

**Monthly Board Meeting:
Northridge East Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, September 20, 2006
Andasol Elementary School Auditorium, 10126 Encino Ave.**

Attendance: 92 audience members/12 board members present

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** by NENC Secretary Chuck Bunnell: 7:15 p.m. Present were: Alice McCain, Barry Greenberg, Caroline Moore, Charles Bunnell, James Gardner, Kelly Lord, Lucille Meehan, Peter McCarty, Ray Calnan, Steve Patel, Thomas Baker and Harold Ellison. Excused absences: Don Dwigings and Judith Nutter.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. NENC policies and procedures reviewed by Chuck Bunnell.

2. District 12 City Council member Greig Smith: Presentation to Team Extreme.

NENC's Thomas Baker introduced the Council member and reviewed the accomplishment of this local soccer team in winning the AYSO National Games Tournament: Boys Under 14, held in Chicago, July 10 – 16, 2006. Making the presentation with Council member Smith were co-coaches Lloyd Ross and Vicki Landon with assistant coach Luciano Londono. Council member Smith congratulated Team Extreme and presented each with a certificate, posing for individual photos when requested. He then congratulated the NENC Board for their service.

Council member Update: Council member Greig Smith addressed stakeholders on a number of current issues. These included:

- CSUN traffic problems and efforts to resolve them by his office
- LAUSD's efforts to convert "Hospital High" property on Balboa to a new high school. On this issue, he pointed out that his office had to intervene to ensure that LAUSD took proper steps to provide parking for the students that will attend that school. He said this required threatening the school system with a lawsuit before they assured his office they would proceed with plans for parking that would not impact stakeholders or businesses in the community.
- Efforts by LAPD in building a new police station to take pressure off the Devonshire division
- A commitment by the L.A. City Council to make RENEW L.A. the City's official plan. The goal is to reach a zero waste level in L.A. by employing the latest technologies in recycling and trash conversion. The proposed date to have this in place is 2010
- The DWP's rate hike and the reasons behind it. Council member Smith said he voted against the rate hike because of the way it was imposed. However, he said the charges are needed
- Efforts to remove tree trunks in his Council area
- Plans to plant one million trees in the City, in line with the Mayor's vision
- Concerns about trash generated by three fast food outlets in Northridge
- Stakeholders' requests for speed bumps and the process required – His office has a form to make the request for new speed bumps. It then requires approval by neighbors
- He stated that the City of L.A. has the highest credit rating of any city in America and is one of only three cities that has received a "Gold Seal"
- Mayor's Budget: The City budget is approximately \$6 billion. Part of the funding (about \$2 million dollars) is raised by a city tax on residents' phone bills. The Council member said the tax will be lifted and as a result, the City will need to find other ways to replace it.

After the Council member's presentation, NENC's Steve Patel reminded stakeholders to fill out the Mayor's Budget Survey form which can be accessed online at: www.lacityneighborhoods.com and click on the Budget Survey link. The deadline for this is November 15, 2006.

3. **Minutes for August: (Bunnell/McCarty) moved to approve the minutes from the August 16th monthly Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Sprint/Nextel proposal:** Ed Gailo, the representative for Sprint/Nextel reviewed plans for a new cell phone tree at 18175 Chatsworth, west of Zelzah.
5. **Community Clean up:** NENC's Thomas Baker reminded stakeholders about the upcoming Community Clean-up scheduled for October 8th at Plummer and Nordhoff. The Outback Steakhouse will be providing food. Expenses are estimated at \$1,500 for t-shirts, banners, and cooking equipment rentals. He asked the Board to post notices in the community with religious and service organizations to improve participation. **(Baker/Calnan) moved to allocate \$1,500 for expenses for the community clean up. The motion passed unanimously.**
6. **Presentation/Appeal by Youth Representative Ryan McElveen:** Ryan, a 16-year old student at Cal State, Northridge, volunteered to take the vacant seat on the NENC Board as the Youth Representative. He will be sworn in at the October meeting.
7. **50/50 Sidewalk Repair Program for Resident Homeowners:** NENC's Ray Calnan spoke about efforts underway to initiate this City program in the NENC district. Thomas Baker suggested assigning a budget to it and putting an item on the October agenda. Steve Patel suggested defining the program prior to committing monies to it. (Patel/Gardner) moved to agendize the 50/50 Sidewalk Repair Program for resident homeowners on the October agenda for a final vote of approval on the program and to request stakeholders input for dollar amounts. The motion was withdrawn after Barry Greenberg pointed out that the item does not require a motion to be placed on the agenda.
8. **Discuss and Appoint Committee Chairs:** Tabled.

Public Comments:

Senior and Family Caregiver Workshop: Bob Erio and Patricia Herrera of Community Integration Services, Inc. addressed the Board on their non – profit's need for financing. Their program serves seniors and their caregivers by helping them access various organizations in the Aging network. They hope to provide outreach to a 500 stakeholders in the NENC area. They will be presenting a program in the near future and need funding to cover their speaker's costs.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:41 p.m.

Minutes taken by Pat Kramer, Apple One.