



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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**NENC Board Meeting
 Draft Minutes
 January 18, 2023
 7:05PM-9:45PM**

[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	No	Youth Member
Carl Petersen	Absent-Joined at 8:40PM	Yes	Resident Boardmember
George Radionov	Absent Excused	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 +01 Alternate	PRESENT-09 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 meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Bailey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. 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" **A quorum of eight was reached.**

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present-9 +1 Alternate	Absent -01	Excused-01
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	Petersen	Radionov

Christopher Meredith is seated for Mr. Radionov

- 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**

3. Agenda Setting Meeting 1/9/23 Participation: Bailey, Ross, Mills, Diamond (and Dagort) **All were in attendance**

4. Approval of Minutes – December 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- **Reviewed**

5. Financial Item(s) - Discussion and possible action:

- a. Approval of December 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 December 2022 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER)			
Moved: Diamond Second: Dagort			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Ross, Thiroux Alternate: Meredith	None	Parnell	Petersen, Radionov

6. Presentations/Guest Speakers

- a. Northridge Branch Library Senior Librarian Emily Aaronson (webpage: <https://lapl.org/branches/northridge>) and Friends of the Northridge Library (email: friends.nrlibrary@gmail.com) **Thank you for the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. They were able to purchase more courses through the Friends of the Library. They purchased shelving displays and other items. They are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Los Angeles Public Library System.LAPL.org. There is a new Tech to Go Program where you can get a hot spot and lap top to check out for six months.**

7. Informational Items/Announcements (Item 7c(i) includes possible MOTION)

- a. 29th Anniversary of January 17, 1994 6.7 Northridge Earthquake was yesterday - be prepared! - **Reviewed**
- b. New LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer for Basic Car 17A95 - Jerome Knopp (email: 37244@lapd.online) [Basic Car Area 17A95 includes NENC east of Zelzah Avenue and south of Lassen Street]- **Reviewed**
- c. Neighborhood Council 2023 Elections - This 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. Open seats: At-Large (1); Business Owner or Employee (1); Property Owner (1); Resident (4); and Youth (1). In addition, three Alternate seats will be filled. Detailed list linked here. 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- **Reviewed**

- i. City Clerk: NENC 2023 Ballot Voting Model including vacant 2025 seats – MOTION

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 7ci. Motion to approve the NENC 2023 Ballot Voting Model as submitted with the following changes including vacant 2025 seats and the 3 alternate seats.			
Moved: Mills Second: Thiroux			
Yes-10	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Ross, Thiroux, Alternate: Meredith	None	None	Petersen, Radionov

- d. Westbound 118 Freeway Reseda Boulevard Off Ramp Closure - Caltrans drainage repair work began early October 2022 and now expects to complete work by the end of March 2023.- **Reviewed**

President Bailey moved the meeting to item 9.

- e. Metro North San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor/BRT Network Improvements Project update - Metro approved project at its Board meeting on 12/1/22.- **Reviewed**
- f. COVID-19 Resources - State appointment website: <https://myturn.ca.gov/> ; Los Angeles County COVID-19 vaccine website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/> ; LAUSD COVID-19 information: <https://achieve.lausd.net/covid> **Reviewed**

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

- a. **Lionel Mares- Happy New Year. On Sunday February 26th Ciclavia will be held at 9:00AM until 3:00PM on Sherman Way vendors food entertainment activities. This Saturday at the Marvin Braude building in Van Nuys, there will be a discussion of the Sepulveda Transit Project.**
- b. **John and Michele Hales- North South Neighborhood Council completed a six- month project where they put up 20 Banners thanking the military for their service.**
- c. **Pat Lopresti-Urban Forestry project wants an update. Mr. Bailey says there have been no updates.**

9. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials

- a. AD 40 Assembly member Pilar Schiavo, Jenna Sickenius; Field Representative- She introduced herself as the new Field Representative. She gave an update on the 118 Construction project. The first phase is almost completed but the rain events have shutdown and delayed the project. She will keep in touch with Mr. Bailey for updates. You are welcome to contact their office using the website: www.a40.asmdc.org
- b. CD 12 John Lee, Myrka Martinez; Northridge Park **Lunar New Year Event 10:00AM-2:00PM. Applications for LEED 12 Applications are due on sink hole in Chatsworth is getting fixed. remote meetings new assignments Chair of Public Works Committee, Vice Chair of Public Safety, Neighborhoods and Community, PLUM, Housing and Homelessness Committee** Q. John Hales- There are 10 occupants in house. A. Speak with Matt Hernandez
 - i. CD 12: Weekly newsletter with community updates: <https://cd12.org/> **Reviewed**
 - ii. City Council: New standing committees and their jurisdiction (CF 23-2000) and new meeting schedules (CF 23-2000-S1); Subscribe to City Council meeting agendas here. - **Reviewed**
 - iii. Mayor: Residents may apply for unpaid Boards/Commissions; paid staff positions available- **Reviewed**

10. Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives of City Departments such as LAPD (SLO/C-PAB), LAFD, DONE (NEA Octaviano Rios octaviano.rios@lacity.org), BONC (North Valley Commissioner Jennifer Valdivia) and Representatives of CSUN and Other Public Agencies and NC-Related Entities (up to three minutes each unless arrangement for additional time is made at least six days in advance) **Octaviano Rios- They are looking at in person meetings. In person meetings will start in March unless there are changes to state legislation. The Department of Disability is inspecting meeting location venues. The EVG Committee is still working on hybrid models. Please on contact the department with information and ideas**
- a. CSUN reports and updates - Victoria Dochoghlian and George Radionov- **Ms. Dochoghlian gave the report the Spring Semester will begin next Monday, January 23, 2023. The campus is greener than usual due to the rain. The orange trees are bearing fruit. The campus is preparing for the Hispanic Services Institutes ground breaking in the Spring. The Hub will create space for all underserved students for research and studying. They will also be hosting STEM Programs. It was funded in partnership with the State of California. The school was awarded \$25 million dollars.**
 - i. New Associate Vice President for Government & Community Relations is Shefali Mistry, **she was introduced and gave a short speech.**
 - ii. LAFD John S. Ignatczyk, Battalion 15-Introduced himself as the newly assigned Chief at Station 70.
 - b. NC Budget Advocates: NCBA report; NENC City budget and service priorities; Town Hall on DONE Proposed FY 2023-24 Budget 2/11/23, 12:30 pm via Zoom - RSVP; NC Budget Day 6/17/23; Budget Representatives (Glenn Bailey/Garry Fordyce). www.budgetadvocates.org/- **Reviewed**
 - c. DONE: Monthly Update - all Board members need to review every month-**Reviewed**

Carl Petersen joined the meeting at 8:40PM

- d. DONE: Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Proposal (186 pages) - possible MOTION- **Reviewed**
 - e. BONC: New Digital Communication Policy became effective 10/4/22; comments due by 4/4/23- **Reviewed**
 - f. 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**
 - g. LAPD: Neighborhood Watch meeting via Zoom (date TBD); there are four Basic Cars/Senior Lead Officers that cover portions of NENC. - **Reviewed**
 - h. LAPD: Valley Traffic Division Community Safety discussion usually second Wednesdays, 6:30PM via Zoom- **Reviewed**
 - i. Northridge Vision met 1/11/23; next virtual meeting 2/8/23, 2 pm-**Reviewed**
 - j. Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study to be conducted by the UCLA Aliso Canyon Community Exposure and Health Study Team- **Reviewed**
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 (Bailey/(vacant)). 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**
 - b. Approval of additional, or removal of, Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs **No action**
 - c. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 2/11/23, 9 am; Executive 2/6/23, 4:30 pm; any others? - **No action**

- 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) **Item postponed**
- e. Ad Hoc Dearborn Park: Update on any ongoing maintenance and enforcement issues at the park. - **No update**
- f. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to:
 - i. Proposed 50-foot wireless telecommunication facility located at 18473 Devonshire St. (Case No. ZA-2022-1310-CUW) Applicant: Verizon. (Board voted 12/21/22)- **Reviewed**
 - ii. Northridge Student Apartments mixed-use project (CPC-2015-3702-GPA-VZC-SPR Staff Report) is installing rebar for the subterranean parking levels.-**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/>- **Reviewed**
 - v. Northridge Community Plan update process is anticipated to begin in 2024- **Reviewed**
- g. 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**
- h. Reports by other Committees listed above
 - i. **Stephanie Homeless Committee- Homeless Count next week January 24 location TBD They need more volunteers.**

12. NENC President, Treasurer, NC Liaisons, and NC Alliances/Coalitions Reports including, but not limited to: (Discussion and possible action) Council Files-22-1547 Official Tree Coastal Live Oak, noise from Van Nuys Airport? email Mr. Bailey your comments. CF 22-1489 Van Nuys Airport

- a. President's Report:
 - i. MOTION to renew US Postal Service forwarding order of mail sent to the Northridge Woman's Club address (cost is \$19.95 per six months and up to 18 months maximum)

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 12ai. Motion to renew US Postal Service forwarding order of mail sent to the Northridge Woman's Club address (cost is \$19.95 per six months and up to 18 months maximum)			
Moved: Dochoghlian Second: Dagort			
Yes-11	No-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-01
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Petersen, Ross, Thiroux, Alternate: Meredith	None	Parnell	Radionov

- ii. ADA inspection report received; Virtual/in-person/hybrid meetings (CF 22-1070); New law regarding telephonic meetings AB 2449 (effective 1/1/2023). – **Reviewed**
- b. Treasurer's Report and any other Financial Items
- c. 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**

- d. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: Valley Alliance of NCs (VANC) (next meeting 2/9/23, 6:30 pm), DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees (next meeting 2/4/23, 8:30 am), LA NC Coalition (LANCC) (next meeting 2/4/23, 10 am), PlanCheckNC (next meeting 2/11/23, 10 am), NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance 1/28/23, 10 am), NC Sustainability Alliance (next meeting 2/28/23, 6:30 pm), West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness (WVNAH) (next meeting 1/22/23, 4 pm), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance **No reports**

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

- a. [CF 20-0990](#) City Attorney report R22-0386, dated November 4, 2022, relative to a draft Ordinance amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code to authorize the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to enforce all Neighborhood Council (NC) training requirements and to require anti-bias, gender expression, and gender identity training for NCs. - **Reviewed**
- b. CF 21-0407 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment report, dated October 14, 2022, relative to Neighborhood Council bylaws and election rules. – **Reviewed**

Carl Petersen left the meeting at 9:24PM

- c. [CF 22-1258](#) Controller report, dated October 20, 2022, relative to recommendations to more effectively prepare the City of Los Angeles for emergencies.

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 13c. CF 22-1258 Moved Mills Second Diamond			
Yes-10	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Ross, Thiroux, Alternate: Meredith	None	None	Petersen, Radionov

- d. NEW [CF 23-0002-S16](#) Resolution (Soto-Martinez - Raman for Lee - Yaroslavsky) relative to including in the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program, sponsorship or support for legislation to amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to permit the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system to choose to operate remote meetings indefinitely. -**No Action**
- e. NEW [CF 23-0003-S17](#) Resolution (Blumenfield - Krekorian - McOsker) relative to including in the City's 2023-24 State legislative Program its position on legislative action that would amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow local legal legislative bodies, including appointed boards, commissions, advisory bodies, and Neighborhood Councils, to continue to meet virtually.

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 13d. and 13e. Motion to support CF 23-0002-S16 and CF 23-0003-S17 relative to including in the City's 2023-24 State legislative Program its position on legislative action that would amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow local legal legislative bodies, including appointed boards, commissions, advisory bodies, and Neighborhood Councils, to continue to meet virtually. Moved: Mills Second: Diamond			
Yes-10	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Parnell, Ross, Thiroux, Alternate: Meredith	None	None	Petersen, Radionov

14. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: **No Action**

15. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction (continued from item 8; up to two minutes per speaker)- **No comments**

16. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion:
- a. Ken Ross- **NENC require trainings for City Council and Staff that NC's have to take. Contact the City Attorney as soon as you know you may have a conflict. The pothole program is coming back.**
 - b. Christopher Meredith- **Kinzie St. The North end of island, the reflector is not there. It is hard to see at night**

17. Adjournment **The meeting was adjourned at 9:49PM**

**Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): February 15, 2023, 7 pm (virtual).
Subsequent Board regular meetings: March 15, 2023 (in-person?) and April 19, 2023.**