

Minutes of the
NORTHRIDGE EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (NENC)
General Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Andasol Elementary School Auditorium, 10126 Encino Ave., Northridge, CA

Call to Order

President Kelly Lord called the meeting to order at 7: __ p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by _____.

Roll Call

Mr. Lord took the roll call. Board Members present:

[CONFIRM ABOVE AND BELOW: attendance: __]

Kelly Lord, President	Don Dwiggin, 1 st Vice-President
Sara Adelman, Youth Representative	Yeprem Davoodian, Board Member
Barry Greenberg, Board Member	Conner Lansdale, Student Representative
Alice McCain, Board Member	Peter McCarty, Board Member
Lucille Meehan, Board Member	Carol Moore, Board Member
Steve Patel, Treasurer	

Board Members absent: Thomas Baker, 2nd Vice-President (excused), Ray Calnan, Board Member (not/excused), Travis Daniels (not/excused), and Judith Nutter, Secretary (not/excused).

_____ of the 15 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting, which is a quorum, and the business of the Council could be conducted.

Also present were 10 Stakeholders and Guests.

Approval of the Minutes from May [21st General] Board Meeting

[CONFIRM: __]

The Minutes of the _____ meeting were **ACCEPTED** without any objections / **APPROVED** by a voice vote with the following corrections:

The following correction to the _____, 2008 Minutes was requested:
Page _____, Item #__ : " _____ " should be " _____ ".

MOTION (by M_. _____, seconded by M_. _____): to approve the Minutes of the _____, 2008 General Board Meeting, as written / as corrected without any objections / with the above corrections.

The _____, 2008 Minutes were **ACCEPTED** / **APPROVED** as written / as corrected without any objections / with the above corrections.

NENC Council President Policies and Procedures for [NC] Meeting
[CONFIRM: __]

Comments from City Officials
[CONFIRM: __; others?]

Melvin Canas, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst (818-374-9953; melvin.canas@lacity.org), announced that
[CONFIRM: __]

Public Comments

Carole Lutness, 38th State Senate District Democratic Candidate, distributed campaign literature and introduced herself. She spoke about the economy, the environment, and other issues.

[The following Agenda Item was addressed after Item #3.]

1. NENC Election Update

Mr. Greenberg explained that there are 11 candidates for 12 positions for the June 28th 12 – 6 p.m. election, and that the deadline to run for a Board position is June 25th at 5:00 p.m. The election will be held in this auditorium. Mr. Canas reported that the City is doing election outreach through radio Public Service Announcements, talk shows, the La Opinion and L.A. Weekly newspapers (“the L.A. Times didn’t respond”), on public buses, through flyers (he distributed some), and the Mayor announced it.

DISCUSSION: there was discussion regarding media that has been and can be contacted, and election outreach efforts.

MOTION (by Mr. Patel, seconded by Mr. McCarty): to allocate up to \$1,000 for election outreach.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

2. NENC Candidate Forum

The following NENC Board Member candidates introduced themselves and spoke briefly regarding their views and projects on which they’d like to work: Stakeholder Nestor Fantini, current Board Member Mr. Greenberg, and current Board Member Mr. McCarty.

[The following Agenda Item was addressed after Item “Public Comments”.]

3. SOLID Gym Renovation at Devonshire Division

Kathy Bennett, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer, (818-634-0495; 27437@lapd.lacity.org), distributed flyers about and announced the following events. The Police’s National Night Out, August 5th, 6 - 10 p.m. at the **[CONFIRM: __]**

Devonshire Area Police Station (311; www.lapdonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station/content_basic_view/6538) . “It’s a night where the community and Police Departments come together.” On July 14th the Devonshire PALS (Police Activity League Supporters) host their “Premier Golf Invitational” (Sally Barnes, 818-349-1706; sallyab@sbcglobal.net) to benefit the Youth Center, which just broke ground by Wilbur Ave. and Parthenia St. Also, Black Angus Restaurant, at 9145 Corbin Ave., Northridge, is supporting SOLID (Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire) (818-756-9011, ext. 1200) on June 24th, 4 – 8 p.m. by donating 15% of your check “to LAPD Devonshire for equipment and supplies not provided by the City”. Officer Bennett agreed to forward event information to the NC’s events@nenc-la.org e-mail address. She reported that residential burglaries are being a big problem. Watch for unknown and suspicious people and cars; call if you see one or hear an alarm. Also, this is rattlesnake season, so watch for them. She introduced Becky Leveque, a SOLID co-founder, who explained SOLID’s “mission to provide things for the Police that they don’t have.” She relayed that Captain Kane said that they need to refurbish their gym, which was last refurbished eight years ago. The NC would have its name on the wall and four other NCs are already allocating money to this; two more NC’s are needed. She’s asking the NC to agendize this and allocate support for it. She’s worked with Kevin McNeely, DONE Funding Program Administrator, who recommended this process. She’s “trying to get all ten NCs in the Devonshire area to participate.” Officer Bennett described that the gym is used a lot for fitness and stress release.

MOTION (by Ms. McCain, seconded by Mr. Greenberg): to support the Devonshire Police Station by allocating up to \$5,000 for gym equipment.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Patel wants to be sure that all affected NCs are being asked for allocations. Ms. Leveque assured that they will be and that, probably, seven or eight NCs will support it.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

[The following Agenda Item was addressed after Item #2.]

4. NENC Expansion Committee to include Businesses on Reseda south of Nordhoff [St.] and Darby [Ave.] Library

Mr. Patel and Mr. McCarty explained this. The [**CONFIRM:** ___] Lake Sherwood/Sherwood Forest area just south of the NC boundary could be included in the NC. The area includes a library, of which there are none within the NC area at this time [**CONFIRM:** ___]; we’ve been cooperating with the Northridge West NC regarding _____. Mr. Canas agreed to assist in researching this.

5. Zoning Issues 18259 Halsted(CUP), 10544 Garden Grove(RepairShop), 10506 Garden Grove (fenced)

Mr. Patel mentioned that these are “ongoing cases.” The (10544 Garden Grove Avenue) repair shop representatives “are difficult people” and the NC and the City are investigating; he encouraged people who see any illegal activity there to call the

Police. Regarding the Halsted Street CUP (Conditional Use Permit), [**CONFIRM: ___**]
_____. The 10506 Garden Grove Avenue property is fenced and Officer Bennett said
that the house is secure “as far as she knows.” It was agreed to **TABLE** discussion
regarding this property.

6. NENC Requests Applications for Youth Representative for 2008-2009 Term

Mr. McCarty said that he will meet with the High School.

Board Member Reports and comments

Mr. Patel reported that the Northridge West NC (NWNC) agreed to fund \$25,000 toward
the NE/W Vision Committee. He explained the history of the Committee and its
projects, including beautification of the Reseda Boulevard corridor. The NWNC, CSUN
(California State University at Northridge), the Chamber of Commerce, L.A. City District
12 Councilman Greig Smith, and more organizations are supporting this. They’re
seeking Stakeholder input regarding “what we want our community to look like.” The
Committee will “eventually bring in a developer to help” realize their vision.

MOTION (by Mr. Patel, seconded by Mr. McCarty): to clarify the March 19, 2008
General Board Meeting Motion, because there was no Minutes writer at that Meeting, to
support the Whole Children Whole Plant event for 2008 by allocating \$2,000 to
purchase a pre-event orientation and education for a zero-waste interactive _____.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events

None were mentioned.

Adjournment

Mr. Lord declared and it was agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 8:30 p.m.