

Northridge East Neighborhood Council

2-19-14 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 ✓ Don Dwiggins ✓
Kelly Lord ✓ Steven Ramirez ✓
Michelle Smith ✓ Spencer Schmerling ✓
Alice N. McCain ✓
Francesca M. Vega – Appointed CSUN Faculty / Staff (excused),
Sarah Garcia – Appointed CSUN Student ✓
Shawn Silleman – Appointed Youth (excused)

1. Meeting called to order by Steve Patel at 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum: 13 Present (indicated with a “✓”, above) 2 **excused** as noted above, none absent, Ankur Patel arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order.
4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation : Ex Comm + K Lord, D Dwiggins, and a guest (_____)
 - a. January Agenda approved with changes
5. **Approval of Minutes for Jan 15, 2014**
 - a. Item 9: correction requested by R Faucher sign dimensions should read: **18” x 24”**
 - b. K Lord asked to postpone approval allowing additional time for review and correction as needed
6. Comments from Public Officials: CD12, DONE, LAPD, LAFD, CSUN
 - a. CD12 - Jesse Levin City Councilmember Mitch Englander’s Office
 - i. Along with Councilmember Nazarian, Councilmember Englander pushed through legislation to create an Incentive Program for Home Owners
 - ii. Discussed [tighter] regulation of Sober Living and Illegal Board & Care Homes
 - iii. Noted latest on “Bees & Buzz” (see website) & other issues including repair of potholes
 - b. Estelle Goodman announcement: Polynesian / Hawaiian Family Festival on May 31 & June 1st
 - c. LAPD - Note: SLO Luna currently taking re-certification courses, will return when done
 - d. CD12 - J Levin - Northridge VISION
 - e. DONE - Lydia Grant Regions 1 & 2
 - i. Had working group put together a list of things needed [broken down into] components
 - ii. New grievance policy being implemented
 - iii. Asked each NC to appoint a Liaison to the Board of Public Works
 - iv. G Bailey announcement followed by L Grant response
 1. * Missed details as JD asked me to pass out Meeting Agendas
 - a. *I recommend this be done prior to meeting to allow for continuity of notes*
 - f. LAFD – No report
 - g. CSUN – No report (Presentation to take place later in meeting)
 - h. CD12 – Ian Zweyer-Anderson
 - i. Spoke of the Swearing-in Ceremony of Assemblymember Dababneh.
 - ii. Community Safety Mtg. with Leland Tang, 6150 Van Nuys Blvd. #306, Van Nuys,
 1. See attached documentation
7. General Announcements/Public Comments
 - a. Stakeholder Estelle Goldman - reported problems with *Heritage H.S.* using LAB field
 - i. Negative impact from: increased traffic, vandalism, and bright high-intensity lights
 - ii. Private school didn’t apply for CUP or ask/inform neighbors prior to new arrangement
 - iii. ACTION: ADD to March Agenda. NENC will invite school rep to respond to complaint

- b. Stakeholder Maria Smith, PTA Member - reported trouble w/ skateboarders [illegally] entering school grounds at night. Unable to catch or stop them. Asked for help watching/reporting.
 - i. ACTION: Get Loaner Video Camera
 - ii. ACTION: R Faucher, Safety Committee, offered to add this location to their Watch List
- c. Stakeholder Carlos Luna, Scout Leader (BSA Troop 550, across from Fire Station 70) Read aloud, a letter from the Troop, requesting a grant for purchase of tents. Noted their work in Search & Rescue, Various service projects, and the annual Toy Drive. Tents will be used for Campouts.
 - i. See attached letter
- 8. Steven Ramirez asked to speak later in meeting (CSUN)
- 9. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Education (N Fantini) – Postponed [report?] to the 4th Wednesday meeting, next month
 - b. Environment (D Dwiggin) – Plan an informative presentation on Fracking
 - c. Executive, [S Patel?] – Nothing to report
 - d. Outreach (G Bailey) – New FaceBook page got 28 “Likes”; Twitter got 33
 - i. NextDoor.com now has 400 members, enter [keyword?] “School Watch” NextDoor
 - e. Planning and Land Use (K Lord) – Cell Tower
 - f. Election (_____) Fliers: Any changes? Make as needed and get approved prior to printing.
- 10. Public Safety Committee (R Faucher) – NW Signs (shown to meeting participants)
 - a. Report details DOT “crimp” (more \$ for fastener bands, special tools & materials) but Cpt. signed-off on signage
 - i. Request for volunteers to place signs (will meet to discuss standards)
 - ii. S Patel noted a recent rise in home burglaries so signs are definitely needed.
 - iii. 100 – 14 x 20” & 250 – 8 x 11” plus posts with NC logo (R Faucher)
 - b. Full Scale mock-up of 18” x 24” signs with both NC & NW logos
 - c. **Finance Committee** usually held with **Executive Committee** members anyway, so A Patel recommended combined meetings
 - i. ACTION: Recommendation approved
 - 1. Note: Combined Meetings will switch to **6 pm, 1st Monday of each month**
 - d. Bottom Line: Not enough budgeted for signs. Requested approval of additional \$2500 [up to \$5,000 total expenditure] for metal NW safety signs
 - i. Note: Three Realtors have already offered to pay for the next sets made
 - ii. **Motion was made to appropriate \$2500 more to cover additional costs** (R Faucher)
 - iii. Discussion of the Motion as stated above
 - 1. YJ Draiman – 2nd - added “Let’s thank Roland for all of the hard work on this.”
 - 2. S Patel – [Point of Clarification]: How many of each?
 - a. Answer (R Faucher)
 - i. 250 small
 - ii. 250 on Lawn Stake
 - iii. 25 Video Camera Signs
 - 3. K Lord asked if this was brought up, discussed, and approved in Committee. (Brought up in Ex Comm) [Point of Procedure] Rule: must have committee discussion [prior]
 - a. N Fantini expressed his understanding of the need for rules
 - b. G Bailey stated: This was brought up in the Finance Committee
 - iv. S Patel – Called the question - **Motion PASSES** (10 Yes/1 No/0 Abs/2 ineligible)
- 11. Community Safety Committee - Public Safety – CSUN Community Relations (S Patel) - deferred
- 12. Approve up to \$1,000 AM Mail + Printing of election material
 - a. Discussion: Request approval of additional funds needed for expanded coverage, many more addresses (ca. 10,500) \$5,000 invoice G Bailey & S Patel suggested some changes (text copy)
 - b. **Motion was made to change the approval amount to \$5,188.18 (exact amount) with AM**

