

# Northridge East Neighborhood Council

## 1-15-14 Meeting Minutes

### Elected Executive Board

Steve S. Patel – President ✓  
Glenn Bailey – 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Membership ✓  
Roland Faucher – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Outreach ✓  
Ankur Patel – Treasurer ✓  
YJ Draiman – Secretary ✓

### Elected Board Members

Nestor Fantini ✓ Michelle Smith ✓  
Kelly Lord ✓ Steven Ramirez ✓  
Don Dwiggins ✓ Spencer Schmerling (excused)  
Alice N. McCain ✓  
Francesca M. Vega – Appointed CSUN Faculty / Staff  
(excused),  
Sarah Garcia – Appointed CSUN Student ✓  
Shawn Silleman – Appointed Youth ✓

1. Meeting called to order by Steve Patel at 7:10 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum: 13 Present (indicated with a “✓”, above) 2 **excused** as noted above, none absent, no late arrivals noted.
4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation (TBD as of 1-24-14, Note names of participants here.)
  - a. January Agenda approved with changes
5. Approval of Minutes for Dec 18, 2014 with noted changes
  - a. Item 12: more detail was requested; Items 18 and 19 are duplicates (Note: Item 18 should read “Nov. 2013, Dec”) Motion Passes: (9-0-0)
6. Comments from Public Officials: CD12, DONE, LAPD, LAFD, CSUN (**Being unfamiliar with them, I didn't get their names.**)
7. General Announcements/Public Comments
  - a. Kevin Taylor, Independent Election Administrator, Region 2: Call for new candidates
    - i. Candidate registration deadline: 1-15-14 at midnight.
  - b. Announcement: State of the Valley event Wednesday, 1-29-14 (Security)
  - c. Note: SLO Officer will be at next meeting (Roland F)
  - d. Melvin Canas, Official Representative
    - i. Report for City checking account system for payment to vendors
    - ii. Introduction as our new Project Coordinator
      1. Contact Info: [Melvin.canas@lacity.org](mailto:Melvin.canas@lacity.org) (213) 971-1551
  - e. AppleOne misspelling – City Council hasn't voted on the issue of payment. (City Clerk)
  - f. Glenn Bailey – Question about Bylaws
    - i. Working on new Bylaws (CC) pending GM approval, working on boundaries
    - ii. Essentially done; map posted on website
      1. Pending final approval of changes (a formality)
    - iii. Stakeholder Question: Why NHW boundary change? (Woodley Hills?)
      1. Glenn explained the rationale for the requested change.
      2. Melvin elaborated on the process
  - g. Stakeholder, Pat L(?) Announcement about Oakridge State Home event 2-8-14
  - h. Steve Patel requested e-blast write-up/announcement about March elections
  - i. Green Party Candidate, Kevin Lundgren, spoke about issues of concern to Valley residents “not being addressed by folks downtown.”
    - i. Mentioned reasons (for concern) secession, architecture, land use, red car obstructed by ‘Big Oil’, and [need for] Civil Justice reform.
  - j. A Granada Hills resident made an event announcement – event with Mike(Fuerer?)
  - k. Steve Patel read e-mail re: LAFD strategic plan (needed for stakeholders)
    - i. Go to [www.surveymonkey.com/slafid](http://www.surveymonkey.com/slafid) (difficult to discern: “s” survey or “f” fire?)

8. Standing Committee Reports
  - a. Education (N Fantini)
    - i. Next committee meeting 2-\_\_-14, 4 pm at Darby and \_\_\_\_\_ (?)
    - ii. S Patel asked for more comprehensive listing, demonstrating NENC are needs.
    - iii. February 6<sup>th</sup> event at CSUN (A Patel)
    - iv. Stakeholder Renee asked about private schools
    - v. S Patel suggested regular presentations to NENC by each school
  - b. Environment – Nothing new to report
  - c. Executive – Changes pending, Nothing new to report yet
  - d. Outreach – Glenn and Renee (Flier distribution)
    - i. S Patel suggested systematic neighborhood distribution
      1. Alice to help, Michelle has group \_\_\_\_\_ (?)
        - a. Alice announced Cong. Sherman Town Hall and Waste Recycling @ the Old Fire House, Sat. 2-4 pm
  - e. Planning & Land Use – Nothing new to report
    - i. G Bailey asked about hearing on Cell Tower
  - f. Election Committee (J Draiman) – one new candidate coming in tonight
    - i. S Patel commented: If no position available one will be created based on interest.
9. Safety Committee (R Faucher): Approve up to \$2400 for metal Neighborhood Watch safety signs: 100, 14x20” & 250, 8x11” plus post, with NENC logo (see attached quote)
  - a. Allowance of \$2400 insufficient, needs approximately \$4000 (\$1600 more)
  - b. Ordered Neighborhood Watch signs (100 on order)
    - i. Next set larger, on stakes, with reflective coating for higher visibility at night.
  - c. Reported on Vendor discount and distribution: requested volunteers to help place.
    - i. Vendor Name: J. C. Gury Company, Inc. – La Habra, CA
    - ii. D Dwiggins suggested getting (placement) volunteers from adjacent communities.
    - iii. S Patel suggested offering free signs to stakeholders who attend NC mtg.
      1. This met with positive response all around.
  - d. R Faucher asked for approval of increased amount.
    - i. Point of Procedure: Not on agenda can’t vote on different amount.
      1. Vote on \$2400 to be allocated/approved for start (18 x 24’ signs)
        - a. R Faucher brought the motion (Don/Glenn 2<sup>nd</sup>)
        - b. Motion was discussed, SP redirected, K Lord requested clear, restatement of the motion so the record can be accurate and complete.
          - i. Motion Passes: (9-0-0)
  - e. NW Leader, Diane(?) read aloud report on home burglaries and tips on how to improve security
    - i. Notice of Woodley/Lassen & Woodley/ Nordhoff car break-ins
      1. Suggests taking License Plate # of any strange [unfamiliar] vehicles
      2. Diane asked that copy of report be filed with [NENC Board] Secretary
      3. She asserted that Community of Friends and New Directions has brought more crime into surrounding communities. (> Double-check with SLO Officer)
10. Appoint Community Safety Committee (S Patel)
  - a. S Patel proposed creation of Community Safety Committee with R Faucher as Chair

- i. Proposal approval of both (?) – notes don't reflect a formal motion.
- 11. Approve NPG for Darby Elementary School – PE Program \$3000 (N Fantini)
  - a. Motion to approve – passes unanimously
    - i. M Canas - OK'd this time but in the future use Funding Request form
      - 1. M Canas – asked for a roll call to determine if Funding and Ethics training had been completed because those not yet trained are ineligible to vote. (Roland & Sarah are currently ineligible) Shown on line \_\_\_ (M Canas read text of rule.)
- 12. Approve NPG for Holmes Middle School – 8 whiteboards \$622 (N Fantini)
  - a. Motion to approve – passes unanimously (Two ineligible: Roland & Sarah)
- 13. Approve NPG for Northridge Academy H.S. – 3 buses, field trip \$1035 (N Fantini)
  - a. Motion to approve (Agenda Item 13) – passes unanimously (Two ineligible: Roland & Sarah)
- 14. MOU for DWP, Bd. Public Works and DOT liaison – status & report
- 15. N.C. Elections Sat., March 1, 2014, at **Northridge Women's Club\*** 18401 Lassen Street, Northridge. Election procedures stipulation worksheet, vote by mail, polling place & hours of operation. Candidates filing deadline 1-15-14 11:59 pm – 2-8 voting hours (YJ Draiman)
  - a. Name “*Northridge Rec. Ctr.*” D Dwiggins moved to correct. Motion passed unanimously.
- 16. Encino N.C. Apple One invoice charged to NENC \$528, reverse charges, exhaustive efforts – status – needs City Council approval. [Armando] (YJ Draiman)
  - a. M Canas addressed issue with Past Treasurer. City has paid but hasn't sent copies to NENC
  - b. NENC approves time cards, but [gave] no pre-approval of this \$528.00 invoice.
  - c. J Draiman recommends – check with Armando
  - d. D Dwiggins offered to forward e-mail documentation to aid in resolution.
  - e. Note: July invoice came in December! (A Patel)
  - f. Discrepancy due to “ENC” vs. “NENC” printed on bills.
- 17. Outreach - Approve up to \$500 funding for Citrus Sunday: May 18, 2014 with NSNC (S Patel)
  - a. Proposed approval of \$500 for **last year's** Citrus Sunday Mailer
- 18. [Note: Disaster Prep funding approval was *entered in error* and removed in the course of the meeting. The remaining agenda items were moved up as a result. (19 became 18, etc...)]  
Approve revised NENC Strategic Plan per DONE requirements & Outreach Survey (A Patel)
  - a. Voted for Approval but to be *officially* approved, NENC Executive Committee [must submit] along with Outreach Survey.
- 19. Report of Valley Alliance of NC's Meeting (D Dwiggins)
  - a. Nothing to report (No one was in attendance)
  - b. G Bailey reported: Focus on Mike Feurer – Neighborhood Prosecutors (DONE Procedures)
    - i. Job openings created by City Attorney
    - ii. Abuse and Adult Bullying
    - iii. Example: at a Land Use Meeting a Developer brought a team of 12 attorneys who picked apart NC members [issues/objections] but there was no one there to represent NC.
      - 1. This illustrates the need for Neighborhood Prosecutors (?)
    - iv. Suggested designation of alternatives to ensure that *someone* from NENC will participate in all the future VANC meetings. (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays)
      - 1. Note: April 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mixer (Be there!)

- c. S Patel asked, "Does everyone get e-mail from VANC?" go to: [vanc@lacity.org](mailto:vanc@lacity.org)
  - d. M Canas renewed discussion re: written motions (He will send form.)
20. Treasurer's [Report] December 2013 Expenditures approval \_\_\_\_ (A Patel) [see 4-pg written report.]
- a) Prior Month Exp    \$ 1,244.91\_\_
  - b) Current Balance    \$ 30,869.48
  - c) Committed Funds Budgeted    \$ 2,768.28
  - d) Un-committed Funds    \$ 28,101.20
21. Adjournment