

Minutes of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

1. **Meeting Called to Order by Glenn Bailey at 7:10pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call – Determination of Quorum:** Kelly Lord, Spencer Schmerling, Glenn Bailey, Steve Ramirez, Nestor Fantini, Ankur Patel, Lucille Meehan, Roland Faucher, Don Dwiggin
4. **Agenda Setting Meeting Participation (S Patel) Approval of Minutes – Feb 2013, Mar 2013, April 17 2013** –Don Dwiggin, YJ Draiman, Glenn Bailey, Steve Patel, Kelly Lord, Roland Faucher
~Item Tabled
5. **Comments from Public Officials – CD12, DONE, LAPD, LAPD**
Glenn Bailey – Heard from the President of Northridge South Neighborhood Council and they are looking forward to the festival.
Stakeholder - Sending out postcards to a section of Northridge East. Would like to make a motion to approve funds for mailing postcards. They were very effective.
Glenn Bailey – Over 11 residents from Northridge East went to Dearborn Park and brought 575 lbs. of Citrus. Thank you to Northridge South for collecting the fruit. Hopefully next year the board can participate. The fruit is donated to the less fortunate.
6. **Public Comments**

Stakeholder – Woodley Hills just became a part of Northridge East. Experiencing a problem with dwelling units in our area (AB1866). People add units on property and rent out to tenants. We're trying to get the Councilman to support our opposition. Meeting with the Land Use Committee from Chatsworth soon. Also, we've been removed from North Hills West boundaries and we are still waiting to be a part of North Hills East.

Stakeholder – Similar problem with AB1866 on 9723 Woodley Avenue with a guest house. The property at the time was originally permitted as a garage and storage unit and now has been updated to a storage and recreation room. The house is vacant now and we are trying to keep it from being rented out.

Glenn Bailey – Check with Building and Safety. There is an online version where you can input the address of the property and they will respond.

Stakeholder – Situation on Lassen and Louise. Tenants are creating a problem. There has been a shooting, parties and filming of pornography. A federal Marshall also tracked an individual to this home. In our neighborhood there have been 3 burglaries and a home invasion on the same block. There is a lot of activity in the home and it's a possibility to could be linked to the added apartment.

7. **CSUN Walkability Presentation** – For our project we worked on improving traffic and congestion in and around the CSUN campus. Studies show a 40% increase in biking due to infrastructure. 95% of people enrolled and employed at CSUN commute to campus via car increasing the traffic on and around campus. Would like to reduce congestion by adding bike lanes, bike boxes and bike parking. Some suggestions we have would be to add bike boxes at Reseda and Nordhoff. This would enhance safety. We also suggested Colored painted bike lanes to help visibility and inverted U bike racks.

8. **NHMC – Helistop project presentation –**

Ricarda Bennett - Northridge Hospital is a level 2 trauma facility located on Reseda and Roscoe since 1955. Currently upgrading aircrafts and the weight restrictions don't fit the heliport. Would like to increase up to 18,000 lbs. by changing the current conditional use permit. Also plan on limiting the number of landings, changing flight path and dealing with the exhaust of the aircrafts. There have been no complaints from neighborhood.

Glenn Bailey made a motion to support the modification of the existing conditional use permit for the Northridge Hospital Heliport, seconded by Roland Faucher.

MOTION PASSES

(9-0-0)

9. **Lucille Meehan Recognition for services**

Nestor Fantini – We have a plaque here to acknowledge the work of Lucille on the council. This is from the board and we thank you for your service.

10. **Water Privatization – Food & Water Watch**

~Item Tabled

11. **Mural Ordinance not in residential area**

Glenn Bailey – Councilman Englander alerted everyone via email. The proposed mural ordinance is going through the process. The original ordinance excluded any residential property that was 4 or fewer units. Earlier this year it was reduced 2 or fewer units.

Councilman Englander was not happy about that. With this change that was made there is no discretionary actions. Councilman Englander is asking neighborhood council's to weigh in on this. It's already passed planning and land use of city council and is moving forward to full City Council. The current ordinance states that residents cannot put murals on their homes.

Ankur Patel made a motion to allow murals on homes, seconded by Spencer Schmerling.

MOTION FAILS

(2-7-0)

12. **N.E.N.C letter regarding sidewalk ordinance**

~Remove item from agenda

13. 3 billion bond for street repair

~Item Tabled

14. Approve N.E.N.C funding for T shirts W/NENC logo + 15 embroidered \$800 up to \$300 for Polo Shirts

Roland Faucher – The Executive Board approved 200 T shirts for up to \$800. Polo shirts for each of the board members costs \$300. Would like to increase the previously approved amount of up to \$500 to cover all costs of T shirts and Polo's.

Roland Faucher made motion to approve an additional \$400 to fund T Shirts, seconded by Kelly Lord.

MOTION PASSES

(9-0-0)

15. Approve Funding for image projector up to \$300

~Remove Item from Agenda

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

Glenn Bailey – The Plan review committee has completed work in the 3 regions of the city. The next meeting will be May 25 and is open to the public. They will make recommendations for ordinance on Neighborhood Councils. Then it will go to board of Neighborhood Commissioners in June and eventually to Council. This will affect all Neighborhood Councils.

17. Motion to retain surplus funds for long term Northridge Vision Projects. NENC will partner with Northridge Vision to identify major long term projects within the community and fund it through the retained funds. The Joint NC's will create a holding account acceptable to DONE for this purpose

Kelly Lord – This motion was in response to surplus funds. We would like to move them into existing projects. We have found that this has been previously done and contacted CD12. Not sure if any head way has been made but this is our intention.

Kelly Lord made a motion to approve moving surplus funds up to \$15,000 into a holding account, seconded by Roland Faucher.

MOTION PASSES

(9-0-0)

18. NENC Annexing Shared Fire-station 87 update & Library

~Remove Item from Agenda

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

~Item Tabled

20. Elder Care Project on 17545 Parthenia/Shoshone 140 units cpc20123544 – 3545 Status.

Kelly Lord – They are currently in the process of being sued by the Home Owners Association. A letter has been sent with opposition to the project.

Kelly Lord made motion to support Home Owner's Association, seconded Spencer Schmerling.

MOTION PASSES

(9-0-0)

21. Support Oakridge Estate up to \$1000 update

Pat – Thank you NENC for making efforts for the board to have a contribution. The Oakridge Estate is about 9.5 acres of property that we are trying to preserve. The park will feature hiking trails, walking trails and youth facilities. We are currently raising funds to rehabilitate the house for tours and museums. The next board meeting is June 27.

22. Election funds transfer status and 2014 elections update

Glenn Bailey – Anything paid by demand warrant had to be taken out of last year's budget. Anything on a Purchase card had to come out of this year's budget. Deadline for Demand Warrants was today. Deadline for the purchase card is June 14 which is before our next meeting. 2014 Elections have been approved by City Council. Would like to add establishing an Election committee on next month's agenda.

23. Community Impact Statements Update

Kelly Lord – Would like to collect all Community Impact Statements.

24. Approve Budget Advocate funding up to \$2000

Glenn Bailey – Would like to use the funds for the community so they are not swept. Approved money for Congress but need to approve money for Budget Advocates.

Kelly Lord made a motion to approve funds up to \$2000 for Budget Advocates, seconded by Steven Ramirez.

MOTION PASSES

(9-0-0)

25. Motion to support extension of bus line 741 from Sylmar to CSUN

CSUN Tiger Team – Would like to extend the current bus line from CSUN to Metrolink. Asking for council support.

Spencer Schmerling made a motion extension of bus line 741, seconded by Kelly Lord.

MOTION PASSES

(9-0-0)

26. The by-laws report status update

Glenn Bailey – We should plan on taking vote on the by-laws at the June meeting and submitting.

27. Proposed Budget for 2013-2014 to be approved by the board

Don Dwiggin – Proposed budget with one exception. We will be paying for the 2014 election out of this year's budget. Finance committee meeting on the first Wednesday and submit in June.

28. Treasurer's Report for February (D Dwiggin)

- a. **Prior Month Exp** \$6,631.11
- b. **Current Balance** \$14,684.32
- c. **Committed Funds** \$2,766.66
- d. **Un-committed funds** \$11,917.66

Kelly Lord made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report, seconded by Spencer Schmerling.

MOTION PASSES

(9-0-0)

29. 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**

Kelly Lord made a motion to approve Standing Expenditures, seconded by Spencer Schmerling.

MOTION PASSES

(9-0-0)

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

Kelly Lord made a motion to approve P-card reconciliation, seconded by Roland Faucher.

MOTION PASSES

(9-0-0)

31. Approve Reconciliations of Quarter Ending March 31, 2013 – P-Card

~Remove Item from Agenda

32. Appoint new Board Member to replace Mrs. Meehan, property owner representative

~No new candidates

33. Approve any remaining funds up to \$15,000 should be encumbered to Northridge Vision

~Took action on item 17

34. Thomas Baker heads NENC beautification committee and volunteers would be appreciated – Water tank is on the way. Cleanup work completed on Reseda Median.

35. Meeting Adjourned at 9:12pm.