

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

September 16, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by President Steve Patel.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Thomas Baker.
3. Roll Call: Steve Patel, Thomas Baker, Peter McCarty (tardy-excused), Barry Greenberg, Kelly Lord, Pamela Butts (excused), Yeprem Davoodian (absent), Don Dwiggins, Nestor Fantini, Alice McCain, Lucille Meehan (tardy), Caroline Moore (absent), Brittny McCarthy (tardy), Connor Lansdale (tardy), Steven Ramirez. Quorum was present. Roll Call for Agenda Setting/Board Meeting held September 1, 2009: Steve Patel, Peter McCarty, Barry Greenberg, Kelly Lord, Pamela Butts, Don Dwiggins, Nestor Fantini.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from August 29, 2009 made by Ms. McCain, 2nd by Mr. Dwiggins. None opposed, motion passes.
5. Comments from Public Officials:
 - a. Council District 12 – John Bwarie announced the Fall Community Clean-Up event taking place Saturday, September 26 at 9:30AM. Volunteers are to meet at Nobel Middle School and contact Semeepark@lacity.org to sign up. Mr. Bwarie also discussed the city budget and how the budget is affected by the economy.
 - b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Melvin Caños reminded everyone of the Neighborhood Council Congress taking place October 10th at City Hall; one session of the event will address the issue of finding a new police chief. Mr. Caños also attempted to answer questions posed by the Council regarding NC budgets due to cutbacks. The current budget for all NCs is \$45,000 and City Council is still deciding on how rollover monies will be allocated, if at all. They will, however, work with NCs that have earmarked money over the current \$45,000. There will be H1N1 vaccine stations set up around the City in October, November, and December and the City is asking NCs to help supply volunteers and snacks at these locations.
 - c. Senior Lead Kathy Bennett – No appearance.
 - d. Colin Donahue, CSUN Assoc. VP of Facilities Development and Operations – Mr. Donahue presented part of the Envision 2035 Master Plan regarding roadways and parking on CSUN campus. They have a parking structure available that is currently not accessible; the city has approved the plans of building a road to the parking structure but CSUN is still in the process of obtaining a permit for this road. The project is fully funded; CSUN needs help furthering the project before funding is reduced due to decreased student enrollment and is asking for a letter of support. Mr. Patel read a letter stating such support. A discussion ensued about the letter and a motion was made by Mr. Lord to approve the letter after it has been rewritten and amended. Motion passes. Mr. Greenberg amended and reworded the letter (see attached).
6. Public Comments:
 - a. Deputy City Attorney Bill Larsen – Mr. Larsen discussed ongoing raids at medical marijuana facilities in the area. Facilities are being cited for not complying with the law and are being evicted. Also, a local apartment building on Devonshire currently houses many people related to graffiti and vandalism in the

area; after individuals are arrested the city will issue the landlords with eviction notices for the tenants. Drug related complaints should be reported to the police but Mr. Larsen would appreciate a call to his office so he is aware of the problems: (310) 445-1714.

7. Old Business:

a. Land Use:

- i. 18240 Superior St. Subdivision – No status change.
- ii. 18259 Halstead St. – There will be a hearing on October 2nd at 9AM regarding the Conditional Use Permit for the church. A letter has been requested from Councilman Smith stating his official position. **Mr. McCarty made a motion for the Land Use Committee to have access to up to \$1500 for consultant Greg Taylor; 2nd by Mr. Lord. Motion passes.**

b. Website Status Update – There will be a live virtual demonstration of the new website Wednesday, September 23rd at 3:00PM and Thursday, September 24th at 6:30PM. People can log on to www.northridgeeast.com/new during these times and call (218) 844-3388 entry code 91325 to express your opinion about the website.

c. Opposition to Leasing of Sepulveda VA to non-governmental lessees – Mr. Greenberg made a motion for the Northridge East Neighborhood Council to oppose leasing the Sepulveda VA to non-governmental lessees (see attachment); 2nd by Ms. McCain. 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions. Veteran Ernie Hilger thanked the Council for their motion and support and Veteran Steve Palmer submitted his own comments to the Council (see attachment).

d. 2010 Election Polling Place Locations to be Designated – defer to October meeting.

e. Education Committee Funding Proposal – Mr. Fantini reported that the Education Committee held their first meeting August 26th and decided to hold meetings every other month. The Education Conference scheduled for October has been postponed until January 2010. Mr. Fantini presented the following motions:

- i. **The Education Committee moves that NENC approves \$150 for the purchase of a plaque to honor students, teachers, administrators and other staff of Holmes Middle School, LAUSD, for their remarkable academic progress as reflected in the California Standardized Tests of 2009; 2nd by Mr. McCarty. Motion passes unanimously.**
- ii. **The Education Committee moves that NENC approves \$4,000 to partially fund the YMCA Physical Education program at Andasol Elementary School, LAUSD; 2nd by Mr. McCarty. Motion passes unanimously.**
- iii. **The Education Committee moves that NENC approves \$4,000 to partially fund the “On the Ball! For Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds, on the Playground and in the Classroom” program at Darby Elementary School, LAUSD, which will provide a 1 hour per week physical education class to all students; 2nd by Mr. McCarty. Motion passes unanimously.**

- iv. **The Education Committee moves that NENC approves \$2,000 to partially und the purchase of Spirit Listening Centers to help expand the Weekday Preschool literacy program; 2nd by Mr. Lord.** John Bwarie asked if all preschools were notified that they could ask for money; the Council confirmed that they were. **Motion passes unanimously.**
 - f. CSUN Tram Lindley West Update – Mr. Baker announced that Colin Donahue has met with members of the community to discuss alternative tram options that do not include a part of the route on Lindley Avenue. Mr. Donahue will research the options and continue to communicate with the NENC. Present at the meeting were: Thomas Baker, Colin Donahue, Bob Buckley, Pat LoPresti, and Carol Ann Kim.
 - g. Election 2010 – Mr. Dwiggins announced that election procedures will begin in March 2010 and Mr. Patel encouraged everyone to start thinking about what positions they want to run for next year.
8. New Business:
- a. Cyclist Bill of Rights – Mr. Baker moved for the NENC to adopt the Cyclists Bill of Rights (see attachment); 2nd by Mr. Lord. Motion passes unanimously.
 - b. Position in Opposition to Verizon – Mr. Greenberg made a motion to support Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council in their opposition to Verizon posting service cabinets within the public right-of-way (e.g. sidewalks); 2nd by Mr. McCarty. Motion passes unanimously.
 - c. Support for Valley Village NC SB1818 – Jennifer Reed, a stakeholder from Valley Village NC, discussed the difficulties Valley Village is currently having with a SB1818 building and asked for the Council’s support. Mr. Greenberg made a motion for Northridge East Neighborhood Council to support the Valley Village Neighborhood Council and their stakeholders in opposition to DIR-2008-1178-SPP SB1818 development at 11933 Magnolia Blvd. and for the NENC board to delegate the drafting and approval of said support to the Executive Committee; 2nd by Mr. Lord. Motion passes unanimously.
 - d. **Senior Business Services Council Senior Fair – Mr. Lord made a motion for the NENC to support the Senior Business Services Council Senior Fair taking place on October 17th in an amount up to \$500; 2nd by Ms. McCain. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - e. Senior Passport to the Golden Years – Sher Murata discussed the Senior Symposium taking place on October 28th, 2009 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church from 9AM to 3:30PM. The event will include door prizes, flu shots, speakers and food. She asked the NENC for \$1,000 to help provide the food for the day. **Mr. Baker made a motion that the NENC donate up to \$2000 to Senior Passport to the Golden Years, 2nd by Mr. Lord.** After a brief discussion, Ms. McCain called for the question. **1 opposed, 3 abstentions, motion passes.**
 - f. **Subsidized Flu Shot Program – Mr. Lord made a motion to fund the Subsidized Flu Shot Program up to \$1000 for its events in October, November, and December; 2nd by Ms. McCain. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - g. Adopting Election Boundary Maps – Defer to October meeting.

- h. **Devonshire Community Police Station – Mr. Lord made a motion to authorize up to \$500 for the Devonshire Community Police Station Open House on September 26, 2009; 2nd by Mr. Dwiggin. Motion passes unanimously.**
- i. Safe Passage Charity – Linda Dolson from Safe Passage Charity, which provides life makeovers for abused women and children, asked the Council for a donation for funds to print pamphlets for their outreach program to schools. Mr. Patel noted that on October 3rd the Disaster Preparedness Fair will take place within the Granada Hills St. Fair and Safe Passage Charity can share a table with NENC and pass out fliers. Mr. McCarty suggested the possibility of funding a workshop for their outreach program. **Mr. Lord made a motion to authorize \$100 for printing outreach materials for Safe Passage Charity for the October 3rd Disaster Preparedness Fair; 2nd by Mr. McCarty. Motion passes unanimously.** Mr. Lord will coordinate with Ms. Dolson if further funding will be needed.
9. Committee Reports – There were no Committee Reports.
10. Adjournment – Mr. Lord made a motion to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Mr. Dwiggin. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM.