

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Glenn Bailey; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joe Seoane. There were approximately 24 stakeholders in attendance, including 10 first-time attendees.
2. Roll Call: Present: Glenn Bailey, Rafael De La Rosa, *YJ Draiman (arrived 7:17 p.m.), Don Dwiggins, Mike Kaiser, Adam LaBrie, *Lauren Littrell (arrived 8:33 p.m.), Stephanie Mills, Carl Petersen, Joe Seoane.
Absent: Adam Brown (excused), Roland Faucher, Diedra Greenaway (excused), Ari Shapess (excused).
Determination of Quorum: 8 (*then 10) 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. Nick Beer resigned as a Resident Board Member earlier in the day. No appointments were made for the three vacant Alternate seats.
3. Agenda Setting meeting October 9, 2017 participants were Bailey, Dwiggins, Mills and Seoane.
4. Approval of minutes: MOTION (De La Rosa/Kaiser) to approve the September 20, 2017 Board meeting minutes. Passed 8-0-0
5. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. MOTION (De La Rosa/Kaiser) to approve the September 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report. Passed 8-0-0 The MER may be viewed on the new NC Funding System online portal: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>

(Without objection, Item 10c was taken out of order and considered at this time.)

(YJ Draiman arrived at 7:17 p.m.)

6. Guest Speakers/Presentations: Lynne German, Literacy Coordinator, described the Adult Literacy Program of the Los Angeles Public Library. She oversees the program in six libraries, including the Northridge Branch. Tutoring is two 1.5 hours sessions per week at a library. English conversation and GED for high school diploma classes are also offered. There are currently 50 volunteers with 57 students and 97 more on a waitlist. Volunteers must be 19 years of age or older and make a six month commitment.
7. Comments/Presentations from Public Officials/Departments/Agencies:
CD 12: Jessie Strobel discussed Innovate 818 in the Chatsworth Northridge industrial area and stated the advanced response unit was approved last week. She announced the Drive-In Movie on October 21 at Shadow Ranch Park. Questions included the LADWP transformer fire in July and graffiti in Dearborn Park.
DONE: Jasmine Elbarbary introduced herself as the new field representative for NENC; her other topics were agendized later.

BONC: There was no quorum for the second consecutive Valley meeting of October 5. The Subdivision Policy recommendations were approved on October 16.

LAUSD: Ankur Patel announced Norm Day, held during week 10.

- a. Mayor: Days of Compassion Civic University Homelessness will be held on October 18, 20, and 25; interested persons were encouraged to register.
- b. CD 12 has pledged \$500 and has requested NENC and Northridge South NC to each provide \$250 as matching funding. MOTION (De La Rosa/Kaiser) to provide \$250 in matching funds to co-sponsor in concept Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition's Operation Firefly (education and bike light distribution program) event in Northridge with an itemized list of expenses to be provided. Passed 9-0-0
- c. DONE: Tripping Point Summit - Valley Edition will be held October 21 in Panorama City.
- d. DONE/City Clerk: The City Council has scheduled next Neighborhood Council Elections in 2019, instead of 2018. There was no interest in NENC holding a Selection in 2018.
- e. DONE: Civic University 2.0 will be held on Mondays from January 8 through February 5, 2018; no one offered to be one of our two attendees however Don Dwiggins will be an alternate.
- f. LADOT: Proposed speed limit increase from 40 to 45 MPH on Zelzah Avenue between Nordhoff Street and Chatsworth Street (Devonshire St. is NENC boundary) was introduced. Eight stakeholders spoke in opposition to the increase. MOTION (De La Rosa/Kaiser) that the Northridge East Neighborhood Council oppose the proposed speed limit increase from 40 MPH to 45 MPH on Zelzah Avenue between Nordhoff Street and Chatsworth Street. Passed 9-0-0
- g. LADOT: Proposed Speed Limit Increase from 35 to 40 MPH on Balboa Boulevard between Victory Boulevard (Nordhoff St. is NENC boundary) and Rinaldi St. (Devonshire St. is NENC boundary) was deferred to the next meeting.

(Lauren Littrell arrived at 8:33 p.m.)

- h. Northridge Vision meeting was held on October 11 and the next meeting will be November 8 at 2:00 p.m.
 - i. Proposed NC Subdivision to create fourth Neighborhood Council in Northridge along the Reseda Boulevard corridor was announced.
- i. CSUN: AS Sustainability Center Grand Opening to be held on October 26 at 1:00 p.m. was announced by Adam LaBrie.
- j. CSUN: 2017 Transportation Town Hall to be held on November 8 at 5:30 pm at the Orange Grove Bistro was announced by Rafael De La Rosa.
- k. NC Budget Advocates report was given by Brian Allen which included upcoming survey of City services and Regional Day Budget scheduled for January 20, 2018.
- l. Metro: East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Study Project (EIR comments) in relation to the North Valley Bus Rapid Transit Project was discussed but no action was taken.

8. Public comment was made by Seymour Amster regarding Teen Court and submitting a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for same.
9. NENC President and Liaison Reports:
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair was held on October 7 at a new location, Northridge Fashion Center, with a reported 7,500 attendees. The NENC participated with an exhibit staffed by Don Dwiggins, Stephanie Mills, and Glenn Bailey.

(Rafael De La Rosa left at 8:57 p.m.)

- ii. MOTION (Mills/Littrell) to establish a Northridge East NC Homelessness Committee. Passed 9-0-0
 - iii. State Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de León's comments on NBC-4 NewsConference on September 24, 2017 concerning NCs, City Council, and housing (SB 35) was deferred for additional information.
 - b. Liaison Reports: No Liaison reports were given.
 - 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. President Bailey appointed Diedra Greenaway and Lauren Littrell as Co-Chairs of the Homelessness Committee; MOTION (Seoane/Kaiser) to confirm the appointment of Diedra Greenaway and Lauren Littrell as Co-Chairs of of the Homelessness Committee. Passed 9-0-0
 - b. Approval of Committee members: MOTION (Dwiggins/Kaiser) to add Adam LaBrie as a member of the Education Committee and Stephanie Mills as a member of the Homelessness Committee (along with Diedra Greenaway and Lauren Littrell). Passed 9-0-0
 - c. Executive: MOTION (Mills/Dwiggins) to elect Joe Seoane Treasurer for remainder of term (until April 2018). Passed 6-1-1 (No: Seoane; Abstain: Petersen)
 - d. Planning: A new case was considered: Extension of existing Conditional Use allowing sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption during the current hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 10101 Balboa Bl. (ZA 2017-3691-CUB). Applicant Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC was represented by Ahmad Ghaderi of A & S Engineering, Inc. The extension must be renewed every five years. MOTION (Draiman/Seoane) to support the extension as presented. Passed 9-0-0
11. 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 MOTION (Seoane/Kaiser) to support. Passed 7-0-2 (Abstain: Draiman, Littrell)

- b. [CF 17-0981](#) Issue Over the Counter / On-Site Alcohol Sales / Conditional Use Permit MOTION (Seoane/Kaiser) to support and include comment that applicants come to Neighborhood Councils during the process. Passed 5-1-3 (No: Petersen; Abstain: Draiman, Dwiggin, Littrell)
- c. Joe Seoane recused himself and left the room at 9:31 p.m. [CF 17-1151](#) City Parks / Removal of Misdemeanor Penalty / Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44 / Review MOTION (Mills/Petersen) to support and include comment about enforcement. Passed 6-2-0 (No: Draiman, Littrell) Joe Seoane returned to the meeting.
- d. [CF 12-1824-S1](#) Ordinance Regulating Party Houses was being considered when YJ Draiman and Lauren Littrell left the room at 9:37 p.m., breaking quorum. At approximately 9:38 p.m. they returned to the meeting and reestablished quorum.

MOTION (Dwiggin/Littrell) to reconsider agenda item 10c regarding the Treasurer position.

Agenda items 12 through 15 were not considered:

- 12. Financial Items were not considered.
- 13. There were no Alliance or Coalition reports given.
- 14. The upcoming NC or NENC co-sponsored events were not considered.
- 15. No additional public comment was provided .
- 16. MOTION (Seoane/Mills) to adjourn. Passed 8-0-1 (Abstain: Dwiggin) Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m

(The next NENC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Bailey

APPROVED: 8-0-0 on November 15, 2017