

Minutes of the Meeting of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

January 21, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM by President Steve Patel.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peter McCarty.
3. Roll Call: Steve Patel, Thomas Baker (excused), Peter McCarty, Barry Greenberg, Kelly Lord, Pamela Butts, Yeprem Davoodian, Don Dwiggins (excused), Nestor Fantini, Alice McCain (excused), Lucille Meehan, Connor Lansdale, Steven Ramirez. Quorum was present.
 - a. Discussion of vacant CSUN Faculty/Staff position and its appointment.
Appointment must be made by CSUN.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from December 17, 2008 made by Mr. Lord, 2nd by Mr. McCarty. None opposed, motion passed.
5. Comments from Public Officials:
 - a. Council District 12 – John Bwarie discussed how funding is disbursed for city projects. Councilman Greig Smith is not supporting Prop B. Councilman Smith has proposed an ordinance to ban smoking on outdoor patios for safety of workers. Discussion on issue between NENC members and Mr. Bwarie ensued; discussion to continue later.
 - b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Melvin Caños discussed the upcoming DOT MOU meeting 01-29-09 which will help create defined communications and roles for councils and how they can become more involved in city politics. DWP and DOT have worked to support neighborhood councils and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment wants other city department to also recognize councils. Issue of Emergency Relief Council deferred to NENC.
6. Public Comments:
 - a. Battalion Chief Greg Reynar discussed the effects of last years tragic fires. The LAFD is concerned with mudflow, erosion, and subsequent debris problems that can follow rainstorms in burned areas. At the Council's request, Mr. Reynar will be providing further information to the council regarding emergency preparedness and disaster relief.
 - b. Representatives from Jersey Mike's Subs who provided the evening's refreshments discussed their new franchise which is thriving thanks to the local residents. Mr. McCarty noted that their small business is creating jobs for the community.
7. Old Business:
 - a. 18240 Superior St. subdivision: Mr. Fantini reported that the Land Use Committee did not meet in December due to winter break but will met next week. Mr. McCarty wants to highlight great work of Land Use Committee with press releases on their progress and/or updates on the NENC website.
 - b. Speed Limit changes on Zelzah: Mr. Patel deferred the issue to the February meeting due to a Department of Transportation meeting next week.
 - c. Motion on Adopting Procedures for Standing Emergency Action Order: Mr. Patel deferred the issue to the February meeting in order to spend time on proper wording for the motion.

- d. Retreat
 - i. Mr. Davoodian discussed details and agenda for the NENC's upcoming weekend retreat. All community members welcome.
 - ii. Budget: Motion made by Mr. Davoodian, 2nd by Mr. Lord. None opposed; motion passed.
 - e. Business Cards: Mr. Greenberg apologized that business cards are not ready but issue will be wrapped at NENC retreat. Melvin Caños noted that other neighborhood councils have had similar problems getting their cards approved by the city and suggested NENC use a local print shop in the future.
8. New Business:
- a. Toni Reinis, executive director of New Directions, and Dora Gallo, executive director of A Community of Friends gave a presentation on the 147 room facility they are building for disabled veterans, including costs, timelines, and obstacles. Mr. McCarty suggested the organizations should utilize CSUN's experts and facilities for physical therapy.
 - b. Motion on Opposition to Rosendahl Proposal to legalize sleeping in cars, RVs on public roads and streets and parking lots: deferred by Mr. Patel to February meeting.
 - c. Pictures on Website: Mr. Patel wants pictures from community that represent Northridge for the photo gallery on the new website.
 - d. Website Community Calendar: Mr. Patel also urged community to let NENC know about community events. Ms. Butts reported that the CSUN Sundial will post NENC events on their calendar.
 - e. Outreach:
 - i. Refreshments: Mr. Patel wants to find local eateries to provide food for each meeting. Goal is for NENC to provide an opportunity for local eateries to address the community and hopefully creating a meet and greet environment for community members with the refreshments.
 - f. Community Events
 - i. Reminder of upcoming DONE DOT MOU Meeting 01-29-09.
 - ii. PlanCheeckNC Issues Forum: Meeting to be held 02-14-09. Further details pending.
 - iii. Board Elections: Board members are now elected every two years with the exception of the youth member which is a one year position. Next board member elections to be held in June 2010.
9. Committee Reports:
- a. Mr. McCarty reported that Andasol Avenue Elementary will receive money from NENC Education Committee. Confirmed by Mr. Lord.
 - b. Mr. McCarty noted that there is a meeting between businesses and the Environmental Committee 02-05-09 at Pickwick Gardens. Mr. Ramirez discussed
 - c. Environmental Expo starting 01-23-09 at LA Convention Center.
 - d. Ms. Butts discussed a Telephone Outreach event with Representative Brad Sherman 01-29-09.
 - e. Mr. Lansdale reminded everyone that CSUN is in session; please watch for pedestrians.
10. Adjournment: Mr. Patel made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. McCarty. Meeting

adjourned at 9:04PM.