



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting
Draft Minutes
December 21, 2022
7:04PM-10:02PM**

[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
Sean Laird	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Stephanie Mills Secretary	Present	Yes	Property Owner
William Parnell	Absent- Excused	No	Youth Member
Carl Petersen	Absent-Joined at 8:53PM	Yes	Resident Boardmember
George Radionov	Absent	Yes	CSUN Student Body
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-07 Absent 04 + Alternate-01 Absent 00		

1. Start Recording, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Stakeholders; Introductory Comments
The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by President Bailey. 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" **Roll was called by the minute taker. All Boardmembers a current on their trainings.**

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present-7 +1 Alternate	Absent -02	Excused-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Mills, Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	Petersen, Radionov	Dochoghlian, Parnell

Christopher Meredith was seated for William Parnell-A quorum of eight was reached.

- 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.
- 3. Agenda Setting Meeting 12/12/22 Participation: Bailey, Ross, Mills, Diamond (and Dagort) **All members were present**
- 4. Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2022 and any other earlier dates- **as amended 2 Items listed under Council files- remove “no action” on items 12a and 12b.**

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 4. Motion to approve the November 16, 2022 as amended. Moved: Mills Second: Bailey			
Yes-08	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Mills, Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	None	None	Dochoghlian, Parnell, Petersen, Radionov

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

Mr. Bailey moved the meeting to item 10a

5. Informational Items/Announcements

- a. **Dearborn Park [Community Meeting](#)** - Tuesday, 12/20/22, 7:00 pm via [Zoom](#) (see item 11h)**Ms. Diamond gave an update on the meeting. There were 28 people in attendance and she felt it was productive. Enforcement is going to be the biggest issue.**
- b. **Metro North San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor/BRT Network Improvements [Project update](#)** - Metro approved project at its Board meeting on 12/1/22. **-Reviewed**
- c. **Westbound 118 Freeway Reseda Boulevard Off Ramp Closure** - Caltrans began the drainage repair work in early October and expects to complete work by the end of this year. **-Reviewed**

6. Presentations/Guest Speakers

- a. **Neighborhood Council 2023 Elections** - Next year’s NC elections will be held both in-person and Vote-By-Mail. The Region 2 (includes NENC) Election Day is Saturday, June 10, 2023. Candidate filing begins February 10, 2023 and ends March 28, 2023. Vote-By-Mail application begins April 11, 2023 and ends May 13, 2023. Visit City Clerk’s [NC Elections webpage](#) for more information. Region 2 Awareness and Engagement Workgroup meeting is Monday, 1/30/23, 6:00 pm-**Joselin is the Election Administrator for NENC. Joselin.alvarado@lacity.org. Please check out the City Clerk’s website. They are looking for poll workers and people for the election grievance panel. Mr. Bailey mentioned that half of the seats are up for election.**

- b. **Proposed 50- foot wireless telecommunication facility located at 18473 Devonshire St. (Case No. [ZA-2022-1310-CUW](#))** Applicant: Verizon. Representative: Michael Hasegawa, Delta Groups Engineering, Inc.
- i. Project presentation by Applicant-Provide coverage and ensure signal capacity. **This site was chosen at the best location. There is a lack of signal they are trying to cover. A Power Point was shown to show images of the location. He spoke about co-location towers. There are many different issues the company faces when putting these towers up.**
 - ii. **Questions from Board members and Stakeholders**
 1. **Dagort- The nearest homes are about 200 ft from the cell tower. Are there health concerns? Answer- Health cannot be considered when making land use decisions. The height will be about 50ft at this time if this is approved. Answer The applicant does not have information on health concerns.**
 2. **Dagort- What about property values? Why not put it in the commercial area? Answer: There are other towers in the residential areas. This one will be a faux Eucalyptus.**
 3. **Diamond asked about the health concerns Answer-There are many health concerns like Santa Susanna. Los Angeles City Planning does canvas for Conditional Use Permits. There are no finalized plans. They will consider the neighbors but it is up to the city.**
 4. **Dagort- Is there any support from the neighbors? Answer-Not at this time.**
 5. **Bailey- Does not see the Women’s Club on the map. Is there a co-location map? Answer- the map was shared on the screen. They were unable to co locate in this area.**
 6. **Bailey – Asked if they can plant something besides a Crepe Myrtle as they are not native. Answer- It will be decided by the planning department.**
 7. **Danya Ensley- Is there a data on the health risks, radiation? Answer- He went over the reception quality more than 30% of homes are wireless only. He can’t provide data.**
 8. **Michele Hales-asked if this will help her reception? Answer- yes, if you are a Verizon customer.**
 9. **Goat-Are you going to put 5G so you can electrocute the humans faster? Answer- These do not electrocute people**
 10. **Lionel Mares-Is this safe around people? Answer-Radio Frequency comes from the antennas.**
 11. **Roxanne Finch-Verizon will not give us any information on health issues? Answer- no health considerations can not be used in land use issues. Answer-This will take a few months for review. The next step is notification. The residents will be notified if they are within 500ft.**
 12. **Danya Ensley-Wants to know about compensation to the property owner. Answer- It will give better service to Verizon Customers. He can’t discuss compensation.**
 - iii. **Comments by representative of neighbors**
 1. **Tracey Hasslein-is the spokesperson for the neighbors in the neighborhood. The homeowners strongly oppose this tower. Many of the residents are out of town for the holidays and were not able to attend tonight’s meeting. Some of the anomalies we have noticed is that in the filing instructions it requires two live trees. That area is asphalt, how will the trees survive? She could not find any documentation of any efforts regarding co-location. The applicants are supposed to submit to the Department of Building and Safety a list of alternative sites and why the sites could not be used. The applicant needs to prove that an effort was made to locate on existing sites or towers. The applicant should also explain how this will enhance the surrounding neighborhood. There are no signatures on their application of property owners who support this**

project. This location requires thirteen parking spaces there are currently only eight. She is a breast cancer survivor and is concerned about the health and safety issues.

iv. **Public Comment**

1. Danye Ensley-believes the proposed tower fails to consider the risks to human health and the environment. The International Agency for Research on Cancer at the World Health Organization in May classified Radiation in the frequency range of 30 kilohertz and 300 gigahertz to be a possible human carcinogen and that is being ignored.
2. Barbara Nitkin-has been doing research in this field for over ten years. There are many studies that show the negative features of cell phones on the populace.
3. John Hales-was curious about the person who spoke on behalf of her neighborhood and wondered how she was chosen.
4. Lionel Mares-is concerned about radio frequency and microwave radiation. He attended CSUN.
5. Spencer-wants native trees put in.
6. Goat- is the presenter a registered lobbyist?
7. Cindy Cleghorn wants to know if the community understands the visual height of the tower and what it looks like.

v. Possible Motion/Board Discussion/Vote

Carl Petersen joined the meeting at 8:53PM

Public comment: Comments are listed above

Motion Passed

NENC Item 6b. Motion that the Northridge East Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed cell tower due to the close proximity of the neighborhood immediately to the East and concerns the neighborhood has voiced, including perceived health concerns. We suggest that an alternate location be found to the West of Reseda Blvd. which is predominantly more commercial. Moved: Dagort Second: Diamond			
Yes-05	No-02	Abstain-02	Absent-03
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Ross, Alternate: Meredith	Laird Thiroux	Mills Petersen	Dochoghlian, Parnell. Radionov

7. **Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC’s subject matter jurisdiction**
 - a. Lionel Mares- he has been struggling to bring change to his Neighborhood Council, He does not see it with his colleagues. He wants support.
 - b. Goat-ethics 2022-001 Jill Banks Barad found guilty of ethics violations and was fined \$5,000.00. She set up a fundraiser for David Ryu at her home while she was a commissioner.
 - c. Sharon Brewer- she joined the meeting at 7:17PM. Please put important and time sensitive items at the beginning of your meeting. The PLUM item took an hour and a half.
8. **Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials CD 12 (Myrka Martinez)**
 - a. CD 12: Weekly newsletter with community updates: <https://cd12.org/> Myrka Martinez-was happy to see a few of the Boardmembers at the Holiday Breakfast. There have been so many events around the holidays. The City Council is currently in recess. In the weeks before the recess Councilmember Lee requested that the LAPD and the Bureau of Street Lighting report back on strategies to fortify and protect the street lighting network. There has been a lot of copper wire theft. The City Council also adopted an ordinance that provides work schedules two weeks in advance for retail employees. They

also approved an ordinance that will phase out oil and gas extraction. The council also approved an ordinance requiring new buildings to be fully electrified with a few exceptions. The ban on expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) was also approved. The emergency declaration on Covid ends on February 1, 2023. The City Council is still working on tenant protections.

Mr. Bailey moved the meeting to Item 11f.

- b. Mayor: Communication from Mayor 12 /22 - Notice of Status of Local Emergency [CF 20-0291](#)
 - c. Mayor: [Declaration of a State of Emergency on Homeless](#) (12/12/22)
 - d. Mayor: [Executive Directive 1](#) - Expedition of Permits and Clearances for Temporary Shelters and Affordable Housing Types (issued 12/16/22)
 - i. Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives of City Departments DONE, NEA Octaviano Rios octaviano.rios@lacity.org **There is a new Community Impact Statement Dashboard on the EmpowerLA website. You can look up how many your Board has filed. You can compare your numbers to other Neighborhood Councils. The elections will creep up on you. I want to remind you of tools at your disposal such as Canva, bulk mail service, and NextDoor. Fill out the Marketing Strategy Survey. There will be a Candidate Information Session on January 4, 2023 at 6:00PM. Be on the watch for Phishing Emails. Report them to the Department. Both the City Clerk's Office and EmpowerLA have election websites. Please check them out.**
 - e. CSUN reports and updates - Victoria Dochoghlian and George Radionov
 - i. New Associate Vice President for Government & Community Relations is Shefali Mistry- **Reviewed**
 - ii. New "no parking" signage on east side of Lindley Ave. south of Devonshire St. (CSUN side)- **Reviewed**
 - f. 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/
 - g. DONE: Monthly Update - all Board members need to review every month- **Reviewed**
 - h. DONE/BONC: EVG Hybrid Work Group 2.0 - pilot hybrid meetings for 14 NCs - **Reviewed** [GM Update](#)
 - i. DONE: [Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Proposal](#) (186 pages) - possible MOTION- **No action taken**
 - j. BONC: New [Digital Communication Policy](#) became effective 10/4/22; comments due by 4/4/23- **Reviewed**
 - k. 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- **Reviewed**
 - l. BONC: Updates from last meeting held on 12/19/22; [agenda](#)
 - m. City Clerk: 2023 Ballot Voting Model (pending) - possible MOTION; -**Reviewed** NC Elections [website](#)
 - n. LAPD: Neighborhood Watch meeting via Zoom (date TBD); there are four Basic Cars/Senior Lead Officers that cover portions of NENC. **Reviewed**
 - o. LAPD: Valley Traffic Division Community Safety discussion usually second Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom **Reviewed**
 - p. Northridge Vision met 12/14/22; next virtual meeting 1/11/23, 2 pm **Reviewed**
 - q. Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study to be conducted by UCLA; Community Advisory Group has concluded ([FAQ](#); CAG [website](#); LA County [website](#)) **Reviewed**
9. Treasurer's Report and Financial Items - Discussion and possible action:
- a. **The amount spent was \$169.26 for office expenses.**
 - b. **Approval of November 2022 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER)**

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 10b. Motion to approve the November 2022 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) Moved: Diamond Second: Meredith			
Yes-08	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Mills, Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	None	None	Dochoghlian, Parnell Petersen Radionov

(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/>)

- c. MOTION to ratify the NENC revised Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget to include the \$10,000 rollover amount per the City Clerk’s official notification of December 1, 2022 by increasing two Category amounts as follows: Community Improvement Projects by \$1,000 and Neighborhood Purposes Grants by \$9,000.

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 10c. Motion to ratify the NENC revised Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget to include the \$10,000 rollover amount per the City Clerk’s official notification of December 1, 2022 by increasing two Category amounts as follows: Community Improvement Projects by \$1,000 and Neighborhood Purposes Grants by \$9,000. Moved: Diamond Second: Dagort			
Yes-08	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Mills, Ross, Thiroux, Alternate: Meredith	None	None	Dochoghlian, Parnell, Petersen, Radionov

Mr. Bailey moved the meeting back to Item 5

- d. Executive: MOTION (Mills/Diamond) to recommend that the NENC authorize up to \$2,000 for Neighborhood Council election outreach advertisements in the North Valley News newspaper. (Passed 4-0-0 on 12/12/22)- **Postponed to next meeting. Ken needs to check with City Attorney for recusal**

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 (Bailey/(vacant)). Ad Hoc: Animal Welfare (Ross/Diamond); Dearborn Park (Diamond); Election (Mills/Ross) - Discussion and possible action: (Starts with letter c)

- c. Appointment of Committee Chair or Co-Chairs by President subject to confirmation by Board- **No action taken**
- d. Approval of additional, or removal of, Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs- **No action taken**
- e. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 1/14/23, 9 am; Executive 1/9/23, 4:30 pm; any others? **Reviewed**
- f. Education: MOTION (Diamond/Meredith) to recommend that the NENC Board ask the Los Angeles City Council to support the passage of the proposed Los Angeles Unified School District resolution: Improving Special Education Within the LAUSD. Resolution [linked here](#). (Passed 4-0-0 on 12/10/22)

Public comment:

- a. **Goat-does not like that there is only one minute to speak.**
- b. **Lionel Mares supports anything that helps Special Education Students.**

Motion Passed

NENC Item 10f. Motion to approve that the NENC Board ask the Los Angeles City Council to support the passage of the proposed Los Angeles Unified School District resolution: Improving Special Education Within the LAUSD. Moved: Diamond Second: Meredith			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Laird, Mills, Petersen, Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	None		Dochooghlian, Parnell, Radionov

Mr. Petersen left the meeting at 9:32PM.

Mr. Bailey returned the meeting to Item 9.

- g. Ad Hoc Dearborn Park: Update on Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners Retreat held 12/1/22, Dearborn Park Community Meeting held on 12/20/22 as well as any ongoing maintenance and enforcement issues at the park. **-Ms. Diamond attended the meeting they were outlining everything moving forward. They realized there are noise issues. There is a new Supervisor. They are willing to work to help fix the problems.**
 - h. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to:
 - i. [Northridge Student Apartments](#) mixed-use project (CPC-2015-3702-GPA-VZC-SPR [Staff Report](#)) has completed excavation for the subterranean parking. **Reviewed**
 - ii. 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**
 - iii. PlanCheckNC monthly meeting report - website: **Reviewed** <https://plancheckncla.com/>
 - iv. [Northridge Community Plan](#) update process is anticipated to begin in 2024- **Reviewed**
 - i. 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). **Reviewed**
 - j. 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 welcome. **Reviewed**
 - k. Reports by other Committees listed above- **No reports**
11. NENC President, NC Liaisons, and NC Alliances/Coalitions Reports including, but not limited to:
- a. President's Report:
 - i. ADA inspection report received; Virtual/in-person/hybrid meetings and second Zoom license update; New law regarding telephonic meetings [AB 2449](#) (effective 1/1/2023). – **Reviewed Mr. Bailey mentioned the Hybrid Meeting Pilot Program and that the meetings may have to resume in person in February 2023. He also mentioned the second zoom license.**
 - 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- **No reports**
 - c. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: [Valley Alliance of NCs](#) (VANC) (next meeting 1/12/23, 6:30 pm), [DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees](#), [LA NC Coalition](#) (LANCC) (next meeting 1/7/23, 10 am), [PlanCheckNC](#) (next meeting 1/14/23, 10 am), NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance 1/28/23, 10 am), [NC Sustainability](#)

[Alliance](#) (next meeting 1/8/23, 6:30 pm), [West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness](#) (WVNAH) (next meeting 1/22/23, 4 pm), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance-**No reports**

12. Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions - Community Impact Statements (CIS) - Discussion and possible action:
 - a. [CF 21-0407](#) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment report, dated October 14, 2022, relative to Neighborhood Council bylaws and election rules. - **No action taken**
 - b. [CF 22-1258](#) Controller report, dated October 20, 2022, relative to recommendations to more effectively prepare the City of Los Angeles for emergencies. - **No action taken**
13. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: **No report**
14. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction
 - a. Spencer- asked about the Dearborn Park meetings.
15. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion
 - a. Ken Ross mentioned job openings in Mayor Bass's Administration. He is trying to get help to write an article and recommend two people to be nominated to work for her.
 - b. Glenn Bailey reminded people to run for the Board.
 - c. Many Boardmembers expressed their hope that others would have Happy Holidays.
16. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 10:02PM

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): January 18, 2023, 7 pm.
Subsequent Board regular meetings: February 15, 2023 and March 15, 2023.