

CITY OF LOS ANGELES California



ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

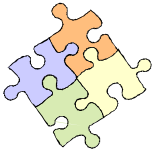
Pamela Butts
Yeprem Davoodian
Don Dwiggin

Nestor Fantini
Alice N. McCain
Lucille Meehan

Caroline Moore

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Brittany McCarthy – 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

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

July 15, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:12PM by President Steve Patel.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peter McCarty.
3. Roll Call: Steve Patel, Thomas Baker, Peter McCarty, Barry Greenberg, Kelly Lord, Pamela Butts, Yeprem Davoodian (excused), Don Dwiggin, Nestor Fantini, Alice McCain, Lucille Meehan (absent), Caroline Moore, Brittny McCarthy, Connor Lansdale (excused), Steven Ramirez (excused). Quorum was present.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from June 17, 2009 made by Mr. Lord, 2nd by Mr. Baker. None opposed, motion passed.
5. Comments from Public Officials:
 - a. Council District 12 – No appearance.
 - b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Melvin Cañas informed the Council that DONE needs an inventory of equipment purchased by the NENC by July 31st. Councils that turn in an inventory after the deadline are susceptible to having their funding suspended starting in August. Mr. Cañas also discussed the moratorium placed on bylaw amendments. Neighborhood councils are can only send in non-election related amendments to DONE until September 1st. After September 1st, a moratorium will be placed on all bylaws until after the election. Neighborhood Council representatives will come together in a meeting in September to discuss election outreach. Mr. Patel discussed the possibility of other local NCs and the NENC pooling their outreach funding together to reach as many people as possible. Mr. Cañas informed the Council that board members can update their contact information directly on the DONE website. Contact Mr. Cañas if you need help or have any questions; cell phone: (323) 972-7782.
 - c. Senior Lead Kathy Bennett – No appearance.
6. Presentation from Hawaiian Polynesian Community – The Valley’s Hawaiian and Polynesian Community have been active in the San Fernando Valley for many years and specifically have been heavily involved in Northridge Park’s Salute to Recreation. They would like to be notified of events the NENC is involved in that would include the community’s Hawaiian or Polynesian Community. Contact Information: Barbara Imbach: cell :(818) 917-0054 home :(818) 343- 3026 email: analanielua@aol.com. Deni Kritzman: cell:(818) 731-4896 home:(818) 832-5800 work:(818) 832-0402 email deni@sendmaui.com.

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7. Public Comments:
 - a. Raymond Yu announced the details of the 68th annual Nisei week and Japanese Festival scheduled August 15-21st, 2009 in Little Tokyo. The parade will be held August 16th. For more information go to niseiweek.org or call (213) 667-7193.
 - b. Gulshan Amar from the Valley Interfaith Council addressed the council regarding a grant request for \$2500 to restock San Fernando Valley pantries. Mr. Amar requested the issue be placed on the August agenda for a vote.
8. Old Business:
 - a. 18240 Superior Street Subdivision Update – The subdivision has been approved but with two provisions. Mr. Lord wants to make sure the NENC is working with Councilman Smith’s office on the issue and wants to get their opinion in writing. Ms. LoPresti will contact Mr. Dwiggins regarding the issue and the property owners. Issue deferred to August meeting.
 - b. 18259 Halstead St. – Pat LoPresti announced that the Conditional use Permit for Pastor Lin’s church is currently going through the appropriate channels. Zoning Administration has not yet assigned an investigator but Ms. LoPresti believes a hearing date will be set for the fall. The Lindley West Coalition is continuing with their petition. Mr. Dwiggins made a motion for the NENC to support the Lindley West Coalition in their opposition to Mr. Sunoko Lin’s application for a Conditional Use Permit at 18259 Halstead St., Northridge, CA, 2nd by Ms. McCain. 1 opposed, 1 abstention, motion passed.
 - c. NE/W Vision – Mr. Patel announced that funds have been earmarked by Street Furniture (supported by Councilman Smith). The NENC is also supplementing those funds with their own budget money. The goal of NE/W vision is to ask the community what they want out of Northridge in the next three, five, and ten years. Mr. Patel encourages everyone to be involved and notes that the work NE/W Vision and the Mulholland Institute will be used to update the community plan. Mr. McCarty encouraged everyone with a special interest to contact the NENC now so everyone can work together.
 - d. Website Update Plan – Defer to August meeting.
 - e. Land Use Consultant – Mr. Dwiggins introduced attorney Corn L. Kahn as a possible Land Use Consultant for the NENC. Mr. Kahn discussed the type of service he can offer the NENC including preparing them for meetings and hearings and said that more issues come down to both politics and evidence. The goal is to ensure the neighborhood is safe under the framework of the law. Mr. Greenberg made a motion for the Northridge East Neighborhood Council to allocate up to \$1500 out of the budget for consultants for the Council to retain attorney Corin Kahn. Consultant will be retained by the Neighborhood Council and will report to the executive committee which will delegate direct contact to be handled by Don Dwiggins, head of the Land Use Committee, 2nd by Mr. Lord. 1 abstention, motion passes.
 - f. Motion to Oppose Leasing of Sepulveda VA to non-government lessees – Defer to August meeting.

9. New Business:

- a. Recognition of the late George Truesdell of Northridge West NC – Mr. Patel discussed Mr. Truesdell’s service to the community. A moment of silence was taken in memory of Mr. Truesdell.
- b. Land Use
 - i. CUP 17646 Lassen St. 7 Kings Liquor – a hearing will be held in Van Nuys July 31st to discuss their request to sell alcohol for an additional hour each day.
 - ii. 17100 Superior St. – Defer to August meeting.
- c. Traffic and Safety – Glenn Bailey discussed the proposed Rush Hour 3rd Lane on Reseda Blvd between Nordhoff and Rinaldi. The Department of Transportation wants to put in bike lanes instead of a 3rd lane during rush hour. Mr. Bailey announced that the community is mostly in the dark about this issue and wants to open a dialogue. The City is planning on putting in 1250 new parking meters, 800 of which will be installed in Northridge. The estimated cost is \$1 million and the estimated yearly revenue is \$1 million. City Council told the DOT to come back in 90 days with updated information regarding the implementation. A discussion ensued regarding both issues and what will or will not be done. Mr. Patel wants to get real facts and defer the issue to the August meeting.
- d. Confirmation of Executive Board – Mr. Patel made a motion to confirm the following people appointed to the Executive board: 1st Vice President, Don Dwiggin; 2nd Vice President, Peter McCarty; Secretary, Barry Greenberg, and Treasurer, Kelly Lord. Motion passes unanimously.
- e. Appointment of Bylaws Committee – Issue in abeyance and should be taken off as a current agenda item.
- f. DWP Rate Payers Advocate – Mr. Dwiggin discussed what a rate-payers advocate would do. He made a motion for the NENC to support the creation of an independent Rate Payers Advocate to the DWP Committee; 2nd by Mr. Lord. Mr. Greenberg made a friendly amendment to change the language to “NENC to support *in principle* the creation of an independent Rate Payers Advocate...” 2nd by Ms. Moore. 1 abstention, motion passes.

10. Committee Reports:

- a. Mr. Patel announced a July 19th Dedication Ceremony for a memorial garden at Northridge United Methodist Church.
- b. Education Committee – The first 2009-2010 meeting will be held August 26th at 6PM in the Northridge Recreation Center. The Committee has identified 12 private and public schools. Their next goal is to contact principals to get schools involved. A big meeting will be held October 10th with representatives from schools including administrators, teachers, and students. Mr. Fantini will come to the August meeting with a motion.
- c. Treasury – Mr. Lord will be attending a meeting next week regarding receipt retention.
- d. Ms. McCarthy announced that CSUN will not be accepting undergraduate or transfer students for the Spring 2010 semester and is capping enrollment. The Valley Performing Arts Center will open in late winter 2011. Contact Ms. McCarthy for information regarding all of the above.

- e. Ms. McCain discussed sidewalk disrepair. Homeowners may be responsible for repairs even if it is a city tree that has damaged sidewalk.
 - f. Environmental Committee – Mr. McCarty announced that Northridge Academy is working on a Hope Garden and CSUN is also working on a garden. Mr. Patel announced that the Beautification Grant is now open and the city will help or match funds NCs provide. Mr. McCarty also discussed the Institute for Community Health and Wellbeing at CSUN that is working with community centers. Issues include veterans, autism, and obesity.
 - g. Next meeting venue will be announced, stay tuned for information.
11. Adjournment: Mr. Patel adjourned the meeting at 9:13PM.