

# Northridge East Neighborhood Council

Minutes for Wednesday, September 16, 2015

1. Call to Order by President Glenn Bailey at 7:03 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Roland Faucher.
3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum:  
**Present:** Glenn Bailey, Don Dwiggins, Roland Faucher, John Hardy, Alice McCain, Nadine McNulty, Carl Petersen, and Joseph Seoane  
**Absent:** Jay Draiman, Nestor Fantini (excused), and Kelly Lord (excused). Also absent: Alternates Steve Patel and Bob Beaver (excused).  
**Quorum** met with eight Board Members present at start of meeting (10, once the two new Board members were seated). There were approximately 20 stakeholders in attendance.  
**THREE VACANT SEATS:** Resident, Youth, and Alternate 3.
  - a. New CSUN Student Board Member - Raul Morales has been appointed by the CSUN Associated Students President.
  - b. Possible New CSUN Faculty, Administration and Staff Board Member - Francesca Vega announced the appointment of Max Reyes by the CSUN President. She noted that her colleague was chosen for his interest and ability to further enhance community and government relations.Mr. Morales and Mr. Reyes were administered the Neighborhood Council Pledge.
4. Voting Eligibility: Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct Compliance – All members in attendance have completed/renewed their trainings.
5. Approval of Minutes - August 19, 2015: Roland Faucher moved, Don Dwiggins seconded, to approve the August 19, 2015 minutes with the following correction: Items 12. b and c to reflect 8 “Yes” votes, rather than 9. Passed 8-0-2 (Morales and Reyes abstained)
6. Treasurer’s Report - Approval of July 2015 and August 2015 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER): Joe Seoane moved, Nadine McNulty seconded, to approve the July 2015 and August 2015 Monthly Expenditure Reports. Passed 8-0-2 (Morales and Reyes abstained)
7. Agenda Setting Meeting 9/8/15 Participation: Bailey, Seoane, Dwiggins
8. Comments from Public Officials: Mayor, City Attorney, **CD12**, **LAPD**, LAFD, DONE, BONC, **CSUN**, LAUSD, LACCD, County, **State**, Federal (as noted below):
  - a. **LAPD Liaison to NENC** – Senior Lead Officer Efred Corral was expected but did not attend. Glenn Bailey and Roland Faucher will follow up. Roland provided an update on the new Neighborhood Watch signs.
  - b. **Devonshire PALS** and other Council District 12 Issues - Councilmember Englander’s Chief of Staff John Lee. In addition to serving as CD12 Chief of Staff supporting Mitch Englander, Mr. Lee is also a board member serving PAL (Police Activities League). He reported that they raised \$4.5 million in order to build PAL’s Youth Center. He gave an oral report accompanied by a slide presentation. The center serves youth from surrounding communities, especially those living nearby off of Parthenia Street between Reseda and Tampa. Thanks to the PAL Center’s After School Homework Program, Napa Street Elementary School had the highest increase in API test scores in California. Stakeholders asked Mr. Lee for Councilmember Englander do more to address issues with the Goodwill Store on Reseda Blvd., specifically trash, debris, and people loitering there after hours. **CD12** Field Deputy, Jonathan Coto, offered to address stakeholder concerns during and after the meeting.**CSUN Report** - Francesca Vega affirmed CSUN’s commitment to find a solution to the student parking problem and their recognition that this is one of the top issues facing the surrounding

community. Ms. Vega introduced Larry Isrow, with CSUN Parking and Transportation Services. He reported that parking fees for the F-10 Lot had been discounted 50% and that short-term parking is now available for reduced rates. He stated that discounts up to 80% were offered off monthly transit passes and that they encourage sustainability and the use of electric vehicles by offering discounted rates to EV drivers. Ms. Vega offered stakeholders phone numbers for contacting CSUN Police Services to track down and document problem vehicles and their owners. She spoke of petitioning the City's DOT for preferential parking permits. Mr. Isrow responded that the most immediate solution would be parking restricted to one to two hour blocks on Monday – Friday from 8 am – 6 pm.

Raul Morales, newly appointed CSUN Student Board Member, offered the Associated Students strategies: Zim Cars, encouragement of ride-sharing, bicycles, and other alternative means of transport that could help mitigate the parking problem. He also mentioned students' work on a Community Outreach PSA video.

- c. **Report on CD 12 Conversations With Councils 9/9/15** - Jonathan Coto reported on the event showcasing the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission with guided tours throughout their facility. Los Angeles Housing Authority and others made presentation and offered an update on homelessness here in the Valley.

**Report on State Senate District 18** - Senator Robert Hertzberg was represented by Senior Field Deputy, Raj Dhillon who offered a Legislative Update and announced that all business had concluded with the closing of the legislative year. His email is: raj.dhillon@sen.gov.ca

- 9. **Public comments on non-agenda items** - Stakeholder Don Martino asked NENC Board and Councilmember Englander do more to address community members' quality of life issues with the Goodwill Store. Stakeholder Zita Fortman reported having spoken with the property owner's attorney who said that Goodwill is coming-up with a plan to address the problem and that the issues are not exclusive to evening hours. Stakeholder Adam Newell lives near the (Phi Delta Theta) Fraternity House at 17740 Halstead Street and is concerned about inconsiderate or unlawful behavior. He was advised by Ms. Vega and others to call LAPD to start a log and initiate an official investigation. Mr. Bailey requested Max Reyes to work with Mr. Newell. Anthony Milanese, Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences - STEM Program Instructor, gave a brief report on the school's Robotics Program and his interest in seeking a Neighborhood Purpose Grant not to exceed \$5,000. He noted that one-third of his students come from Northridge East NC area. Mr. Bailey referred Mr. Milanese to the Education Committee. Stakeholder Geri Sanders stated that she has been dealing with CSUN for years but it's getting much worse with student behavior. She doesn't want to confront them for fear of reprisal. Stakeholder Lia Roberts reported on illegal parking in her CSUN-adjacent neighborhood, stating that vehicles are often left in one spot longer than the 72-hour limit. Marylee Carrillo, Project Manager of the Museum of the San Fernando Valley located at Wilbur and Nordhoff, offers Art Exhibits to the public and hosts monthly speaker presentations on the last Saturday of each month.

- 10. **President's Report** – Glenn Bailey reported:
  - a. NENC Administrative Assistants for Operations and Outreach - David Levin, former Minute-Taker, was named as the new Operations Assistant. Nick Becker was named as the new Outreach Assistant. Nick prepared a NENC brochure and copies were distributed; the Board was requested to submit suggestions on the content.
  - b. NENC Updates including Liaisons to Public Works and Animal Services; Goodwill: Glenn Bailey will be the Public Works Liaison; no volunteers for an alternate. Joe Seoane will be the Animal Services Liaison and Carl Petersen will be the alternate. A meeting of the previously established Ad Hoc Goodwill Store Committee comprised of both Board members and stakeholders will be scheduled soon.

11. **Standing committee reports** – Education, Environment, Executive, Finance, Outreach, Planning and Land Use, Public Safety:
- a. **Executive:** MOTION to approve “Neighborhood Council 2016 Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet” for the April 9, 2016 Region 2 Election (hours, polling place location, translated languages) for a four hour time frame, from 12 noon to 4 pm at the Northridge Woman’s Club with NENC paying the amount due beyond the \$200 allotted by DONE and the alternate location would be at the Northridge Recreation Center. For translation services, English and Spanish would suffice on the forms printed in both languages and with no interpreter at the polling place. Carl Petersen will be the chair of the Election Committee. Passed 10-0-0
  - b. **Executive:** MOTION, as amended, to establish a Joint Northridge East NC and Northridge West NC CSUN Parking Ad Hoc Committee and to approve Committee members (Nadine McNulty, Raul Morales, Max Reyes, Joe Seoane, Joe Kozul, Brian Reff, Don Larson, Lia Roberts, and Geri Sanders) made by Joe Seoane, seconded by Don Dwiggin. Public comment and discussion followed. Mr. Bailey noted that if the NWNC didn’t approve such an arrangement, the NENC would proceed on its own. Passed 8-0-2 (Morales and Reyes abstained) **(Note: At 8:57 pm Alice McCain departed the meeting.)**
  - c. **Finance:** MOTION to increase August 19, 2015 Board authorization of \$500 for purchase of straps and hardware (including installation tool) necessary to install 100 Neighborhood Watch signs on street poles up to a new total amount not to exceed \$1,700 (Vendor: It Straps On, Inc.) was made by Roland Faucher and seconded by John Hardy. Passed 8-0-1 (Morales abstained.)
  - d. **Finance:** MOTION to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) to Kiwanis Club of Northridge Foundation to expand and enhance annual program of installing American flags along Reseda Boulevard between Memorial Day and the 4th of July Independence Day in 2016 for an amount not to exceed \$500 was tabled as the final NPG has not yet been received.
  - e. **Finance:** MOTION, as amended, to authorize purchase of four eight-foot table covers with NENC name and logo for up to \$500 made by Joe Seoane and seconded by Roland Faucher. Passed 8-0-1 (Morales abstained) **(Note: At 9:17 pm Raul Morales departed the meeting.)**
  - f. **Planning:** 18257 Halsted Street, AB 1866, and related issues update – no update.
  - g. **Planning:** 9659 Balboa Bl. ZA-2014-0966-CUW; 60-foot wireless tower – Verizon; project approved pending any appeal.
  - h. **Planning:** Proposed child care facility for 40 children at 17358 & 17360 Devonshire St. (ZA-2015 514 CU) – Applicant’s representative in attendance earlier; he requested item to be heard at the October Board meeting.
  - i. **Planning:** 18420 Kinzie St. ZA-2015-2465-CUW; wireless tower - Verizon – staff has contacted applicant; no further update.
  - j. **Planning:** 10155 Balboa Bl. DIR-2015-3007-SPP; two new signs - Dollar Tree – staff has contacted applicant; no further update.
  - k. **Approval of Committee Members:** Education; Environment; Finance; Outreach; Planning and Land Use; Public Safety. Ad Hoc: Bylaws; Election; Goodwill Store. MOTION to appoint Estelle Goldman to the Planning and Land Use Committee and to appoint Carl Petersen (chair), Glenn Bailey, Roland Faucher, and Don Dwiggin to the Ad Hoc Elections Committee made by Glenn Bailey and seconded by Roland Faucher. Passed 8-0-0

12. **Northridge Vision report (9/16/15);** next meeting 10/21/15 at 2 pm. Joe Seoane attended today's meeting. Council District 12 Field Representative, Jonathan Coto, spoke about the Reseda/Parthenia median strip project and their work with the Northridge South NC to reduce water use.
  - a. Proposed mixed use development (restaurant/5,700 SF retail space and 128 student housing units with 240 total parking spaces) at Northridge Post Office site located at 9530-46 Reseda Blvd. (near Prairie) by Symphony Development: Full presentation to be given at October 21, 2015 Board meeting. The NENC Planning and Land Use Committee needs to consider this project prior to the next Board meeting.
13. **Other Items Continued From Prior Board Meeting(s)**
  - a. Recommend Northridge DASH bus service be extended to CSUN Transit Station (previously approved). This extension is supported by CSUN.
  - b. MOTION to support CSUN Institute of Sustainability Grant Application for LADWP Community Partnership made by Don Dwiggin, seconded by Joe Seoane. Passed 8-0-0
  - c. MOTION to explore possible use of Devonshire House Guest House by NENC on an ongoing basis made by Don Dwiggin, seconded by Nadine McNulty. Passed 8-0-0
14. **New Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions - Community Impact Statements (CIS)**
  - a. CF 15-0897 877-ASK-LAPD / Call to Station / Performance Metrics: A motion to submit a CIS in support of CF 15-0897 was made by Don Dwiggin, seconded by Joe Seoane. Passed 8-0-0
  - b. CF 15-0951 Small Residential Rooftop / Solar Energy Systems / Ordinance: A motion to submit a CIS in support of CF 15-0951 was made by Don Dwiggin, seconded by Joe Seoane. Passed 8-0-0
  - c. CF 15-0974 Additional \$5,000 for Neighborhood Councils in Fiscal Year 2015-16: Glenn Bailey explained the additional \$5,000 allocations to each of 96 NCs. A motion to submit a CIS in support of CF 15-0974 was made by John Hardy, seconded by Nadine McNulty. Passed 8-0-0
  - d. CF 14-0356 City's Wildlife Areas / Prohibit Certain Behaviors: Glenn Bailey explained that this would prohibit poaching or harming wildlife in City parks and wildlife areas. A motion to submit a CIS in support of CF 15-0974 was made by Nadine McNulty, seconded by Carl Petersen. Passed 8-0-0
15. **Financial Items**
  - a. Approval of 2015-16 Budget Package: Outreach Survey; Strategic Plan; Self-Assessment. Glenn Bailey read aloud the proposed Outreach Survey responses. A motion to approve the 2015-16 Outreach Survey for submission was made by Joe Seoane, seconded by Don Dwiggin. Passed 8-0-0
  - b. Approval of Equipment Inventory: not yet ready, tabled to next meeting.
  - c. Possible revision of Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget to increase total to \$42,000 and revise category and subcategory amounts: A motion to approve increase of \$2,500 each for Temporary Staff and Neighborhood Purposes Grants made by Joe Seoane, seconded by John Hardy. Passed 7-0-1 (Max Reyes abstained)
16. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events were listed on the agenda.
17. Alliance and Coalition Reports were not given.
18. Public comments on non-agenda items: no additional comments made.
19. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm. The next NENC regular Board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

APPROVED: October 21, 2015