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ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD

Steve S. Patel – President
Don Dwiggins– 1st Vice President, Membership
Peter J. McCarty – 2nd 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, July 20, 2011
at the Northridge Women's Club, 18401 Lassen St., Northridge, CA 91326

1. Call to Order

President Steve Patel called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ramirez.

3. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Board Members present: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Peter McCarty, Barry Greenberg, Kelly Lord, Lisa Anderson, Jay Draiman, Darren Hause, Stephen Hubbard, Alice McCain, Lucille Meehan and Steven Ramirez.

Twelve 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. Also attending: 26 Stakeholders and Guests. Board Members absent: Nestor Fantini (excused), Brittany McCarthy (excused) and Michael McNulty (unexcused).

4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation

Board Members Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Kelly Lord, Barry Greenberg and Jay Draiman attended.

5. Approval of the Minutes

The following corrections to the June 15, 2011 General Board Meeting Minutes were requested:

Page one, Item #4: the Motion to approve the May 18, 2011 Minutes was made by Ms. McCain, seconded by Mr. Lord and passed without any objections.

MOTION (by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Mr. McCarty): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its June 15, 2011 General Board Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

6. Comments from Public Officials

State 40th District Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield (818-904-3840; Assemblymember.Blumenfield@assembly.ca.gov) introduced himself, distributed some brochures and fliers regarding the State Budget process and his Office and reported that \$14 billion in cuts to the

State budget were made, leaving a \$26 billion deficit. He described legislation he's introduced regarding the economy, mobile billboards, redevelopment and Internet sales taxes, and work for veterans' services. The Assemblyman encouraged contacting him or his Representative Rosalba Gonzalez for help.

a. Council District 12

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #6. c.] Semee Park, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-756-8501; Semee.Park@LACity.org), reported that "Councilman Englander asked the City Attorney to draft a report" regarding the costs of graffiti; he could introduce a Motion forcing vandals to repay the City for cleanup costs. She described environmental legislation including that the City signed a long-term agreement to close Sunshine Canyon by 2037; increased the number of recyclable materials that can be collected; and a partnership with LAUSD. The Councilman introduced a Motion regarding the City Council not allowing proposed DWP water and power rate increases until the Ratepayers Advocate Office is established. National Night Out is August 2nd at Mason Park just north of Devonshire. For answers about Sunshine Canyon contact Nicole Bernson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Councilman Englander (213-473-7012; Nicole.Bernson@LACity.org).

b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

No representative was present and there was no report.

c. CSUN

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #6.] CSUN Police Chief Anne Glavin (818-677-2201; Anne.Glavin@csun.edu) stated they "take student behavior very seriously . . . if you have a problem . . . call . . . any time of the day or night." They have 27 sworn Officers and a total staff of seventy. Chief Glavin described their effort to insure pedestrian crosswalk safety, especially on Zelzah Ave. "The smart crosswalks . . . work well . . . it's better than it was." The State Code limits their jurisdiction to within one mile of CSUN.

[This comment was made after Item #10.] Bill Larson, L.A. City Deputy Attorney, Nuisance Abatement Division (310-445-1714; http://www.atty.lacity.org/OUR_OFFICE/CriminalDivision/CNAP/index.htm), reported on the 9963 Lindley Ave. fraternity house hearing. He talked with Mr. Schmerling, who asked how many people could live there without paying rent without the City prosecuting. It would not be a Fire Code issue because it's a single-family home. Also, City Attorney Carmen Trutanich will speak to the Northridge South NC July 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Northridge Middle School. Mr. Larson received complaints regarding homes around White Oak and Cherry; they are not boarding houses. Graffiti at the former Del Taco was cleaned and he's working to remove a homeless peoples' encampment. An abatement process was started regarding the former Korean restaurant. Authorities are aware of a violent vandal frequenting the Reseda Blvd. and Nordhoff St. area; Mr. Larson warned to stay away from the man who is in his 50's and bald.

7. Public Comments

Stakeholder Don Larsen described his work to clean planters on Reseda Blvd. between Parthenia and Nordhoff Sts. Trees are being maintained better and pedestrians and businesses are assisting; volunteers are needed for a Saturday July 30th cleanup with the goal of cleaning and more from Reseda to Lindley and Nordhoff to Parthenia. Contact Andrea Alvarado (818-903-8194; Andrea@TextInTheCity.org).

It was announced that CSUN President Jolene Koester will speak at the August 17th NENC Meeting.

Glenn Bailey, Encino NC Board Member (818-453-3407; GlennBaileySFV@yahoo.com), reported that a vote on a proposed sidewalk repair Ordinance was delayed until September; it would force

homeowners to repair sidewalks at their own expense and upon the sale of their homes. Ms. McCain said that realtors are opposing it. Mr. Bailey said there'll be a meeting next week regarding the City Recreation and Parks Dept. adopted policy allowing cell towers to be installed in City parks. The policy does not include any time frame for notice to Neighborhood Councils. Stakeholders can comment on City Council File 09-2645. He encouraged the NENC to file a Community Impact Statement on Council Files 05-1853 and S-1.

8. NENC Budget Report

Mr. Lord reported that this fiscal year's City funding is down 10% from \$45,000 to \$40,500.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Lord, seconded by Ms. McCain): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council approves its Budget for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Lord and Mr. Patel thanked Ms. Anderson for her budget assistance.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

Mr. Lord said that a more detailed Budget report is available and explained that Neighborhood Purpose Grants are included in the education category.

A Jewish Women International representative asked when the [December 15, 2010] \$100 NENC allocation will be disbursed. She was advised that the City has been slow to pay some allocations and Board Members encouraged her to let the Board know about her organization.

9. Election of Executive Committee

Mr. Patel announced that the following Board Members were appointed and accepted: Steve Patel – President; Don Dwiggin – 1st Vice-President; Peter McCarty – 2nd Vice-President; Kelly Lord – Treasurer; and Barry Greenberg – Secretary.

10. Northridge Vision Committee Update

Mr. Patel announced that a Committee report had been received; an Executive Summary will be made available to Stakeholders within 30 days. The Committee partnered with the Northridge South and Northridge West NCs, the Northridge Chamber of Commerce and City Council District 12 to hear what Stakeholders want, for example, a "University Village."

11. Old Business

- a. Ethics Training
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #6.] Mr. Patel reminded Board Members who haven't to complete the Training [available at <http://ethics.LACity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done>].
- b. Opening for NENC Youth Representative
Mr. Patel described the needed qualifications.
- c. Finalize NC Budget
See Item #8.

12. New Business

- a. Evaluation of Councilman Krekorian's proposals re: Neighborhood Councils
This Item was tabled.
- b. Boeing presentation: Santa Susanna remediation

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #11. b.] A retired aerospace engineer representing Boeing described how solvents such as TCE and other chemicals ended up in the soil. Boeing is outreaching to present their cleanup efforts. Mr. Patel said the Board will discuss possibly having a community meeting about this.

- c. Community service organizations presentation
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #12. g.] Stakeholder Robin Kellogg said the “Rotary is an organization of business professionals who do community work” and encouraged participating.
- d. Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] Training
Mr. Patel announced that Assembly member Blumenfield is working to increase the number of people CERT-trained; free classes are available [contact 818-904-3840 or Erik.Rodriguez@asm.ca.gov].
- e. Redistricting boundaries update
Mr. Greenberg reported that final maps are scheduled to be available by August 15th. Mr. Bailey encouraged visiting www.WeDrawTheLines.org.
- f. Recyclebank presentation
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #12. b.] Diane Balistieri of Recyclebank (800-517-9634) distributed several “Recyclebank” fliers and described the program. It’s a for-profit company that facilitates the program and earns money from advertising sales; they work closely with many municipalities. People who recycle can earn points to spend at www.Recycle.com for gift cards and other items and the points can be donated to schools, etc. The recycling service is still provided by the City Bureau of Sanitation, which monitors and reports the amount recycled and who recycled it to Recyclebank through bar code scanning.
- g. Intent to hold vote against DWP rate hike
Mr. Greenberg reported that he advised the DWP that the NENC will vote on this in August.

13. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports at this time.

14. Adjournment

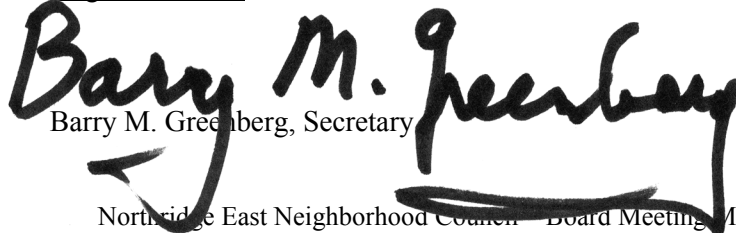
Mr. McCarty encouraged visiting the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments website. Ms. Anderson will distribute a survey about the www.NENC-LA.org website. Mr. Dwiggin reported that the Valley Green Team secured grants including for a Neighborhood Councils workshop in October; he’s also helping to organize a NCs environmental committee. Mr. Patel said that the Executive Board will review the NENC 2011-2012 Budget.

[The next General Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Northridge Women’s Club, 18401 Lassen St., Northridge, CA 91326.]

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** without objection at 8:57 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

August 17, 2011


Barry M. Greenberg, Secretary