

Minutes of the
NORTHRIDGE EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (NENC)
Wednesday, September 19, 2007
Andasol Elementary School Auditorium
10126 Encino Ave.

Kelly Lord, President, introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Ms. Nutter took the roll call. Board Members present:

Kelly Lord, President	Don Dwigings, 1 st Vice-President
Judith Nutter, Secretary	Steve Patel, Treasurer
Sara Adelman, Board Member	Ray Calnan, Board Member
Yeprem Davoodian, Board Member	Alice McCain, Board Member
Peter McCarty, Board Member	Carol Moore, Board Member

A quorum was noted as being present.

Board Members absent were: Thomas Baker, 2nd Vice-President; Travis Daniels, Board Member; Harold Ellison, CSUN Student; Barry Greenberg, Board Member; and Lucille Meehan, Board Member.

Also present were nine Stakeholders and guests.

The Minutes of the August 15, 2007 meeting were approved by a voice vote.

Public Comment

Stakeholder Cindy Cooper: the new parking structure near Ca. State Univ. – Northridge (CSUN) at Lindley and Zelzah has 160 fewer parking spaces than the previous parking. She is concerned regarding adequate parking to accommodate the student's cars for the new dorm building. Students are already parking on neighborhood streets. Ms. Nutter offered to provide information about CSUN parking.

Stakeholder Wendy Gibbs: lives near the parking lot located on the northwest corner of Balboa and Devonshire where, around 11:00 every Thursday night, there're street races with approximately 200 cars there. A Police helicopter appears around 11:15 and announces that they "must disperse," but no patrol cars appear; the Devonshire Police station says that only two or three cars are available. The lot may be partly owned by a church and _____.

Stakeholder Nathan Jackson: racers and attendees openly use alcohol and drugs, and sell them in the lot, including outside the medical marijuana shop. Sometimes the Police never show up after being called. Speed bumps are needed there; attendees

park and throw trash on surrounding streets. The Oceans Restaurant is open until 2:00 a.m. in the morning and the noise from people outside it is unbearable. Councilman Smith's office hasn't called back. Neighboring businesses are losing business and customers are being scared away.

Mitch Larson of the City Attorney's Office reported that a private property near the corner of Lindley and Lassen is being used by transients who leave a lot of trash, and that near the corner of Reseda and Lassen there's been a huge upsurge of auto burglaries.

Melvin Canas, L.A. City Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (D.O.N.E.) Project Coordinator, announced the Mayor's October 13th Budget Day; it's an opportunity to discuss the City budget being planned now and to give input to the Mayor. Also, the Congress of Neighborhoods will be October 27th from the registration start at 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Convention Center; the program will be from 9:00 – 12:00, including a full breakfast. There'll be a Planning and Land Use workshop that includes Zimas computer program training. The goal is 500-600 attendees; last year there were more than 900, and the event budget is more than \$50,000. It is geared to Neighborhood Council (NC) members but is open to anyone. Free bus transportation may be available; contact D.O.N.E.

Agenda Items (in the order presented)

- 7) Mr. Davoodian and Mr. McCarty will represent the NENC at the Budget Day event. Mr. Patel and Mr. McCarty were appointed to represent the NENC stakeholders on the Business Improvement District Revitalization Committee.
- 3) Mr. Dwiggins elaborated about the DWP Proposed Rate Increase Oversight Committee that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) provides transparency and collaboration between the DWP and neighborhoods, and more oversight of DWP rate policies and actions. The Committee has made a number of recommendations to the DWP, including not making any rate increases at this time.

MOTION (by Mr. Dwiggins, seconded by Ms. Moore): that the NENC approve of the Oversight Committee's MOU with the DWP. MOTION APPROVED by a voice vote.

- 4) Ms. McCain mentioned that she is waiting to hear back from the Red Cross.
- 5) Mr. Patel, Ms. Nutter, Mr. McCarty and Mr. Davoodian will be on the Retreat Committee. Melvin Canas will participate.
- 6) Mr. Calnan explained that the Northridge West NC will participate in the City Department of Aging event, and that the Granada Hills, Porter Ranch and Chatsworth NCs will be contacted. It will be held November 10th at the Wilkinson Center; \$10,000 is needed to stage the event. Also, December 8th starting at 8:30

a.m., CSUN will host a Festival of Fitness. There'll be talks and seminars about exercise, preventing falls, and more. The City's Parks and Recreation Department, the Alzheimer's Association and others will participate; 200-300 attendees are expected and 40,000 invitations will be mailed. This will be the first time this event is held in the San Fernando Valley.

MOTION (by Ms. McCain, seconded by Ms. Moore): that the NENC allocate up to \$2,500 toward the above event.

DISCUSSION: D.O.N.E. is asking NCs to pay the \$10,000 event cost. Planning time is dwindling; a special meeting may be called to expedite the process.

MOTION APPROVED by a voice vote.

Future Agenda Items

Ms. McCain related that a San Fernando Coalition on Gangs event focused on prevention and early intervention.

Mr. Dwiggin said he's seeking a replacement representative on the DWP Oversight Committee to attend the meetings one Saturday per month at 9:30 a.m. downtown.

Mr. McCarty stated that we are building relationships with other NCs regarding senior care, and that the NENC is spearheading the City Department of Aging event.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.