



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting
Draft Minutes
January 19, 2022
7:04PM-10:29PM**

[Zoom Virtual Meeting](#)
Meeting Access Information:
<https://zoom.us/j/92753645271>
Meeting ID: 927 5364 5271
Password: no password required
Toll Free number 888-475-44999

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Glenn Bailey President	Present	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Philip Dagort 2 nd Vice President	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Judy Diamond Treasurer	Present	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Victoria Dochoghlian	Present	Yes	CSUN Faculty
Sean Laird	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Stephanie Mills Secretary	Present	Yes	Property Owner
William Parnell	Present	Yes	Youth Member
Carl Peterson	Absent (Joined at 8:36PM)	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Ken Ross 1 st Vice President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Michael Schouten	Absent	Yes	CSUN Student Body
Sydney Thiroux	Absent (Joined at 7:17PM)	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Business Owner or Employee
Vacant			Business Owner or Employee
Vacant			Alternate 1
Don Dwiggin	Excused	No	Alternate 2
Christopher Meredith	Absent	Yes	Alternate 3
TOTAL: 11 +2 Alternates	PRESENT-08 Absent 03 + Alternate-Absent-02		

1. Start Recording, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Stakeholders; Introductory Comments. **The recording was started. The Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by President Glenn Bailey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Mills. Mr. Bailey mentioned the Public Comment opportunities on the Agenda. It was also explained how to use the zoom controls to participate in the meeting.**

2. Roll Call, Seating of Alternate(s), Determination of Quorum, Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias; view status at www.EmpowerLA.org/NENC), Abstentions= "No" **Everyone in attendance was eligible to vote.**

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present- 08	Absent -03 +01 Alternate	Excused-01 Alternate
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Ross	Peterson, Schouten, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	Alternate: Dwiggin

a. Notice of Vacancies: Two Resident seats (2023 & 2025), two Business/Employee seats (2023 & 2025) and one Alternate seat (2023). Qualified Stakeholders interested in serving may obtain more information by emailing: info@NENC-LA.org Documentation will be required. Per NENC Bylaws, appointment is made by the President and approved by a vote of the Board. - **Reviewed**

3. Agenda Setting Meeting 1/10/22 Participation: Bailey, Ross, Mills, Diamond, Dagort (alternate) **All members were present.**

4. Approval of Minutes -

a. November 17 or any other earlier dates

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 4a. Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2021 Moved: Diamond Second: Mills			
Yes-08	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Ross	None	None	Peterson Schouten, Thiroux

b. Approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting- **Item Postponed**

Sidney Thiroux joined the Meeting at 7:17PM

c. Links to Zoom video recordings of Board meetings will be posted on NENC Agendas and Minutes webpage

5. Treasurer’s Report and Financial Items- **an update was given by Treasurer Judy Diamond.**

a. Approval of December 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (All NC MERs are posted on City Clerk’s NC Funding System Dashboard; click on MER tab. Recent NENC MERs with back up documentation are also posted on the NENC website under

Finance Committee: <https://www.nenc-la.org/committees/budget-and-finance-committee/>)

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 5a. Motion to approve the December (MERS) Monthly Expenditure Report Moved: Diamond Second: Dagort			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Ross, Thiroux	None	None	Peterson, Schouten,

6. Presentations/Special Items
 - a. 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count for San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 22, 2022.
 - i. The Northridge deployment site will be the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission, 8756 Canby Avenue, 8 - 11 pm; register to volunteer here: <https://www.theycountwillyou.org/>
 - ii. Promotional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTOVjjFwssk>- Reviewed
 - b. New SoCalGas Public Affairs Advisor covering the San Fernando Valley and liaison for NCs **Ben Steinberger-He introduced himself. He has been with the company for four weeks. He can be reached at brian@ehruse.org or at the HER Website ehruse.org**
 - c. COVID-19 Resources - State appointment website: <https://myturn.ca.gov/>; Los Angeles County COVID-19 vaccine website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/>; Los Angeles City COVID-19 website: <https://corona-virus.la/>; vaccination appointments encouraged but not required: <https://carbonhealth.com/covid-19-vaccines/los-angeles>; LAUSD COVID-19 information: <https://achieve.lausd.net/covid>- Reviewed Tara – Scott Schmerelson’s office. **The LAUSD currently has an 8.45% positivity rate (4,100 cases). The vaccine mandate has been pushed to the Fall. John Hales- is concerned about test kits and having no way to report test results.**
 - d. Redistricting Maps Have All Been Approved; City, LAUSD and County and are now in effect. City Council: <https://laccrc2021.org/> - Council File 20-0668-S7 LAUSD: <http://redistricting2021.lacity.org/LAUSDRC/index.html> County: <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/> State: <https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/> (effective December 2022)- Reviewed
7. Public comments on non-agenda items (up to two minutes per speaker)
 - a. Brendan Kenn- would like traveling rings installed at the park
 - b. Michelle Hales- the city is not giving traffic tickets
8. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public
 - a. LAUSD BD 3 (Tara Vahdani); **Ms. Vahdani- the LAUSD has selected a new superintendent, Alberto Carvalho. He will start on February 14, 2022. She gave some LAUSD updates.**
 - b. CD 12 (Myrka Martinez)-**Ms. Martinez- The office did a lot of Holiday events. Council did come back last week. Meetings are being held virtually. The Councilmember introduced a resolution to support AB 1603 which would decrease property theft threshold from \$950.00 to \$400.00. There are delays in trash pick up due to Covid cases, in the Department of Sanitation. There is an interactive map you can review at the LA Sanitation Website. The federal vaccine requirement is still, in effect, and DWP is rolling out assistance for unpaid bills. The information is in our newsletter which you can subscribe to at CD12.org. Mr. Bailey thanked the Council Office for Inviting the Neighborhood Council Leaders to the Holiday Breakfast. A Council for Councils is tentatively set for February 7, 2022. More details to come.**
9. Comments/Updates/Announcements by City Departments
 - a. DONE-NEA Octaviano Rios (octaviano.rios@lacity.org), - **You should have received your NC profiles for January early in the month and in your profiles, there are three links to the core**

institute module trainings. That are optional, but highly recommended for all board members to review if you didn't get a chance last year to attend them live. With regards to require doing all the required trainings so you're one of the few Neighborhood Councils that I know that have completed the ABLE Training. A quick reminder that if you care to amend your bylaws, the deadline for that is quickly approaching now it's April 1, 2022 of this year, so if you have any, especially the structural changes, you want to submit those. They are going to require Commission review so not just department level review, but they get submitted to the Commission for review and approval so just keep that in mind. Update Zoom to the newest version.

- b. DONE: Monthly Update (formerly Monthly Profile) - all Board members need to review-**Reviewed**
- c. DONE: Neighborhood Council Awareness & Engagement Survey results- **Waiting for Results**
- d. DONE: Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Proposal (78 pages) and Supplemental Budget Proposal (84 pages) - possible MOTION at 2/16/22 NENC Board meeting- **Reviewed**
- e. DONE: NC 2021 Elections outreach report 1/11/22 (Council File 20-0963) Also see Item 12c- **Reviewed**
- f. BONC: Revised (10/14/21) Digital Communication Policy, DONE 10/18/21 report, DONE 1/4/22 memo, and links to supporting materials - update - possible MOTION- **Reviewed**
- g. BONC: Proposed revisions to Code of Conduct Policy dated 7/19/21, 12/20/21 DONE memo and links to supporting materials – update- **Reviewed**
- h. LAPD: Neighborhood Watch meeting 1/20/22, 6 pm - flyer and Zoom access details- **Reviewed**
- i. Public Works: Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP); StreetsLA webpage; STAP Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration posted here. Also see CF 20-1536-**Reviewed**
- j. CSUN reports and updates - Victoria Dochoghlian -We have a new Vice President of the University Relations and Advancement. Her name is Nichole Ipach. She used to be on President Beck's team at CSU Channel Islands and she has joined our CSUN team as of January, so you might see her around once we get to start working in person. In person lessons have been postponed till mid- February. School starts on March 24, 2022. This happened because of obviously on the quantity wants to be a bit careful. Booster requirements for staff faculty and students were announced by our Chancellor. Testing for Covid at the school is only for Students, Staff and Faculty.
- k. Orchard Conference Center tour report A small intimate tour of the Orchard Conference Center was held for a few members of the Northridge Vision Group. I thought it was very beautiful, it was my first time, seeing it too. It is huge and very versatile. I heard they have already held a wedding there. They have a full kitchen and a restaurant, it is gorgeous, I just can't wait for things to open up again.
- l. Northridge Vision met 1/12/22; next virtual meeting 2/9/22, 2 pm- **Reviewed**

- m. NC Budget Advocates: NCBA report; Town Hall on DONE Budget 1/29/22, 10 am; NC Budget Day will be held 6/18/22; NENC City budget priorities; Budget Representatives (Glenn Bailey and Garry Fordyce). www.budgetadvocates.org/- **Reviewed**
- n. Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study Community Advisory Group (CAG website; LA County website) - The county did put out a responsive public release press release that the RFP is now released, unfortunately. They did not notify CAG. I would recommend everybody look at it, to understand what they're intending to try to accomplish in their health study. Environmental Health research is still moving forward towards a health study of their own. We are actively seeking funds to accomplish this task we have a few things that are going on right now with regards to setting up of the testing for pulmonary issues and we're trying to get CDC information that's blood information from the agencies that maintain that. It is a long process and we're trying very hard to move forward with it, so if there's any questions that anybody does have with regards to either the category.
- o. CAG meetings being held quarterly at 6 pm: TBA- **Reviewed**
- p. New non-profit formed: Environmental Health Research - Brian Allen
- q. Metro:
 - i. North San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor/Bus Rapid Transit Project - sign up to receive project updates; the next round of community meetings is expected to be announced soon. - **Reviewed**
 - ii. Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project - public scoping meeting #3 1/22/22, 10 am- **Reviewed**
 - 1. Public Comment-Jamie York does not want options 1-3

Carl Peterson joined the meeting at 8:36PM

- r. US Postal Service: Relocation of Northridge Main Post Office, 9534 Reseda Blvd. Lease extended to April 30, 2022 and potential locations are being evaluated. - **Reviewed**
10. Committee Reports – No Reports
- a. Appointment of Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs by President subject to confirmation by Board- **No Action Taken**
 - b. Approval of additional, or removal of, Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs- **No Action Taken**
 - c. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Executive 2/7/22, 4:30 pm; Education 2/12/22, 9 am; Ad Hoc Bylaws 2/21/22, 2:30 pm- **Reviewed**
 - d. Executive: Discussed container plantings at Bull Creek/Hayvenhurst Avenue/Plummer in partnership with North Hills West NC- **may be planted with succulents.**
 - e. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within NENC including but not limited to:
 - i. Northridge Community Plan update process had been scheduled to begin in 2021

- f. Planning: Pending citywide proposals and any updates Valley Liaison: Ariel.Jones@lacity.org
 - i. Update on the Elder Care Property: The lot split was approved by the city. This is a big concern as it is one of the biggest projects around. Mr. Dagort has a report that he will forward project is 2021-2942-PM-HCA
 - ii. Update on the Norms Restaurant The signs have come down and it looks like it will not be built. Needs follow up.

i-vi- Reviewed

- i. Proposed Restaurant Beverage Program (Case No. CPC-2018-4660-CA; CF 17-0891) update; City Council adopted 6/30/21; Ordinance pending in PLUM Committee 1/18/22.
 - ii. Proposed Processes and Procedures Ordinance (Case No. CPC-2016-3182-CA; CF12-0460-S4) Fact Sheet; Website; Annotated Draft CPC approved 4/6/21; City Council approved committee report 6/22/21; Ordinance pending.
 - iii. Citywide Sign Ordinance update (Case Number CPC-2015-3059-CA; CF 11-1705) Fact Sheet; City Planning Commission approved 2/25/21; pending in City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee
 - iv. Healthy Buildings, Healthy Places Design Guide – website
 - v. Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance (Case No. CPC-2021-3141-CA; CF 15-0719-S19) - website update
 - vi. Draft Sustainability Guidelines for Developers for NC Land Use Committee use – Dagort
- g. Animal Welfare: West Valley Animal Shelter **update: How can the NC’s help support the Shelters financially? Looking for options.**
 - h. Reports by other Committees listed above- **No Report**

11. NENC President, NC Liaisons, and NC Alliances/Coalitions Reports including, but not limited to:

- a. President’s Report:
 - i. Container plantings at Bull Creek/Hayvenhurst Avenue/Plummer in partnership with North Hills West NC- **Reviewed**
 - ii. Northridge Branch Library reduced hours: 12 noon to 5:30 pm Monday to Saturday- **Reviewed**
- b. NC Liaisons Reports: **No Report**

Carl Peterson left the meeting at 9:14PM

- c. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: Valley Alliance of NCs (VANC), DWP MOU/Advocacy, LA NC Coalition (LANCC), PlanCheckNC, NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance, NC Sustainability Alliance, West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness (WVNAH), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance-

West Valley Neighborhood Alliance and Homelessness this Sunday January 23 on zoom and it's from four to 6pm and then after that we'll have an update for the next time.

- i. NCSA: Cool Block leaders (two from each NC) still needed. More info. Sign up here

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

- a. CF 20-0190 Motion (Buscaino - Cedillo) relative to the City Attorney be directed to prepare and present an Ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.41 to allow park rangers to be armed while on duty, in accordance with state law. (Postponed from 12/15/21 meeting) **Item Postponed**
- b. CF 21-1414 Motion (Koretz - Blumenfield - Raman) relative to instructing the Department of City Planning and Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, with assistance from the City Attorney and members of the subdivision committee, to prepare a memorandum that shall be used by all Departments and agencies until such time as a local implementation ordinance establishing basic precepts applicable to all SB 9 projects is adopted. (Postponed from 12/15/21 meeting) **Item Postponed**
- c. NEW CF 20-0963 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment report, dated January 11, 2022, **relative to a Neighborhood Council 2021 Election Outreach update.- Reseda Neighborhood Council Letter, Presenter-Jamie York (Reseda Neighborhood Council Secretary) Presenter Jamie York did an in-depth presentation of the contracts done by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment that showed very questionable payments for services that did not appear to have been rendered according to the contracts with much of the money being paid out for what appeared to be little or no service, or for service provided for election outreach when the elections were already over. If you look at just West Lake North and West Lake South it is the most expensive election in American history. At a cost per vote of \$1,000 per vote, they spent \$10,000 for 10 voters, there were less people who voted than people who registered as candidates, that is a failure. There were many additional issues also a document was provided with those discrepancies.**

Notes for the Record

- a. **Who was getting paid? / The last three years of Done Funding.**
- b. **Questionable contracts \$5,000.00 No contract, 20,000 or less**
- c. **Presentation to City Council/ versus the facts in the letter.**
- d. **Reviewed the Social Media Posts on the vendors Social Media Posts**
- e. **Sloppy/ disdain for Neighborhood Councils**
- f. **Two of the Vendors were paid for Outreach/ Social Media Campaigns. they did too late, after the Elections were over.**
- g. **Money was spent to promote NC's that didn't exist**
- h. **One of the companies were paid to promote an NC that wasn't scheduled to have an election**
- i. **A Survey Company was given a large amount of money for Outreach, failed to do Outreach and later did a survey instead. This is mismanagement of Outreach funds. The contract was not signed until after the Election.**
- j. **A Claim was made that the survey was biased**
- k. **Mistakes, sloppy work, lack of oversight, mishandling of funds**
- l. **Done needs to be held accountable, there needs to be an accounting of all of the money and its' use.**

- m. Need to review the contracts and the actual services provided.
- n. There needs to be an Election Outreach working group with oversight ability. It should be comprised of NC Boardmembers and previous NC Boardmembers.
- o. Should there be an even distribution of funds/ad buys.
- p. Why give money in the future to the organizations that didn't provide in the past. The Election had horrible results
- q. Take more advantage of free programs and other options, Next Door, Bus Bench ads, Social Media Boosts. There are people in the department that specialize in this.
- r. The organizations selected did not have experience in NC Elections, or voter outreach. How did this impact the voters?
- s. In one case they paid an organization \$10,000.00 and there were only 10 voters. \$1,000.00 per vote.
- t. Underserved communities' votes went down across the board.
- u. The city needs to value the NC's voices. They need to treat the NC's the way they deserve.
- v. Why were these organizations selected?

Sidney Thiroux left the meeting at 9:52PM

Public comment: John Hale feels the letter needs footnotes and a resource page.

Motion Passed

NENC Item 12c. Motion to submit CIS Stating no position taken for CF 20-0963 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment report, dated January 11, 2022, relative to a Neighborhood Council 2021 Election Outreach update. Moved: Mills Second: Diamond			
Yes -08	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Ross,	None	None	Peterson Schouten, Thiroux

- d. NEW CF 21-1431Motion (Bonin - Raman - Harris-Dawson) relative to directing the Los Angeles Housing Department and Department of City Planning, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to draft and present an ordinance with an urgency clause that requires the replacement obligations and occupant protection provisions of California Government Code Section 66300.

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 12d. Motion to submit a CIS in support of CF 21-1431Motion (Bonin - Raman - Harris-Dawson) relative to directing the Los Angeles Housing Department and Department of City Planning, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to draft and present an ordinance with an urgency clause that requires the replacement obligations and occupant protection provisions of California Government Code Section 66300. Moved: Diamond Second: Dagort			
Yes -08	No- 00	Ineligible- 00	Absent-03
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Ross	None	None	Peterson Schouten, Thiroux

13. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: Neighborhood Council Budget Day 6/18/22; Congress of Neighborhoods 9/24/22- **Reviewed**

14. Public comments on non-agenda items -**No Comments**

15. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion-**No Action Taken**

16. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 10:29PM

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): February 16, 2022, 7 pm.
Subsequent Board regular meetings: March 16, 2022 and April 20, 2022.