



**Northridge East Neighborhood Council**

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**NENC Board Meeting  
 Draft Minutes  
 October 18, 2023  
 7:10PM-9:16 PM**

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	Absent (Excused)	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Victoria Dochoghlian	Present (her last mtg)	Yes	CSUN Faculty
Sean Laird	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Stephanie Mills 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Barbara Nitkin	Present (Joined by Zoom)	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Ken Ross 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Sydney Thiroux Secretary	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Christopher Meredith	Present	No	Alternate 1
Philip Dagort	Absent (Excused)	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
<b>TOTAL: 09 +02 Alternates</b>	<b>PRESENT-09 Absent 01 + Alternate-01 Absent 01 At Roll Call</b>		

**Zoom does not count as Quorum**

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 7:10PM by President Bailey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stephanie Mills. Please fill out speaker cards to speak in Public Comments.**
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](http://CF 20-0990)); view Board member training status at [www.EmpowerLA.org/NENC](http://www.EmpowerLA.org/NENC)), Abstentions="No" **All Boardmembers are eligible to vote. There were 8 Boardmembers in person and 1 on Zoom. Quorum was reached.**

<b>NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call</b>		
<b>Present-08 + on Zoom-01</b>	Absent -00	<b>Excused-01</b>
<b>Bailey, Bachelder, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux, Alternates Meredith</b>	None	<b>Diamond</b>

Christopher Meredith was sworn in by Jonathan Coto and was seated for Judy Diamond. He is unable to vote on funding.

- a. Board member remote participation requests for this or any upcoming NENC meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(f) ([AB 2449](#)). [NOTE: Disclosure of anyone age 18+ also present is required.]

Public Comment: No Comment

**Motion: Passed**

<b>NENC ITEM 4. Motion to approve the requests for Barbara Nitkin to join us remotely. Moved: Bailey Second: Mills</b>				
<b>Yes-09</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Bailey, Bachelder, Dochoghlian, Laird, Meredith, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux</b>	None	None	None	<b>Diamond</b>

- 3. Notice of NENC Board Vacancies - Four Resident seats (2027), one Business/Employee seat (2025), one Youth seat (2025) and one Alternate seat (2025). Qualified Stakeholders interested in serving may obtain more information by emailing: [info@NENC-LA.org](mailto:info@NENC-LA.org) Documentation will be required. Per NENC Bylaws, appointment is made by the President and approved by the Board.
  - a. Possible Seating of New Board Member(s) and/or Alternate(s). **No action taken.**
- 4. Agenda Setting Meeting 10/9/23 Participation: Bailey, Mills, Thiroux- **Reviewed**
- 5. Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2023, August 29, 2023 (special) and any other earlier dates- **Item Postponed until the next meeting**
  - a. Links to Zoom video recordings of Board meetings will be posted on NENC [Agendas and Minutes webpage](#)
- 6. Financial Item(s) - Discussion and possible action:
  - a. Approval of September 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) - amount spent: \$320.03 (net). (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/>). **The net is from the return of the flag pole kit.**

Public Comment: No Comment

**Motion: Passed**

<b>NENC ITEM 6. Motion to approve the September 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report Moved: Thiroux Second: Dochoghlian</b>				
<b>Yes-08</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Bailey, Bachelder, Dochoghlian, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux</b>	None	None	<b>Meredith</b>	<b>Diamond</b>

7. Announcements/Presentations/Guest Speakers
  - a. **Welcome and Introduction of Mirna Ezquivel, Northridge Field Deputy for County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath- She gave her background. The County helps to oversee LAHSA, and the Health Department. The County passed a motion to show support for Israel. There is a new Covid 19 Vaccine Available. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Metro will be hosting three meetings in regards to the North Valley Bus Project. The County passed a motion to support Israel. \$15 million dollars was given to the County to help with the retail crimes.**
8. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC’s subject matter jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)
  - a. **Lisa- There are issues with the grass at the Northridge Recreation Area, where our kids play soccer. Often the grass is dead and it now smells like sewage and there are lots of Mosquitos**
  - b. **Rania Misallem- The Soccer Fields are bad and it stunk on Saturday. This park at Northridge Recreation Center needs some better management.**
9. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials CD 12 (Myrka Martinez); Jonathan Coto CD12 Attended for Ms. Martinez. **He deals with Urban Forestry and Public Works. There was a big issue up at Knollwood we were able to get fixed. Myrka handles the Recreation and Parks issues. R.S.V.P. For Councils with Councils. We did an Inside Safe Event with Mayor Bass and were able to have contact with 47 individuals and got 32 into housing.**
  - a. CD 12: Upcoming 10/23/2023 Conversations with Councils - street lights; NENC attendance - **Reviewed**
10. Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives of City Departments
  - a. **DONE (NEA Octaviano Rios [octaviano.rios@lacity.org](mailto:octaviano.rios@lacity.org)), The Governors approval of SB411. He thanked those who attended the Congress of Neighborhoods. Congress of Neighborhoods was a huge success. The Department helped to support the Congress.**
  - b. **CSUN reports and updates - Victoria Dochoghlian and Golden Bachelder This will be Victoria’s last meeting. She has accepted a new job. They are working to get more Electric Vehicles sold, so there can be more electric chargers installed. This Sunday is the Second Annual Bike Fest There will be Music, Food and activities. 8:30AM -1:30PM.Mr. Bachelder-There is a new tuition increase, 6% for 5 years.**
  - c. **NC Budget Advocates: NCBA [October 2023 report](#). Department meetings underway. 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/](http://www.budgetadvocates.org/) -Reviewed**
  - d. **BONC: [Proposed revisions dated August 10, 2023](#) to the Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy - update and possible MOTION. (NENC voted 9-0-0 on 9/20/23)-Reviewed**
  - e. **City Clerk: NC Election Work Group (2025 cycle) deadline to apply is 10/29/23 - [application](#)-Reviewed**
  - f. **Planning: Update to the General Plan Housing Element for the period 2021-2029 (includes Council File [21-1230](#), and related CFs [21-1230-S1](#), [21-1230-S2](#) (Livable Cities Initiative), [21-1230-S3](#), [21-1230-S4](#) - refer to Planning and Land Use Committee/possible MOTION- Reviewed**
11. Items from Previous Board Meetings
  - a. **[Senate Bill 411](#) was signed by the Governor on 10/8/23 and has been Chaptered by the Secretary of State (Chapter 605, Statutes of 2023). It provides, in part, “...an eligible legislative body may elect to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section if two-thirds of the eligible legislative body votes to do so. The eligible legislative body shall notify the city council if it elects to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section and its justification for doing so.” An implementing Resolution was**

introduced in City Council on 10/10/23 as [Council File 23-1114](#) as well as a related motion regarding technology, support and other resources ([CF 23-1113](#)). (NENC previously voted and filed related Community Impact Statements to CFs [23-0002-S16](#) and [23-0002-S17](#).) 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) and to indicate its justification for doing so. (Board previously ratified a similar motion by a vote of 9-0-0 on 9/20/2023.) (Also see items 14e and 14f below.)- **Reviewed**

Public Comment: **Lionel Mares – We have a right to urge our officials for public meetings.**

**Motion: Passed**

<b>NENC ITEM 11a. 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) and to indicate its justification for doing so. Moved: Bailey Second: Mills</b>				
<b>Yes-09</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Bailey, Bachelder, Dochoghlian, Laird, Meredith, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux</b>	None	None	None	<b>Diamond</b>

- b. UPDATE: [CF 22-1196-S1](#) Independent Redistricting Commission / City Charter Amendment / Ballot Measure. [Two related State bills, [Senate Bill 52](#) (Durazo) ([CF 23-0002-S26](#)) and [Assembly Bill 1248](#) (Bryan) were vetoed by the Governor.] (NENC voted to support if amended on 9/20/23.) **Reviewed**

12. Committee Reports -**No Reports**

- a. Establishment of new Ad Hoc committees possible MOTION The Ad hoc weed abatement committee

Public Comment: No Comment

**Motion: Passed**

<b>NENC ITEM 12a. Motion to approve the Weed Abatement Ad Hoc Committee: Bachelder Second: Bailey</b>				
<b>Yes-09</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Bailey, Bachelder, Dochoghlian, Laird, Meredith, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux</b>	None	None	None	<b>Diamond</b>

- b. Appointment of Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs by President subject to confirmation by Board

Public Comment: No Comment

**Motion: Passed**

<b>NENC ITEM12b. Motion to appoint Golden Bachelder to Chair the Weed Abatement Ad Hoc Committee: Bachelder Second: Bailey</b>				
<b>Yes-09</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Bailey, Bachelder, Dochoghlian, Laird, Meredith, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux</b>	None	None	None	<b>Diamond</b>

- c. Approval of Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs: Barbara Nitkin, alternate member of Education Committee; members of Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee; members of Northridge Earthquake 30th Anniversary/Disaster Preparedness Town Hall Ad Hoc Committee

Public Comment: No Comment

**Motion: Passed**

<b>NENC ITEM12c. Motion to Approve Barbara Nitkin, alternate member of the Education Committee and members of Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee; members of Northridge Earthquake 30th Anniversary/Disaster Preparedness Town Hall Ad Hoc Committee Thiroux, Mills, Bailey and Laird Moved: Mills Second: Thiroux</b>				
<b>Yes-09</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Bailey, Bachelder, Dochoghlian, Laird, Meredith, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux</b>	None	None	None	<b>Diamond</b>

- d. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 11/11/23, 9 am; Executive 11/6/23, 4:30 pm; Planning and Land Use TBD; Animal Welfare TBD (all dates/times subject to confirmation)- **Reviewed**
- e. Executive: MOTION (Mills/Thiroux) to recommend that the Board authorize the November and December 2023 Board meetings be held virtually if approved by City Council. by Resolution in Council File [23-1114](#).

Public Comment: No Comment

**Motion: Passed**

<b>NENC ITEM12e. Motion to recommend that the Board authorize the November and December 2023 Board meetings be held virtually if approved by City Council. by Resolution in Council File <a href="#">23-1114</a>. Moved: Mills Second: Thiroux</b>				
<b>Yes-09</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Bailey, Bachelder, Dochoghlian, Laird, Meredith, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux</b>	None	None	None	<b>Diamond</b>

- f. Outreach: NVRCC [Oktober Festival](#) held 9/30/23; [Granada Hills Street Faire](#) 10/21/23 booth- **Reviewed**
- g. Public Safety: 911 communications report; various Neighborhood Watch meetings- **Reviewed**
- h. Beautification: Clean-ups update including volunteer coordination by CD 12 **Reviewed**
- i. Bylaws: DONE Bylaws Workshop held 10/5/23; amendments due by 4/1/24 **Reviewed**
- j. Dearborn Park update - request use of security cameras - possible MOTION **There was some enforcement. Tents were removed. No Action Taken**
- k. Planning: Update on new/pending or previously considered cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to: (see Informational Items below)
  - i. Case No. [ZA-2023-2542-CUB](#) located at 18473 Devonshire St. to allow the sale of full-line with alcohol beverages in conjunction with an existing mini mart/service hours of operation from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., daily. (Referred to NENC Planning and Land Use Committee). **Public hearing scheduled for 10/24/23 at 9 am via Zoom - [Hearing Notice](#)**

Public Comment: **Anna Measles Why are they asking to sell more alcohol? They can already sell beer and wine.**

**Motion: Passed**

<b>NENC ITEM 12ki.Motion to not support Case No. <a href="#">ZA-2023-2542-CUB</a> located at 18473 Devonshire St. to allow the sale of full-line with alcohol beverages in conjunction with an existing mini mart/service hours of operation from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., daily. Moved: Mills Second: Meredith</b>				
<b>Yes-07</b>	<b>No-01</b>	<b>Abstain-01</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Bailey, Bachelder, Dochoghlian, Meredith, Mills, Nitkin, Ross,</b>	<b>Laird</b>	<b>Thiroux</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Diamond</b>

l. Reports by other Committees listed in item 12 above

13. NENC President, Treasurer, NC Liaisons, and NC Alliances/Coalitions Reports including, but not limited to: (Discussion and possible action)- **No Reports**

- a. President’s Report: Congress of Neighborhoods held on 9/23/23; Northridge Recreation Center held Park Advisory Board [meeting on 10/2/23](#)- **Reviewed**
- b. Treasurer’s Report- **No Report**
- c. NC Liaisons Reports and approval of additional and/or replacement NENC Liaisons- **No Reports**
- d. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: **No Reports**
  - i. VANC 10/12/23 meeting featured Petty Santos, Office of City Clerk - [link to recording](#)

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. **NEW:** [CF 23-1114](#) Resolution (Soto-Martinez - Hutt) relative to authorizing Neighborhood Councils to use teleconferencing, pursuant to California Code Section 54953.8.-**Action Taken Earlier**
- e. **NEW:** [CF 23-1113](#) Motion (Soto-Martinez - Hutt) relative to directing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to report on technology, support and other resources needed to provide Neighborhood Councils with the ability to meet virtually through the end of Fiscal Year 2024-25.- **No Action Taken**

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), 17A67 (SLO Zamora), 17A35 (SLO Parker), and 17A49 (SLO Sellers) - Email: [DevonshireSLO@lapd.online](mailto:DevonshireSLO@lapd.online)
- c. **LAPL Northridge Library:** [upcoming events](#) **Reviewed**
- d. **Recreation and Parks:** [Board of Commissioners](#) to [meet 12/7/23](#), 9 am in Encino- **Reviewed**
- e. **Congress of Neighborhoods held 9/23/23; some recordings and handouts posted on [website](#); 2024 Congress scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2024-** **Reviewed**
- f. Northridge Vision met 10/11/23; next virtual meeting 11/8/23, 2 pm featuring **CSUN presentation**

- g. 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- **No Action Taken**
- h. 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) **No Action Taken**
  - 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) **No Action Taken**
  - iii. [Northridge Community Plan](#) update process is anticipated to begin in **2024 No Action Taken**
- i. Planning: Department liaisons email: [Planning.Liaison@lacity.org](mailto:Planning.Liaison@lacity.org).
- j. 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)- **No Reports**
- k. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: [Valley Alliance of NCs](#) (VANC) (next meeting 11/9/23, 6:30 pm), [DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees](#) (next meeting 11/4/23, 8:30 am), [LA NC Coalition](#) (LANCC) (next meeting 11/4/23, 10 am), [PlanCheckNC](#) (next meeting 11/11/23, 10 am), NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance 10/25/23), [NC Sustainability Alliance](#) (next meeting 11/12/23, 6:30 pm), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance (next meeting TBD).- **No Reports**
- l. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: NC Budget Day 6/17/24 **No Reports**

16. 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 comment.

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

18. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:16PM Moved: Dochoghlian Second: Mills 9:16PM

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): November 15, 2023, 7 pm

Subsequent Board regular meetings: December 20, 2023 and January 17, 2024 (in-person).