advocates met with the Mayor on March 27. It went well and the Mayor was engaged with our comments. A white paper was distributed that has been posted on LANCC’s website under city wide issues. It addresses 23 recommendations. This Friday the Mayor will release this year’s proposed budget.

34. Budget for 2013-2014

~Item Tabled

35. Treasurer’s Report for February (D Dwiggins)

- a. **Prior Month Exp** **\$1,348.54**
- b. **Current Balance** **\$21,806.66**
- c. **Committed Funds** **\$4,316.64**
- d. **Un-committed funds** **\$17,490.02**

Steve Patel made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Report, seconded by **Kelly Lord**

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36. Standing Expenditures Approval

- a. **Web master: \$100/Mo Aaron DeVandry**
- b. **Minute Taker; Apple Services up to \$200/mo**
- c. **Google App. Email, Tel, etc. \$66.66 monthly**
- d. **One and One Web Hosting up to \$35.97 for April**

Spencer Schmerling – Item 36D needs to be amended to quarterly.

Steve Patel made a motion to approve Standing Expenditures, seconded by **Kelly Lord**.

MOTION PASSES

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37. Review & Approve P-card reconciliation form, US Bank monthly statement

- a. **Office Depot** **\$1.64**
- b. **Pizza Meeting** **\$58.16**
- c. **Google** **\$66.66**
- d. **Facebook** **\$19.34**
- e. **VANCC Mixer** **\$100**
- f. **Facebook** **\$1.48**

Steve Patel made a motion to approve subject to Facebook charges P-card reconciliation, seconded by **Kelly Lord**

MOTION PASSES

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38. Approve Reconciliations of NENC 1st Qtr. 2013 – P-Card

Glenn Bailey- This should be corrected to 3rd quarter.

Steve Patel made a motion to approve reconciliation of NENC 3rd Quarter 2013 PCard, seconded by **YJ Draiman**.

MOTION PASSES

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39. Appoint Property Owner Representative

Steve Patel – Need to appoint new board member to replace Mrs. Meehan. We are having an open call for board members.

40. Northridge Vision

Steve Patel – Would like to keep funds from this fiscal year from being swept. Plan to partner with the Northridge Vision plan to keep funds within the community. Northridge West and South are going to pass a motion similar to this.

Glenn Bailey - Has to have a 2/3 vote to be put on the agenda.

Steve Patel made a motion to add Northridge Vision on the April 17, 2013 agenda, seconded by YJ Draiman.

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Steve Patel – made a motion to approve up to \$15000 for Northridge Vision, seconded by Kelly Lord.

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41. Adjournment at 9:33pm.