



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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**NENC Board Meeting
 Draft Minutes
 September 18, 2024
 7:05PM-9:57PM**

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
Judy Diamond Treasurer	Present	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Sean Laird	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Ashleigh Larson	Present	Yes	CSUN Faculty
Stephanie Mills 1 st Vice President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Barbara Nitkin	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Ken Ross 2 nd Vice President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Keiry Saravia	Absent/Excused	No	CSUN Student Body
Sydney Thiroux Secretary	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Christopher Meredith	Absent	Yes	Alternate 1
Philip Dagort	Present	Yes	Alternate 2
Garry Fordyce	Present	Yes	Alternate 3
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Business Owner or Employee
Vacant			Youth
TOTAL: 09 +03 Alternates	PRESENT 08- Absent 01+ Alternate-02 Absent-01 at Roll Call		

1. Start Recording, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Stakeholders; Introductory Comments (audio/visual participation and recusal reminders; public comment) **The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by President Glenn Bailey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Mills.**
2. Roll Call, Seating of Alternate(s), Determination of Quorum, Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias, Gender Expression and Gender Identity; view Board member training status at www.EmpowerLA.org/NENC); Abstentions="No" **Roll was called by Minute Taker Grant. Christopher Meredith was seated in a vacant Resident Boardmember Seat. Garry Fordyce was seated in the vacant Business Owner or Employee Seat. All Boardmembers in attendance are eligible to vote. Ken Ross needs to send in a copy of the Ethics Certificate. Sidney Thiroux joined the meeting by phone.**

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present-08+ 02 Alternates	Absent-02	Excused-02
Bailey, Diamond, Laird, Larson, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux Alternates: Fordyce, Meredith	Alternates: Dagort	Saravia

- a. Boardmember remote participation requests for this or any upcoming NENC meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(f) ([AB 2449](#)). [NOTE: If applicable, disclosure of anyone age 18+ also present is required.] - possible MOTION-**No Action Taken**
- 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. - possible MOTION(s)-**No Action Taken**
- 4. Agenda Setting Meeting 9/13/2024 Participation: Bailey, Mills, Thiroux, Diamond, Ross-**All Officers Were Present**
 - a. Future Executive Committee meetings will typically be held on the Friday prior to the Board meeting unless otherwise announced and until further notice. Due to a religious holiday, the October meeting will be held on October 4, 2024.
- 5. Approval of Minutes – August 21, 2024 and any other earlier dates
Amended to add: to Item 16-the concrete (before picnic tables) and add consider shade canopies (which was sent to The Dearborn Park Committee).

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 5. Motion to approve the August 21, 2024 minutes as amended.				
Moved: Mills Seconded: Meredith				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Diamond, Laird, Larson, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux Alternates: Fordyce, Meredith	None	None	None	Saravia Alternates: Dagort

- a. Links to Zoom recordings of Board meetings are posted on NENC [Agendas and Minutes webpage](#)
- 6. Financial Item(s) - Discussion and possible action:
 - a. Approval of August 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) - amount spent: \$ 427.57 (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 6.a. Motion to approve the August 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)				
Moved: Diamond Seconded: Mills				
Yes-07	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Diamond, Laird, Larson, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux Alternates: Fordyce, Meredith	None	None	None	Saravia Alternates: Dagort

7. Announcements/Presentations/Guest Speakers
 - a. **American Red Cross: disaster preparedness, trainings and volunteer opportunities - Earl Torres As a Neighborhood Council you can participate with the Red Cross.90 percent of Red Cross workers are volunteers. They help out the Armed Forces, set up and manage The Red Cross Blood Banks, and help disaster victims. He spoke about the fires currently burning. The Red Cross volunteers are staffing the evacuation centers .For Disaster Response, volunteers go through five to ten hours of online training: Psychological First Aid and how to set up shelters. The Red Cross does pay for the airplane flights and accommodations. It is a lot of work. National Deployments are 14 days, local deployments an be 12 hr. shifts. It is a great idea for those interested in health care or emergency response. The Red Cross does have local groups you can can meet and work with. The most important thing is be prepared for emergencies.**

8. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC’s subject matter jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)
 - a. **Joe Kozel, Parent group participant for 4 years, He recently became aware that one of its founding members, former LAUSD School Boardmember Julie Korenstein, recently indicated that she sees value in re-engaging a lot of stakeholders in a number of different conversations. Among them, for example, is the purpose of the school. Should this be a community school, since its original concept for being built was to address overcrowding, which is no longer applicable. He went over additional reasons, including traffic and safety, and wants it to become a community school.**
 - b. **Todd Jackson- He has submitted-an-application, personal information, and has been trying for months to get someone to respond. That is why he is here.**
 - c. **Robert Lee- He is the new Principal of the Northridge Academy and is interested in being on the Board in the Business/Employee Seat.**

9. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials CD 12Field Deputy Myrka Martinez-**10 schools are getting speed humps to help with student safety. A Project Home Key property on Parthenia and Tampa, The Londia Apartments, opened for permanent supportive housing. We are happy to see new businesses opening, starting, and flourishing in the district. Councilmember Lee joined Councilmember Park in opposing AB1082 which prevents towing vehicles with five or more parking citations. The Councilmember coordinated with LADWP to conduct brush clearance in the area of Browns Canyon. There are some improvements at the Northridge Metrolink Station. The added funds will be for Graffiti Busters, a non-profit that will be helping with sidewalk repairs, tree trimming and stump removals. Funding has also been added for additional police services. They will be hosting their annual drive-in movie at Shadow Ranch Park on October 26, 2024.**
 - a. **Public comment: Pat Lopresti-There are many stumps on Lindley.**

10. Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives of City [DONE](#) NEA Octaviano Rios -**The City Clerk’s office made changes to the Policies and Guidelines document that is online, the new changes are in red font. There are changes to Community Improvement Projects and what Boards can spend their money on. The Congress of Neighborhoods is on September 28, 2024. Register if you plan on attending. He thanked the Northridge East Boardmembers who filled out the Department Survey. octaviano.rios@lacity.org**
 - a. **DONE and BONC updates**
 - i. **BONC North Valley NC Summit is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2024, 9 am to 12 pm in Granada Hills. City officials are expected to attend. [RSVP](#) requested.**
 - ii. **EmpowerLA 25th Anniversary event Friday, December 13, 2024**
 - iii. **Public comment: Lionel Mares- It is publicly posted and open to the public.**

- iv. DONE: Approved NENC Bylaws on July 31, 2024 with the minor amendment to Article XIV Compliance, Section 2 Training with the addition of “the words “and Alternates” to additional sentences in this Bylaws Article to further clarify compliance requirements of Alternates.” - MOTION TO ADOPT

Section 2: Training – Neighborhood Council Board Members and Alternates, whether elected, selected or appointed, are required to complete all mandatory trainings in order to vote on issues that come before the Council. Trainings available to Board Members and Alternates are created to ensure success during their period of service. All Board Members and Alternates shall complete mandatory trainings as prescribed by the City Council, the Commission, the Office of the City Clerk, Funding Division, and the Department. Board members and Alternates not completing all mandatory trainings required by the City within forty-five (45) days of being seated, or upon expiration of their current training(s), shall lose their Council voting rights on all items before the board, including the ability to make or second motions, until they have successfully taken or renewed such training(s). For continuing Boardmembers and Alternates, there is no grace period upon the expiration of any mandatory training.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 10a. Motion to approve the bylaw changes as listed above adding and Alternates wherever it states Boardmembers in Article XIV of the bylaws. Moved: Fordyce Seconded: Mills				
Yes-10	No-01	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Diamond, Laird, Larson, Mills, Nitkin, Alternates: Fordyce, Meredith	Ross	Thiroux	None	Saravia Alternates: Dagort

Christopher Meredith left the meeting at 9:34PM

- b. CSUN reports and updates - Ashleigh Larson and Keiry Saravia [Associated Students](#) update
Upcoming CSUN Sponsored Events: We were happy to host the Chatsworth-Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce on campus at the Soraya for their annual State of the Community event before Labor Day weekend. It was a big success. The Mayor's Small Business Summit originally scheduled for Sept 12th was postponed. Once we have a new date secured, I will be sure to announce it. Election and Voter Engagement: We are working closely with the students and other campus partners on the upcoming election and voter engagement. We are sponsors of VICA's upcoming Business Forecast Conference - Friday, Oct 13 at Hilton Universal Update from CSUN Associated Students Chair of Legislative Affairs: Keiry Saravia: Associated Students have been sharing Voter Registration Material across the campus community and have been active with voter engagement among students, faculty, and staff on campus. Events that she is organizing this semester: “2024 Vice Presidential Debate Watch Party” on October 1, 2024 at 4pm, now in collaboration with Professor Kephart from the communication studies department. Guest Speaker: “Politics are a Drag”, on September 30, 2024 at 7pm in the Orchard Conference Center. The Neighborhood Council system is home to the first drag queen ever elected to public office in the country: Meet Maebe A. Girl, Treasurer of Silver Lake Neighborhood Council. She will be coming to CSUN to speak with students on voter engagement at this event. “Big P.A.R.T.Y” on November 4, 2024. (Political Awareness, Registration, Turnout, Youthquake) is an educational event. Here students may learn about voter registration, current political issues, campaigns and propositions that directly affect students. Once voter registration is completed, students may receive free food!
 - i. **Lionel Mares would like to volunteer to help at CSUN.**

- c. NC Budget Advocates: “Intro to the City Budget” held 9/14/2024; Zoom recording [link posted here](#). NCBA Monthly [Report to NC](#) (posted once released). Current Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Council File is [CF 24-0600](#). NENC City budget and service priorities. Budget Representatives (Glenn Bailey/Garry Fordyce). www.budgetadvocates.org/

Christopher Meredith rejoined the meeting at 8:45PM

- d. Recreation and Parks:
 - i. Northridge Park grounds maintenance (remediation of gopher holes) - possible MOTION

Public Comment: **Lionel Mares- They have the same problem at Sun Valley Recreation Center**

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 10.d.i. Motion to request gopher hole remediation at Northridge Park.				
Moved: Diamond Seconded: Mills				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Diamond, Laird, Larson, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux Alternates: Fordyce,	None	Meredith	None	Saravia Alternates: Dagort

- ii. Request NENC representation on the Northridge Recreation Center Park Advisory Board - possible MOTION

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 10.d.ii. Motion to approve requesting NENC representation on the Northridge Recreation Center Park Advisory Board				
Moved: Mills Seconded: Fordyce				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Diamond, Laird, Larson, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux Alternates: Fordyce, Meredith	None	None	None	Saravia Alternates: Dagort

- iii. Dearborn Park weekend “monitors” **Diamond-we had monitors and they seemed to be doing a good job. They told the park goers that they could not put up bouncers and tents could only be 10 ft. However, bouncers are going up again and there is amplified music. She will reach out to Richard Kravitz and ask for a meeting.**

- 11. Committee Reports - Standing: Beautification and Weed Abatement (Baker); 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); NC Election; NENC 20th Anniversary; Van Nuys Airport (Nitkin/Diamond) - Discussion and possible action: **No Committee Reports**
 - a. Establishment of new and/or dissolution of existing Ad Hoc committees- **No Action Taken**
 - b. Appointment of Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs by President subject to confirmation by Board

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 11.b. Motion to approve Glenn Bailey and Stephanie Mills as co-chairs of the Election Committee Moved: Mills Seconded: Diamond				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Diamond, Laird, Larson, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux Alternates: Fordyce, Meredith	None	None	None	Saravia Alternates: Dagort

- c. Approval of Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs-**No Action Taken**
- d. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 10/19/2024, 8:30 am; Executive 10/4/2024, 4:00 pm (all dates/times subject to confirmation)-**Reviewed**
- e. Education: “Northridge Academy High School (NAHS) has limited exit access behind the school in the event of an emergency. There is apparently one official exit behind NAHS and one possible exit through the CSUN campus gate. The CSUN campus gate is locked, although it has been open in the past. A request is made to have the CSUN gate open (or at least unlocked) for egress during NAHS regular school hours. This may entail security services to monitor traffic through these exits.” (no recommendation) **The item was discussed and will be discussed further.**
 - i. **Public comment: Robert Lee and Pat Loprest**
- f. Education: Traffic safety on Zelzah Avenue in the vicinity of Northridge Academy High School and CSUN is of concern. Could the City’s Department of Transportation conduct a traffic study and make recommendations to improve safety for all? (no recommendation) - possible MOTION

Public Comment: Betsy Manchester supports changing the school as a community school and she is concerned about school security and access.

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 11.f. Motion to request the Department of Transportation to Conduct a Traffic Study on Zelzah in the vicinity of Northridge Academy High School and consider speed humps on Superior and White Oak, signage for drop off and pickup and a speed feedback sign. Moved: Nitkin Seconded: Meredith				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Diamond, Laird, Larson, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux Alternates: Fordyce, Meredith	None	None	None	Saravia Alternates: Dagort

- g. Outreach: Valley Art Faire 10/27/2024 at Rancho Cordillera del Norte in Northridge update-**Reviewed**
- h. Beautification: Dead trees on the west side of Lindley Avenue south of Lassen Street-**Reviewed**
- i. Public Safety: Neighborhood Watch Meetings-**Reviewed**
- j. Dearborn Park update- Nitkin-**Reviewed**
- k. 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**
- l. Reports by other Committees listed in item 11 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- **No Report**
- b. Treasurer’s Report- **The remaining balance on the MER needs to be budgeted into the different categories**
- c. NC Liaisons Reports and approval of additional and/or replacement NENC Liaisons

- i. Report on Homelessness Liaisons session held 8/29/2024-Laird- **He would like to have heard more solutions.**
- ii. Approve additional Homelessness Liaison: add Glenn Bailey and remove Golden Bachelder

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 11.b. Motion to approve Glenn Bailey as an additional Homelessness Liaison and remove Golden Bachelder				
Moved: Diamond Seconded: Mills				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Bailey, Diamond, Laird, Larson, Mills, Nitkin, Ross, Thiroux Alternates: Fordyce, Meredith	None	None	None	Saravia Alternates: Dagort

d. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports:

- i. VANC 9/12/2024 meeting featured Timothy Campbell on LAHSA and more - [link to recordings webpage](#)

13. Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions - Community Impact Statements (CIS) - Discussion and possible action: **No Action Taken**

14. Informational Items/Announcements

- a. CD 12: Weekly newsletter with community updates: <https://cd12.org/>Board of Neighborhood Commissioners [upcoming meetings](#)
- b. City Clerk Election Unit: NC Elections in 2025 will be held Vote By Mail only; Region 2 [Election Day](#) will be Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (postmark deadline to return Ballots). [Regional timelines](#) and further details are in the [2025 Neighborhood Council Election Handbook](#)
NENC Seats open in 2025 are: *At-Large (1); *Property Owner (1); *Resident (3); **Business Owner and Employee (1) and **Youth (1). *Four-year terms. **Two-year terms. **Candidate filing January 17 to March 3, 2025. Voter registration for Vote by Mail Ballot March 21 to May 11, 2025. Ballots must be returned (postmarked) by May 20, 2024.**
- c. LAFD: [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) classes
- d. 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 Andrachick) - Email: DevonshireSLO@lapd.online
 - i. **Basic Car 17A67 Meeting (in-person) Stop the Bleed Training* Wednesday, 9/25/2024, 6:00 p.m. at Northridge United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 9650 Reseda Avenue. *If you are interested in the Stop the Bleed Training, please register with Christina.sachdev@commonspirit.org**
- e. LAPL Northridge Library: [upcoming events](#)
- f. Recreation and Parks: [Board of Commissioners upcoming meetings](#); **next Valley meeting 12/5/2024**
- g. Sanitation: North Valley [S.A.F.E. \(Solvents/Automotive/Flammables/Electronics\) Center](#) collection site, 10241 Balboa Boulevard, Northridge, open every weekend 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for residents to drop off their household hazardous waste and electronic waste.
- h. Northridge Vision met 8/14/2024; next virtual meeting 10/9/2024, 2 pm
- i. 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
- j. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to:

- i. Case No. [PAR-2023-4028-AHRF-ED1](#) located at 17829 Halsted St - New construction of a 230 (255?) 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) [NOTE: Related [article posted by Urbanize LA on 3/11/2024](#)]
- ii. [Northridge Community Plan](#) update process is anticipated to begin in 2024.
- k. Planning: Department liaisons email: Planning.Liaison@lacity.org.
- l. NC Liaisons Reports: Animal Services (Ross/Diamond); Data (Kaiser/Bailey); Emergency Preparedness; Film (Dagort); Homelessness (Diamond/Laird/Ross); Public Works (Bailey); Purposeful Aging (Thiroux); Resilience (Lundquist)
- m. NC Alliance and Coalition Meetings/Reports: [Valley Alliance of NCs](#) (VANC) (next meeting 10/10/2024, 6:30 pm); [DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees](#) (next meeting 10/5/2024, 8:30 am); [LA NC Coalition](#) (LANCC) (next meeting 10/5/2024, 10 am); [PlanCheckNC](#) (next meeting 10/12/2024, 10 am); NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance (next meeting 10/26/2024, 10 am); [NC Sustainability Alliance](#) (next meeting 10/13/2024, 6:30 pm) and NCSA Trees Committee (next meeting TBA via [Zoom](#))
- n. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: [Congress of Neighborhoods](#) 9/28/2024

15. Public comments

- a. Aaron DeVandry-He introduced himself as the Webmaster for Northridge East Neighborhood Council
- b. Robert Lee- He asked who his Senior Lead Officer for the school was. Mr. Bailey responded Officer Zamora.

16. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion **The meeting was adjourned in memory of Boris Ricks. Cal State Northridge, Professor**

17. Adjournment (by 10:00 p.m.) **The meeting was adjourned at 9:57PM.**

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): October 16, 2024 (virtual)

Subsequent Board regular meetings: November 20, 2024 (in-person) and December 18, 2024 (virtual)