

NORTHRIDGE SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

August 27, 2009

MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:10 pm
2. Roll Call
3. New business and open discussion (moved up since several guests wanted to speak).
 - Discussion of illegal auto body shop (“chop shop”) on Parthenia St near fire station. Members of the public voiced concerns about unsuccessful efforts to close the non-permitted nuisance operation. It was stated that NSNC is not yet a certified neighborhood council, and is not yet empowered to do anything to resolve the issue. However, the NSNC envisions that a future planning & zoning subcommittee would address such issues after the council is certified.
 - Glenn Bailey from the Encino Neighborhood Council and City of Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee discussed two issues: a) proposed Meter Zones, focusing on Reseda Blvd in Northridge, and b) Bicycle Lanes / Peak Hour Lanes issues (again, with regard to Reseda Blvd). Both issues have been addressed to other affected neighborhood councils (namely, Reseda, Northridge East, and Northridge West). This was an excellent discussion of how neighborhood councils can be effective in pressuring City departments and/or officials to address issues that might have adverse or unintended consequences within our community.
 - Scott Sterling reported that he is becoming involved as a liaison for the Korean Senior Citizens Association of the San Fernando Valley, located at Gresham St and Baird Ave, (just west of Reseda Blvd).
4. Committee Reports
 - Application Committee: David Dirro and Chris Morneau presented. They reported that a good working draft has been prepared and submitted to other Board members. From this version, the committee seeks input to complete and/or revise the document as necessary.
 - Outreach Committee: Chris Sales discussed outreach efforts. Other members of the community in attendance asked how they could become involved. Chris asked for each member to answer the 3 questions mandated by the NC application form and submit to him. He will compile and format the responses for the application. Also discussed which members would represent the NSNC formation group at a number of upcoming community events. This included an upcoming meeting of the Sherwood Forest HOA, which would like the NSNC to give a brief presentation regarding its formation efforts and what it hopes to accomplish.

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- Bylaws Committee: Nick Franchino stated that a solid draft exists and is available on the NSNC website. Few changes are anticipated at this time – the draft is probably good enough to be submitted.
 - Flyer/Marketing Committee: No new items to discuss, other than to keep the flyers moving through the community.
5. Discussion of meetings and possible action items.
- LAPD Basic Car 17A67 Meeting (main topic: medical marijuana dispensaries) – Chris S. / Gabi discussed the meeting that they attended.
 - Participation at New Student Orientation for Northridge Middle School (9/2/09) – Judi – Chris S. and Gabi will attend and provide information in English and Spanish.
 - Events posting and outreach (how to coordinate better) – for website – Nick – More events need to be put on Outreach page. Members should try to edit the site themselves, or otherwise provide content to Nick Franchino to update or post.
 - [Park]ing Day – Any interest? (9/18/09) – Nick – A brief description of this event was given. A link will be provided on the NSNC website.
 - North Valley Community News & American Towns – the NSNC is listed – Nick – It is hoped that more notice of the NSNC formation group will mean greater stakeholder participation.
 - Sherwood Forest HOA Meeting Presentation (Donnal Poppe, President) – Date and time to be announced (tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2009).
 - Announcement of Emergency Preparedness Fair on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 (11:00 am – 3:00 pm) at Northridge Fashion Center.
 - Announcement of Northridge 100 (100th year anniversary of Northridge); details to follow.
6. Treasurer's Report – N/A
7. Barry Stone, L.A. City Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Did not attend.
8. Representative from Councilman Greig Smith's office – Did not attend.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.
10. The minutes were taken by Nick Franchino and edited by Chris Morneau (also provided additional content).