

## DRAFT Minutes for NENC General Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2015

1. Call to Order (President) 7:05 pm
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum (Secretary) Please see attached Board Vote Count Form.  
**Present:** Glenn Bailey, Jay Draiman, Don Dwiggins, Nestor Fantini, John Hardy, Anna Iskikian , Kelly Lord, Alice McCain, Nadine McNulty, Shawn Silleman **Absent:** Lori Fass, Roland Faucher, Steve Patel, Francesca Vega  
**Excused:** Joseph Seoane (Notified in advance) **Note:** Quorum + 1 (9) after Nadine McNulty arrived. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Quorum + 2 (10) after Jay Draiman arrived at 7:11 pm
  4. Voting Eligibility: Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct Compliance (website still incomplete as of 4/15/15.)  
Website shows that Nestor Fantini, Roland Faucher, and Jay Draiman must renew their Ethics Certification. Mr. Draiman stated that he will re-take the training. Francesca Vega certification expires on 5/31/15. The following board members are current but due for recertification in 4-5 months: Kelly Lord (9/5), Alice McCain (9/6), Steve Patel (9/4), Don Dwiggins (8/13). The Funding Certifications are current for ALL board members. **Note:** Funding still frozen. The NENC Board is unable to vote on any funding items.
  5. Possible NENC Board Vacancies Due To Excessive Unexcused Absences  
More than three (3) unexcused absences is cause for removal. Proposed Replacement of:  
Steve Patel – Glenn Bailey stated that contact has been attempted to no avail. Mr. Patel will be notified.  
Lori Fass – Glenn Bailey stated that contact has been attempted to no avail. Mr. Bailey noted that this should be agendized in May for discussion and possible motion of removal.
  6. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation – April meeting not held (President)
  7. Approval of Minutes — March 18, 2015 (Secretary)  
A motion to approve, as written, the General Board Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2015 was made by Alice McCain and seconded by Don Dwiggins. Following a brief discussion a roll call vote was taken. Motion approved unanimously. Please see attached Board Vote Count Form.
  8. Comments from Public Officials:  
(No report from Mayor, City Attorney, LAPD, LAFD, DONE, LAUSD, LACCD, State or Federal Government Reps.)  
**CD12:** Megan Cottier and Jonathan Coto (arrived at 7:08 pm) reported on Council File 15-0233 which calls for a team of two people who will assist LAFD Paramedics with Medical Emergency calls. Ms. Cottier referenced a recent L.A. Times article. The City Council voted to approve this motion. It was characterized as a “treat and release” program that will ultimately reduce costs by avoiding unnecessary emergency room visits.  
**CSUN:** Student Representative Anna Iskikian , reported on the election of Student Body President and Vice President, the showing of the film “Into the Wild” tomorrow (4/16) on the Barranian Lawn, and projected that local-area parking would be impacted by families visiting on June 17 -19 during CSUN Commencements.  
**State:** Assembly Member Matt Dabaneh was represented by Sanan Shiranian (spl?) , who reported on a West Hills Tree Give Away program and Open House. Stakeholders were invited to attend (see handout) Glenn missed the meeting... (? > Double-check with Glenn to get more details...)
- a) Reseda Boulevard Great Streets update

Ms. Cottier also reported on changes along Reseda Blvd. and the Great Streets project including removal of 2% of the available parking spaces, the construction of a bicycle lane and sidewalk improvements. (She referred stakeholders and board members to handouts were made available on the literature table.)

She noted that this is the first 'protected' bike lane [on the West Coast?], that studies will be conducted at the 6-month and 1 year marks to show the efficacy of protected bike lanes. She noted that studies of similar projects in NY show that they are very successful in meeting stated objectives. Board Member Nadine McNulty asked about the total timeline for the study's duration. Ms. Cottier clarified that it's a one-year study so it would last *at least* that long. Nadine noted that the negative feedback was likely "just a knee-jerk reaction to change". Board Member Jay Draiman asked if the community was consulted in the design of the project. Glenn Bailey answered, "Yes, door to door leaflets were distributed and several community meetings were held including a large, very well-attended (by 100+ people) meeting at the Northridge Library.

Megan offered congratulations as the Mayor reported on the Great Streets project in Northridge as part of his the State of the City Address. She also reported upgrades being made to a one mile stretch from Plummer to Parthenia and Parthenia to Plummer (both north and south sides) The parking on the west side serves many small businesses who benefit from street parking. The east side is impacted less (by students.) She concluded with a report on sidewalk installation between Gresham and Graham.

b) Report on BONC meeting 4/9/15 (New Education and Neighborhoods Committee Chair Wesson)

Glenn Bailey reported on the VANC and LAANC meetings. Herb Wesson is taking over Chairmanship of the Education and Neighborhood Committee stating that Mr. Wesson promised to help move things along before the newly appointed City Managers take their seats. The most important and relevant issues being discussed

1. The ability to rollover some funds into the new fiscal year.
2. A possible \$5000 increase in NC Funds bringing each Neighborhood Council District up to \$42,000/year
3. The institution of a new rule allowing Neighborhood Council representatives more time to address issues at City Hall (since NC Board Members are unpaid and many must take time off work to attend a City Council meeting.)

c) DONE update on webmaster contract (Case No. 4486)

Glenn Bailey reported that documentation on NENC's selection for a new web master was submitted to DONE, that contracts are reviewed and approved by Jeff Brill, and that the process ordinarily requires 45 days to complete. **(Business or calendar days? An important distinction since it could be between 6 – 10 weeks!)**

d) CSUN: Possible NENC office space in CSUN building located on east side of Reseda Blvd? –

Motion

Building purchased at [redacted] (Vincennes?) on the east side of (Reseda?) the Blvd. within NENC Boundaries. The office building has a shortage of parking spaces @ [redacted] Blvd. Alice McCain opined, "There's no need for office space and no one to staff an office. Don Dwiggins stated that he'd like to explore the options especially the possibility of FREE office space. With a desk, computer, and file cabinets for NENC files. This would also provide Special / Emergency meeting space without the need to reserve in advance.

Don Dwiggins moved and Nestor Fantini 2<sup>nd</sup> a motion to continue the dialogue. (8 yes/1 no(Alice McCain)/1 ineligible(Jay Draiman)).

e) Guest Speakers

9. Special Olympics World Games, Northridge Host Town activities at CSUN 7/21-24/15 - Sharon Rose (10 minutes) Ms. Rose reported that a call had gone out and Northridge is one of 100 towns selected to welcome

84 SO Athletes coming from Azurbijan, Vietnam, and Malta. The Northridge Chamber of Commerce is a co-sponsor. Dancers will perform/compete at the Greek Orthodox Church on Balboa at Plummer.

CD12 Addendum - Megan Cottier added that CD12 and the Kiwanis Club is working with the Special Olympics World Games organizers, and other organizations to support this effort. She also promoted the Senior Dance on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Glenn Bailey reported that with funding currently frozen, Mid-May will be “crunch time”! The 2014-2015 FY ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> so there’s very little time between the May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>.

10. Public Comments on non-agenda items (3 min. max.) **NONE**

11. Standing committee reports –

Education,

Environment,

Executive,

Finance,

Outreach,

Planning & Land Use,

Public Safety

a) Education: Motion to recommend that NENC approve \$260 for the Friends of Northridge Academy High School for the purchase of teachers’ school supplies.\* (Fantini)

Unable to Vote on funding matters; agenda item carried-over to the General Board Meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

b) Planning: 18257 Halsted Street, AB 1866, and related issues update (?)

c) Public Safety (referred 1/21/15): Consideration of plans to issue on-body cameras to LAPD officers (CF 14-1738) Glenn Bailey called for support of this Council File. Nadine McNulty moved and John Hardy seconded a motion that NENC shall issue a Community Impact Statement *supporting* CF 14-1738. (8 yes/1 no (Kelly Lord)/1 ineligible (Jay Draiman)).

d) Approval of any additional Committee members: - Nothing written, yellow post it flag (?)

Education; Mr. Kuzman denied being an official committee member or having a negative effect on quorum

Environment;

Outreach;

Planning & Land Use;

Public Safety

12. Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee: Recommended amendment(s) to the NENC Bylaws - Second Reading – Motion Glenn Bailey spoke of bylaws amendments last time were focused on Woodley Hills and Fire Station 87. He asked that board members go through the bylaws one section at a time. Article (?) >> see 2-sided, proposed change sheet and copies of NENC Bylaws (distributed to board members with board packets.)

13. NC Administrative and 2016 Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet Approval  
Carried-over to the General Board Meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

14. Election of NENC Officers for 2015-16:

President,

1st Vice President,

2nd Vice President,

Secretary,

Treasurer

15. Northridge Vision report (4/15/15); next meeting 5/20/15, 2 pm

16. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events

a) Senior Symposium 4/25/15 update (Bailey); planning meeting 4/23/15, 3 pm

b) Citrus Sunday 5/17/15 update (Seoane); planning meeting     /     /15, 4 pm

c) NC Budget Day 2015 6/27/15, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm

d) Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair 10/3/15 update; planning meeting 4/22/15, 4 pm

e) Congress of Neighborhoods 9/26/15 update; planning meeting 4/25/15, 10:00 am

17. NC Budget Advocates report on the 2015 budget process (Region 2 NCBAs)

a) Elect two Budget Representatives for Fiscal Year 2015-16 - Motion

b) CF 15-0273 - CAO review of NCBA "White Paper" - Motion - CIS

18. Alliance and Coalition Reports:

VANC,

LANCC,

PlanCheckNC,

DWP MOU,

Sustainability Alliance

19. From Northridge Vision: Proposed child care facility for 40 children at 17358 & 17360 Devonshire St. (ZA 2015 514 CU)

20. New Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions - Community Impact Statements (CIS)

a) CF 15-0389 - allowing NCs sufficient time to present to City entities

b) CF 15-0373 - Mayor's request for five exempt positions at DONE

c) CF 14-1635 - short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods

Residential stakeholder, commented on this council file and how it would directly affect her bottom line. Taxing tourists who spend money here in Northridge businesses would discourage budget-conscious travelers. The stakeholder reported that her income as a teacher isn't sufficient so this is something she can do to help garner money for home improvement projects. It also helps students seeking lower room rental while enrolled in summer programs at CSUN. She asked that the NENC board represent this side of the debate in their dealing with City Council (Community Impact Statement.)

Glenn Bailey elaborated on the details of this proposed ordinance.

21. Funding Items\*

a) Aaron DeVandry invoices reflecting \$75 monthly rate increase effective July 1, 2014\*

b) Authorize up to \$550 to advertise in monthly Community Connection newspaper for outreach purposes (two issues through June 2015)\*

c) Authorize printing business cards for new and continuing Board members for an amount not to exceed \$150 (Vendor: Vistaprint.com or similar)\*

d) Authorize up to \$1,000 contribution to 2015 Congress of Neighborhoods\*

e) Authorize up to \$1,000 contribution to Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates\*

22. Approval of annual Equipment Inventory

23. Treasurer's Report [Seoane]

a) Approval of March 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

b) Past MERs, checking account, and Funding update

c) Approval of remaining 2014-15 Budget Package: Self-Assessment; Strategic Plan; Outreach Survey

24. MINI-TRAINING: Topic For May 2015 Board Meeting?

25. Adjournment

\*NOTE: Vote on Funding items needed to be deferred to next Board meeting due to *frozen* funding.