



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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**NENC Board Meeting
 Draft Minutes
 September 20, 2023
 7:12PM-9:16PM**

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
Golden Bachelder	Present	Yes	CSUN Student Body
Judy Diamond Treasurer	Present	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Victoria Dochoghlian	Present	Yes	CSUN Faculty
Sean Laird	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Stephanie Mills 1 st Vice President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Barbara Nitkin	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Ken Ross 2 nd Vice President	Present- Left at 7:22PM	Yes	Property Owner
Sydney Thiroux Secretary	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Christopher Meredith	Absent		Alternate 1
Philip Dagort	Joined during Item 3.	Yes	Alternate 2
Vacant			Alternate 3
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Business Owner or Employee
Vacant			Youth
TOTAL: 09+01 Alternate	PRESENT-09 Absent 00+ Alternate-01 Absent 01 At Roll Call		

1. Start Recording, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Stakeholders; Introductory Comments (Public Comment, Refreshments, Recycling and Recusal Reminder) **The meeting was called to order at 7:12PM by President Glenn Bailey. Mr. Bailey spoke about the refreshments and how to recycle the kitchen items. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former President of Reseda Neighborhood Council Ann Measles. The meeting is streaming on Zoom.**
2. Roll Call, Seating of Alternate(s), Determination of Quorum, Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias; Gender Expression/Gender Identity training will be required soon (CF 20-0990); view Board member training status at www.EmpowerLA.org/NENC), Abstentions= "No"

Roll was called by Minute Taker Grant. Quorum of 9 was reached. All Boardmembers are eligible to vote.

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present- 09	Absent Alternate-01	Excused-00
Bailey, Bachelder, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux,	Meredith	None

- a. Board member remote participation requests for this or any upcoming NENC meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (AB 2449) - possible MOTION **Stephanie Mills joined by Zoom.**

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 2a. Motion to approve Stephanie Mills and Ken Ross joining by zoom due to illness			
Moved: Bailey Second: Diamond			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-00
Bailey, Bachelder, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux	None	None	None

- 3. Notice of NENC Board Vacancies - Four Resident seats (2027), one Business/Employee seat (2025), one Youth seat (2025) and two Alternate seats (2025). 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**

- a. Appointment of Alternate 2 - Philip Dagort – MOTION

Public Comment

Motion Passed

NENC Item 3a. Motion to appoint Philip Dagort to the Alternate 2 Seat			
Moved: Diamond Second: Thiroux			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-00
Bailey, Bachelder, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux	None	None	None

Ken Ross left the meeting at 7:22PM

- b. Possible Seating of New Board Member(s) and/or Alternate(s)

Philip Dagort was seated for Ken Ross 7:22PM

- 4. Agenda Setting Meeting 9/11/23 Participation: Bailey, Mills, Thiroux, Diamond- **Reviewed**
- 5. Approval of Minutes – August 29, 2023 (special) and any other earlier dates a. Links to Zoom video recordings of Board meetings will be posted on NENC Agendas and Minutes webpage Item Postponed

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 5.Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 29. 2023			
Moved: Diamond Second: Thiroux			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Thiroux	None	None	Ross

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

- a. Approval of August 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) - amount spent: \$938.74 (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 6a. Motion for Approval of August 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)			
Moved: Diamond Second: Dochoghlian			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Thiroux	None	None	Ross

7. Announcements/Presentations/Guest Speakers

- a. **CSUN New Student Housing Project and Other Campus Updates - Ken Rosenthal, Associate Vice President, Facilities Development & Operations - followed by Q&A CSUN received a grant to build programmatic affordable student housing at the CSUN Master Plan site SH4 (southwest of Lassen Street/Zelzah Avenue). The project will be four stories in height and will consist of two adjacent buildings, each having 99 beds. The ground floor of each building will have a lounge, meeting rooms, print station, postal service, and administrative space with the upper floors having traditional freshman suite-style bedrooms and living spaces They are going through the administrative process for taking possession of part of the streets. The Sierra Annex has been renamed Maple Hall. Sierra Hall now needs to be renovated. He also went over some of the other upcoming projects. There will be a Discovery Lab which will engage with younger students. The Hotel is a casualty of Covid. This project is on hold and may not be built due to costs.**
- b. **Congress of Neighborhoods September 23, 2023 at City Hall: Registration opens on 8/19/2023.**

8. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC’s subject matter jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)

- a. **Lionel Mares- we need to work together. I care. We are serving our communities as Elected Officials and we need to share information with each other.**

9. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials CD 12 (Myrka Martinez); **Councilmember John Lee has been in office for 4 years now. She spoke about the up coming housing projects that will be coming online. He has supported the Police Department all of the time he has been in office. Now that there are less restrictions we are working on more clean-ups. We are asking for more patrols to keep crime down. Events we had a Real ID event. Check out our newsletter for all of the events.**

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

- a. **DONE (NEA Octaviano Rios octaviano.rios@lacity.org), there will be an On -Boarding Training Session on Thursday. The session will cover Rules and Responsibilities. Mr. Rios reminded Boardmembers that if they have a conflict of Interest, they need to contact the City Attorney. Glenn Bailey mentioned the Meet and Greet and that it was well organized.**
- b. **BONC (North Valley Commissioner Keren Waters) 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)- No**
- c. **CSUN reports and updates - Victoria Dochoghlian and Golden Bachelder**

- i. **Victoria- [CSUN Day of Service](#) Spring 2024 - NENC participation-TBD Golden-Associated Students Farmers Markets have begun on Lindley on Tuesday's 10:00 to-3:00PM**
- d. NC Budget Advocates: NCBA September 2023 report; NENC City budget and service priorities (Fiscal Year 2023-24 adopted Budget is posted at CF 23-0600); Budget Representatives (Glenn Bailey/Garry Fordyce). www.budgetadvocates.org/ - **You should get a monthly Report. We are starting the Department Meetings.**
- e. BONC: Proposed revisions dated August 10, 2023 to the Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy - possible MOTION. - **Mr. Bailey wants the whole Board notified if there is a Boardmember is going to be suspended or removed.**

Public Comment

Motion Passed

NENC Item 10e. Motion that the NENC is not taking a position for or against but the Board President be notified of the proposed changes. Moved: Bailey Second: Diamond			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Thiroux	None	None	Ross

11. Items from Previous Board Meetings

- a. Senate Bill 411 update (also see Council Files 23-0002-S16 and 23-0002-S17) **The Senate Bill has been approved but has not been signed yet by the Governor.**
 - I. Possible MOTION to ratify as amended: The NENC elects to use teleconferencing for some or all of its Board and/or Committee meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8(a)(2)(B). (Board previously approved 8-0-0 on 8/29/2023) – **No Action Taken**
 - II. Allow each NENC Committee to decide whether, and when, to meet in-person, virtually or a hybrid of the two - possible MOTION

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item11ii. Motion to allow each NENC Committee to decide whether, and when, to meet in-person, virtually or a hybrid of the two. Moved: Diamond Second: Dochoghlian			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Thiroux	None	None	Ross

12. Committee Reports - Standing: Beautification (Baker/Bachelder); Education (Peterson); Executive (Bailey); Finance (Diamond); Homelessness (Ross); Outreach (Mills); Planning and Land Use (Diamond/Nitkin); Public Safety (Thiroux/Nitkin) and Sustainability (Bailey/Nitkin). Ad Hoc: Animal Welfare (Ross/Diamond); Bylaws (Bailey/Mills); Dearborn Park (Diamond/Nitkin); Van Nuys Airport (Nitkin/Diamond) - Discussion and possible action: - **No Reports**

- a. Establishment of new Ad Hoc committees - possible MOTION- **No Action Taken**
- b. Appointment of Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs by President subject to confirmation by Board- No Action Taken
- c. Approval of Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs- **No Action Taken**
- d. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 10/14/23, 9 am; Executive 10/9/23, 4:30 pm; Planning and Land Use TBD; Animal Welfare TBD (all dates/times subject to confirmation)-**Reviewed**

- e. Education: MOTION (Meredith/Manchester) recommending that the NENC Board pass the following motion: “The NENC supports the Speed Hump Program as passed by the Los Angeles City Council (Council File 23-0306) as an important first step in making passage to schools safer. A comprehensive program should also include hiring additional crossing guards and enforcing parking regulations in school drop-off zones.” [See Council File 23-0306 Motion (Krekorian - Hutt - Hernandez) relative to instructing the Department of Transportation to report on the feasibility of establishing a dedicated speed hump program for elementary schools and the Department of Transportation report dated June 21, 2023 relative to the Speed Hump and Speed Table Program for schools. Amending Motions 8/4/2023]-

Public comment: **Lionel Mares-They are prioritizing Elementary Schools first**

Motion Passed

NENC Item 12e. Motion recommending that the NENC Board pass the following motion: “The NENC supports the Speed Hump Program as passed by the Los Angeles City Council (Council File 23-0306) as an important first step in making passage to schools safer. A comprehensive program should also include hiring additional crossing guards and enforcing parking regulations in school drop-off zones.” [See Council File 23-0306 Motion (Krekorian - Hutt - Hernandez) relative to instructing the Department of Transportation to report on the feasibility of establishing a dedicated speed hump program for elementary schools and the Department of Transportation report dated June 21, 2023 relative to the Speed Hump and Speed Table Program for schools. Amending Motions 8/4/2023]-			
Moved: Diamond Second: Nitkin			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Thiroux	None	None	Ross

- f. Executive: MOTION (Mills/Diamond) to recommend the NENC support if amended Council File 23-0799 relative to infrastructure and safety upgrades needed to resume pre-pandemic regular schedule by January 1, 2024 for Council meetings in Van Nuys provided the meetings are held at least on a monthly basis. (Passed 4-0-0 on 9/11/2023)

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 12f. Motion to recommend the NENC support if amended Council File 23-0799 relative to infrastructure and safety upgrades needed to resume pre-pandemic regular schedule by January 1, 2024 for Council meetings in Van Nuys provided the meetings are held at least on a monthly basis.			
Moved: Mills Second: Diamond			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Thiroux	None	None	Ross

- g. Executive: MOTION (Mills/Thiroux) to recommend the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee for the Northridge Earthquake 30th Anniversary/Disaster Preparedness Town Hall. (Passed 4-0-0 on 9/11/2023)

Public comment: **Gary Fordyce- They meet three times a week.**

Motion Passed

NENC Item g. Motion to recommend the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee for the Northridge Earthquake 30th Anniversary/Disaster Preparedness Town Hall.			
Moved: Mills Second: Thiroux			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Thiroux	None	None	Ross

- h. Outreach: Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application for \$2,500 submitted by Granada Hills Community Foundation for Granada Hills Street Faire to be held on October 21, 2023. [NOTE: NENC previously authorized and has paid a \$450 vendor fee for our participation.] **No Action Taken**
- i. Public Safety: Report and various Neighborhood Watch meetings. **-Meeting a Week from tonight.**
- j. Beautification: Clean-ups update including volunteer coordination by CD 12- **Reviewed**
- k. Ad Hoc Dearborn Park update - request use of security cameras – **Reviewed**
- l. Planning: Update on new/pending or previously considered cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to: (see Informational Items below)- **Reviewed**
- m. Reports by other Committees listed in item 12 above- **No Reports**

13. NENC President, Treasurer, NC Liaisons, and NC Alliances/Coalitions Reports including, but not limited to: (Discussion and possible action)

- a. President’s Report: “Northridge” street signs update; - **Soliciting Ideas** Dog Park in Northridge suggested (referred to Animal Welfare Committee)-**Reviewed**; NENC street light banners suggested (refer to Outreach Committee) Next Tuesday is a Meet and Greet at Devonshire Division as a thank you for the refurbishment- **Reviewed**
- b. NC Liaisons Reports: Animal Services (Ross/Diamond); Data (Kaiser/Bailey); Emergency Preparedness; Film (Dagort); Homelessness (Zaroff/Aguirre/Lundquist/Diamond/Laird/ Ross/Bachelder); Public Works (Bailey); Purposeful Aging (Dwiggins); Resilience (Dwiggins/Lundquist) and approval of additional and/or replacement NENC Liaisons
- c. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: Valley Alliance of NCs (VANC) (next meeting 10/12/23, 6:30 pm), DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees (next meeting 10/7/23, 8:30 am), LA NC Coalition (LANCC) (next meeting 10/7/23, 10 am), PlanCheckNC (next meeting 10/14/23, 10 am), NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance 9/30/23), NC Sustainability Alliance (next meeting 10/8/23, 6:30 pm), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance (next meeting TBD). - **No Reports**

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

- a. CF 21-0407 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment revised report, dated February 10, 2023, relative to voter identification and other participation requirements in Neighborhood Council elections. **No Action Taken**
- b. CF 11-1020-S3 City Attorney report R22-0427, dated November 29, 2022, relative to a draft Ordinance amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code to substitute the term Budget Advocacy for The Budget Advocates, and authorizing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to promulgate rules and regulations to administer and appropriate funds. **No Action Taken**
- c. 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. **-No Action Taken**
- d. CF 23-0703 Motion (de Leon - Blumenfield - Lee) relative to requesting the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety, to draft an ordinance amending Section 91.105

of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to add an exemption for shade structures installed at Department of Recreation and Parks facilities. (Referred to Dearborn Park Ad Hoc Committee)

Public comment: None

Motion Passed

NENC Item 14d. Motion that the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Support CF 23-0703 Motion relative to requesting the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety, to draft an ordinance amending Section 91.105 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to add an exemption for shade structures installed at Department of Recreation and Parks facilities			
Moved: Diamond Second: Nitkin			
Yes-09	No-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Thiroux	None	None	Ross

- e. NEW CF 22-1196-S1 Independent Redistricting Commission / City Charter Amendment / Ballot Measure. Also see two related State bills, Senate Bill 52 (Durazo) (CF 23-0002-S26) and Assembly Bill 1248 (Bryan).

Public comment: **Sharon Brewer- asked if anyone attended the five-hour meeting?**

Lionel Mares-Glad you support it.

Motion Passed

NENC Item 14e. Motion to support an Independent Redistricting Commission that has no Ex Parte Communications and has publicly noticed meetings.			
Moved: Bachelder Second: Diamond			
Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-01	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Dagort, Diamond, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Thiroux	None	Nitkin	Ross

15. Informational Items/Announcements

- a. CD 12: Weekly newsletter with community updates: <https://cd12.org/>
- b. 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 9/27/23, 6 pm via Zoom), 17A67 (SLO Zamora), 17A35 (SLO Parker), and 17A49 (SLO Sellers) - Email: DevonshireSLO@lapd.online- **Reviewed**
- c. LAPL Northridge Library: Alzheimer’s Disease Research Update, in-person 9/30/23, 2 pm – RSVP- **Reviewed**
- d. Northridge Vision met 9/13/23; next virtual meeting 10/11/23, 2 pm
- e. Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study: UCLA website, including study overview, research timeline, and information about the study team is now live. Also, Environmental Health Research is a related non-profit organization; its website includes newsletter sign-up- **Reviewed**
- f. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to:
 - i. Case No. ZA-2022-1310-CUW located at 18473 Devonshire St. - Proposed 50-foot wireless telecommunication facility. Applicant: Verizon. Public hearing was held 8/15/2023; Hearing Notice (Board voted 12/21/22 to oppose project)
 - ii. Case No. PAR-2023-4028-AHRF-ED1 located at 17829 Halsted St - New construction of a 230-unit 100% affordable housing project, measuring 7-stories in height with a total residential floor area of 158,817 square feet. (Informational item - no hearing date set yet)

iii. Case No. ZA-2023-2542-CUB located at 18473 Devonshire St. to allow the sale of full-line alcohol beverages in conjunction with an existing mini mart/services station with hours of operation from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., daily. (Referred to NENC Planning and Land Use Committee) (Informational item - no hearing date set yet) iv. Northridge Community Plan update process is anticipated to begin in 2024

- g. Planning: Department liaisons email: Planning.Liaison@lacity.org - **No Action Taken**
- h. NC Liaisons Reports: Animal Services (Ross/Diamond); Data (Kaiser/Bailey); Emergency Preparedness; Film (Dagort); Homelessness (Zaroff/Aguirre/Lundquist/Diamond/Laird/ Ross/Bachelder); Public Works (Bailey); Purposeful Aging (Dwiggins); Resilience (Dwiggins/Lundquist) and approval of additional and/or replacement NENC Liaisons
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- j. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: Congress of Neighborhoods 9/23/23- **No Reports**

16. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction

- a. **Sharon Brewer- The Rec. and Parks Commission Meeting will be at the Balboa Sports Complex**

17. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion

- a. **Glenn thanked Stephanie Mills for helping with Zoom**

18. Adjournment **The meeting was adjourned at 9:16PM**

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): October 28, 2023, 7 pm (in-person).

Subsequent Board regular meetings: November 15, 2023 and December 20, 2023.