

## Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 20, 2016

1. Called to Order at 7:06 p.m. by President Glenn Bailey; Pledge of Allegiance led by Roland Faucher. There were approximately 12 stakeholders in attendance.
2. Roll Call:  
Present: Glenn Bailey, Don Dwiggins, Roland Faucher, YJ Draiman, Joe Seoane, Diedra Greenaway, Carl Petersen, Ari Shapess, Max Reyes, and Jeremy Mauritzen.  
Absent: Nick Beer (excused), Nadine McNulty (excused).  
Determination of Quorum: 10 Board Members present (8 required)  
New CSUN Student Board Member Jeremy Mauritzen was administered the NC Pledge by Jessie Strobel and was seated. He then briefly introduced himself.  
Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct Compliance): All Board members present were in compliance (pending posting by DONE of several submitted items). Abstentions act as a “no” vote per the NENC Bylaws.
3. Agenda Setting Meeting July 11 Participation: Bailey, Dwiggins, Seoane, Faucher
4. Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2016. MOTION (Seoane/Dwiggins) to approve June 15, 2016 Board meeting minutes as amended. Passed 9-0-1 (Abstain: Mauritzen)
5. Treasurer’s Report presented by Joe Seoane. MOTION (Seoane/Faucher) to approve June 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and Bank Statement. Passed 9-0-1 (Abstain: Mauritzen)
6. Comments/Presentations from Public Officials/Departments/Agencies:  
**LAPD:** SLO Efren Corral reported on Devonshire crime increases: 7.5% overall (7% property). There have been 3,095 crimes year-to-date as of July 17, 2016. There is concern about “outsider” criminals coming to Devonshire. Nine businesses along Reseda Blvd. were burglarized during the past week. Neighborhood Watch groups are very important; just need one person to take the lead. Handouts were provided.  
**CD 12:** Jessie Strobel announced National Night Out will be held August 2, 2016 at Northridge Park. The second annual CD 12 drive-in movie will be held September 17, 2016. Clean Streets LA Challenge is offering \$5,000 grants.  
**SD 18:** Raj Dhillon reported on Metro’s Transportation Plan that now includes \$180 million for a transportation project to serve CSUN that Senator Hertzberg was actively supporting. The project would begin six months after the measure passes and be finished by 2023 or 2024.  
**CSUN:** Max Reyes reported Metro has begun late night service on lines 744 and 239. The U-Pass transit pass program will begin for the Fall semester at a student cost of \$95 for 21 weeks. At the CSUN Transit Center, a “next bus” pilot program was just installed.  
**Mayor:** Three NENC Board members (Bailey, Greenaway, Petersen) attended Mayor Garcetti’s July 5th barbeque at Getty House. Every NC was urged to name a liaison for Clean Streets LA and Homelessness.  
**City Attorney:** Deputy City Attorney Elise Ruden has recently been assigned to all Valley NCs. She introduced herself at last week’s VANC meeting.

**DONE:** Kathleen Quinn is now the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) serving NENC, replacing Melvin Canas.

**BONC:** Lydia Grant resigned as the North Valley Commissioner on Monday so the seat is now vacant.

**LAUSD:** Ankur Patel gave a report (see below, after item 10g).

- a. LAPD: National Night Out August 2, 6:00 - 10:30 p.m., Northridge Park; NENC will have outreach booth staffed by Roland, Joe, and Diedra with Don as back up.
  - b. DONE: EmpowerLA Town Hall July 25, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Braude Building. Board members and stakeholders were encouraged to attend.
  - c. Street Services: Small asphalt repairs within NENC will be made on July 29; locations must be submitted by July 22.
  - d. Transportation: Traffic Safety meeting held on July 18; Glenn attended a portion and circulated Vision Zero publication. Another Valley session will be held July 25.
  - e. NC Budget Advocates: NC Budget Day will be held July 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at LA City Hall. Glenn and Diedra are the NENC Budget Representatives and will be attending; everyone is invited.
  - f. Northridge Vision meeting was held on July 13, 2016; meetings are now held on the second Wednesday of every month, 2:00 p.m. at CD 12 office.
    - i. Clean Streets LA Challenge grant details were explained by Don Larson. MOTION (Bailey/Faucher) that NENC support the Clean Streets LA Challenge Grant for Reseda Blvd. Great Streets project. Passed 10-0-0
  - g. CSUN: 2016 Matadors Day of Service was presented by Max Reyes. It will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016 beginning at 8:00 a.m. There were 200-250 volunteers last year. The NENC is invited to have an outreach table.
  - h. Metro: Update on November 2016 ballot measure ("R-2") to improve transportation in the County, including projects to serve the North San Fernando Valley, specifically Northridge and CSUN was discussed earlier.
7. Community Presentations
- a. Don Larson of Northridge Sparkle gave a presentation about the 30-foot flagpole to be installed in Reseda Blvd. median south of Gresham St., including construction expenses. The three Northridge NCs are being requested to provide \$1,500 each to support the project via a Neighborhood Purposes Grant; an application was submitted. The NPG will be reviewed at the next NENC Finance Committee and considered by the Board at the August meeting.
8. Public comments on non-agenda items: Don Martino and Zita Fortman spoke about ongoing problems associated with the Goodwill Store (Reseda Blvd. at Lemarsh St.) (Max Reyes left at 8:26 p.m.)
9. President's Report given by Glenn Bailey.
- a. No applications have been received to fill vacant seats Business Owner or Employee, Resident, or Youth seats. Eric Leiter, a youth resident in NENC, introduced himself and may apply for the Youth seat.

- b. There was a consensus to appoint Glenn Bailey as the NENC Public Works/Clean Streets LA Liaison and Deidra Greenaway as the Homelessness Liaison to City.
  - c. MOTION (Bailey/Faucher) to amend the Northridge East NC Bylaws to include Fire Station 70, 9861 Reseda Blvd., as shared facility with the Northridge West NC. Passed 9-0-0. This proposal was also approved by the Northridge West NC Board on July 12, 2016 by a 9-0-0 vote.
  - d. (Roland Faucher recused himself and left the room prior and during the consideration of this item.) MOTION (Bailey/Dwiggins) to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Devonshire Volunteer Surveillance Team to support operations (uniforms and live scans) of the Volunteer Citizens Patrol for an amount of \$5,000. Passed 8-0-0 with one recusal (Faucher).
  - e. MOTION (Seoane/Greenaway) to authorize \$500 contribution to support Valley Alliance of NCs (VANC) Planning Workshop on November 10, 2016 and Anniversary Mixer on March 9, 2017. Passed 8-0-1 (Abstain: Faucher)
10. Committee Reports – Standing: Education; Environment; Executive; Finance; Outreach; Planning and Land Use; and Public Safety. Ad Hoc: Bylaws; Goodwill Store; and Joint CSUN Parking.
- a. Approval of Committee members: MOTION (Bailey/Petersen) to remove Estelle Goldman per her request from Planning and Land Use Committee and to add Jeremy Mauritzen as a member of the Education Committee. Passed 9-0-0
  - b. Education: MOTION to support a scholarship funded by private sources for a graduating high school school student who is a resident within the NENC boundaries or attends school within these boundaries. Item to be held until August Board meeting.
  - c. Executive: MOTION (Seoane/Dwiggins) to establish a new position of NENC Administrative Assistant for Finance. Passed 9-0-0
  - d. Executive: Maintenance of Reseda Boulevard (between Superior and Kinzie Streets) median shared with Northridge West NC update given. Northridge West NC has paid \$200 to American Heritage for maintenance for approximately a year and a half. John Mah was appointed as NWNC representative to NENC on this matter. Will be considered by Executive and/or Finance Committees for recommendation.
  - e. Outreach: MOTION (Dwiggins/Faucher) NENC host picnic for members of Nextdoor in Northridge in September or October 2016 as a possible joint effort with the other two Northridge Neighborhood Councils. Passed 9-0-0
  - f. Planning: General Plan Amendment Case No. CPC-2016-633-GPA, the request of CSUN to downgrade Plummer Street between Darby and Lindley Avenues from an Avenue 2 (formerly termed "Secondary Highway") to a Local Street was heard by a hearing officer on July 8, 2016. The report should be available approximately one week prior to the August 25, 2016 City Planning Commission consideration.
  - g. Planning: Proposed mixed use development (approximately 7,500 SF commercial space and 128 student housing units with a minimum of 205 parking spaces) at 9534-46 Reseda Bl. (Symphony Development) CPC-2015-3702-ZC-SPR-ZV update given. The landscape and traffic plans have been completed but issue has been raised about the

Post Office possibly being a historic building. PLU Committee will consider this item further at its next meeting.

**LAUSD** (item 6 out of order): Ankur Patel, representing School Board member Scott Schmerelson, announced four upcoming education roundtables: September 30 and December 2, 2016 and March 31 and June 30, 2017; more details will be forthcoming.

11. New Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions - Community Impact Statements (CIS)
  - a. [CF 16-0093](#) Department of Water and Power Governance Issues / Charter and Administrative Code Amendments for Inclusion in a 2016 Ballot Measure. Postponed for Nick Beer and Don Dwiggins to discuss recommendation for consideration at the August Board meeting.
  - b. [CF 14-0057-S1](#) HOUSE LA: Facilitating Accessory Dwelling Units (referred to PLU on 6/15/16). Maria Fisk recommended consideration of CF 14-0057-S8 instead; it was agreed to refer the S8 Council File to Planning and Land Use Committee for its consideration and recommendation to the August Board meeting.
  - c. [CF 11-1705](#) Citywide Sign Regulations / Revision. MOTION (Dwiggins/Faucher) to support the motion and file a CIS as read. Passed 9-0-0
  - d. [CF 16-0585](#) California Department of Fish and Game / Coyote Sightings. MOTION (Dwiggins/Petersen) to support the motion and file a CIS as read. Passed 9-0-0
  - e. [CF 04-1935-S1](#) Improve Voting Environment / Poll Worker Training / NC Elections. MOTION (Bailey/Seoane) to support the motion and file a CIS. Passed 9-0-0  
(Roland Faucher left at 9:17 p.m.)
  - f. [CF 15-1022-S2](#) Online Voting / Improve Experience / Neighborhood Council Elections. MOTION (Bailey/Draiman) to support the motion and file a CIS including comments on registration start date, lack of outreach, no inclusion of registered voters as promised, and problems using NationBuilder. Following discussion, passed 8-0-0.
12. Financial Items
  - a. Consideration of FY 2016-17 Budget Package: MOTION (Seoane/Draiman) to approve Budget, including monthly operational expenses, as amended. Passed 8-0-0. Handouts provided and input on Strategic Plan, etc. was requested.
  - b. MOTION (Seoane/Draiman) to re-approve expenditures previously authorized by Board during Fiscal Year 2015-16 but not spent. Passed 8-0-0
13. Alliance and Coalition Reports: Emergency Preparedness Alliance will be meeting this Saturday, July 23.
14. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: Attendance at NC Budget Day July 30, Congress of Neighborhoods September 24, and 9th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair October 1 was encouraged of all Board members and stakeholders.
15. MOTION (Dwiggins/Draiman) to adjourn. Passed 8-0-0 at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Bailey

APPROVED: Vote 9-0-0 on August 17, 2016