



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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**NENC Board Meeting
 Special Draft Minutes
 March 29, 2023
 7:04PM-9:55PM**

[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	Absent (Excused)	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Stephanie Mills Secretary	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Barbara Nitkin	Absent	Yes	Resident Boardmember
William Parnell	Present	No	Youth Member
Carl Petersen	Absent Joined at 8:37PM	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			Business Owner or Employee
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Christopher Meredith	Present	Yes	Alternate 1
Brian Patton	Present	Yes	Alternate 2
Vacant			Alternate 3
TOTAL: 12 +02 Alternates	PRESENT-09 Absent 03 + Alternate-02 Absent 00		

1. Start Recording, Call to Order, Welcome to Stakeholders; Introductory Comments **The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Bailey at 7:04PM.**
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), **Barbara Nitkin has completed her trainings.** Abstentions= "No"

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present-09 Alt:02	Absent -02	Excused-01
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Mills, Parnell, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux Alternates: Meredith, Patton	Nitkin, Petersen	Laird

Alternate- Christopher Meredith was seated for Carl Petersen

Alternate- Brian Patton was seated for Sean Laird

- a. Notice of Vacancies; discussion and possible action: Two Resident seats (2023), one Business/Employee seat (2023) and one 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.
- b. Appointment to Resident (2023) seat: - possible MOTION- **Mr. Bailey appointed Brian Patton to the Residential Seat. Brian Patton will be voting for himself and is no longer an Alternate**

Ms. Nitkin joined the meeting at 7:13PM

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 2b. Motion to support the appointment of Brian Patton to the Residential Seat			
Moved: Bailey Second: Ross			
Yes-12	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Mills, Nitkin, Parnell, Patton, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Meredith	None	None	Laird, Petersen

- 3. Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2023 (if available) and any other earlier dates; Correction of December 21, 2022 minutes March **15, 2023-Item Postponed**

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 3. Motion to correct the minutes from December 21 to change the language in Item 6b. as follows: Proposed, Final Motion with Additional Wording: NENC Item 6b. Motion: The Northridge East Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed cell tower due to its close proximity to the neighborhood immediately to the East for the reasons and concerns the neighborhood has voiced, including the effect on property values and aesthetics in the architecturally historic area. We suggest that an alternate location be found to the West of Reseda Blvd. which is predominantly more commercial, since the property representative informed us that Verizon had found that area to be a viable location for the tower.			
Moved: Dagort Second: Diamond			
Yes-12	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian ,Mills, Nitkin, Parnell, Patton, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Meredith	None	None	Laird, Petersen

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

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

- a. Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application submitted by the Friends of the Northridge Library in the amount of \$1,500 for the purchase of books, audiobooks and DVDs – MOTION

Public comment:

- a. **John and Michelle Hales asked what happens to books that are removed. A/ sometimes they are recycled.**
- b. **Marcy Orkin -the items purchased will be for the children’s and adult sections. This will help supplement their collection.**

Motion Passed

NENC Item 4a. Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application submitted by the Friends of the Northridge Library in the amount of \$1,500 for the purchase of books, audiobooks and DVDs			
Moved: Diamond Second: Thiroux			
Yes-12	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Mills, Nitkin, Parnell, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Meredith, Patton	None	None	Laird, Petersen

- b. If required, MOTION to ratify NENC prior approval of a 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 for an amount of \$500. (Passed 7-0-1 with 1 ineligible on 9/21/22)

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 4b. MOTION to ratify NENC prior approval of a 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 for an amount of \$500.			
Moved: Bailey Second: Mills			
Yes12	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Mills, Nitkin, Parnell, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Meredith, Patton	None	None	Laird, Petersen

- c. If required, MOTION to ratify NENC prior approval of 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 \$1,500.

Mills recused themselves for the vote.

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 4c. Motion to ratify NENC prior approval of 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 \$1,500.			
Moved: Thiroux Second: Diamond			
Yes-10	Abstain-01	Recused-01	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Nitkin, Parnell, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Meredith,	Patton	Mills	Laird, Petersen

Mills rejoined the meeting after item 4c.

5. Additional Items Deferred from Previous Meeting:

- a. MOTION to ratify the [revised Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) between the Department of Water and Power and Neighborhood Councils for an additional five years and appoint/ratify the NENC Representative and Alternate to the DWP/NC MOU Oversight Committee.
Representative Barbara Nitkin, Alternate-Judy Diamond,

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 5a. Motion to ratify the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Water and Power and Neighborhood Councils for an additional five years and appoint/ratify the NENC /NC MOU Oversight Committee. Representative Barbara Nitkin, Alternate- Judy Diamond Moved: Diamond Second: Patton

Yes-12	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Mills, Nitkin, Parnell, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Meredith, Patton	None	None	Laird, Petersen

- b. MOTION to support in concept the establishment of a “Neighborhood Council Bill of Rights” as proposed by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition on March 4, 2023. Suggestions for provisions to include are encouraged.

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 5b. Motion to support in concept the establishment of a “Neighborhood Council Bill of Rights” as proposed by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition on March 4, 2023.

Moved: Bailey Second: Nitkin

Yes-12	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian ,Mills, Nitkin, Parnell, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Meredith, Patton	None	None	Laird, Petersen

- c. Municipal Lobbying Ordinance ([CF 22-0560](#)) update; City Council referred back to Ad Hoc Committee 2/15/23 and re-considered 3/20/23; new exemptions for 501c(3) nonprofit and 501c(5) labor organizations - possible MOTION- **Reviewed**

6. NENC Election Update: Candidate Filing Status

- a. NENC Election outreach for Vote By Mail and In-Person voting on June 10, 2023
 - i. Polling Place location - possible MOTION- **Reviewed**
 - ii. Authorize the expenditures of up to the \$10,000 amount budgeted in the Election Category for Election outreach expenses such as flyers, mailers, advertising, etc.- **No Election**
- b. If applicable, schedule Board Affirmation and Seating of New Board Members after Certification of Candidates by Office of the City Clerk: next regular Board meeting is April 19, 2023 or schedule a special meeting. Such meeting, if held, would include election of Board officers and possible appointment/approval of Alternate member(s).

Public comment: Sharon Brewer expressed concern that seating the Board before July could affect their funding.

Motion Passed

NENC Item 6a. Motion to seat the new Board at the May Meeting

Moved: Ross Second: Judy

Yes-12	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian ,Mills, Nitkin, Parnell, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Meredith, Patton	None	None	Laird, Petersen

7. Neighborhood Council In-Person Meetings will resume as of March 30, 2023 until further notice (such as the passage of [Senate Bill 411](#) or similar)

- a. Board Member in-person attendance at regular meetings scheduled for April 19, May 17, and June 21, 2023- **Reviewed**

- b. Remote participation requests for upcoming meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (AB 2449) - possible MOTION Meeting April 19 Meeting -Ross, Diamond, Dagort- **Reviewed**

Carl Petersen joined the meeting at 8:37PM
Christopher Meredith will now be seated for Sean Laird
Christopher Meredith left the meeting 9:01PM

- c. MOTION (if required) to approve any additional NENC in-person meeting locations- **Reviewed**

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 7c.Motion to add Cal State University Northridge, Holmes Middle School and Northridge Academy High School Moved: Diamond Second: Petersen			
Yes-12	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian ,Mills, Nitkin, Parnell, Petersen, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Patton	None	None	Laird, Meredith

- d. Possible inclusion of a virtual component to future meetings to allow Stakeholders to attend remotely (hybrid meetings)? If so, authorization of up to \$5,000 for the purchase of any necessary equipment to conduct a hybrid meeting - possible MOTION

Public comment: **John Hales- interaction with Middle School- most have a Hybrid Operation.**

Motion Passed

NENC Item 7d. Motion for the inclusion of a virtual component to future meetings to allow Stakeholders to attend remotely (hybrid meetings)? If so, authorization of up to \$5,000 for the purchase of any necessary equipment to conduct a hybrid meeting – such as a lap top computer, conference microphone/ speaker system Moved: Diamond Second: Dagort			
Yes-12	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian ,Mills, Nitkin, Petersen, Parnell, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Patton	None	None	Meredith, Laird

Mr. Bailey Returned the meeting to item 7c.

- 8. Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives
 - a. CSUN reports and updates - Victoria Dochoghlian and George Radionov- **No Update**
 - b. NC Budget Advocates: NCBA [report](#); NENC City budget and service priorities; NC Budget Day - 6/17/23; Budget Representatives (Glenn Bailey/Garry Fordyce).- **Reviewed**
www.budgetadvocates.org/
 - i. [CF 23-0600](#) (not yet opened) Proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 - authorize filing of Community Impact Statement(s) on any relevant budget-related topics previously approved by the NENC - possible MOTION

Public comment:

- a. **Lionel Mares feels NCs should get more money.**
- b. **John Hales**

Motion Passed

NENC Item 8b. Motion-Proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 - authorize filing of Community Impact Statement(s) on any relevant budget-related topics previously approved by the NENC Moved: Bailey Second: Mills			
Yes-12	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian ,Mills, Nitkin, Parnell, Petersen, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Patton	None	None	Laird, Meredith

Carl Petersen left the meeting at 9:15PM

- c. LAPD: Neighborhood Watch meetings via Zoom (see NENC [website](#) for details); there are four Basic Cars/Senior Lead Officers who cover portions of NENC: 17A95 (SLO Knopp) (next meeting 3/31/23, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom), 17A67 (vacant), 17A35 (SLO Parker), and 17A49 (SLO Sellers) - Email: DevonshireSLO@lapd.online - **Reviewed**
 - d. LAPD: Valley Traffic Division Community Safety discussion usually second Wednesdays, 6:30PM. via Zoom (see NENC [website](#) for details)- **Reviewed**
9. 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/Nitkin) and Sustainability (Bailey/(vacant)). Ad Hoc: Animal Welfare (Ross/Diamond); Dearborn Park (Diamond/Nitkin); Election (Mills/Ross) - Discussion and possible action:
- a. Appointment of Committee Chair or Co-Chairs by President subject to confirmation by Board-**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 4/8/23, 9 am; Executive 4/10/23, 4:30 pm; any others?- **Reviewed**

William Parnell left the meeting at 9:20PM

- d. MOTION to disband the Ad Hoc Election Committee for 2023 Election

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 9d. Motion to disband the Ad Hoc Election Committee for 2023 Election Moved: Ross Second: Mills			
Yes-10	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian ,Mills, Nitkin, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Patton	None	None	Laird, Meredith, Parnell, Petersen

- e. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to:
 - i. Case No. [ZA-2023-873-CUB](#) located at 9224 Reseda Blvd. to allow sale of alcohol for off-site consumption in conjunction with a 12,500 square foot specialty retail market operating from 7am to 10pm daily. Applicant: Wing Ming Properties Ltd. (Referred to NENC Planning and Land Use Committee.)- **Reviewed**
 - ii. **NEW:** Notice of Proposed Demolition at 18333 Chatsworth Street; Demolition Pre-Inspection Application No. 23019-10000-01101- **Reviewed**
10. NENC President, Treasurer, NC Liaisons, and NC Alliances/Coalitions Reports including, but not limited to: (Discussion and possible action)
- a. President’s Report:-**New motion on Democracy Vouchers, Mr. Bailey will send information.**

- b. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: [Valley Alliance of NCs](#) (VANC) (next meeting 4/13/23, 6:30 pm), [DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees](#) (next meeting 4/1/23, 8:30 am), [LA NC Coalition](#) (LANCC) (next meeting 4/1/23, 10 am), [PlanCheckNC](#) (next meeting 4/8/23, 10 am), NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance 4/22/23), [NC Sustainability Alliance](#) (next meeting TBA, 6:30 pm), [West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness](#) (WVNAH) (next meeting TBA, 4 pm), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance-**Reviewed**

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

- a. [CF 22-1070](#) 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.- **Reviewed**
- b. [CF 23-0002-S30](#) Resolution (Yaroslavsky - Raman) relative to including in the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program a position on SB 4 (Wiener), the Affordable Housing on Faith Land Act.

Public comment:

- a. **John Hales- Building and Safety are approving these projects.**
- b. **Lionel Mares- Maybe temporary Shelter would be better**

Motion Passed

NENC Item 11b. Motion to oppose CF 23-0002-S30 (SB 4) "Affordable Housing on Faith Based Land Act"			
This bill will allow Faith-Based properties to build affordable, Multi-Unit Housing on their land. This proposal is intended to add more affordable housing to cities in the state. However, this legislation will approve housing to be built in Residential Communities, where many religious properties exist. For example, your local church's rear parking lot could become the site of such a project. These properties are not zoned for multi-unit housing. The faith-based properties have the land, but not the money to build multi-unit housing. They would need to partner with a developer. This bill is intended to streamline the permit process, and ignore the current zoning, which will allow developers easy access to these properties for their profit, possibly benefiting from the land's tax-free status. This appears to be the real intension of this legislation. In addition, SB4 allows for density bonuses for these constructions, and allows off-street parking for these units, avoiding parking requirements. It inhibits any local approvals on the projects, and exempts the projects from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Therefore, we do not feel the provisions of this proposed bill for such housing is appropriate on faith-based properties in residential communities such as Northridge East, the NENC opposes State Bill 4			
Moved: Dagort	Second: Diamond		
Yes-10	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian ,Mills, Nitkin, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Patton	None	None	Laird, Meredith, Parnell, Petersen

- c. **NEW** [CF 23-0167](#) Motion (Lee - Park) relative to directing the Bureau of Street Services, in coordination with the Urban Forestry Division and the City Forest Officer, to report back on sustainable solutions and best practices to sidewalk repairs, implemented by other cities, that preserve our City's mature street trees, while ensuring safe sidewalks.

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 11c. Motion to support CF 23-0167 Motion (Lee - Park) relative to directing the Bureau of Street Services, in coordination with the Urban Forestry Division and the City Forest Officer, to report back on sustainable solutions and best practices to sidewalk repairs, implemented by other cities, that preserve our City's mature street trees, while ensuring safe sidewalks			
Moved: Bailey	Second: Diamond		
Yes-10	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Bailey, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian ,Mills, Nitkin, Radionov, Ross, Thiroux, Patton	None	None	Laird, Meredith, Parnell, Petersen

12. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: NC Budget Advocates Budget Day 6/17/23; Congress of Neighborhoods 9/23/23- **Reviewed**
13. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter
 - a. **Lionel Mares letter of support for SB 411 did not receive the letter.**
14. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any **motions No Announcements**
15. Adjournment (by 9:00 p.m.) **The meeting was adjourned at 9:55PM**

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): April 19, 2023, 7 pm (in-person).

Subsequent Board regular meetings: May 17, 2023 and June 21, 2023.