

NORTHRIDGE SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

January 28, 2010

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 07:05pm and Pledge of Allegiance recited by all attendees present.
2. Introductions / Roll Call
 - a. Roll Call – For the benefit of first-time attendees, everyone was asked to introduce him or herself. Most notable was the high attendance compared to previous meetings. Many stakeholders (mostly residents) were attending the NSNC for the first time.
 - b. Referenced but not in attendance for this meeting: Barry Stone (DONE); Gabi Erickson
3. Acceptance of December 17, 2009 meeting minutes – a request was made for someone to take the responsibility for taking the minutes. Chris Morneau volunteered to take the minutes at least for the January 28, 2010 meeting.
4. Presentation by Officer Kathy Bennett (Basic Car 17A67 – LAPD, Devonshire Division). Officer Bennett discussed some of the activities of the Basic Car program and provided several location information resources: newsletter, crime reports, graffiti hotline, West Valley Alliance, 3-1-1, and her e-mail address (27437@lapd.lacity.org). Officer Bennett's presentation was relatively brief & accepted out of agenda order to accommodate her patrol schedule.
5. Treasurer's Report – Not applicable at this time (the NSNC is not yet certified and therefore has received no funding from the City through DONE). It was briefly discussed that mentoring from other NC treasurers may be available to the NSNC Treasurer.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Application Committee: For the benefit of new attendees, Nick Franchino provided an overview on the purpose of the NSNC and the actions taken to-date by the forming committee. Nick also discussed the status and structure of the NSNC application to DONE.
 - b. Outreach Committee: Again for the benefit of first-time attendees, Nick Franchino introduced and discussed the NSNC's website. This was identified as one of the formation group's most important outreach tools.

- c. Bylaws Changes: It was discussed that changes are being proposed by DONE and the forming committee has been working to implement those changes.
 - d. Marketing: Topics discussed included development of a mission statement (the NSNC Bylaws were identified as a primary source), review of preliminary designs for the NSNC logo, and marketing efforts for the NSNC in conjunction with “Northridge100” events.
 - e. Education: Reminder by Sher Hogan and Judi Greenberg of Northridge Middle School’s fundraising efforts for Haitian Relief.
 - f. Government Affairs: It was discussed that the NSNC is working to utilize resources from various government agencies for the benefit of our stakeholders. Once certified, the NSNC envisions itself as having a vital role in participating in local government affairs.
 - g. Green and Sustainability: Presentation by Jackie Bolbat regarding the need for tree planting programs as a component of community improvement and neighborhood involvement. Another presentation was made by Nancy Pike, who briefly discussed promoting energy efficiency through environmentally conscious interior design.
 - h. Planning / Land Use / Zoning: Several new attendees (Fran Amkraut, Randy Wolff, Sharon Pierce) voiced concerns regarding group homes within the proposed NSNC boundaries. These are homes for persons recovering from substance abuse, recently released prisoners (parolees), seniors, etc. Mrs. Amkraut spoke in opposition to a proposed L.A. City Planning Department variance to expand a senior housing facility in her neighborhood. Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Pierce reported ongoing problems with “dry” houses located next door to their respective properties. Nick Franchino explained that the NSNC could more fully address these issues when the council becomes certified and it forms a Planning & Land Use Committee.
 - i. Beautification: Scott Sterling discussed of visual improvement efforts for Reseda Blvd, Nordhoff St., etc. within the context of the Northridge New Vision Committee. Jackie Bolbat contributed to the discussion, given her experiences with community tree planting events and raising grant money for such efforts.
7. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the NSNC jurisdiction
- a. See Agenda Item 6.g (above)
 - b. See Agenda Item 6.h (above)
 - c. Sher Hogan discussed Emergency Preparedness programs, both those that she is directly involved with, and those that are available in general to local residents /

stakeholders. Sher also led a discussion regarding what neighbors can do to report graffiti problems in the community.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. Northridge New Vision Committee – See Agenda Item 6.i (above).
- b. Northridge100 – Centennial Celebration – For the benefit of new attendees, Scott Sterling provided an overview and status of this year-long series of events. They are still working on their website.
- c. Neighborhood Issues – Issues pertinent to the NSNC for future action – See Agenda Items 6 and 7 (above).
- d. Green Movement – Scott and Nancy Pike – See Agenda Item 6.g (above).

9. Adjournment at 9:00pm