



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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**NENC Board Meeting
 Draft Minutes
 December 20, 2023
 7:09 PM-9:43 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
Golden Bachelder	Present	Yes	CSUN Student Body
Glenn Bailey President	Present	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Judy Diamond Treasurer	Present	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Sean Laird	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Stephanie Mills 1 st Vice President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Shefali Mistry	Excused Joined at 8:43PM	Yes	CSUN Faculty
Barbara Nitkin	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Ken Ross 2 nd Vice President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Sydney Thiroux Secretary	Excused/ Absent	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Christopher Meredith	Present	No	Alternate 1
Philip Dagort	Absent	Yes	Alternate 2
Garry Fordyce	Present	Yes	Alternate 3
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
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Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Business Owner or Employee
Vacant			Youth
TOTAL: 09 +03 Alternates	PRESENT-07 Absent 02 + Alternate-03 Absent 01 At Roll Call		

1. Start Recording, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Stakeholders; Introductory Comments (Public Comment, Recusal Reminder) **The Recording was started and the meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by President Glenn Bailey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stephanie Mills. Boardmembers were reminded about potential conflicts of interest and asked if they had contacted the City Attorney. Mr. Bailey explained how to make Public Comments for the public.**

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present-07 + 2 Alternates	Absent -01	Excused-02
Bailey, Bachelder, Diamond, Laird, Mills, Nitkin, Ross Alternates Fordyce, Meredith	Alternate Dagort	Mistry, Thiroux

2. Roll Call, Seating of Alternate(s), Determination of Quorum, Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias; New [NC Board Member Code of Conduct Policy](#) training will be required soon; view Board member training status at www.EmpowerLA.org/NENC), Abstentions="No"
 - 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.] - possible MOTION
 - b. **Christopher Meredith was seated for Sydney Thiroux**
 - c. **Gary Fordyce was seated for Sean Laird/ He was unable to be seen on camera**

Sean Laird left the meeting at 7:15 PM

3. Notice of NENC Board Vacancies - Four Resident seats (2027), one Business/Employee seat (2025) and one Youth seat (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. Seating of New Board Member(s) and/or Alternate(s)- **No Action Taken**
4. Agenda Setting Meeting 12/11/2023 Participation: Bailey, Mills, Thiroux, Diamond – **All officers were present.**
5. Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2023 (pending) and any other earlier dates

Public Comment: No Comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 5. Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2023				
Moved: Mills Second: Meredith				
Yes-07	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Bachelder, Diamond, Fordyce, Mills, Nitkin, Ross	None	Meredith	None	Mistry, Thiroux

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

The Meeting was moved to Item #7 by President Glenn Bailey

6. Financial Item(s) - Discussion and possible action:
 - a. Approval of November 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) - amount spent: \$454.91. (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: No Comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 6a. Motion to approve the November 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)				
Moved: Diamond Second: Mills				
Yes-07	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-02
Bailey, Bachelder, Diamond, Fordyce, Mills, Nitkin, Ross	None	None	Meredith	Mistry, Thiroux

- b. Executive: MOTION (Diamond/Mills) to recommend the purchase of a mobile hotspot not to exceed \$150 and the authorization of a [30 GB] monthly service plan not to exceed \$30 plus tax per month.

Public Comment: No Comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 6b. Motion to recommend the purchase of a mobile hotspot not to exceed \$150 and the authorization of a [30 GB] monthly service plan not to exceed \$30 plus tax per month. Moved: Diamond Second: Mills				
Yes-07	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-02
Bailey, Bachelder, Diamond, Fordyce, Mills, Nitkin, Ross	None	None	Meredith	Mistry, Thiroux

- c. Executive: MOTION (Diamond/Mills) to recommend the purchase of a branded tablecloth for a four-foot table not to exceed \$300. Vendor: VistaPrint or similar. (Passed 4-0-0 on 12/11/2023)

Public Comment: No Comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 6c. Motion to approve the purchase of a branded tablecloth for a four-foot table not to exceed \$300. Vendor: VistaPrint or similar. Moved: Diamond Second: Mills				
Yes-07	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-02
Bailey, Bachelder, Diamond, Fordyce, Mills, Nitkin, Ross	None	None	Meredith	Mistry, Thiroux

7. Announcements/Presentations/Guest Speakers

- a. **Presentations on the Wilkinson Senior Center (8956 Vanalden Avenue, Northridge)**
 - i. **ONEgeneration Director Rhonda Bunnin (weekday services and programming)**
She is the operator of the weekday programs for OneGeneration. They currently have 637 members enrolled in their program. The hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00PM they have activities such as: art classes, yoga, exercise classes, Bingo, group discussions, dancing, and watercolor. They offer lunch every day, but you need to register at 10:30 AM. Lunch is served between 11:30AM and 12:30 PM. They also offer virtual programming, and have mental health and case management services.
- b. **Recreation and Parks Recreation Facility Director Jonathan Sanchez (evenings and weekends)**
Recreation and Parks owns the facility and does programming on evenings and weekends. The vision is to provide affordable recreational, physical, and cultural opportunities with a focus on families, youth development, and healthy communities. They also hold events. They are currently reseeding the park and dealing with the gopher holes. Sports classes and registrations are down to \$10.00. They are being funded by The Olympic Committee to get kids to participate in sports. The Senior Dance will be held.

Public Comment- Pat Lopresti donated toys for their Toy Drive and joined as a member.

The Meeting was returned back to Item #6 by President Glenn Bailey

- 8. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC’s subject matter jurisdiction
 - a. **Pat Lopresti-Mentioned Urban Forestry and wants the stumps and the dead trees removed on**

Lindley near Halsted. Urban Forestry, are they still working on the Street Trees Inventory List.

- 9. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials (please email report in advance of meeting)
 - a. **Council Member John Lee, CD 12 (Myrka Martinez); Ms. Martinez spoke about the holiday events that their office was involved in. The Councilman is concerned about the burglaries and smash and grab robberies, He has been able to secure extra patrols and overtime. LAPD is down 44 officers just in this district. She thanked everyone who attended the CD12 Holiday Breakfast. The City Council approved the Valley Sod Farm Solar Project. It will be the largest solar project in the valley.**
 - a. CD 12: NENC priority locations for repair of street lights requested - **Reviewed**
- 10. Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives of City Departments such as LAPD/C-PAB), LAFD (Batt. Chief John Ignatczyk), DONE (NEA Octaviano Rios octaviano.rios@lacity.org), BONC (North Valley Commissioner Keren Waters) and Representatives of CSUN and Other Public Agencies and NC-Related Entities
 - a. **Octaviano Rios- The department has finished the application process for the youth conference. Mr. Rios thanked the Board for participating in events that bring the community together. The department is putting together clarifications for the virtual meetings in light of the different legislation.**

Shefali Mistry joined the meeting at 8:43PM.

- b. **DONE: MOTION to ratify NENC’s previous Board action to recommend Glenn Bailey to serve as a panelist to sit on a Regional Grievance Panel; or alternatively, to recommend a different Boardmember.**

Public Comment: No Comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 10a. Motion to approve Glenn Bailey to serve as a panelist to sit on a Regional Grievance Panel.				
Moved: Diamond Bailey Second: Mills				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Diamond, Fordyce, Meredith, Mills, Mistry, Nitkin, Ross	None	None	None	Thiroux

- c. CSUN reports and updates - Shefali Mistry and Golden Bachelder
 - i. **Orange Grove Bistro building demolition scheduled between 11/27/2023 to 1/15/2024**
Shefali Mistry- January 17,2024 is the 30th Anniversary of the Northridge Earthquake
There is a Dance Company, Diablo that will be doing a commemorative piece at CSUN. They are working with the City Council and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to do some type of presentation. They are also planning other events. Ms. Mistry is working with the community group that will be bringing an expo and film screening about the earthquake on January 20th. School starts on January 20, 2024. The CFA will be joining the Teamsters in striking from January 22-26. This will be a rolling strike and is not expected to be at the CSUN campus. CSUN has about \$380 million dollars, worth of capital expenses on campus. Maple Hall should be opening in the Spring (Sierra Annex). They will have a basic needs suite at the University Student Union after securing \$6 million dollars in the state budget. It will provide Counseling Services, The Food Pantry and Maddie’s Closet. On April 4, 2024 there will be a fundraising gala honoring Jolene Kester, who was previously the President of CSUN and

more recently the Chancellor of the CSU system.

- d. NC Budget Advocates: NCBA [December 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).-Reviewed www.budgetadvocates.org/

11. Items from Previous Board Meetings

- a. UPDATE: [CF 22-1196-S1](#) Independent Redistricting Commission / City Charter Amendment / Ballot Measure. On November 29, 2023 City Council approved, as amended, a Charter Amendment to appear on the November 2024 Ballot. (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-**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 1/13/2024, 9 am; Executive 1/8/2024, 4:30 pm; Animal Welfare TBA (all dates/times subject to confirmation)- **Reviewed**
- e. Education: MOTION (Meredith/Manchester) that the NENC Education Committee would like to transition to an online meeting format. - **No Action Necessary**
- f. Executive: MOTION (Bailey/Diamond) to recommend that the NENC object to DONE’s prohibition of holding hybrid meetings [of voting members] as they are not explicitly disallowed by [Senate Bill 411](#). Community Impact Statements to be filed to CF [23-1114](#) and [23-1113](#). (Passed 4-0-0 on 12/11/2023)

Public Comment: No Comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 12f. Motion that the NENC object to DONE’s prohibition of holding hybrid meetings [of voting members] as they are not explicitly disallowed by Senate Bill 411. Community Impact Statements to be filed to CF 23-1114 and 23-1113. Moved: Bailey Second: Diamond				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Diamond, Fordyce, Meredith, Mills, Mistry, Nitkin, Ross	None	None	None	Thiroux

- g. Executive: MOTION (Thiroux/Diamond) to recommend that the NENC support the installation of left turn signals on Plummer Street at Reseda Boulevard. (Passed 4-0-0 on 12/11/2023)

Public Comment: No Comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 12g. Motion that the NENC support the installation of left turn signals on Plummer Street at Reseda Boulevard. Moved: Bachelder Second: Diamond				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Diamond, Fordyce, Meredith, Mills, Mistry, Nitkin, Ross	None	None	None	Thiroux

- h. Executive: MOTION (Diamond/Mills) to recommend that the NENC participate or co-sponsor with

other Neighborhood Councils Candidate Forum(s) for Council District 12 and or LAUSD District 3 during January/February 2024 prior to the March 5, 2024 Election. An amount of up to \$250 was suggested for the cost of printing flyers and refreshments.

Public Comment: No Comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 12h. Motion to approve that the NENC participate or co-sponsor with other Neighborhood Councils Candidate Forum(s) for Council District 12 and or LAUSD District 3 during January/February 2024 prior to the March 5, 2024 Election. An amount of up to \$250 was suggested for the cost of printing flyers and refreshments. Moved: Diamond Second: Mills				
Yes-07	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder, Diamond, Fordyce, Mills, Nitkin, Ross	None	None	Meredith, Mistry	Thiroux

- i. Outreach: Salute to Recreation Family Festival May 4-5, 2024 - NENC exhibitor booth- **Will Need Volunteers**
- j. Public Safety: Neighborhood Watch meetings will resume in January 2024- **Reviewed**
- k. Beautification: Clean-ups update including volunteer coordination by CD 12-**Reviewed**
- l. Bylaws: First reading of proposed amendment(s) to NENC Bylaws -**Read by Ms. Mills**
- m. Dearborn Park update - recent tree plantings- **Dearborn Park has been planted with lots of new trees.**
- n. Planning: Update on new/pending or previously considered cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to: (see Informational Items below)- **No Action Taken**
- o. 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
 - i. Schedule of NENC Board meetings during 2024, including in-person or virtual – **Reviewed**
- b. Treasurer’s Report- **No Report**
- c. NC Liaisons Reports and approval of additional and/or replacement NENC Liaisons- **No Action Taken**
- d. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports:
 - i. VANC 12/14/23 meeting featured LAPD Deputy Chief Alan Hamilton - [link to recording](#)

14. 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. -**No Action Taken**
- b. [CF 22-1232](#) Motion (Koretz - et al. - Raman - et al.) relative to requesting the City Attorney prepare and present documents necessary for a ballot measure based on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Charter Reform Subcommittee and approved by the City Ethics Commission- **No Action Taken**
- c. [CF 23-1422](#) Controller report, dated December 11, 2023, relative to an audit of the Los Angeles Police Department’s Air Support Division. (helicopters) Request to participate in NC Town Hall on this issue has been received. - possible MOTION

Public Comment: No Comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 14c. Motion to approve participation in a townhall on the Controllers Police Helicopter Audit				
Moved: Bachelder Second: Mills				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Bailey, Bachelder Diamond, Fordyce, Meredith, Mills, Mistry, Nitkin, Ross	None	None	None	Thiroux

15. Informational Items/Announcements- **Items a-p Reviewed**

- a. CD 12: Weekly newsletter with community updates: <https://cd12.org/>
- b. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners [upcoming meetings](#): 1/2/2024
- c. DONE: EmpowerLA Youth Conference 1/27/24, 9 am - 4 pm; ages 14-17, [apply](#) by 12/18/23
- d. DONE: [Bylaws Workshop held 10/5/23](#) and [slides](#); [Template](#); amendments due 4/1/24
- e. EMD: City of LA 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - [Community Hazard Awareness Survey](#)
- f. LAFD: [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\) class \(Spanish only\) will be held in Northridge on Tuesdays 1/9/2024 through 2/20/2024, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. - register](#)
- g. 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
- h. LAPL Northridge Library: [upcoming events](#)
- i. Recreation and Parks: [Board of Commissioners](#) to [meet 3/7/2024](#), 9 am in Sherman Oaks
- j. Northridge Vision met 11/8/2023; next virtual meeting 1/10/2024, 2 pm
- k. 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
- l. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to:
 - i. **Notice of Proposed Demolition at 17312 Superior Street; Application No. 23019-20000-04139/B23VN14694. Applicant: Astra Woodcraft 818-606-9561**
 - ii. Case No. [CPC-2021-6426-GPA](#) - General Plan Amendment pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32E to reclassify Etiwanda Avenue between Halsted Street and Vincennes Street and Lindley Avenue between Halsted Street and the former Plummer Street from Collector to Local Street in the Mobility Element and as referenced in the Northridge Community Plan. (Both street segments are contained within the boundaries of the CSUN campus.) **Public hearing was held on December 12, 2023 and the matter is tentatively scheduled for the City Planning Commission on 2/22/2024.** [NENC voted 8-0-0 to support the request on 9/21/2021]
 - iii. 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).
 - iv. 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/service station with hours of operation from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., daily. Public hearing was held 10/24/23; [Hearing Notice](#). (NENC voted 7-1-1 to not support on 10/18/2023)
 - v. 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)
 - vi. [Northridge Community Plan](#) update process is anticipated to begin in 2024
- m. Planning: Department liaisons email: Planning.Liaison@lacity.org.
 - i. 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](#) - referred to Planning and Land Use Committee

- n. NC Liaisons Reports: Animal Services (Ross/Diamond); Data (Kaiser/Bailey); Emergency Preparedness; Film (Dagort); Homelessness (Diamond/Laird/Ross/Bachelder); Public Works (Bailey); Purposeful Aging (Thiroux); Resilience (Lundquist)- **No Reports**
- o. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: [Valley Alliance of NCs](#) (VANC) (next meeting 1/11/2024, 6:30 pm), [DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees](#) (next meeting 1/6/2024, 8:30 am), [LA NC Coalition](#) (LANCC) (next meeting 1/6/2024, 10 am), [PlanCheckNC](#) (next meeting 1/13/2024, 10 am), NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance (next meeting 12/23/2023, 10 am), [NC Sustainability Alliance](#) (next meeting 1/14/2024, 6:30 pm), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance (next meeting TBD).- **No Reports**
- p. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: [NC Budget Day](#) 6/17/2024; [Congress of Neighborhoods](#) 9/28/2024

16. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction -**No Comments**

17. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion- **No Comments or Requests**

18. Adjournment (by 10:00 p.m.) - Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! The meeting was adjourned at 9:43PM

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): January 17, 2024, 7 pm
Subsequent Board regular meetings: February 21, 2024 and March 20, 2024.