Northridge East Neighborhood Council
1-15-14 Meeting Minutes

Elected Executive Board
Steve S. Patel – President
Glenn Bailey – 1st VP, Membership
Roland Faucher – 2nd VP, Outreach
Ankur Patel – Treasurer
YJ Draiman – Secretary

Elected Board Members
Nestor Fantini
Michelle Smith
Kelly Lord
Steven Ramirez
Don Dwiggins
Spencer Schmerling (excused)
Alice N. McCain
Francesca M. Vega – Appointed CSUN Faculty / Staff (excused)
Sarah Garcia – Appointed CSUN Student
Shawn Silleman – Appointed Youth

1. Meeting called to order by Steve Patel at 7:10 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum: 13 Present (indicated with a “√”, above) 2 excused as noted above, none absent, no late arrivals noted.
4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation (TBD as of 1-24-14, Note names of participants here.)
   a. January Agenda approved with changes
5. Approval of Minutes for Dec 18, 2014 with noted changes
   a. Item 12: more detail was requested; Items 18 and 19 are duplicates (Note: Item 18 should read “Nov. 2013, Dec”) Motion Passes: (9-0-0)
6. Comments from Public Officials: CD12, DONE, LAPD, LAFD, CSUN (Being unfamiliar with them, I didn’t get their names.)
7. General Announcements/Public Comments
   a. Kevin Taylor, Independent Election Administrator, Region 2: Call for new candidates
      i. Candidate registration deadline: 1-15-14 at midnight.
   b. Announcement: State of the Valley event Wednesday, 1-29-14 (Security)
   c. Note: SLO Officer will be at next meeting (Roland F)
   d. Melvin Canas, Official Representative
      i. Report for City checking account system for payment to vendors
      ii. Introduction as our new Project Coordinator
         1. Contact Info: Melvin.canas@lacity.org (213) 971-1551
   e. AppleOne misspelling – City Council hasn’t voted on the issue of payment. (City Clerk)
   f. Glenn Bailey – Question about Bylaws
      i. Working on new Bylaws (CC) pending GM approval, working on boundaries
      ii. Essentially done; map posted on website
         1. Pending final approval of changes (a formality)
      iii. Stakeholder Question: Why NHW boundary change? (Woodley Hills?)
         1. Glenn explained the rationale for the requested change.
         2. Melvin elaborated on the process
   g. Stakeholder, Pat L(?) Announcement about Oakridge State Home event 2-8-14
   h. Steve Patel requested e-blast write-up/announcement about March elections
      i. Green Party Candidate, Kevin Lundgren, spoke about issues of concern to Valley residents “not being addressed by folks downtown.”
         i. Mentioned reasons (for concern) secession, architecture, land use, red car obstructed by ‘Big Oil’, and [need for] Civil Justice reform.
      j. A Granada Hills resident made an event announcement – event with Mike(Fuerer?)
   k. Steve Patel read e-mail re: LAFD strategic plan (needed for stakeholders)
      i. Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/lafd (difficult to discern: “s” survey or “f” fire?)
8. Standing Committee Reports
   a. Education (N Fantini)
      i. Next committee meeting 2-__-14, 4 pm at Darby and ___________________ (?)
      ii. S Patel asked for more comprehensive listing, demonstrating NENC are needs.
      iii. February 6th event at CSUN (A Patel)
      iv. Stakeholder Renee asked about private schools
      v. S Patel suggested regular presentations to NENC by each school
   b. Environment – Nothing new to report
   c. Executive – Changes pending, Nothing new to report yet
   d. Outreach – Glenn and Renee (Flier distribution)
      i. S Patel suggested systematic neighborhood distribution
         1. Alice to help, Michelle has group___________ (?)
            a. Alice announced Cong. Sherman Town Hall and Waste Recycling @ the Old Fire House, Sat. 2-4 pm
   e. Planning & Land Use – Nothing new to report
      i. G Bailey asked about hearing on Cell Tower
   f. Election Committee (J Draiman) – one new candidate coming in tonight
      i. S Patel commented: If no position available one will be created based on interest.
9. Safety Committee (R Faucher): Approve up to $2400 for metal Neighborhood Watch safety signs: 100, 14x20” & 250, 8x11” plus post, with NENC logo (see attached quote)
   a. Allowance of $2400 insufficient, needs approximately $4000 ($1600 more)
   b. Ordered NeighborhoodWatch signs (100 on order)
      i. Next set larger, on stakes, with reflective coating for higher visibility at night.
   c. Reported on Vendor discount and distribution: requested volunteers to help place.
      i. Vendor Name: J. C. Gury Company, Inc. – La Habra, CA
      ii. D Dwiggins suggested getting (placement) volunteers from adjacent communities.
      iii. S Patel suggested offering free signs to stakeholders who attend NC mtg.
         1. This met with positive response all around.
   d. R Faucher asked for approval of increased amount.
      i. Point of Procedure: Not on agenda can’t vote on different amount.
         1. Vote on $2400 to be allocated/approved for start (18 x 24’ signs)
            a. R Faucher brought the motion (Don/Glenn 2nd)
            b. Motion was discussed, SP redirected, K Lord requested clear, restatement of the motion so the record can be accurate and complete.
               i. Motion Passes: (9-0-0)
   e. NW Leader, Diane(?) read aloud report on home burglaries and tips on how to improve security
      i. Notice of Woodley/Lassen & Woodley/ Nordhoff car break-ins
         1. Suggests taking License Plate # of any strange [unfamiliar] vehicles
         2. Diane asked that copy of report be filed with [NENC Board] Secretary
         3. She asserted that Community of Friends and New Directions has brought more crime into surrounding communities. (> Double-check with SLO Officer)
10. Appoint Community Safety Committee (S Patel)
    a. S Patel proposed creation of Community Safety Committee with R Faucher as Chair
i. Proposal approval of both (?) – notes don’t reflect a formal motion.

11. Approve NPG for Darby Elementary School – PE Program $3000 (N Fantini)
   a. Motion to approve – passes unanimously
      i. M Canas - OK’d this time but in the future use Funding Request form
         1. M Canas – asked for a roll call to determine if Funding and Ethics training had been completed because those not yet trained are ineligible to vote. (Roland & Sarah are currently ineligible) Shown on line ___ (M Canas read text of rule.)

12. Approve NPG for Holmes Middle School – 8 whiteboards $622 (N Fantini)
    a. Motion to approve – passes unanimously (Two ineligible: Roland & Sarah)

13. Approve NPG for Northridge Academy H.S. – 3 buses, field trip $1035 (N Fantini)
    a. Motion to approve (Agenda Item 13) – passes unanimously (Two ineligible: Roland & Sarah)


15. N.C. Elections Sat., March 1, 2014, at Northridge Women’s Club* 18401 Lassen Street, Northridge. Election procedures stipulation worksheet, vote by mail, polling place & hours of operation. Candidates filing deadline 1-15-14 11:59 pm – 2-8 voting hours (YJ Draiman)
    a. Name “Northridge Rec. Ctr.” D Dwiggins moved to correct. Motion passed unanimously.

16. Encino N.C. Apple One invoice charged to NENC $528, reverse charges, exhaustive efforts – status – needs City Council approval. [Armando] (YJ Draiman)
    a. M Canas addressed issue with Past Treasurer. City has paid but hasn’t sent copies to NENC
    b. NENC approves time cards, but [gave] no pre-approval of this $528.00 invoice.
    c. J Draiman recommends – check with Armando
    d. D Dwiggins offered to forward e-mail documentation to aid in resolution.
    e. Note: July invoice came in December! (A Patel)
    f. Discrepancy due to “ENC” vs. “NENC” printed on bills.

17. Outreach - Approve up to $500 funding for Citrus Sunday: May 18, 2014 with NSNC (S Patel)
    a. Proposed approval of $500 for last year’s Citrus Sunday Mailer

18. [Note: Disaster Prep funding approval was entered in error and removed in the course of the meeting. The remaining agenda items were moved up as a result. (19 became 18, etc…)]
    Approve revised NENC Strategic Plan per DONE requirements & Outreach Survey (A Patel)
    a. Voted for Approval but to be officially approved, NENC Executive Committee [must submit] along with Outreach Survey.

19. Report of Valley Alliance of NC’s Meeting (D Dwiggins)
    a. Nothing to report (No one was in attendance)
    b. G Bailey reported: Focus on Mike Feurer – Neighborhood Prosecutors (DONE Procedures)
       i. Job openings created by City Attorney
       ii. Abuse and Adult Bullying
       iii. Example: at a Land Use Meeting a Developer brought a team of 12 attorneys who picked apart NC members [issues/objections] but there was no one there to represent NC.
          1. This illustrates the need for Neighborhood Prosecutors (?)
       iv. Suggested designation of alternatives to ensure that someone from NENC will participate in all the future VANC meetings. (2nd Thursdays)
          1. Note: April 11th Anniversary Mixer (Be there!)
c. S Patel asked, “Does everyone get e-mail from VANC?” go to: vanc@lacity.org
d. M Canas renewed discussion re: written motions (He will send form.)

20. Treasurer’s [Report] December 2013 Expenditures approval ___ (A Patel) [see 4-pg written report.]
   a) Prior Month Exp $ 1,244.91
   b) Current Balance $ 30,869.48
   c) Committed Funds Budgeted $ 2,768.28
   d) Un-committed Funds $ 28,101.20

21. Adjournment