

CITY OF LOS ANGELES California

ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD

Steve S. Patel – President
Alice N. McCain – 1st Vice President, Membership
Peter J. McCarty – 2nd Vice President, Outreach
YJay Draiman – Secretary
Don Dwiggins – Treasurer



ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

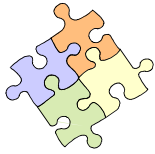
Open
Nestor Fantini
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Lucille Meehan
Steven Ramirez

Kelly M. Lord

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Brittney McCarthy – CSUN Faculty/Staff
Open – CSUN Student
Ahmer Qureshi – Youth



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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

Minutes of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Wednesday March 21, 2012

- Meeting called to order by President Steve Patel at 7:10 PM
- The Pledge of Allegiance led by Steven Ramirez
- Roll Call/Determination of Quorum – Present: Steve Patel, Alice McCain, Don Dwiggins, YJay Draiman, Nestor Fantini, Lucille Meehan, and Steven Ramirez; Absent (Excused): Peter McCarty, Brittney McCarthy, Ahmer Qureshi, and Kelly Lord
- Agenda Setting Meeting Participation – Don Dwiggins and Steve Patel
- Approval of Minutes – **Minutes of the February 15th, 2012 meeting APPROVED. MOTION PASSES (7-0).**
- Comments from Public Officials –
 - Semiee Park, Field Deputy for CD12/Councilmember Mitch Englander's Office – In the works: Performance based Budget; "Fire Stat" (like ComStat) for Fire Depts.; Emergency Preparedness Tax Holiday; LAPD to implement technology to encrypt police airwaves; For more information on any events, contact (818) 756-8501
 - Michael Tow, Field Deputy for Congressman Brad Sherman – Town Hall Meeting Sunday 4/1 at Birmingham H.S.
 - Bill Larsen, City Attorney's Office – Frat House Complaints; Community Care Ordinance
 - Rosalba Gonzalez, Field Representative for 40th District/Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield's Office – Thanks to Mitch Englander for pushing forward with the mobile billboard issue; Flyer distributed with info on Scholarship Act; Vets Priority Enrollment Bill; "Donuts for Bob" events on March 31 at Winnetka & Mason and Reseda & Northridge; For more information on any events, contact (818) 904-3840
- Public Comments – *No comments*
- Treasurer's/Finance Report (Mr. Dwiggins) –
 - Prior Month Exp \$11,078 (Since January)
 - Current Balance \$25,028.33
 - Encumbered Funds \$3,000
- Standing Expenditures Approval (Mr. Dwiggins) – One Box suspended for non-payment, switching to GoogleVoice. **Mr. Dwiggins made a motion to approve funds as follows: Rent (\$150/month), Web Master/Aaron Devandry (\$100/month), and Minute Taker/Gabriella, AppleOne Services (Up to \$200/month), seconded by Ms. McCain. MOTION PASSES (by unanimous vote).**
- Open Board Positions and New Board Member Appointment(s) – **Steve Patel appointed Danielle Smith as new Board Member.**
- Update on DONE's Retreat (Mr. Patel/Mr. Dwiggins) – Currently under negotiations; Meeting Tentatively 4/18
- Update on Wesley Kramer Billing & Missing Receipts & Check to DONE (Mr. Draiman) – Mr. Draiman to speak with DONE to have funds reinstated on a provisional basis; all receipts, the recording of Board approval at Meeting, with Minutes of the Board's approval at that Meeting, and check to DONE have been submitted
- Redistricting Update by NC's (Mr. Draiman) – Northridge redistricting results seem satisfactory at this point
- Sidewalk Repair (Ms. McCain) – Bureau of Street Maintenance has been asked to contact Neighborhood Councils to get feedback on this issue; American Disabilities may be looking to file a lawsuit, and if they do there is a possibility that the Board of Realtors may join them
- Reseda Blvd. Street Furniture Maintenance Funding up to \$2,500 (Steve Patel/Tom Baker) – Joint meeting with (3) Neighborhood Councils (NENC, NWNC, & NSNC) and Bureau of Street Services regarding planning for Reseda Blvd. to be hosted by Semiee Park (CD12) to address the options of refurbishing of yellow benches (including removal, powder-coating, reinstallation and maintenance) to keep a uniform look or acquiring new green benches with

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advertising on Wed. 3/28; NWNC to hold its Beautification Meeting right before; NENC has (10) benches, refurbishing to total \$232.83 per bench (\$2,328.30), although that quote may only include (1) year of maintenance and the Board prefers a (5) year contract; Mr. Draiman suggests asking merchants located near benches as well as the Chamber of Commerce for a commitment of support for maintaining their benches; Mr. Patel suggests that the benches include "Adopted by NENC" plaques, enabling funding to come from Outreach; **Mr. Draiman made a motion to approve a Letter of Support in which the NENC would support the approval of up to \$2,500 for the Street Furniture Project, subject to concurrence by NWNC and NSNC and with the condition of the addition of NENC plaques and the condition that a maintenance contract be included for up to \$500 per year for 5 years, seconded by Ms. McCain. MOTION PASSES (6-0-1).**

16. Committee Reports –

a. Environmental Committee (Mr. Dwiggins) – The Los Angeles Neighborhood Coalition of Green Committees had their first meeting at the Tree People campus to see how they can collaborate and work together in the future; Plans to set up a Valley Coalition to meet more often

b. Outreach Committee (Mr. McCarty) – *No update*

c. Northridge Vision Committee Update (Mr. Patel) – Final version of a 370+pg document, revised to 100pgs available for review at: www.northridgevision.org/Library/NV2012NG.pdf; Plans to possibly create a trolley to connect existing bus/train transportation stops and CSUN; Plans to work with CSUN students to come up with a plan to revise the look of a segment of Reseda Blvd. as one of their upcoming projects; Tax breaks for new businesses seem to be reducing much needed funds, plans to create a standard that the area become the low-cost leader in energy and leader in renewable energy to attract new businesses instead; Ideas to install public transportation along the LA River; Committee always looking for new ideas to improve the future of the community

d. Education Committee (Mr. Fantini) – Congratulates Jay Draiman for making Education one of his priorities; Next Meeting Wed. 3/28, 4pm at Darby Elementary; Education Forum postponed to a later date to be determined; Congratulations to Granada Hills Charter H.S. for winning district regional decathlon

e. Land Use Committee (Mr. Lord) – 18342 Halsted: Update on Zone Change from RA-1 to R3-1 for 43u condo, 4 story – Awaiting presentation and new Land Use Committee Meeting– *Item Tabled, not present*

17. Status of 2012 NC Elections (Mr. Dwiggins) – Board to check with other Neighborhood Councils to possibly join funds and hold elections together; How to proceed to be discussed at next Agenda Setting Meeting

18. Adjournment – **Ms. McCain made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Dwiggins. MOTION PASSES (by unanimous vote). Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.**