



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting
Draft Minutes
October 19, 2022
7:07PM-10:03PM**

[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	Absent-excused	Yes	CSUN Faculty
Jasmine Hernandez Giles	Absent -excused	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 President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Sydney Thiroux	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Business Owner or Employee
Vacant			Business Owner or Employee
Vacant			Alternate 1
Vacant			Alternate 2
Christopher Meredith	Present	Yes	Alternate 3
TOTAL: 11 +1 Alternate	PRESENT-08 Absent 03 + 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 Meeting was called to order at 7:07PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stephanie Mills. The meeting will end by 10:00PM. Mr. Bailey went over recusal rules. A quorum of eight was reached. There is a Special Meeting for tonight also. Mr. Bailey also reviewed all of the vacant board openings.**
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" **Christopher Meredith was seated for Victoria Dochoghlian**

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present- 08+1 Alternate	Absent -01	Excused-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	Petersen	Dochoghlian, Giles

- 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: info@NENC-LA.org Documentation will be required. Per NENC Bylaws, appointment is made by the President and approved by the Board. - **Reviewed**
Octaviano Rios- Training update portal is having glitches. Everyone in attendance was current on their training.

3. Agenda Setting Meeting 10/10/22 Participation: Bailey, Ross, Mills, Diamond (and Dagort)-**All officers were present**

4. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2022 and any other earlier dates- **Item postponed**

- a. Links to Zoom video recordings of Board meetings will be posted on NENC [Agendas and Minutes webpage](#)

5. Treasurer’s Report and Financial Items - Discussion and possible action: **The bills have all been paid. The opening balance was \$31,619.94**

- a. Approval of September 2022 Monthly Expenditure Reports (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 September 2022 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER)			
Moved: Diamond Second: Dagort			
Yes-08	No-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Mills, Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	None	Parnell	Dochoghlian, Giles, Petersen

- b. Education: MOTION (Manchester/Diamond) recommends that the NENC approve the corrected Neighborhood Purposes Grant submitted by the North Valley Family YMCA for the annual Thanksgiving Baskets distribution for low-income families in the amount of \$2,500. (Passed 4-0-0 with one ineligible on 10/8/22) **David Hartmire gave the history of this program**

Stephanie Mills recused herself and left the meeting

Public comment: **John Hales are you collecting names of volunteers to help stuff the baskets?**

Motion Passed

NENC Item 5b. Amendment to approve the corrected Neighborhood Purposes Grant submitted by the North Valley Family YMCA for the annual Thanksgiving Baskets distribution for low-income families in the amount of \$1500.00

Moved: Meredith Second: Diamond			
Yes-07	Recused-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	Mills	Parnell	Dochoghlian, Giles, Petersen

Executive: Amended MOTION (Bailey/Diamond) recommends \$1,500 for the amount provided to the North Valley Family YMCA for Thanksgiving Food Baskets Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application as this has been the amount granted for the past several years. (Passed 3-0-1 with one recusal on 10/10/22)

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 5c. Motion to approve the \$1,500 for the amount provided to the North Valley Family YMCA for Thanksgiving Food Baskets Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application as this has been the amount granted for the past several years. Moved: Bailey Second: Diamond			
Yes-07	Recused-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	Mills	Parnell	Dochoghlian, Giles, Petersen

[NOTE: The amount remaining in the initial Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Category for NPGs is \$500; the revised Budget would add \$9,000 in Rollover funding to this Category but as of the agenda deadline, the Rollover funding has not yet been approved by the City.]

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](#)) has completed excavation for the subterranean parking. -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) was the subject of a [community meeting](#) held September 29, 2022. **John Hales mentioned they will be moving the benches** -Reviewed
- c. **Westbound 118 Freeway Reseda Boulevard Offramp Closure** - Caltrans began the drainage repair work in early 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 [website](#) for more details. -Reviewed

7. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC’s subject matter jurisdiction

- a. **Pilar Schiavo-running for State Assembly District 40 website: www.pilarforca.com**
- b. **Pat Lopresti- following up on dead trees on Lassen.**

8. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials
 - a. Erin Seinfeld Mayors West Valley Area Rep. **Tomorrow is Shake Out Day visit Ready LA. LA DWP Turf replacement plan – go to DWP.com. We can organize a free tree event. You can contact DWP for a Flume to monitor your water for \$24.00. The Section 8 waiting list has opened. Erin.Seinfeld@lacity.org**
 - b. CD 12: **Myrka Martinez-Weekly newsletter with community updates: <https://cd12.org/> City Council approved money for Project Home Key sites. The STAT Program was approved for Street Furniture shad structures. Drive in movie night coming soon (Ghost Busters) The remarks from Council Members John Lee calls for all of them to step down. Paul Krekorian is the new Council President. They are trying to set up an independent Redistricting Commission (CF21-1472). The Council voted for a study for a Ballot Initiative to increase the amount of city council seats.**
 - c. CD 12: Weekly newsletter with community updates: <https://cd12.org/>

Recess Meeting at 8:09 PM for a Special Meeting

1. Call to Order -**The Special Meeting was called to order at 8:09PM**
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” **Christopher Meredith was seated for Victoria Dochoghlian**

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present- 08 +Alternate	Absent -00	Excused-03
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	None	Dochoghlian, Giles, Petersen

3. **Presentations/Guest Speakers/Announcements (informational items only)**
 - a. **Voting Resources Project: A Resource Guide for First-Time Voters - William Parnell Granada Hills High School Baccalaureate Program Community Service Project. He is helping first time voters how to register and how to vote. He has been creating videos. He is volunteering to be an election worker. Michelle Hales gave ideas of who to share the videos with.**
 - i. Introductory video 2:08 minutes: [YouTube link](#)

4. **Adjournment -The Meeting was adjourned at 8:21PM**

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 4.Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting Moved: Diamond Second: Parnell			
Yes-07	Recused-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Parnell Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	Mills	None	Dochoghlian, Giles, Petersen

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 8:21PM

9. Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives of City Departments

- a. Octaviano Rios DONE- **Elections: there have been meetings with City Clerk’s office. There are live web pages on the NC Election Portal including the election schedule. There is a time line for each region. You will also find the Election Handbook, Candidate Video, how to vote, and how to become a candidate. The link to the website is under the City Clerk. The Candidate window will be open from Feb2 -March 28 for region 2. The Congress was a great event. There was a session at the Neighborhood Congress. The LA Digital Communications policy will be sent to the board. Council Files were shared in regards to last weeks issues. CF200990 Diversity Equity and Inclusion Training, 22-1146 CIS Portal and upgrades may still be needed. Mr. Rios will check on the trainings. Readiness survey results were 50-50. NC guide to US post office Bulk Mail will be coming out for elections.**
- b. CSUN reports and updates - Victoria Dochoghlian and CSUN Student Member- **Report was read by Mr. Bailey**
 - i. New traffic signal at Plummer Street and Darby Avenue now operational-**Reviewed**
 - ii. CSUN Vote Center: 10/29 to 11/7/22: 10 am - 7 pm and Election Day 11/8/22: 7 am - 8 pm- **Reviewed**
- c. NC Budget Advocates: NCBA report; NENC City budget and service priorities; NC Budget Day 6/17/23; Budget Representatives (Glenn Bailey and Garry Fordyce). **Reviewed** www.budgetadvocates.org/

Carl Petersen joined the meeting at 8:38PM

10. 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:
- a. Appointment of Committee Chair or 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

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 10a&b.Motion to remove Don Dwiggins as Co-Chair and member of the Sustainability Committee and add Greg Francois as a member of the Dearborn Park Ad hoc Committee. Moved: Bailey Second: Diamond			
Yes-10	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Petersen Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	None	None	Dochoghlian, Giles

- c. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 11/12/22, 9 am; Executive 11/7/22, 4:30 pm- **Reviewed**
- d. Education: MOTION (Meredith/Manchester) to recommend that the Northridge East Neighborhood Council is concerned about dangerous traffic conditions on Plummer Street and Prairie Street and

other streets around our local schools including Dearborn Elementary Charter Academy and Oliver Wendell Holmes Middle School. We call on [The NENC calls upon] the city to increase enforcement of traffic and parking laws and to fully fund the crossing guard program to help protect students traveling to and from school safely

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 10d. Motion to approve the recommendation that the Northridge East Neighborhood Council is concerned about dangerous traffic conditions on Plummer Street and Prairie Street and other streets around our local schools including Dearborn Elementary Charter Academy and Oliver Wendell Holmes Middle School. The NENC calls upon the city to increase enforcement of traffic and parking laws and to fully fund the crossing guard program to help protect students traveling to and from school safely			
Moved: Meredith Second: Petersen:			
Yes-10	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Petersen Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	None	None	Dochoghlian, Giles

- e. Ad Hoc Dearborn Park: Update on Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners Report [22-232](#): “Dearborn Park – Children’s Play Area Fencing Installation (PRJ21659) Project – Commitment of \$69,712.34 in Park Fees” as well as ongoing maintenance and enforcement issues at the park.-**There will be a Commission Meeting tomorrow, Reviewed**
- f. 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**
- g. 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 (presentation and possible action scheduled for 12/21/22 NENC Board meeting) **There will be a presentation at the December Meeting.**
 - ii. Former restaurant building at 9224 Reseda Blvd. demolished; reportedly the new grocery store will be a Trader Joe’s.- **Reviewed**
 - iii. 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 [Granada Hills South NC](#) (GHSNC) (Balboa Boulevard is the dividing line between the two NCs in this area). The Case Number is [CPC-2022-1981-CU-SPP-SPR](#). More project information is posted on GHSNC webpage, [linked here](#) and the Town Hall slide show is [linked here](#). -**Reviewed**
 - iv. PlanCheckNC monthly meeting report - website: <https://plancheckncla.com/> -**No Report**
 - v. [Northridge Community Plan](#) update process is anticipated to begin in 2024-**No Report**
- h. Planning: Pending citywide proposals and any updates (Planning.Liaison@lacity.org). Visit the PlanCheckNC [website](#) for planning updates and meeting notices (second Saturdays at 10 am). - **No Report**

- i. Executive (10/10/22 consensus to agendize): Recently disclosed racist remarks made by three members of the Los Angeles City Council (Nury Martinez, Kevin de Leon and Gil Cedillo) and requests that they resign or be removed - possible MOTION(s). [NOTE: Nury Martinez has since resigned from the City Council.] See [CF 22-1189](#) and [CF 22-1195](#), also listed under Item 12 below)

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 10i. Motion to support CF 22-1189 Moved: Petersen Second: Meredith			
Yes-10	NO-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-0w
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Petersen Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	None	None	Dochoghlian, Giles

Carl Petersen left the meeting at 9:31PM

- j. Reports by other Committees listed above

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

- a. President’s Report:
 - i. 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**
 - ii. December meeting is scheduled for 12/21/22 - confirm quorum - **Reviewed**
 - iii. [Congress of Neighborhoods](#) held 9/24/22; recordings posted - attendee comments- **The recordings are available**
- b. NC Liaisons Reports: Animal Services (Ross/Diamond); Data (Kaiser/Bailey); Emergency Preparedness; Film (Dagort); Homelessness (Zaroff/Aguirre/Lundquist/Diamond/Laird/ Ross); Public Works (Bailey); Purposeful Aging (Dwiggins); Resilience (Dwiggins/Lundquist) and approval of additional and/or replacement NENC Liaisons- **Reviewed**
- c. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: [Valley Alliance of NCs](#) (VANC), [DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees](#), [LA NC Coalition](#) (LANCC), [PlanCheckNC](#), NC Emergency **At VANC The City Clerk will discuss NC Elections**. Preparedness Alliance, [NC Sustainability Alliance](#), [West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness](#) (WVNAH), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance
 - i. LANCC’s recent NCs and DONE [Survey results](#) **Reviewed**
 - ii. [WVNAH](#): Next meeting 10/23/22, 4 pm- **The candidate forums were cancelled there will be a meeting on Sunday from 4:00PM-6:00PM smillsnenc@gmail.com**

12. Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions - Community Impact Statements (CIS) - Discussion and possible action:

- a. [CF 20-0990](#) 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.

Motion Fails

NENC Item 12a. Motion to Oppose Council File 20-0990 Moved: Ross Second: Diamond			
Yes-02	No-06	Abstain-01	Absent-03
Diamond, Ross	Bailey, Dagort, Laird, Mills, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	Parnell	Dochooghlian, Giles Petersen

- b. [CF 22-1070](#) 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**
- c. **NEW** [CF 22-1146](#) Motion (Raman - Koretz) relative to instructing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to report on the status of the Community Impact Statement (CIS) Portal, and with the assistance of the Information Technology Agency, on the necessary technological upgrades needed to ensure CISs are being transmitted. **No Action Taken**
- d. **NEW** [CF 22-1189](#) Motion (Krekorian - et al. - Koretz) relative to the City Council of Los Angeles does hereby resolve that Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin De Leon and Gil Cedillo are hereby censured for their conduct and statements during the referenced meeting of October 2021, and the Council joins the community in demanding their immediate resignation from the Council.- **Considered under Agenda Item 10i.**
- e. **NEW** [CF 22-1195](#) Motion (Blumenfield - Rodriguez - Price - O'Farrell) relative to resolving, pursuant to Charter 209, to censure Councilmembers Cedillo, DeLeon and Martinez for their racially insensitive and divisive statements, as reported in the media, which constitute a gross failure to conform with and meet the highest standards of personal and professional conduct, even if their actions do not constitute a ground for removal from office under the Charter. **Considered under Agenda Item 10i.**

13. Items from City Departments and Other Public Agencies - Discussion and possible action:

- a. DONE: Monthly Update - **all Board members need to review the monthly update every month**
- b. BONC: New [Digital Communication Policy](#) became effective 10/4/22 **Reviewed**
- c. BONC: Proposed [revisions to Code of Conduct Policy dated 7/19/21, 12/20/21 DONE memo, links to supporting materials](#) and [red-lined 2/2/22 version](#) - update and possible MOTION- **No Action Taken**
- d. City Clerk: 2023 Ballot Voting Model (pending) - possible MOTION; NC Elections **No Action Taken**
[website](#)
- e. LAPD: Neighborhood Watch meeting via Zoom (date TBD) **Reviewed**
- f. LAPD: Valley Traffic Division Community Safety discussion usually second Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. via [Zoom](#) **Reviewed**
- g. Northridge Vision met 10/12/22; next virtual meeting 11/9/22, 2 pm **Reviewed**
- h. Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study Community Advisory Group (CAG [website](#); LA County [website](#)) - Don Dwiggins/Phil Dagort and Cristina Vega (CAG meetings on hold)

14. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: 4th Annual Greater Los Angeles Safety and Preparedness Fair 11/13/22, 10 am to 4 pm at Exposition Park, 3986 Hoover St., Los Angeles- **Reviewed**

15. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction – **No Comments**

16. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion- **No Requests**

17. Adjournment – **The meeting was adjourned at 10:03PM**

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): November 16, 2022, 7 pm.

Subsequent Board regular meetings: December 21, 2022 and January 18, 2023