## **Northridge East Neighborhood Council**

## 2-19-14 Meeting Minutes

Elected Executive Board Steve S. Patel – President  $\underline{\checkmark}$  Glenn Bailey –  $\mathbf{1}^{\mathrm{st}}$  VP, Membership  $\underline{\checkmark}$  Roland Faucher –  $\mathbf{2}^{\mathrm{nd}}$  VP, Outreach  $\underline{\checkmark}$  Ankur Patel – Treasurer  $\underline{\checkmark}$  YJ Draiman – Secretary  $\underline{\checkmark}$ 

**Elected Board Members** 

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Nestor Fantini } \underline{\checkmark} & \text{Don Dwiggins } \underline{\checkmark} \\ \text{Kelly Lord } \underline{\checkmark} & \text{Steven Ramirez } \underline{\checkmark} \\ \text{Michelle Smith } \underline{\checkmark} & \text{Spencer Schmerling } \underline{\checkmark} \\ \text{Alice N. McCain } \underline{\checkmark} \end{array}$ 

Francesca M. Vega – Appointed CSUN Faculty / Staff (excused),

Sarah Garcia – Appointed CSUN Student √

Shawn Silleman – Appointed Youth (excused)

- 1. Meeting called to order by Steve Patel at 7:00 pm
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call Determination of Quorum: 13 Present (indicated with a " $\sqrt{}$ ", above) 2 excused as noted above, none absent, Ankur Patel arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order.
- 4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation : Ex Comm + K Lord, D Dwiggins, and a guest (\_\_\_\_\_\_
  - <sup>a.</sup> January Agenda approved with changes
- 5. Approval of Minutes for Jan 15, 2014
  - <sup>a</sup> Item 9: correction requested by R Faucher sign dimensions should read: **18" x 24"**
  - b. K Lord asked to postpone approval allowing additional time for review and correction as needed
- 6. Comments from Public Officials: CD12, DONE, LAPD, LAFD, CSUN
  - <sup>a.</sup> CD12 Jesse Levin City Councilmember Mitch Englander's Office
    - i. Along with Councilmember Nazarian, Councilmember Englander pushed through legislation to create an Incentive Program for Home Owners
    - ii. Discussed [tighter] regulation of Sober Living and Illegal Board & Care Homes
    - iii. Noted latest on "Bees & Buzz" (see website) & other issues including repair of potholes
  - b. Estelle Goodman announcement: Polynesian / Hawaiian Family Festival on May 31 & June 1st
  - LAPD Note: SLO Luna currently taking re-certification courses, will return when done
  - d. CD12 J Levin Northridge VISION
  - DONE Lydia Grant Regions 1 & 2
    - i. Had working group put together a list of things needed [broken down into] components
    - ii. New grievance policy being implemented
    - iii. Asked each NC to appoint a Liaison to the Board of Public Works
    - iv. G Bailey announcement followed by L Grant response
      - 1. \* Missed details as JD asked me to pass out Meeting Agendas
        - a. I recommend this be done prior to meeting to allow for continuity of notes
  - f. LAFD No report
  - g. CSUN No report (Presentation to take place later in meeting)
  - CD12 Ian Zweyer-Anderson
    - i. Spoke of the Swearing-in Ceremony of Assemblymember Dababneh.
    - ii. Community Safety Mtg. with Leland Tang, 6150 Van Nuys Blvd. #306, Van Nuys,
      - 1. See attached documentation
- 7. General Announcements/Public Comments
  - Stakeholder Estelle Goldman reported problems with *Heritage H.S.* using LAB field
    - i. Negative impact from: increased traffic, vandalism, and bright high-intensity lights
    - ii. Private school didn't apply for CUP or ask/inform neighbors prior to new arrangement
    - iii. ACTION: ADD to March Agenda. NENC will invite school rep to respond to complaint

- Stakeholder Maria Smith, PTA Member reported trouble w/ skateboarders [illegally] entering school grounds at night. Unable to catch or stop them. Asked for help watching/reporting.
  - i. ACTION: Get Loaner Video Camera
  - ii. ACTION: R Faucher, Safety Committee, offered to add this location to their Watch List
- Stakeholder Carlos Luna, Scout Leader (BSA Troop 550, across from Fire Station 70) Read aloud, a letter from the Troop, requesting a grant for purchase of tents. Noted their work in Search & Rescue, Various service projects, and the annual Toy Drive. Tents will be used for Campouts.
  - i. See attached letter
- 8. Steven Ramirez asked to speak later in meeting (CSUN)
- 9. Standing Committee Reports
  - Education (N Fantini) Postponed [report?] to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday meeting, next month
  - b. Environment (D Dwiggins) Plan an informative presentation on Fracking
  - <sup>c.</sup> Executive, [S Patel?] Nothing to report
  - d. Outreach (G Bailey) New FaceBook page got 28 "Likes"; Twitter got 33
    - i. NextDoor.com now has 400 members, enter [keyword?] "School Watch" NextDoor
  - e. Planning and Land Use (K Lord) Cell Tower
  - Election ( ) Fliers: Any changes? Make as needed and get approved prior to printing.
- 10. Public Safety Committee (R Faucher) NW Signs (shown to meeting participants)
  - Report details DOT "crimp" (more \$ for fastener bands, special tools & materials) but Cpt. signed-off on signage
    - i. Request for volunteers to place signs (will meet to discuss standards)
    - ii. S Patel noted a recent rise in home burglaries so signs are definitely needed.
    - iii. 100 14 x 20" & 250 8 x 11" plus posts with NC logo (R Faucher)
  - b. Full Scale mock-up of 18" x 24" signs with both NC & NW logos
  - <sup>c.</sup> Finance Committee usually held with Executive Committee members anyway, so A Patel recommended combined meetings
    - i. ACTION: Recommendation approved
      - 1. Note: Combined Meetings will switch to 6 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month
  - Bottom Line: Not enough budgeted for signs. Requested approval of additional \$2500 [up to \$5,000 total expenditure] for metal NW safety signs
    - i. Note: Three Realtors have already offered to pay for the next sets made
    - ii. Motion was made to appropriate \$2500 more to cover additional costs (R Faucher)
    - iii. Discussion of the Motion as stated above
      - 1. YJ Draiman  $-2^{nd}$  added "Let's thank Roland for all of the hard work on this."
      - 2. S Patel [Point of Clarification]: How many of each?
        - a. Answer (R Faucher)
          - i. 250 small
          - ii. 250 on Lawn Stake
          - iii. 25 Video Camera Signs
      - 3. K Lord asked if this was brought up, discussed, and approved in Committee. (Brought up in Ex Comm) [Point of Procedure] Rule: must have committee discussion [prior]
        - a. N Fantini expressed his understanding of the need for rules
        - b. G Bailey stated: This was brought up in the Finance Committee
    - iv. S Patel Called the question Motion PASSES (10 Yes/1 No/0 Abs/2 ineligible)
- 11. Community Safety Committee Public Safety CSUN Community Relations (S Patel) deferred
- 12. Approve up to \$1,000 AM Mail + Printing of election material
  - Discussion: Request approval of additional funds needed for expanded coverage, many more addresses (ca. 10,500) \$5,000 invoice G Bailey & S Patel suggested some changes (text copy)
  - Motion was made to change the approval amount to \$5,188.18 (exact amount) with AM

## Direct Mail Vendor to handle changes and mailing.

- i. Note: Mailers to be sent Monday, 2-24 for Thursday delivery.
- **ii.** [Point of Clarification] G Bailey noted that \$3,700 was already approved. This amount reflects a net increase of approximately \$1,400. [\$1,488.18]
- S Patel Motion was restated to approve "up to \$5,200 total"
  - i. Motion PASSES (10 Yes/1 No/0 Abs/2 ineligible)
  - ii. S Patel noted that this is equivalent to about 50¢per postcard, including postage.
- 13. Approve up to \$300 to [Northridge] Women's Club foe NENC Election voting location (YJ Draiman)
  - DONE will pay \$200 more (totaling \$500)
  - b. S Patel Called the question **Motion PASSES** (10 Yes/1 No/0 Abs/2 ineligible)
- 14. NENC Candidate Forum (8-9pm as time permits) 2 minutes per Candidate (deferred to end of meeting)
- 15. MOU for DWP, Board of Public Works, and DOT Liaison status report:
  - <sup>a.</sup> Field Study into Cameras
- 16. NENC Elections March 1, 2014
  - <sup>a.</sup> Location 18401 Lassen Street, Northridge, CA 91325. Voting hours: 2-8 pm (YJ Draiman)
- 17. ENC (Encino) Apple One charged \$528 to NENC (Northridge East) –reverse charges (YJ Draiman)
  - <sup>a.</sup> Exhaustive efforts, status: Needs City Council approval (Armando)
- **18.** Outreach (G Bailey)
- **19.** Approve Municipal citywide WiFi initiative (D Dwiggins)
- **20.** Approve revised NENC Strategic Plan per DONE requirements & Outreach Survey [results] Vote for approval. (A Patel)
- **21.** VANC Report (D Dwiggins)
- 22. Treasurer's December 2013 Expenditures Approval A Patel (Please refer to his report, see attached)

a.	Prior Month Exp	\$
b.	Current Balance	\$ 
c.	Committed Funds Budgeted	\$
d.	Uncommitted Funds	\$

- i. (Please refer to his report, see attached)
- Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for January (K Lord)
  - i. S Patel Called the question Motion PASSES (11 Yes/0 No/0 Abs/2 ineligible)

## Deferred Business:

CSUN Urban Studies & Planning Power Point Presentation – Community Events (see attached)

S Ramirez – Will read departing statement at March meeting (moved down from above)

S Garcia CSUN Student Report (moved down from above)

AS call to join CSUN (AS?) next year

AS Awareness Month

Covered California

AS-funded Zip Cars – available to the public

Slow Water (Conservation / Eliminate plastic bottles [with installation of] Refill Stations)

Lobby Day - March D.C. Trip

23. Adjournment

Note carried forward from last meeting for reference: Use Funding Request form(s) per M Canas. Funding and Ethics training not yet completed by R Faucher and S Garcia so they are currently ineligible to vote.

Candidate Forum was held (timing provided by C Hart, Meeting Minute Taker)