

Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 16, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Glenn Bailey; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Dwiggins. There were approximately 17 stakeholders in attendance.
2. Roll Call: Present: Glenn Bailey, Rafael De La Rosa, YJ Draiman, Don Dwiggins, Roland Faucher, Diedra Greenaway, Mike Kaiser, Lauren Littrell, Stephanie Mills, Carl Petersen, Ari Shapess.
Absent: Nick Beer, Adam LaBrie (excused), Joe Seoane (excused).
Determination of Quorum: 11 Board Members present (8 required)
Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct Compliance): All Board members present were in full compliance. Abstentions act as a “no” vote per the NENC Bylaws.
 - a. CSUN Student Body Board Member appointee Adam LaBrie was absent due to a summer internship in Washington D.C.
 - b. No applications have been received for the vacant Youth Board Member seat.
 - c. No appointments were made for the three vacant Alternate seats.
3. Agenda Setting Meeting August 7, 2017 participants were Bailey, Dwiggins, Littrell, and Mills.
4. Approval of minutes: MOTION (Dwiggins/Mills) to approve July 19, 2017 Board meeting minutes. Passed 11-0-0
5. Treasurer’s Report - Lauren Littrell:
 - a. MOTION (Littrell/Greenaway) to approve the July 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report. Passed 11-0-0 (The MER may be viewed on the new NC Funding System online portal: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>)
6. Comments/Presentations from Public Officials/Departments/Agencies:

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MATT DABABNEH provided an overview of his legislative efforts in Sacramento and issues in the 45th Assembly District including road conditions, banking institutions, and veterans. He mentioned his “ought to be a law” and monthly newsletter.

CD 12: Jessie Strobel thanked NENC for its participation in National Night Out on August 1st at Northridge Recreation Center. She reported on Councilmember Englander’s new Neighborhoods FIRST initiative and referenced recent two motions concerning safer streets (CF 17-0830) and prompt payment by City to smaller businesses.

LAPD: Roland Faucher reported increase in crimes between Rinaldi and Sesnon (outside NENC boundaries) and along the Reseda Boulevard corridor.

DONE: Gibson Nyambura indicated there is no definitive answer yet on the scheduling of NC elections for 2018/2019 and he encouraged the filing of Community Impact Statements.

(Item 7a was taken out of order at this time.)

- a. CD 12: National Night Out was held on August 1, 2017 at Northridge Park with Don Dwiggins and Stephanie Mills staffing the table. A few sign-ups were reported.

- b. DONE/City Clerk: The NC 2020 Elections are recommended by the Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee to be postponed one year as would the 2018 elections. This is subject to City Council approval.
- c. BONC: Mayor Garcetti has appointed Shooshig Susan Avakian as the new North Valley Commissioner (CF 17-0854); City Council approval is pending.
- d. Northridge Vision meeting held on August 9, 2017 report was given; the next meeting will be held September 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
- e. CSUN: Matadors Day of Service will be held on September 9, 2017; Rafael De La Rosa encouraged Board member participation. He announced an education fair to be held at CSUN on September 23, 2017 with an expected 10-15,000 attendees this year.
- f. NC Budget Advocates - Diedra Greenaway reported on formation of committees and that she chairs the Aging Committee. There will be a training held for preparation of the White Paper.

7. Guest Speakers/Presentations

- a. Reseda Boulevard Clean Streets Program and Nordhoff/Zelzah Art Park presentation was given by Don Larson. The "Clean Streets/Clean Starts" is expanding to other NCs outside Northridge with funds being raised. The art project will be a sculpture garden.
- b. ZA-2017-2476-CUB new restaurant and alcohol license located at 9310-18 Reseda Bl. Applicant: Poseidon Restaurant Inc. was presented by Gavin McKiernan of Craig Fry & Associates on behalf of the owner Menoa Mirakhani, who was present and spoke; Emanuel Beitthagy and Bronsin Atanos also spoke in favor. The request is for beer and wine service 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. seven days a week, mostly in conjunction with food service. The restaurant is 2,792 square feet with 85 seats and a four seat bar. There are 38 parking spaces, including two handicapped spaces, and parking for 16 bicycles. The restaurant is scheduled to open in about a month.

MOTION (Faucher/Littrell) to postpone the item. Failed 3-8-0 (Yes: Greenaway, Faucher, Littrell)

MOTION (De La Rosa/Draiman) to approve the ZA-2017-2476-CUB application as presented. Passed 8-2-0 (No: Greenaway, Littrell)

- c. Affordable Housing Linkage Fee presentation was made by Maria Fisk (also see Item 12b below CF 17-0274). The issue will be considered by the City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee in a week or so. Following questions and discussion, MOTION (Bailey/Littrell) to oppose [CF 17-0274](#) Affordable Housing Linkage Fee / Housing Impact Trust Fund / Code Amendment(s) Directing Fees Derived from Projects. Passed 6-4-1 (No: De La Rosa, Kaiser, Mills, Petersen; Abstain: Greenaway)

- 8. Public comments were made by William Kuzmin regarding Wilkinson Senior Center class, Mireya Valencia regarding urban gardening workshops at Lopez Canyon, and Glen Wilson regarding new Northridge West NC drip irrigation signs (Tampa median).

9. NENC President and Liaison Reports:

- a. President's Report
 - i. Reseda Boulevard Summer Series closing event will be held August 26, 2017. Mike Kaiser and Glenn Bailey will staff NENC outreach table.

- ii. Board members and stakeholders were encouraged to register for the Congress of Neighborhoods to be held September 9, 2017.
 - iii. Everyone was encouraged to register for the October 7, 2017 Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair online at <http://www.valleydisasterfair.com/>
 - iv. MOTION (Bailey/Dwiggins) to designate Lauren Littrell as new DWP MOU representative and LANCC alternate (replacing Nick Beer). Passed 11-0-0
- b. Liaison Reports: Next Homelessness Liaison meeting will be held August 30, 2017. Diedra Greenaway reported on closure of homeless facility that served the Lancaster/Palmdale area.
 - c. NC Liaisons: No additional NENC Liaisons were considered.
10. Committee Reports – Standing: Education (Petersen); Environment (Dwiggins); Executive (Bailey); Finance (Littrell); Outreach (Dwiggins/Mills); Planning and Land Use (TBD); and Public Safety (Faucher). Ad Hoc: Joint CSUN Parking; Goodwill Store.
- a. Appointment of Chair of Planning and Land Use Committee was discussed but no action was taken.
 - b. President Bailey appointed Mike Kaiser as Co-Chair of Joint Ad Hoc CSUN Parking Committee. MOTION (Draiman/Dwiggins) to confirm appointment. Passed 11-0-0
 - c. Approval of Committee members: MOTION (Petersen/Faucher) to remove Jeremy Mauritzen and Ankur Patel as members of the Education Committee. Passed 11-0-0
 - d. Environment: As recommended by Environment Committee, MOTION (Dwiggins/Kaiser) that NENC support in concept CF 17-0447 concerning Land Use Codes / Oil and Gas Development / Impact on Resident Health and Safety / Code Change Proposals (also see item 12c below) Public comment was made by Leah Garland, Martha Argello, and Yolita Dines. AMENDMENT (Petersen/Greenaway) to include continuing monitoring to insure setback is enough to mitigate health concerns. Additional public comment was made on the amendment. Amendment passed 8-1-2 (No: Mills; Abstain: Draiman, Shapess). MOTION as amended: Passed 8-1-2 (No: Mills; Abstain: Draiman, Faucher)
 - e. Planning: Update on planning cases previously considered by the NENC: mixed use project at 18401 Nordhoff Street (at Darby Avenue) is pending before the City Council's Planning and Land Use Committee (CF 17-0820).
 - f. Planning: Pending planning cases previously referred to the NENC Planning and Land Use Committee:
 - i. Zone change/variance to allow continued use of 475 existing apartments at 9500 Zelzah Ave. (CPC-2017-430) Applicant: Compass Meridian Pointe, LLC
 - ii. Preliminary parcel map to create four single family lots at 17355 Lassen St. (AA-2017-719-PMLA) Applicant: Done Rite Construction, Inc.
 - iii. ZA-2017-2419-ZV-CU-PAB related to continued use of a bowling alley and restaurant located at 9118 Balboa Bl. Applicant: BET Recreation Inc.
 - g. Education Committee chair Carl Petersen reported on LAUSD letter related to previous action; next meeting will be first Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m..

11. Financial Items:

- a. MOTION (Bailey/Faucher) to approve recurring monthly expenses included in adopted Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget that are paid by check: Aaron DeVandry, website hosting/event calendar, not to exceed \$130. Passed 9-0-2 (Abstain: Greenaway, Littrell)

Roland Faucher recused himself on the next item and left the room.

- b. MOTION (Draiman/Kaiser) to ratify previous approval of Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Devonshire Volunteer Surveillance Team to support operations (uniforms and live scans) of the Volunteer Citizens Patrol for an amount of \$5,000 to be paid out of Fiscal Year 2017-18 funds. Passed 10-0-0 with one recusal (Faucher).

Roland Faucher returned to the meeting.

- c. MOTION (Mills/Shapess) to re-authorize \$500 contribution to support Valley Alliance of NCs (VANC) Planning Workshop held on November 10, 2016 and 14th Anniversary Mixer held on March 9, 2017 to be paid out of Fiscal Year 2017-18 funds. Vendor: JCS Catering Company. Passed 11-0-0
- d. MOTION (Petersen/Kaiser) to ratify previous approval of Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Northridge Academy High School for sets of young adult books for school library in the amount of \$1,900 to be paid out of Fiscal Year 2017-18 funds. Passed 11-0-0
- e. MOTION (Faucher/Kaiser) to ratify previous approval of Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Southern California Preparedness Foundation for 2016 Disaster Preparedness Fair held on October 1, 2016 for \$850 to be paid out of Fiscal Year 2017-18 funds. Passed 11-0-0
- f. MOTION (Draiman/Greenaway) to ratify previous approval of Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Kiwanis Club of Northridge Foundation for Senior Dance and Social held at Northridge Recreation Center on June 3, 2016 for \$1,000 to be paid out of Fiscal Year 2017-18 funds. Passed 11-0-0
- g. MOTION (Dwiggins/Draiman) to ratify previous approval of Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Northridge Beautification Foundation for installation of Reseda Boulevard median flag pole for \$1,500 due to revised NPG Application (name of applicant) to be paid out of Fiscal Year 2017-18 funds. Passed 11-0-0
- h. MOTION (Draiman/Faucher) to ratify previous approval of Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Southern California Preparedness Foundation for the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held Saturday, October 7, 2017 in the amount of \$850 to be paid out of Fiscal Year 2017-18 funds. Passed 11-0-0
- i. MOTION (Kaiser/Dwiggins) to ratify previous approval of Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Valley Relics Museum for Annual Senior Dance and Social held on June 2, 2017 at Northridge Recreation Center for an amount of \$1,000 to be paid out of Fiscal Year 2017-18 funds. Passed 11-0-0

At this time President Bailey turned the meeting over to 1st Vice President Dwiggins.

- j. MOTION (Kaiser/Faucher) to reimburse Board member Glenn Bailey \$86.80 for refreshments for poll workers/volunteers at NENC Election held on April 9, 2016. Passed 11-0-0
- k. MOTION (Draiman/Kaiser) to reimburse Board member Glenn Bailey \$66.08 for various payments made to Smart & Final for NENC Board meeting refreshments from June 2016 through June 2017. Passed 11-0-0

At this time 1st Vice President Dwiggins turned the meeting back over to President Bailey.

- I. MOTION (Draiman/Kaiser) to authorize \$500 in support of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Planning and Transportation Forum to be held on 11/9/17 and 15th Anniversary Mixer to be held on 3/8/18 in the amount of \$250 each. Vendor: JCS Catering Company Passed 11-0-0
 - m. The approval of the remainder of Budget Package for Fiscal Year 2017-18, Strategic Plan and Self-Assessment for FY 2016-17, was deferred to the next meeting.
12. New Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions - Community Impact Statements (CIS)
- a. [CF 17-0166](#) Local Return Funds / Measure M / Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority (Metro) / Equal Distribution Policy was not considered.
 - b. [CF 17-0274](#) Affordable Housing Linkage Fee / Housing Impact Trust Fund / Code Amendment(s) Directing Fees Derived from Projects was considered during 7c above.
 - c. [CF 17-0447](#) Land Use Codes / Oil and Gas Development / Impact on Resident Health and Safety / Code Change Proposals was considered during item 10d above.
 - d. [CF 17-0831](#) Bank of Los Angeles was not considered.
 - e. [CF 17-0854](#) Shooshig Susan Avakian / Board of Neighborhood Commissioners / Commission Appointment was not considered.
 - f. [CF 17-0860](#) Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) / Basic Car Area Boundary Study / Request for Proposals (RFP) MOTON (Faucher/Kaiser) to support. Discussion followed. Passed 9-0-2 (Abstain: Greenaway, Petersen)
 - g. [CF 17-0863](#) Promote Effective Bicycle Registration Program / Encourage Bicycle Serial Number Registration was not considered.
 - h. [CF 17-0878](#) RecyclA Program / Share Bins / Neighboring Businesses was not considered.
13. There were no Alliance or Coalition reports given.
14. The upcoming NC or NENC co-sponsored events, Congress of Neighborhoods on September 9, 2017 and the 10th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair October 7, 2017, and the VANC Planning and Transportation Forum November 9, 2017 were noted.
15. There were no requests for reconsideration of any motions and there was no further public comment on non-agenda items.
16. MOTION (De La Rosa/Dwiggins) to adjourn. Passed 11-0-0 Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

(The next NENC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Bailey

APPROVED: 12-0-0 on September 20, 2017