

CITY OF LOS ANGELES California

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Steve S. Patel – President
Thomas J. Baker – 1st Vice President, Membership
Peter J. McCarty – 2nd Vice President, Outreach
Barry M. Greenberg – Secretary
Kelly M. Lord – Treasurer



ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Pamela Butts
Yeprem Davoodian
Don Dwiggin

Nestor Fantini
Alice N. McCain
Lucille Meehan

Caroline Moore

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Judith Nutter – CSUN Faculty/Staff
Conor P. Lansdale – CSUN Student
Steven Ramirez – Youth



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

Making Northridge a Better Place to Live, Work, Play and Learn

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*Minutes of Meeting of Northridge East Neighborhood Council
October 19, 2008, 7:00pm – Andasol Elementary School*

The meeting convened at 7:10pm, and was called to order by President Steve Patel.

In Attendance: Steve Patel (President), Yeprem Davoodian, Pam Butts, Nestor Fantini, Judith Nutter, Conner Lansdale (CSUN Student Rep), Caroline Moore, Don Dwiggin, Barry Greenberg (Secretary), Kelly Lord (Treasurer), Lucille Meehan, Steve Ramirez (Northridge Academy Student Rep.). Peter McCarty – joined the meeting at 7:40pm.

Excused: Tom Baker (1st VP) and Alice McCain (2nd)

Minutes from October 15, 2008: Revised by Barry Greenberg and approved unanimously. It was noted that Connor Lansdale (CSUN Student Rep.) was excused during the previous meeting.

Comments from Public Officials – Police officer Cathy Bennett discussed the new 3-1-1 system that will allow Los Angeles residents to call and report crime anonymously.

Zelzah speed limit concerns The speed limit on Zelzah will be raised to 40mph due to traffic survey certification expiration and new Federal Policies for renewal.

1. Police officer Mark Cronin (tel: 818-644-8141) – Traffic Complaint Officer – spoke at length regarding pedestrian crosswalks and speeding issues on Zelzah. He opted for more “smart” crosswalks to reduce accidents. The community voiced its concern about fluctuating speed limits and the volume of cars on Zelzah. An updated traffic survey must be conducted for proper certification in order to enforce radars and lasers. Officer Cronin stated that he will continue to enforce a “safe” speed limit regardless of what the posted limit is.
2. Alan Willis (tel: 213-972-8430 alan.willis@lacity.org) – LADOT Bureau Chief of Operations – spoke at length regarding traffic surveying. A survey certification must be updated every 7 years in order to bypass new federal standards. Mr. Willis mentioned that the certification for Zelzah expired due to lack of staff available to perform the survey before the expiration date. Mr. Willis spoke of two pertinent reasons why new federal laws have changed traffic survey analysis: 1) case law has taken away the power of LADOT to justify lowering speed limits; 2) the new federal standard for surveying states that the speed limit must be rounded up to the next 5mph. Mr. Willis noted that electronic enforcement is the most effective way to reduce speeding.

3. Solutions for Zelzah: Survey certification is necessary. Possibility of survey being redone to reflect the old standard. Discussion of flashing speed signs presented –**possible future action** – \$12,000 for speed feedback signs (can be funded by council and must have proper voltage in stop lights). Committee to convene later on the issue. No motions regarding this issue were presented at this time.
4. Northridge Academy student Steve Ramirez asked for support to form an assembly to educate students on crosswalk safety and driving. Council to help with funding if needed.

(Connor Lansdale left meeting early – Judy Nutter spoke on his behalf regarding foreign exchange student Yao Lu – CSUN – being struck by a car in a hit-and-run)

Public Comments:

1. Linda Romley – Jamiel’s Law: Support for prosecuting and deporting gang members who are illegal aliens and commit crimes. www.jamielslaw.com
2. Jerry Askew – Motion to support city to pass law saying no boxes on posts below 8 feet. Verizon boxes impacting neighborhoods with graffiti. Mr. Askew will look into possibility of cease and desist by mayor and council member support.
3. Jim S. – Northridge Council South updates. New board chosen, election certified. Mr. S. opted for all councils to work together on issues to make bigger impact. No motions regarding this issue were presented at this time.

Old News:

1. Nestor Fantini – Land Use Committee discussion on the zone change of 18232/ 18240 Superior Street: Owners plan to divide property into two lots. Owners failed to bring new plans/ sketches to Land Use Committee meeting. Two motions proposed – 1) postpone any resolution regarding the zone change for 90 days – until March 18, 2009 – and 2) oppose any zone changes. –**Action Required**– both motions were passed unanimously. Nestor will notify owners of motion.
2. Website phase 1: Updates discussed by Pam Butts

New Business:

1. Discussion of Esha Momeni’s (CSUN student) detainment in Iran. Nestor Fantini proposed motion to have the Northridge Council call on the mayor to contact the US State department to expedite Esha to the US. –**Action Required**– After discussion, motion passed unanimously
2. Discussion on board member recognition. Nestor Fantini proposed motion for \$1,000 funding toward recognition plaques. –**Action Required**– After discussion, motion passed unanimously.
3. Disaster Preparedness – no budget proposed. Barry Greenberg – brief discussion on CERT training and requirements for holding meeting (need location and minimum 25 people).
4. Judy Nutter: CSUN construction, housing and building updates.
5. Reinstatement of minutes (Kelly Lord): Salute to recreation. Motion approved for funding of up to \$5,000 for fireworks by Zambini.
6. Barry Greenberg proposed motion to fund up to \$250 for a “meeting announcement” banner (Yeprem Davoodian seconded). –**Action Required**– Motion passed unanimously.
7. Board discussed forming a committee to open formal relations with CSUN regarding outreach to the community. Committee to coordinate with CSUN liaison Judy Nutter.

Committee Reports:

1. Retreat update: Yeprem Davoodian proposed motion to establish date of retreat event on January 25, 2009 (Kelly Lord seconded). Time and location of event to be announced. **-Action Required-**
Motion passed unanimously.

Last minute remarks: Pat (stockholder) – brought up issue with new church in Northridge located in a single family residence. Pastor is not taking action on proper procedures for property use, ownership and church location. No motions discussed at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40pm.