Northridge East Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 18, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Glenn Bailey at the Northridge Woman’s Club, 18401 Lassen Street in Northridge; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stephanie Mills. Approximately 26 stakeholders and visitors were in attendance.

2. Roll Call: Present: Glenn Bailey, Adam Brown (arrived 8:58 pm), Philip Dagort, Rafael De La Rosa, YJ Draimian (arrived 7:36 p.m.), Don Dwiggins, Diedra Greenaway, Mike Kaiser (arrived 7:25 p.m.), Adam LaBrie, Loraine Lundquist, Stephanie Mills, Carl Petersen (arrived 7:13 p.m.), Joe Seoane, Ari Shapess.
   Absent: Roland Faucher (excused).
   Determination of Quorum: 10 (then 14) Board Members present (8 required)
   Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct Compliance): All Board members present were in full compliance (Ari Shapess renewed his Ethics Training on April 10, 2018 and re-signed the Code of Conduct at the meeting). Adam Brown is under age 18 and is not eligible to vote on Funding items. Abstentions act as a “no” vote per the NENC Bylaws.
   a. No appointments were made to fill three vacant Alternate seats.

3. Agenda Setting meeting April 9, 2018 participants were Bailey, Dwiggins, and Mills.

4. Approval of minutes: MOTION (Greenaway/Mills) to approve the March 21, 2018 NENC Board meeting minutes as corrected. Passed 9-0-1 (Abstain: Shapess)

5. Treasurer’s Report
   (Carl Petersen arrived at 7:13 p.m.)
   a. MOTION (Seoane/Mills) to approve the NENC March 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report. Passed 11-0-0
   b. Executive Committee expenditure recommendations:
      i.   MOTION (Seoane/Dwiggins) to approve $500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant to North Valley YMCA for Senior Dance to be held June 1, 2018 at Northridge Recreation Center. Passed 11-0-0
      ii.  MOTION (Mills/Dagort) to authorize up to $450 for purchase of pens with NENC name for outreach. (Vendor: National Pen Company or similar) Passed 11-0-0
   (Mike Kaiser arrived at 7:25 p.m.)
      iii. MOTION (Greenaway/Mills) to support NC Budget Advocates in the amount of $250. Passed 12-0-0

6. Annual Election of NENC Officers for 2018-2019 term: President - Glenn Bailey was nominated and elected 12-0-0. 1st Vice President - Don Dwiggins was nominated and elected 12-0-0. 2nd Vice President - Diedra Greenaway was nominated and elected 12-0-0. Secretary - Stephanie Mills was nominated and elected 12-0-0.
   (YJ Draiman arrived at 7:36 p.m.)
   Treasurer - Mike Kaiser was nominated and elected 13-0-0 effective June 2, 2018 (after June 1, 2018 deadline to submit payment requests to NC Funding Program).

7. Special Presentations
   a. Proposed CSUN Hotel Update and Status of Plummer Street (Darby to Zelzah Avenues) Vacation CF 17-0381 - Ken Rosenthal, Associate Vice President of Facilities Development
& Operations at CSUN, reported that Jupiter Development was not able to obtain financing for the on-campus hotel project. Obtaining a new developer through the RFQ and RFP process may take six months so CSUN is proceeding in the meantime with the environmental process (Mitigated Negative Declaration) which will begin within one to two weeks with a 30 day public comment period. The document will be on the CSUN website and copies will be at the Oviatt and Northridge Branch libraries. It is expected the CSU Board of Trustees will certify the environmental document in July 2018. Regarding the Plummer Street Vacation, it was approved by City Council on March 21, 2018. Easements, such as for utilities, must be transferred from LA City to CSUN within two year deadline. A traffic signal will be installed at Plummer Street and Darby Avenue. The Plummer Street cul-de-sac (at Lindley Avenue) requires a turning radius. The new parking structure (G6) at Plummer Street and Zelzah Avenue has 1,525 spaces. A turn signal for eastbound Plummer Street to northbound Reseda Boulevard vehicles was suggested.

b. Dementia Friendly Northridge - Alzheimer’s Greater LA, Dr. Adria Navarro & Rie Fischman
Dr. Navarro discussed the Mayor’s Purposeful Aging initiative, persons going missing, caregivers in the home, and alzheimer risk; handouts were distributed. There will be a related meeting May 2, 2018, 10:30 a.m. at the Northridge Branch Library.

c. Local Control Over Setting Speed Limits? - MOTION (Dwiggins/Kaiser) to support Council Files 18-0002-S20 and 18-0002-30 (also listed on agenda under item 12). Following public comment, and distribution of written comments for inclusion in the Community Impact Statement by Don Dwiggins, each item was voted on separately.
Support of CF 18-0002-S20 passed 11-2-0 (No: Petersen, Draiman)
Support of CF 18-0002-S30 passed 11-1-0 (No: Draiman)

8. Public comment on non-agenda items was made by David Meza of SoCalGas to call 811 prior to any construction; he distributed a “Quick Guide to Gas Safety” flyer.

9. Comments/Presentations from Public Officials/Departments/Agencies:

DONE: Jasmine Elbarbary reported earlier the NENC Bylaws amendments were still pending.

SENATE DISTRICT 18: Senator Hertzberg’s community coffee on April 27 was announced.

LAPD: Richard Fisk, a member of the Devonshire Division Community-Police Advisory Board, reported a 27% crime reduction but auto burglary and grand theft auto is still of concern. He invited everyone to April 21 S.O.L.I.D. pancake breakfast and police station tour afterwards.

CD 12: Jessie Strobel reported a seismic retrofit loan program was passed and the introduction of a resolution regarding AB 3162 regarding drug facilities for greater licensing oversight. She announced Myrka Martinez would be taking over for her beginning with the June 2018 NENC Board meeting.

a. CD 12: Citrus Sunday will be held May 20, 2018; NENC and Northridge South NC collection location will be at Dearborn Park; Mike Kaiser and Stephanie Mills will assist.

b. CD 12: Senior Dance will be held on June 1, 2018. MOTION (Dwiggins/Bailey) to nominate Pat LoPresti as Outstanding Senior for NENC. Passed 12-0-1 (Abstain: Greenaway)
c. CD 12: Board Member Joseph Seoane was presented with a certificate from Councilmember Englander for his service to the community and a thank you cake from the NENC which was served to attendees.

(Adam Brown arrived at 8:58 p.m.)

d. BONC/DONE: EmpowerLA Awards event was held March 29, 2018. NENC was nominated but did not receive an award this year.

e. BONC: NC Funding Equity Group - Brian Allen reported on the recommendations to date; the second to last meeting will be Monday, April 23, 2018 in South Los Angeles.

f. DONE: Proposed NENC Bylaws amendment which included Fire Station 87 as shared facility with Granada Hills South and North Hills West NCs is pending approval by DONE/BONC.

g. DONE: Citywide Neighborhood Council Outreach Gathering will be held April 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. downtown; a few Board members expressed interest in attending.


i. Planning: Planning 101: Project Planning Training held on April 16, 2018 in Granada Hills was attended by a few Board members who found it informative; last Valley session will be held Monday April 30, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at North Hollywood Recreation Center

j. Recreation & Parks: Salute to Recreation Family Festival will be held June 1 to 3, 2018. NENC will have a booth and Stephanie Mills will sign up volunteers.

k. Sanitation: S.A.F.E. (Solvents/Automotive/Flammables/Electronics) Collection Center in Northridge, 10241 Balboa Bl., open Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. was announced.

l. Sanitation: RecycLA West Valley meeting to be held Monday April 23, 2018, 6:30 p.m., at Rose Goldwater Community Center, 21710 Vanowen St. in Canoga Park.

m. Northridge Vision meeting held on April 11, 2018; next meeting will be held May 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

n. CSUN update was given by Rafael De La Rosa. LimeBike has instituted geofencing surrounding nearby residential neighborhoods; bicycle pick-up delays were discussed. Adam LaBrie announced May will be his last meeting as he is graduating.

o. NC Budget Advocates report included pending release of Mayor’s FY 2018-19 Budget the following day, completion of the Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey, and the annual Budget Day to be held on June 23, 2018 at City Hall.

10. NENC President and Liaison Reports

a. President’s Report

i. LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson will be the featured speaker at May 16, 2018 NENC meeting.

ii. MOTION (Dwiggins/Kaiser) to authorize up to $150 to replace outdated NENC banner installed on inside wall of Northridge Recreation Center. Passed 13-0-0 (Brown ineligible)

iii. Liaison Reports: Homelessness - Diedra Greenaway reported on meeting with Mayor Garcetti on April 11, 2018.
b. NC Liaisons: MOTION (Seoane/Dwiggins) to appoint Stephanie Mills as the NENC Animal Services Liaison. Passed 14-0-0

11. Committee Reports – Standing: Education (Petersen); Environment (Dwiggins/Kaiser); Executive (Bailey); Finance (Seoane); Homelessness (Greenaway/Littrell); Outreach (Dwiggins/Mills); Planning and Land Use (Dagort/TBD); and Public Safety (Faucher). Ad Hoc: Bylaws, Joint CSUN Parking; Goodwill Store.
   a. The President appointed himself as interim Chair of Finance Committee; MOTION (Kaiser/Lundquist) to approve Glenn Bailey as interim Chair of the Finance Committee. Passed 14-0-0
   b. Approval of Committee members: MOTION (Petersen/Lundquist) to remove Adam LaBrie as a member of Education Committee effective May 15, 2018. Passed 14-0-0
   c. Outreach: Reports on Town Hall Meeting on Long-Term Health Impacts of the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak held on March 29, 2018 were given by several Board members in attendance which were positive. A recording of the Town Hall has been posted on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DF1HliM2Q5s&feature=youtu.be
      i. First SCAQMD Aliso Canyon Health Study Technical Advisory Group meeting was held Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 5:00 p.m. at Van Nuys City Hall. For more information, contact Jo Kay Ghosh; Email jghosh@aqmd.gov; Phone 909-396-2582
   d. Planning: A new/pending planning case was noted:

12. New Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions were not considered due to time constraints except items for 12f and 12g, which were voted on during Item 7c above.
   a. CF 17-1311 2017 FUSE Corps Fellow Report / Street Related Infrastructure was not
   b. CF 17-1421 Illegal Fireworks Task Force / Restrict Usage / Public Safety Threat / Quality-of-Life Issues
   c. CF 18-0045 Lawmaker Challenge / Increase Community Involvement / Council and Committee Meetings / Hosting Regular Meetings in the Evening
   d. CF 11-1705 Citywide Sign Regulations / Revision
   e. CF 15-0389-S1 Addressing City Council, Commissions or Boards / Extend Time Allowance to Non-Certified Community Councils / Los Angeles Administrative Code Amendment
   f. CF 18-0002-S20 Speed Limit Setting and Enforcement / Local Control (see item 7c above)
   g. CF 18-0002-S30 AB 2363 (Friedman) / Speed Limits Established by Local Authority (see item 7c above)
   h. CF 18-0244 FY 2017-18 Transit Service Analysis / LA Department of Transportation (LADOT)

(Diedra Greenaway left at 9:40 p.m.)

13. Financial Items were not considered.

14. Alliance and Coalition reports were not considered.
15. The upcoming NC or NENC co-sponsored events were noted: Senior Symposium May 19, 2018, Citrus Sunday May 20, 2018, Senior Dance June 1, 2018, Salute to Recreation June 1-3, 2018, Budget Day June 23, 2018, Congress of Neighborhoods September 22, 2018.
16. No additional public comment was provided and there were no requests for reconsideration.
17. MOTION (De La Rosa/Kaiser) to adjourn. Passed 13-0-0 Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

(The next NENC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Bailey

APPROVED: 10-0-0 on May 16, 2018