

# CITY OF LOS ANGELES California

## ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD

Steve S. Patel – President  
Don Dwiggins – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership  
Peter J. McCarty – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Outreach  
Barry M. Greenberg – Secretary  
Kelly M. Lord – Treasurer



## ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Lisa Anderson Alice N. McCain  
Jay Draiman Lucille Meehan  
Nestor Fantini Steven Ramirez

Stephen Hubbard

## APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Brittany McCarthy – CSUN Faculty/Staff  
Darren L. Hause – CSUN Student  
Michael McNulty – Youth



## **Northridge East Neighborhood Council**

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

Minutes of the

**NORTHRIDGE EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (NENC)**

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2011**

at Northridge Academy High School, 9601 Zelzah Ave., Northridge, CA 91342

### **1. Call to Order**

President Steve Patel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ramirez.

### **3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum**

Roll Call was taken by Mr. Patel. Board Members present: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Kelly Lord, Jay Draiman, Nestor Fantini, Alice McCain, Lucille Meehan, Steven Ramirez and Brittany McCarthy. Peter McCarty and Stephen Hubbard arrived later.

Nine of the 15 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting. The NENC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is eight, so the Board could take such votes. No Board seats were vacant at this time. Also attending: 16 Stakeholders and Guests. Board Members absent: Yeprem Davoodian (excused), Barry Greenberg (excused), Conor Lansdale (unexcused) and Michael McNulty (unexcused).

### **4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation**

Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Barry Greenberg and Jay Draiman.

#### **a. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Patel explained that clarifications are still needed before the Minutes of the December 15, 2010 General Board Meeting can be approved. He recommended and it was agreed to TABLE approval of the Minutes until the next [February 16<sup>th</sup>] General Board Meeting.

### **5. Comments from Public Officials**

#### **a. Council District 12**

Mr. Patel reported for Semee Park, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-756-8501; [Semee.Park@LACity.org](mailto:Semee.Park@LACity.org)) who was unable to attend, regarding the City Council District 12 Candidate Forum on January 31, 2011 at 10100 Balboa Blvd. next to the Fire Station. There'll be a Meet and Greet from 6:00–7:00 p.m. and the Forum from

7:00–9:00 p.m. All “five qualified Candidates” have agreed to attend and the NENC is “making the Candidates aware of the top 10 issues” of Stakeholders.

b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

No representative was present and there was no report.

c. CSUN

Brittney McCarthy, CSUN Director of Government and Community Relations (818-677-2123; [Brittney.McCarthy@csun.edu](mailto:Brittney.McCarthy@csun.edu)), announced that electronic and hardcopy CSUN Newsletters are available. Also, there’ll be a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Lecture by Reverend James Lawson on January 25th as part of a series at CSUN. Also, the annual Art Invitational is on until January 29<sup>th</sup>; the Closing Reception is January 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 p.m. The first Performing Arts Center season opener will be Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. Students are returning to campus; contact her if you have any questions. CSUN helped to install the stoplight at Vincennes St. and Reseda Blvd. Plummer St. was “reconstructed and repaved” by Etiwanda Ave.

[This comment was made after Item #6.] Carolina Krawiec, Director of Constituent Services for U.S. 27th District of California Congressman Brad Sherman (818-501-9200; [Carolina.Krawiec@mail.house.gov](mailto:Carolina.Krawiec@mail.house.gov); [www.house.gov/sherman](http://www.house.gov/sherman)), reminded that the “Constituent Services Program” is available for help with Social Security, immigration, loan modifications and more.

## **6. Public Comments**

Stakeholder Glenn Bailey played an audiotape from a mid-December City Council Transportation Committee Meeting regarding Council District 12 parking meters. Committee Chair Councilman Bill Rosendahl indicated that the City is moving forward regarding considering installing more parking meters in CD12 and it appears that Councilman Greig Smith supports it. Mr. Patel explained that different views have been expressed by the City. He and Mr. Lord expressed concern and desire for clarity regarding whether the City intends to install more parking meters in the NENC area. Mr. Patel recommended Agendizing this for the next [February 16th] General Board Meeting. Ms. McCarthy said her “understanding is that parking meters are already zoned for Nordhoff and also Zelzah.”

Mr. Bailey spoke about the sidewalk repair issue. Stakeholders don’t want a “point-of-sale” policy forcing them to repair sidewalks upon the sale of their homes. The City will soon vote on an Ordinance “transferring” repair “responsibility to homeowners . . . for the first time since 1974” who will have “90 days” to repair a sidewalk or “the City would cause” the repair and would charge the homeowner “plus a 40% fee.” He encouraged Agendizing this issue, which is City Council File 05-18531 that would change L.A. Municipal Code 62.104. Ms. McCain described that more than half of home sales would be delayed if the Ordinance passes because banks won’t accept responsibility for sidewalk repairs.

## **7. Northridge Vision Committee Update**

Mr. Patel described New Vision work and his hope for more Stakeholder feedback, including on the survey [<http://www.NorthridgeVision.org>]. “About 2%” of the community has completed the survey. At an L.A. Economic Development Corporation presentation, he encouraged and gave information on outreaching to interested Neighborhood Councils.

## 8. Old Business

- a. Presentation: LAFD Chief Gerry Malais, Officers Association Budget and Finance.  
[This presentation was made after Item #5.] Chief Gerry Malais, of the L.A. Fire Department's Officers Association Budget & Finance Committee and a Northridge West Neighborhood Council Board Member, reported that the City is considering significantly further reducing the LAFD budget. He explained that the City "is closing Fire Companies . . . and ambulances . . . every day . . . The [LAFD] is not as efficient . . . [There are now] 140 people per day less . . . The Hazardous Materials Unit in the San Fernando Valley . . . is not in service; it was closed permanently . . . The only one that's in service daily is the one downtown." Chief Malais explained how personnel have been shifted; "it's operating inefficiently . . . We're not allowing [the LAFD] to have any continuity . . . The budget is supposed to be \$554 million; currently the Mayor is giving us \$450 million" and the city is considering cutting another \$10 million. He encouraged contacting the City to let them know what you think of this and contacting Mr. Lord if you have any questions.

Board Member Mr. Hubbard arrived near the end of the above presentation.

- b. CD12 Candidate Questions Review – Jan. 31, 2011.  
Mr. Patel explained the procedure of the Forum described in Item #5. A. above. The public questions submission cutoff date will be as late as possible.
- c. Motion re: NC member of each City Commission and Board (Draiman).  
Mr. Draiman read the below Motion.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Draiman, seconded by Mr. Lord): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council requests the Mayor of Los Angeles to appoint one Neighborhood Council Member to each of the City's Board of Commissioners, including for the proprietary Departments, either through a Charter amendment, Ordinance or by policy directive.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Patel explained that the intention is for increased Neighborhood Council participation in City government.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; Ms. McCain abstained.

Mr. Patel will make the Motion "into a presentable legal document."

- d. Update VRHS #4.  
Mr. Fantini indicated that "by August we'll have teachers teaching in" the new Valley Region High School #4; see [www.lausd.net](http://www.lausd.net). There'll be a Public School Choice Community "Advisory Vote" on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00–9:00 p.m. and January 29, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Monroe High School, 9229 Haskell at Nordhoff. Mr. Patel added that Granada Hills Charter High School, the LAUSD and Telesis High School are the three bidders to run the School.

**MOTION** (by Ms. McCain, seconded by Mr. Draiman): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council supports the bid by the Granada Hills Charter High School to run the new Valley Region High School #4.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Lord and Mr. Patel support the Motion.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Mr. Hubbard; it was not seconded): to add the words “subject to other presentations” to the above Motion.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION WITHDRAWN** by Mr. Hubbard.

**DISCUSSION:** There was extensive discussion regarding giving all bidders an opportunity to be heard.

**AMENDED MOTION** (by Mr. Dwiggin, seconded by Ms. McCain): Based upon the LAUSD and Granada Hills Charter High School presentations given to the Northridge East Neighborhood Council on November 17, 2010, the NENC supports the Granada Hills Charter High School management proposal for running Valley Region High School #4.

Board Member Peter McCarty arrived at this time.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with all in favor except for Mr. Fantini, who recused himself from voting.

**8. New Business** [This is the second Item #8 on the Agenda.]

a. Wayne Avershow – Adult Day Care Center 9700 White Oak.

Mr. Avershow, an attorney, displayed diagrams and presented. The Church of Christ Scientist is at 9710 White Oak just north of Superior. “The Church has been there since 1961 . . . surrounded by” RA residential and multi-family zoning. “In 1971 the second building was built . . . The Church has never had any complaints from its neighbors . . . A condition was placed that there could not be any daycare . . . The issue then was child daycare; we’ve filed for a CUP [Conditional Use Permit] for adult daycare.” Hours of operation would be Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mr. Avershow contended that “adult daycare is an accessory use to a house of worship.” There’ll be a Hearing February 15<sup>th</sup> at Van Nuys City Hall, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., tentatively scheduled for 2:00 p.m. They’ve “met with the City Council” and “are doing everything [they] can to minimize the impact . . . There’ll be four vans a day . . . for the 9:00 a.m. commencement; the vans will stay on the property until the 2:00 p.m. end.” The Center “will have classes and serve lunch. Seniors will be “qualified through the State.”

Ed Babayan of the Red Heart program described that the Center will include nutrition, diabetes, diet and dementia assistance and there’ll be a social worker, nurse, exercise and physical and occupational therapists. “It’s not a church clientele situation” and is open to the public. A “limit of 45” seniors “over 65” years of age will be served, “none of them driving.” The Center is “not going to have advanced Alzheimer’s patients” and “there’ll be several caregivers on site.” He’s “been involved in this since 2003.” There’ll be “no outdoor activity” and it is “a for-profit activity.”

Mr. Patel related that his “biggest concern is that the immediate neighbors are satisfied.” Mr. Babayan stated that the patient definition is “disable and frail elderly,” not alcoholic or drug-addicted. Mr. McCarty and Mr. Patel expressed concern about the area’s “group home” situation. Mr. Babayan clarified that “this is not a live-in situation . . . This is a program by

the State . . . to help seniors live in their home as long as they can . . . It's pre-nursing home." He will operate the program, not own the Church. He offered to present again in the future. Mr. Avershow offered to provide the CUP Application.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Draiman): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council supports the Adult Day Care Center program at 9700 White Oak based upon what was presented above, to be ratified at the NENC's February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 General Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote.

- b. Letter of Support – Community Integration Services – Bob Erio (Dwiggins).  
Mr. Dwiggins talked with CIS Chief Operating Officer Bob Erio about a letter sent by Mr. Erio describing their services and “vision for a healthy community.” Mr. Dwiggins also distributed copies of a draft letter by CIS that supports their grant application as described in the below Motion.

**MOTION** (by Mr. McCarty, seconded by Mr. Draiman): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council supports Community Integration Services, Inc.'s application for a Multipurpose Senior Center grant to provide senior-related services at Wilkinson Center in Northridge.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote.

- c. Appoint Bylaws Committee to conform to “new” BONC template (Patel).  
Mr. Patel explained that the City has requested that Neighborhood Councils revise their Bylaws to conform to a uniform Table of Contents. Mr. Draiman, Mr. Dwiggins, Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Lord and Mr. Bailey volunteered to help.
- d. Terminate Absentee Board Member Y. Davoodian. Appoint new Board Member.  
Mr. Patel relayed that Mr. Davoodian had to resign due to other commitments and that his Board seat is available. Mr. Patel asked and Lisa Anderson, CSUN Financial Coordinator, indicated that she's interested in being a Board Member.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Patel, seconded by Mr. Draiman): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council appoints Lisa Anderson as a Board Member to fill the seat formerly occupied by Yeprem Davoodian.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Anderson disclosed that she was asked by another Neighborhood Council to provide paid business management services. It was agreed that this is not a conflict of interest.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; Mr. Hubbard recused himself from voting.

- e. Board vote on support for a management proposal on VRHS #4.  
Stakeholder Richard Fisk reminded about the vote [see the first Item #8. d. above]. He urged voting. A Stakeholder said that High School, but not younger, students can vote and that Monroe, Kennedy, Granada and Cleveland High School students are eligible but not Northridge Academy. Mr. Dwiggins agreed to put this on the website.

## 9. Committee Reports

### Treasurer/Budget

Mr. Lord indicated that there was no report.

### Education

Stakeholder *[SP/NF CONFIRM NAME: \_\_]* Raquel Avila reported that there'll be a Committee Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the *[SP/NF CONFIRM: \_\_]* Northridge Academy High School Parent Center.

### Land Use

Mr. Dwiggins indicated that there was no report.

### Environmental

Mr. McCarty reported that the DWP *[PM CONFIRM: \_\_]* \_\_\_.

### Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness

*[SP/PM CONFIRM: \_\_]* M\_. \_\_\_ indicated that there was no report.

A Stakeholder announced that the Neighborhood Councils Peer Mentoring Program has an opening for another North Valley representative. Contact DONE, the L.A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org).

## 10. Adjournment

[The next General Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. at Northridge Academy High School, 9601 Zelzah Ave., Northridge, CA 91342.

Mr. Patel declared and it was agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Certified True and Correct

By: Barry M. Greenberg