

Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 18, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Glenn Bailey; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roland Faucher.
2. Roll Call:
Present: Glenn Bailey, Nick Beer, YJ Draiman, Roland Faucher, Diedra Greenaway, Eric Leiter, Jeremy Mauritzen, Joe Seoane, Ari Shapess, and Francesca Vega.
Absent: Don Dwiggins, Nadine McNulty (excused), and Carl Petersen (excused).
Determination of Quorum: 10* Board Members initially present (8 required)
Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct Compliance): All Board members listed above were in full compliance except Francesca Vega's Ethics training has expired. Eric Leiter is under age 18 and is not eligible to vote on Funding items. Abstentions act as a "no" vote per the NENC Bylaws.
 - a. Francesca Vega was appointed by CSUN President Dianne Harrison as the CSUN Faculty, Administration and Staff Board Member on December 22, 2016 and was seated.
 - b. The President appointed Stephanie Mills to fill vacant Resident Board Member Seat. MOTION (Faucher/Draiman) to approve the appointment of *Stephanie Mills. Passed 10-0-0Jessie Strobel administered the NC Pledge to the two new Board members. Ms. Mills has already completed the Ethics, Funding, and Code of Conduct and is eligible to vote on all items.
3. Agenda Setting Meeting January 9, 2017 participants were Bailey, Dwiggins, Draiman, and Seoane.
4. Approval of Minutes: MOTION (Seoane/Mills) to approve November 16, 2016 Board meeting minutes. Passed 11-0-0
5. Treasurer's Report presented by Joe Seoane. MOTION (Seoane/Draiman) to approve November 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) as amended (Section C) and Bank Statement. Passed 9-0-0 (Ineligible: Leiter, Vega) MOTION (Seoane/Bailey) to approve December 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) as amended (Section C) and Bank Statement. Passed 9-0-0 (Ineligible: Leiter, Vega)
6. Comments/Presentations from Public Officials/Departments/Agencies:
 - LAFD: Battalion Chief Stephen Ruda greeted the Board.
 - Mayor: Kevin Taylor reported on various items including the Mayor's Youth event in Canoga Park, Tech Job Fair, 2024 Olympics bid, new George Lucas museum, DASH electric buses, and Clean Streets award for Northridge Sparkle.
 - CD 12: Jessie Strobel reported on vehicle speed racing motion and the Homeless Count on January 24, 2017.
 - LAPD: Roland Faucher reported on efforts of the Volunteer Surveillance Team and the Volunteer Citizens Patrol.
 - CSUN: Francesca Vega reported on the proposed CSU budget which includes \$157 million and would avoid tuition increases. The impact of future federal funding is uncertain.
 - SD 18: Raj Dhillon reported the State legislative session had begun.

Item 7a was considered out of agenda order.

Nick Beer (a member of the project Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee) introduced the Northridge Recreation Center sports courts lighting project, which was presented by Rebecca Abano of the Bureau of Engineering. This is Proposition K funded and is a competitive grant by Department of Recreation and Parks in the amount of \$450,000. Four tennis and basketballs courts will have LED lighting. After design is completed, construction may begin in the Fall.

- a. DONE: NC Civic University 1.0 on being held on January 17, 24, and 31, 2017 and the first session was attended by Ari Shapess.
 - b. DONE: MOTION (Beer/Seoane) to support DONE's Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Proposal [likely CF 17-0600] Passed 11-0-0
 - c. LADWP: Proposed [Customer Bill of Rights](#) was deferred to the next available meeting.
 - d. LADWP: 8% Transfer Fee Lawsuit (Eck v. City of LA), possible \$1.5 billion liability was discussed by YJ Draiman.
 - e. Northridge Vision meeting held on January 11, 2017 included a presentation on Nordhoff Street/Darby Avenue mixed used project (see item 10h). The next meeting will be February 8, 2017.
 - f. CSUN: Francesca Vega gave an update on the proposed hotel on the site of Orange Grove Bistro (Nordhoff Street west of Zelzah Avenue), which will have approximately 150 rooms. A full project presentation will given to the NENC in several months.
7. Guest Speakers/Presentations:
- a. Northridge Recreation Center sports courts lighting project was considered earlier.
 - b. Proposed 2,240 SF Starbucks at 9900 Balboa Blvd. at Lassen St. (at northeast corner which is within the boundaries of North Hills West NC) with hours of operation 4:00 a.m until 12:00 a.m. and a pole sign (Case No. [ZA-2016-2587-CU](#)) was postponed to a future meeting as the applicant was not present.
8. Public comment on non-agenda items was made by William Kuzmin.

Items 10g and 10h were considered out of agenda order.

10g. Planning: General Plan Amendment for the Plummer Street segment between Darby and Lindley Avenues within the campus of CSUN [CF 16-1294](#) was considered by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee on January 10, 2017, which recommended approval to the full City Council.

10h. Planning: MOTION (Beer/Draiman) to recommend approval of proposed five story mixed use development (2,000 SF ground floor commercial space and 146 residential apartments (129 market rate and 17 affordable units) on 58,101 SF lot) at 18401-19 Nordhoff St.

(CPC-2016-4190-DB-VZC-HD-BL-SPR & VTT-74504) with a condition that the applicant provide pedestrian safety measures for crossing Darby Avenue at Nordhoff Street. Applicant: Nordhoff Darby LLC.

There has been a full presentation to and discussion by the PLU Committee. Katherine Casey of Craig Lawson & Co. represented the applicant and presented the project to the Board. Of 300-400 residents, almost all will be students based on experience with adjacent/nearby apartments. LADOT is being consulted regarding pedestrian safety/ crosswalk options. The vacation of Darby Avenue by CSUN and a traffic light at Nordhoff Street was discussed. The first hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 21, 2017. Questions and discussion followed.

AMENDMENT (Vega/Faucher) As a condition of approval, a timeline regarding the existing easement deed will be presented to the Northridge East NC Board outlining Darby Avenue's ownership being returned to the City, where as the City planning process can go forward. Amendment passed 8-3-0 (No: Leiter, Seoane, Shapess)

Vote on MOTION as amended passed 9-1-1 (No: Seoane; Abstain: Vega)

9. President and Liaison Reports
- a. An application for Business Owner or Employee seat has been received and certified and is being considered. Also, a Resident Board seat applicant for a future opening or for an Alternate seat, Larry Simons, introduced himself.

Items 10i and 10j were considered out of agenda order.

10i. Planning: MOTION (Beer/Bailey) recommending denial of Zoning Administrator adjustment to allow for vehicle access driveway that exceeds paving more than 50% of the front yard at 10101 Wish Ave. (ZA-2016-4821-ZAA) Applicant Judith Sender made a presentation and answered questions. Following discussion, passed 6-3-2 (No: Draiman, Leiter, Shapess; Abstain: Greenaway, Vega)

10j. Planning: MOTION (Beer/Seoane) to recommends adoption of proposed amendments to the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance, as amended and approved by the City Planning Commission on December 15, 2016 (CPC-2016-4345-CA; [CF 16-1468](#)) Passed 11-0-0

(Eric Leiter and Roland Faucher left at 9:32 p.m.)

- b. Southern California Gas Aliso Canyon Community Advisory Committee: Glenn Bailey was invited to represent Northridge East NC as of the January 17, 2017 meeting.
- c. There was a consensus to hold a mayoral candidates debate in conjunction with the February 15, 2017 Board meeting, which will begin earlier at 6:30 p.m.
- d. MOTION (Seoane/Bailey) to support installation of donated flagpole in the Reseda Boulevard median between Superior and Kinzie Streets (shared with Northridge West NC) Passed 8-0-1 (Abstain: Greenaway)
- e. MOTION (Bailey/Draiman) to ratify appointment of Film Liaison (Ari Shapess) and Purposeful Aging Liaison (Diedra Greenaway). Passed 9-0-0
- f. Liaison Reports: Animal Services (Seoane) - Joe Seoane attended Liaison meeting held January 9, 2017; Film (Shapess) - Town Hall will be held on January 26, 2017, 6:00 p.m.; Homelessness (Greenaway) - Greater LA Homeless Count will be held in the San Fernando Valley on January 24, 2017; Purposeful Aging (Greenaway) - Town Hall will be held on January 31, 2017, 6:00 p.m.; Legal (Greenaway); Public Works (Bailey) - Clean Streets LA Challenge Awards event was held January 14, 2017 which was attended by Glenn Bailey and the Small Asphalt Repair Program will take place within NENC on February 6, 2017.

10. Committee Reports – Standing: Education (Petersen); Environment (Dwiggins); Executive (Bailey); Finance (Seoane); Outreach (Dwiggins/Bailey); Planning and Land Use (Beer); and Public Safety (Faucher). Ad Hoc: Bylaws (Bailey); Goodwill Store; and Joint CSUN Parking.

- a. MOTION (Bailey/Draiman) to appoint Stephanie Mills as a member of both the Environment Committee and the Outreach Committee. Passed 9-0-0
- b. MOTION (Bailey/Beer) to extend Ad Hoc Goodwill Store Committee for one year. Passed 9-0-0

(Francesa Vega left at 9:51 p.m.)

- c. Executive: MOTION (Bailey/Seoane) to add Don Dwiggins and Nick Beer as authorized filers of Community Impact Statements for Northridge East NC. Passed 8-0-0
- d. Executive: MOTION (Bailey/Draiman) regarding new sidewalk vending proposal made on November 22, 2016, to amend prior Community Impact Statement opposing [CF 13-1493](#) to support decriminalization of street vendors from misdemeanor to an infraction (monetary fine). Passed 8-0-0
- e. Finance: MOTION (Seoane/Draiman) to re-approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) to Valley Economic Alliance/Northridge Sparkle for installation of Reseda Boulevard median flag pole for \$1,500 due to revised NPG Application. [Board vote 9-0-0 on 8/17/16] Passed 7-0-1 (Abstain: Greenaway)
- f. Finance: MOTION (Seoane/Draiman) to authorize up to \$200 for food, desserts, and/or drinks for January 29, 2017 community event acknowledging 47 years of service at Northridge Recreation Center by Adele Steffes. Vendor: Smart & Final or similar. Passed 8-0-0

- g. Planning: General Plan Amendment for the property at the Plummer Street segment between Darby and Lindley Avenues within the campus of CSUN [CF 16-1294](#) was considered earlier.
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 - j. Planning: Proposed amendments to the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance, as amended and approved by the City Planning Commission on December 15, 2016 (CPC-2016-4345-CA; [CF 16-1468](#)) was considered earlier.
 - k. Environment: Coyotes in Northridge update (meetings held November 17, 2016 and December 11, 2016) was deferred in the absence of Don Dwiggins.
 - l. No other Committee reports were given.
11. New Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions: all four were deferred to the next meeting.
- a. [CF 14-1378](#) Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones / Ordinance (NENC supported “in concept” 10/19/16)
 - b. [CF 16-1434](#) Specialized Facilities and Services for Non-Feline and Non-Canine Animals
 - c. [CF 16-0422-S2](#) Systematic Update of Community Plan and General Plan Elements
 - d. [CF 17-0042](#) Ban on Developer Campaign Contributions / City Elected Officials and Candidates
12. Financial Items were not considered.
13. The upcoming NC or NENC events were noted.
14. The upcoming NC or NENC co-sponsored events Regional Budget Day February 25, 2017; VANC Anniversary Mixer March 9, 2017; Congress of Neighborhoods September 9, 2017; 10th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair October 7, 2017 were noted.
15. There were no additional public comments or requests for reconsideration of any motions.
16. MOTION (Seoane/Bailey) to adjourn. Passed 8-0-0 Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

(The next NENC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Bailey

APPROVED: 8-0-1 on April 19, 2017