

NENC Board Meeting Draft Minutes February 15, 2023 7:07PM-10:13PM

Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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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	Absent	Yes	Property Owner
William Parnell	Absent Joined at 7:42PM	No	Youth Member
Carl Petersen	Absent Joined at 8:31PM	Yes	Resident Boardmember
George Radionov	Present	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
Christopher Meredith	Absent		Alternate 1
Vacant			Alternate 2
Vacant	Present	Yes	Alternate 3
TOTAL: 11 +01 Alternate	PRESENT-09 Absent 02 + Alternate-01 Absent 01		

- 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 7:07 PM by President Bailey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Philip Dagort.
- 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. Training has been completed by Mr. Radionov

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present-8	Absent -03	Excused-01
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird,	Parnell, Petersen	Mills
Radionov, Ross, Thiroux,	Alternate: Meredith	

- 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 2/6/23 Participation: Bailey, Ross, Mills (and Dagort) All officers were present.
- 4. Approval of Minutes January 18, 2023, December 21, 2022 and any other earlier dates ending time Correction change Christopher Meredith into the Alternate 1 position also, the ending time at the bottom is correct

Motion Passed

NENC Item 4. Motion to approve the January 18, 2023 and December 21, 2022 meeting minutes					
Moved: Dochoghlian Second: Diamond					
Yes-08 No-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-04					
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, None None Mills, Parnell, Petersen					
Radionov, Ross, Thiroux			Alternate: Meredith		

- a. Links to Zoom video recordings of Board meetings will be posted on NENC <u>Agendas and Minutes</u> <u>webpage</u>
- 5. Financial Item(s) Discussion and possible action: \$203.20 was spent.
 - a. Approval of January 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 January 2022 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) Moved: Diamond Second: Dochoghlian					
Yes-08 No-00 Ineligible-01 Absent-04					
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, None None Mills, Parnell, Petersen					
Radionov, Ross, Thiroux			Alternate: Meredith		

6. **Presentations/Guest Speakers**

a. Councilmember John S. Lee - 12th District Councilmember Lee is the new Chair of the Public Works Committee. He believes it will help him bring wore resources to the Council District. One of the big issues right now is the street lights being out due to copper wire theft. Council District 12 was the hardest hit district. In the City of Los Angeles, we had over 400 lights with copper wire theft last year. Attempts by the city to fortify the boxes was not successful. Now they pouring concrete over the boxes to prevent theft. He asked the Neighborhood Council to make a list of the three highest priority locations need for replacing the wires. We put a new traffic signal in at Plumber Street and Darby Avenue and it is now operational. In regards to Dearborn park, the Recreation and Parks staff have been out educating people in regards to the parties and disturbing the neighborhood. Councilmember Lee will be advocating the restoration of Neighborhood Council funds back to \$50,000.00. He wants the Boardmembers to introduce themselves to him if the see him at events and keep in touch. He wants more partnerships with the NC, with shredding events, community cleanups, and other events.

He wants Northridge East Neighborhood Council to look for other ways in which to partner. In regards to the Reseda offramps. The contractor had not applied for all of the permits in advance. Phase one was 75% complete in mid-December before the rains. The remaining 25% is the installation of new storm drain pipes, which in some areas are as deep as 50ft. completion of the phase is now expected to be mid-April. At that time only one lane will be open. The second phase of the project will be on Rinaldi. We now have Skateland for homeless housing but we are looking for more locations. When Councilmember Lee was elected there were zero beds online for the homeless by the end of this year we are expecting the number to be between 400 and 500 beds. We fought very hard to get the West Valley Animal Shelter back open and running as a municipal shelter. Council member Lee said he would look in to the Mission Hills Shelter. There is a tree program that comes with a grant for three years of watering. The city will be installing informational kiosks ahead of the Olympics. Questions were raised about the kiosks. The cell tower issue was also raised in regards to its location. The Animal Services Commission did ask for a budget increase which would allow the North East Valley Shelter to be run as a Municipal Shelter.

William Parnell joined the meeting at 7:42PM

7. Informational Items/Announcements

- a. 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 began February 10, 2023 and ends March 28, 2023. Candidate information sessions will be held on 2/18/23, 3/4/23 and 3/18/23, all at 10 am. RSVP Vote-By-Mail application begins April 11, 2023 and ends May 13, 2023. Visit NC elections webpages of City Clerk and DONE/EmpowerLA for more information. Region 2 Awareness and Engagement Workgroup met 1/30/23; future meetings planned-Reviewed Octaviano Rios-There will be no Covid Restrictions for the NC election polling locations.
- b. **Westbound 118 Freeway Reseda Boulevard Off Ramp Closure** Caltrans drainage repair work began early October 2022 and now expects to complete Phase 1 by the end of March 2023 which will then allow one lane to be reopened.- **Reviewed**
- c. **COVID-19 Resources** State appointment website: https://myturn.ca.gov/; Los Angeles County COVID-19 vaccine website: https://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. Paola Reyes, LA Compost -helps community members with composting. Would like to present at the next meeting.
 - b. Jeffrey Mausner, Animal Representative for VANC- thanked them for the support for the Animal Services issues.
- 9. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials CD 12 (Myrka Martinez); Myrka- Councilmember Lee has requested a report back on the wire theft across the city. He also got additional funding for overtime police services for the LAPD Devonshire Division approved by the City Council. Ms. Martinez touched on the LA Organics program. Those that live in multi-family and those commercial customers need to reach out to Waste Management or your service provider. Due to natural gas prices going up the Councilmember is requesting the CEO, the CAO, and the Department of Public Works to prepare a report with recommendations. There is an assistance program to provide financial relief for low and middle-income residents in the City of Los Angeles. There is also a small Renter Provider Assistance program that the voted for to alleviate financial burdens that many small mom and pop landlords have faced due to the pandemic. Myrka Martinez 818-882-1212

- a. CD 12: Weekly newsletter with community updates: https://cd12.org/
- b. City Council: New standing committees and their jurisdiction (<u>CF 23-2000</u>) and new meeting schedules (<u>CF 23-2000-S1</u>); Subscribe to City Council and Committee meeting agendas <u>here</u>.
- c. 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 (17A95 SLO Jerome Knopp (email: 37244@lapd.online)/C-PAB), LAFD, DONE-NEA Octaviano Rios octaviano.rios@lacity.org), The Department has been covering the Zoom accounts. The Neighborhood Councils need to start paying. What about the extra account now we have to go back to in person? In person transition there are lots of pending items. Waiting for updates from the state. You can now send more locations for ADA compliance. Hopefully we can get NC meetings extended for 1 more month. Let the Department know your readiness. There will be two meetings upcoming to go over meeting readiness on February 23rd and 25th. NC Candidate information meetings are continuing to be led by the Department Check the Empowerla calendar on the website.

Carl Petersen joined the meeting at 8:31PM.

- a. CSUN reports and updates Victoria Dochoghlian- The Sierra Annex Building is still being built and saw today that the glass is up. They have picked up the pace over the last two months. Next month we will be going to Sacramento to do some advocacy with our delegation. Ms. Dochoghlian mentioned the local officials they would be meeting with. The Hub groundbreaking will be sometime in the Spring. There is no current information on the sports program. George Radionov-Things are starting to pick up. He is also excited to go to Sacramento for a conference hosted by the Cal State Student Association. There was a sold- out concert scheduled at the Saraya which has been postponed. There were over 800 tickets sold.
- NC Budget Advocates: NCBA report; NENC City budget and service priorities; Town Hall on DONE Proposed FY 2023-24 Budget 2/11/23 recorded; 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
- d. DONE: Empowered Virtual Governance and In-Person Meetings information sessions 2/23/23 at 6 pm and 2/25/23 at 1 pm register Reviewed
- e. DONE: Continuation of up to two Zoom licenses for NENC at an approximate cost of \$200 each. MOTION- **No action taken**
- f. DONE: Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Proposal (186 pages) possible MOTION-No action taken
- g. BONC: New <u>Digital Communication Policy</u> became effective 10/4/22; comments due by 4/4/23 **Reviewed**
- h. BONC: Proposed <u>revisions to Code of Conduct Policy dated 7/19/21</u>, <u>12/20/21 DONE memo</u>, <u>links to supporting materials and red-lined 2/2/22 version</u> update and possible MOTION- **Reviewed**
- City Clerk: Polling Place location preference (Northridge Woman's Club (\$2,600 requested) or Northridge Recreation Center) - possible MOTION

Supplemental list in order of preference

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 10i While the Locations that were chosen for the Northridge East Neighborhood Council have been submitted. The Northridge Women's Club and The Northridge Recreation Center this Motion is to approve the following locations as a supplemental list for The Neighborhood Council Election Locations. This list in order of preference 1.) Childcare Center at Northridge Recreation Center 2.) Dearborn Charter Elementary School, 3.)Balboa Magnet Elementary. 4.)Darby Elementary and 5.)Northridge Branch Library Moved: Ross Second: Diamond

Yes-10	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird,	None	None	Mills,
Parnell, Petersen, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux,			Alternate: Meredith

- j. LAPD: Neighborhood Watch meeting via Zoom (date TBD); there are four Basic Cars/Senior Lead Officers that cover portions of NENC.- **Reviewed**
- k. LAPD: Valley Traffic Division Community Safety discussion usually second Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom-**Reviewed**
- I. Northridge Vision met 2/8/23; next virtual meeting 3/8/23, 2 pm- **Reviewed**
- m. Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study: Environmental Health Research is a related non-profit organization; its <u>website</u> includes newsletter sign-up- **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: **No Reports**
 - 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- **No action taken**
 - c. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 4/8/23 (or 3/11/23), 9 am; Executive 3/6/23, 4:30 pm; any others?- **Reviewed**
 - 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.
 Item was moved to the end of the meeting
 - e. Executive: MOTION (Ross/Mills) to recommend that the NENC request, in relation to Council File 20-0990, any trainings required of Neighborhood Council Board members also be required to be taken by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, the City Council and the Mayor. (Passed 3-0-0 on 2/6/23) (Also see Item 13a)

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 11e MOTION to recommend that the NENC request, in relation to Council File 20-0990, any trainings required of Neighborhood Council Board members also be required to be taken by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, the City Council and the Mayor. Moved: Ross Second: Petersen

Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird,	None	Parnell	Mills,
Petersen, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux,			Alternate: Meredith

Carl Petersen left the meeting at 9:12PM

e. Executive: MOTION (Ross/Mills) to recommend the authorization of up to \$6,000 for election outreach mailing (includes printing and postage). (Passed 3-0-0 on 2/6/23)

Motion Passed

NENC Item 11f. Motion to recommend the authorization of up to \$6,000 for election outreach mailing (includes printing and postage). Moved: Ross Second: Dochoghlian					
Yes-09 No-00 Ineligible-01 Absent-03					
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, None Parnell Mills, Petersen,					
Radionov, Ross, Thiroux,			Alternate: Meredith		

- f. Ad Hoc Dearborn Park: Update on any ongoing maintenance and enforcement efforts at the park. **Ms.**Diamond showed the park flier that gives them instructions in regards to parties and enforcement.
- g. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to:
- h. 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. <u>Northridge Student Apartments</u> mixed-use project (CPC-2015-3702-GPA-VZC-SPR <u>Staff</u> <u>Report</u>) is constructing 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 <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> and the Town Hall slide show is <u>linked here</u>. Community Town Hall 2/18/23, 9 am (in-person) <u>NENC calendar link-</u>**Reviewed**
 - iv. PlanCheckNC monthly meeting report website: https://plancheckncla.com/ Reviewed
 - v. Northridge Community Plan update process is anticipated to begin in 2024
- 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. Reports by other Committees listed above- No Reports
- 12. NENC President, Treasurer, NC Liaisons, and NC Alliances/Coalitions Reports including, but not limited to: (Discussion and possible action)
 - a. President's Report:
 - i. Virtual/in-person/hybrid meetings (<u>CF 22-1070</u>); New state legislation, Senate Bill 411 (Portantino), would add Section 54953.4 to the Government Code, relating to local government (related to CFs <u>23-0002-S16</u> and <u>23-0002-S17</u>). possible MOTION- Mr. Bailey mentioned Senate Bill 411. He sent the information so that you can weigh in as an individual

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 12ai We support SB 411 in concept if amended to include "elected" to be applicable to					
Neighborhood Council board and committee meetings Moved: Ross Second: Diamond					
Yes-09 No-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-03					
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, None None Mills, Petersen,					
Parnell, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux,			Alternate: Meredith		

ii. MOTION (if required) to approve NENC in-person meeting locations including, but not limited to, the Northridge Woman's Club, Northridge Recreation Center, Fire Station 87, and Northridge Branch Library.

Motion Passed

NENC Item 12aii.MOTION to approve NENC in-person meeting locations including, but not limited to, the Northridge Woman's Club, Northridge Recreation Center, Fire Station 87, and Northridge Branch Library. Moved: Bailey Second: Dochoghlian

Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird,	None	None	Mills, Petersen,
Parnell, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux,			Alternate: Meredith

- iii. Municipal Lobbying Ordinance (<u>CF 22-0560</u>) update; City Council to consider 2/15/23- **Check** out the LA Times Article- Reviewed
- b. Treasurer's Report and any other Financial Items
 - i. Request the Mayor and City Council to restore in the next City Budget the annual allocation to each Neighborhood Council to be at least \$50,000, the amount it was for many years until Fiscal Year 2009-2010. (Next Budget will be <u>CF 23-0600</u>) - possible MOTION Include roll over up to 50,000

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 12bi. Request the Mayor and City Council to restore in the next City Budget the annual allocation to each Neighborhood Council to be at least \$50,000, the amount it was for many years until Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Further we request the Rollover to be increased to \$50,000 for two years. (Next Budget will be CF 23-0600) Moved: Diamond Second: Dagort

Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird,	None	None	Mills, Petersen,
Parnell, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux			Alternate: Meredith

- 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: <u>Valley Alliance of NCs</u> (VANC) (next meeting 3/9/23, 6:30 pm), <u>DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees</u> (next meeting 3/4/23, 8:30 am), <u>LA NC Coalition</u> (LANCC) (next meeting 3/4/23, 10 am), <u>PlanCheckNC</u> (next meeting 3/11/23, 10 am), NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance 2/25/23), <u>NC Sustainability Alliance</u> (next meeting 2/26/23, 6:30 pm), <u>West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness</u> (WVNAH) (next meeting 2/26/23, 4 pm), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance- **Mr. Bailey mentioned the Emergency Preparedness Event at Pierce College.**
- 13. Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions Community Impact Statements (CIS) Discussion and possible action:
 - a. <u>CF 20-0990</u> 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 antibias, gender expression, and gender identity training for NCs.

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 13a. 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-9 No-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-03				
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird,	None	None	Mills, Petersen,	
Parnell, Ross, Thiroux,			Alternate: Meredith	

- b. <u>CF 21-0407</u> Department of Neighborhood Empowerment report, dated October 14, 2022, relative to Neighborhood Council bylaws and election rules. **No action taken**
- c. <u>CF 22-1070</u> Department of Neighborhood Empowerment report, dated January 27, 2023, relative to viable options for the conduct of in-person, virtual, and/or hybrid NC meetings. **No action taken**
- d. <u>CF 22-1547</u> Motion (O'Farrell Koretz) relative to instructing the Bureau of Street Services, with the assistance of the Cultural Heritage Commission, to report on the feasibility of and recommendations for also designating the California native Coastline Live Oak (Quercus agrifolia) as an official tree of the City of Los Angeles.

Motion Passed

NENC Item 13d. Motion (relative to instructing the Bureau of Street Services, with the assistance of the Cultural Heritage Commission, to report on the feasibility of and recommendations for also designating the California native Coastline Live Oak (Quercus agrifolia) as an official tree of the City of Los Angeles.

Moved: Thiroux Second: Diamond

Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird,	None	None	Mills, Petersen,
Parnell, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux,			Alternate: Meredith

- 14. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: NC Budget Advocates Budget Day 6/17/23; Congress of Neighborhoods 9/23/23-**Reviewed**
- 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 Public Comments**
- 16. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion
 - a. Remote participation requests for upcoming meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (AB 2449) **No action taken**

Item # 11d Ken Ross Recused

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item11d to recommend that the NENC authorize up to \$2,000 for Neighborhood Council election				
outreach advertisements in the North Valley News newspaper. Moved: Bailey Second: Diamond				
Yes-07	No-00	Recused-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian,	None	Ross	Parnell	Mills, Petersen,
Laird, Radionov, Thiroux				Alternate: Meredith

17. Adjournment (by 10:00 p.m.) The meeting was adjourned at 10:13PM

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): March 15, 2023, 7 pm (in-person?). Subsequent Board regular meetings: April 19, 2023 and May 17, 2023.