

Board Meeting Draft Minutes September 21, 2022 7:04PM-10:16PM

Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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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 Presiden	t Present	Yes	At Large Stakeholder	
Philip Dagort 2 nd Vice Preside	ent Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember	
Judy Diamond Treasure	er Present	Yes	At Large Stakeholder	
Victoria Dochoghlian	Present	Yes	CSUN Faculty	
Vacant		Yes	CSUN Student Body	
Sean Laird	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember	
Stephanie Mills Secretary	Present	Yes	Property Owner	
William Parnell	Present	Yes	Youth Member	
Carl Petersen	Absent	Yes	Resident Boardmember	
Ken Ross 1 st Vice Preside	nt Present	Yes	Property Owner	
Sydney Thiroux	Absent (Joined at 8:28)	Yes	Resident Boardmember	
Vacant			Resident Boardmember	
Vacant			Resident Boardmember	
Vacant			Business Owner or	
			Employee	
Vacant			Resident Boardmember	
Christopher Meredith	Present	Yes	Alternate 1	
Vacant			Alternate 2	
Vacant			Alternate 3	
TOTAL: 10 +1 Alternate	PRESENT-8 Absent 02 + Alternate-01 Absent 00			

- 1. Start Recording, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Stakeholders; Introductory Comments (Public Comment and Recusal Reminder) The Recording was started. The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stephanie Mills.
- 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" Quorum was reached. Christopher Meridith was seated for Carl Petersen.

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present- 09	Absent -02	Excused-00
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Ross, Alternate: Meredith	Petersen, Thiroux	None

- a. Notice of Vacancies; discussion and possible action: Three Resident seats (2023 & 2025), one Business/Employee seat (2023) and two Alternate seats (2023). Qualified Stakeholders interested in serving may obtain more information by emailing: <u>info@NENC-LA.org</u> Documentation will be required. Per NENC Bylaws, appointment is made by the President and approved by the Board. -Reviewed
- 3. Agenda Setting Meeting 9/12/22 Participation: Bailey, Ross, Mills, Diamond (and Dagort) **All five officers were present.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes August 17, 2022, July 20, 2022 and any other earlier dates

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 4a. Motion to approve the July 2022 Minutes as amended Moved: Bailey Second: Dochoghlian					
Yes-08 No-00 Abstain-01 Absent-02					
Bailey, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird,	None	Dagort	Petersen,		
Mills, Parnell, Ross, Alternate: Meredith			Thiroux		

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 4b. Motion to approve the August 17, 2022 Minutes as amended Moved: Dochoghlian Second:					
Meredith					
Yes-08 No-00 Abstain-01 Absent-02					
Bailey, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, None Dagort Petersen,					
Mills, Parnell, Ross, Alternate: Meredith			Thiroux		

- a. Links to Zoom video recordings of Board meetings will be posted on NENC <u>Agendas and Minutes</u> webpage
- 5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Items Discussion and possible action:
 - a. Approval of <u>July 2022</u> and <u>August 2022</u> Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) (All NC MERs are posted on City Clerk's <u>NC Funding System Dashboard</u>; 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/) \$32,000 Beginning \$ 230.06 spent on office and outreach and elections July ending \$31,769.94 August Beginning \$31, 769.94 August ending \$31,619.94

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 5a. Motion to approve the July and August 2022 MERs (Monthly Expenditure)					
Moved: Diamond Second: Dochoghlian					
Yes-08 No-00 Ineligible-01 Absent-02					
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Ross, None Parnell Petersen,					
Alternate: Meredith			Thiroux		

b. Consideration of Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Friends of West Los Angeles for the 4th Annual Greater Los Angeles Safety and Preparedness Fair to be held on November 13, 2022 at Exposition Park Green Lot; \$4,000 requested. (No Committee recommendation.) – MOTION

Public comment: Kathleen Edwards supports the motion.

Motion Passed

NENC 5b. Motion to approve \$500.00 Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Friends of West Los Angeles for the 4th Annual Greater Los Angeles Safety and Preparedness Fair to be held on November 13, 2022 at Exposition Park Green Lot; Moved: Meredith Second: Diamond

Yes-07	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian,	None	Ross	Parnell	Petersen,
Laird, Mills, Alternate: Meredith				Thiroux

Public comment:

Motion Passed

NENC 5b. Motion amend the amount to approve \$500.00 for the Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Friends of West Los Angeles for the 4th Annual Greater Los Angeles Safety and Preparedness Fair to be held on November 13, 2022 at Exposition Park Green Lot; Moved: Ross Second: Diamond

Yes-06	No-01	Abstain-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian,	Meridith	Ross	Parnell	Petersen,
Laird, Mills				Thiroux

- 6. **Presentations/Guest Speakers/Announcements** (informational items only)
 - a. Closure of Northridge Main Post Office and Construction of Mixed Use/Northridge Student Apartments Project Update - The Post Office formerly at 9534 Reseda Boulevard was vacated June 1, 2022; no replacement retail location has been announced yet. Post Office Boxes have been temporarily relocated to the Granada Hills Post Office. This Post Office served the 91324, 91325, 91326 and 91330 (CSUN) ZIP Codes. Telephone callers to 818-349-0331 are being temporarily referred to three other Post Office locations based upon the caller's Northridge ZIP Code. Northridge Student Apartments mixed-use project (CPC-2015-3702-GPA-VZC-SPR Staff Report) is excavating for the subterranean parking; haul route is Reseda Blvd north to 118 freeway.- Reviewed
 - b. Metro North San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor/BRT Network Improvements Project update Statutory Exemption through Senate Bill 288 (SB 288) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA process) is subject of a community meeting to be held Thursday, 9/29/22, 6–8pm Link: www.bit.ly/nsfvmtq Call-in: 888-788-0099 (toll free) ID: 844 0052 0533.- Reviewed
 - c. **Westbound 118 Freeway Reseda Boulevard Offramp Closure** Caltrans will begin the drainage repair work the first week of October and expects to complete work by the end of this year. -

Reviewed

- d. **LA DWP Water Conservation** Yard watering is now restricted to two specific days a week depending upon the property street address. Visit LADWP <u>website</u> for more details.-**Reviewed**
- e. COVID-19 Resources State appointment website: https://myturn.ca.gov/; Los Angeles County COVID-19 vaccine website: Reviewed https://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
- f. **Monkeypox Resources** Los Angeles County monkeypox information **Reviewed** website: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/monkeypox/
- 7. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction
 - a. Michelle Hales- If you are a Kaiser Member you can just walk in to get Covid and Flu Vaccines
 - b. John Hales- There are two upcoming events- October 2nd will be the October Festival put on by the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, and October 22nd will be the Granada Hills Fair.
 - c. Sharon Brewer does not like the Zoom format NENC is using since you can't see everyone
- 8. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials CD 12 (Myrka Martinez); John Lee-there is an anti-speed racing action plan to stop this dangerous activity. Oct 6 the speed Hump Portal will open once 25 projects are submitted it will be closed. We are heading into the Fall and Winter Events are coming soon Check out the website at: www.Cd12.org Michelle Park sprinkler heads were broken at the park. The request was sent to the supervisor of park maintenance. Sharon Brewer- Is there a council file in street racing? CF22-1019. CD 12: All Board members and stakeholders are encouraged to subscribe to and read the Council District 12 weekly newsletter to obtain community updates: Reviewed https://cd12.org/
- 9. Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives of City Departments
- 10. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment-Octaviano Rios- The Survey results have been completed; the results link will be in the monthly profile. Digital Training at the Congress on Saturday. The training videos are available. September 29, 2022 Incoming President Trainings are upcoming. Civic U-Each Board can appoint 4Boardmembers you must attend all three sessions. The Congress of Neighborhoods is this Saturday. Working with difficult people is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28 5:30PM with the City Attorney Labor Relations Department. The City Clerk's Election Schedule and Website is now Available
 - a. CSUN reports and updates Victoria Dochoghlian and CSUN Student Member
 - New traffic signal being installed at Plummer Street and Darby Avenue- Reviewed
 - ii. There will be all day conference on October 8, 2022. The Big conference got postponed to next Year- **Reviewed**
 - iii. Voting Center near g3 on Zelzah Set Up Oct 27, early voting Oct 29-Nov 7 9am to 8PM, -Tuesday November 8-6am to 9PM- **Reviewed**
 - b. NC Budget Advocates: NCBA report; NENC City budget and service priorities; Budget

- 11. Committee Reports Standing: Beautification (Baker); Education (Peterson); Executive (Bailey); Finance (Diamond); Homelessness (Mills/Ross); Outreach (Mills); Planning and Land Use (Dagort/Diamond); Public Safety (Thiroux) and Sustainability (Dwiggins/Bailey). Ad Hoc: Animal Welfare (Ross/Diamond); Dearborn Park (Diamond); Election (Mills/Ross) Discussion and possible action: **No Reports**
 - a. Appointment of Committee Chair or Co-Chairs by President subject to confirmation by Board- No Action Taken- **Reviewed**
 - b. Approval of additional, or removal of, Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs- **Reviewed**
 - c. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 10/8/22, 9 am; Executive 10/10/22, 4:30 pm- **Reviewed**

Mr. Bailey moved the meeting to Item 11f

d. Education: MOTION (Petersen/Manchester) to recommend that the NENC support the essay and art contests organized by Amnesty International USA (San Fernando Valley) for school children within the NENC's boundaries.

Public comment: Nestor Fantini supports the Motion

Motion Passed

NENC Item 10d. MOTION to recommend that the NENC support the essay and art contests organized by Amnesty International USA (San Fernando Valley) for school children within the NENC's boundaries. Moved: Petersen Second: Diamond					
Yes-10 No-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-00					
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Parnell, None None None					
Petersen, Ross, Thiroux					

e. Education: MOTION (Manchester/Diamond) to recommend that the NENC opposes the 6 Million Dollar contract signed between the LAUSD and the Florida Virtual School, an entity controlled by the Florida Department of Education. We urge the City of Los Angeles to investigate and scrutinize the origins of this contract, the way in which the Florida Department of Education was selected, and the process followed for the approval of the contract. Further, it should be evaluated whether this contract meets the educational standards of the State of California and if it violates the civil rights of Los Angeles students.

Public comment: John and Michelle Hales- The Superintendent is from Florida Motion Passed

NENC Item 10e.Motion to recommend that the NENC opposes the 6 Million Dollar contract signed between the LAUSD and the Florida Virtual School, an entity controlled by the Florida Department of Education. We urge the City of Los Angeles to investigate and scrutinize the origins of this contract, the way in which the Florida Department of Education was selected, and the process followed for the approval of the contract. Further, it should be evaluated whether this contract meets the educational standards of the State of California and if it violates the civil rights of Los Angeles students.

Moved: Petersen Second: Diamond

Yes-10	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-00
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Parnell,	None	None	None
Petersen, Ross, Thiroux			

f. Executive: MOTION (Bailey/Mills) to recommend that the NENC request that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners consider renewing the Memorandum of Understanding with Neighborhood Councils which appears to have expired in April 2022. (Passed 4-0-0 on 9/12/22)

8:28PM Sidney Thiroux joined the meeting

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 10f. MOTION to recommend that the NENC request that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners consider renewing the Memorandum of Understanding with Neighborhood Councils which appears to have expired in April 2022. Moved: Bailey, Second: Mills

Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird,	None	Thiroux	None	Petersen
Mills, Parnell Ross, Alternate Meredith				

g. Ad Hoc Dearborn Park: Consideration of Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners Report 22-232: Dearborn Park – Children's Play Area Fencing Installation (PRJ21659) Project –Commitment of Park Fees \$69,712.34 - possible MOTION The meetings are held twice a month. There have many Safety Issues at Dearborn Park. Myrka Martinez made comments on the issues at the park and funding.

Carl Petersen Joined the meeting at 8:32PM

Christopher Meredith will not be seated as the Alternate while Carl Petersen is at the meeting

Public comment: Sharon Brewer include the wording in the motion as stated.

Motion Passed

NENC Item 10g.Motion to oppose the expenditure for this project Consideration of Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners Report 22-232: Dearborn Park – Children's Play Area Fencing Installation (PRJ21659) Project –Commitment of Park Fees \$69,712.34

Moved: Diamond Second: Dagort

Yes-07	No-00	Abstain-03	Absent-00
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Petersen, Ross, Thiroux	None	Dochoghlian,	None
		Parnell Mills	

Meeting returned to Item10d

h. Beautification: Planters on east side of Reseda Boulevard (at Nordhoff, Dearborn, Prairie, Plummer (south and north) and Superior Streets) are being watered, weeded and trash removed by members; additional volunteers are needed and are welcome. - **Reviewed**

Carl Petersen left the meeting at 9:41PM Christopher Meredith was reseated for Carl Petersen

- i. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within NENC including but not limited to:
 - i. Proposed 50 foot wireless telecommunication facility at 18473 Devonshire St. (Case No. ZA-2022-1310-CUW) Applicant: Verizon (for information only at this time) There has been no response on this. - Reviewed
 - Former restaurant building at 9224 Reseda Blvd. demolished; will be new grocery store-Reviewed
 - iii. Proposed demolition at 18320 Citronia St. (Applicant: Richard Stockton 818-288-3809)Reviewed
 - iv. PlanCheckNC monthly meeting report website: https://plancheckncla.com/ Reviewed
 - v. Northridge Community Plan update process is anticipated to begin in 2024-Reviewed
 - vi. New Home Depot Store in North Hills Shopping Center This project proposes to demolish the easterly portion of the shopping center and replace it with a new 136,009 square foot store. It is located at 16830 Devonshire Street which is within the boundaries of the <u>Granada Hills South NC</u> (GHSNC) (Balboa Boulevard is the dividing line between the two NCs in this area). The Case Number is <u>CPC-2022-1981-CU-SPP-SPR</u>. More project information is posted on GHSNC webpage, <u>linked here</u>. **Reviewed**

Dagort -The city approved The STAP Contract- for bus benches.

- j. Planning: Pending citywide proposals and any updates (<u>Planning.Liaison@lacity.org</u>). Visit the PlanCheckNC <u>website</u> for planning information, updates and meeting notices.
 - i. Proposed Processes and Procedures Ordinance (Case No. <u>CPC-2016-3182-CA</u>; <u>CF 12-0460-S4</u>) <u>Fact Sheet</u>; <u>Website</u>; <u>Annotated Draft</u> CPC approved 4/6/21; City Council approved committee report 6/22/21; Ordinance pending.- **Reviewed**
 - ii. Citywide Sign Ordinance update (Case Number <u>CPC-2015-3059-CA</u>; <u>CF 11-1705</u>) <u>Fact Sheet</u>; City Planning Commission approved 2/25/21; pending in City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee; Planning Department report submitted 8/10/22.- **Reviewed**
 - iii. <u>Draft Sustainability Guidelines for Developers</u> for NC Land Use Committee use Dagort-**Reviewed**
- k. Reports by other Committees listed above No Report
- 12. NENC President, NC Liaisons, and NC Alliances/Coalitions Reports including, but not limited to:
 - a. President's Report:
 - i. Due to delivery challenges at the Northridge Woman's Club, **NENC mail is temporarily being forwarded.**
 - ii. ADA inspection report still pending; Virtual/in-person/hybrid meetings Readiness Survey results and StoryMap; BONC EVG Hybrid Work Group 2.0 update; CF 22-1070 (below)-Reviewed
 - iii. December meeting is scheduled for 12/21/22 do we need to reschedule? -No Action Taken

- b. NC Liaisons Reports: No Report
- c. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: <u>Valley Alliance of NCs</u> (VANC), DWP MOU/Advocacy, <u>LA NC Coalition</u> (LANCC), <u>PlanCheckNC</u>, NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance, <u>NC Sustainability Alliance</u>, <u>West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness</u> (WVNAH), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance-**Reviewed**
 - i. VANC has a new website: **Reviewed** https://vanc34.org/
- 13. Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions Community Impact Statements (CIS) Discussion and possible action:
 - a. <u>CF 20-0990</u> DONE and Civil + Human Rights, and Equity Department joint report, dated March 8, 2022, relative to implementing mandatory diversity, equity, inclusion, anti-bias, and gender expressions and gender training for all members of LA Neighborhood Councils. -**No Action Taken**
 - b. NEW <u>CF 22-1070</u> Motion (Lee Buscaino) relative to instructing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with assistance from the City Attorney, to report on viable options for conducting Neighborhood Council meetings in the future, and how these approaches would relate to emergency declarations. No Action taken
- 14. Items from City Departments and Other Public Agencies Discussion and possible action:
 - a. DONE: Monthly Update all Board members need to review every month-Reviewed
 - b. DONE: Workplace Violence and Working with Difficult People Workshop 9/28/22 register
 Reviewed
 - c. DONE: Review names of Board members appointed to attend Civic U 1.0 scheduled to be held October 6, 13 and 27, 2022 at 6:30 pm for any changes Laird and Diamond needed one more session each. Pursuant to last month s meeting the following Boardmembers will be attending; Ross, Meredith, Diamond and Laird. Parnell will be the alternate
 - d. , 12/20/21 DONE memo, links to supporting materials and red-lined 2/2/22 version -No Action Taken
 - e. City Clerk: 2023 Ballot Voting Model (pending) -No Action Taken
 - f. LAPD: Neighborhood Watch meeting via Zoom (date TBD)- Reviewed
 - g. LAPD: Valley Traffic Division Community Safety discussion usually second Wednesdays, 6:30-p.m. via Zoom **Reviewed**
 - h. Northridge Vision met 9/14/22; next virtual meeting 10/12/22, 2 pm- Reviewed
 - i. Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study Community Advisory Group (CAG <u>website</u>; LA County <u>website</u>) Don Dwiggins/Phil Dagort and Cristina Vega (CAG meetings on hold)- No Report
- 15. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: Congress of Neighborhoods 9/24/22
 - a. WVNAH: Upcoming candidate forums 10/16/22 (County Supervisorial District 3)- Reviewed
- 16. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction (continued from item 7; up to two minutes per speaker)
- 17. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion-None
- 18. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 10:16PM in memory of Sarah Ramaswack

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): October 21, 2022, 7 pm. Subsequent Board regular meetings: November 16, 2022 and December 21, 2022