



Northridge South Neighborhood Council (Forming)
Minutes: March 25, 2010

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance- Scott Sterling

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Introductions/New Participants – Scott Sterling

Scott Sterling led tonight's meeting

Attendees are listed on the last page of the Minutes

3. Discussion on formalized structure for meetings – Nick Franchino

- i. A meeting shall be held 1 week prior to the monthly public meeting to create the latter's agenda
- ii. The monthly public meetings henceforth are to follow Robert's Rules of Order & the order prescribed in the agenda
- iii. Meetings need to be brief & to the point (& need to stay on topic)
- iv. Nick gave an update regarding the status of the Bylaws Committee

4. Discussion on Committee Structure – Chris Sales

5. Introduction of committees & brief statements by committee chairs:

- a. **Budget & Finance** (David Dirro) - Statement on accounting preparation efforts for when the NSNC becomes certified & receives funding
- b. **Bylaws** (Nick Franchino) – for the NSNC charter; latest status of application; working with DONE regarding any needed revisions to the B.ylaws
- c. **Outreach** (Chris Sales) - Overview of past, present, & future outreach efforts, including development of the NSNC website
 - i. We need to engage more non-profit organizations by making them aware that our neighborhood council is forming and that we want them to be involved by bringing their ideas that are envisioned for our community.
 - ii. We need to approach our outreach efforts by continuing to actively distribute our NSNC flyers in our neighborhoods and places that we frequent while we sustain our core board letting our committees flourish while are working within our community.
 - iii. Chris Sales (on behalf of Judi Greenberg) – Cultural Affairs; closely related to outreach efforts; the neighborhood council

must have a strong voice on this topic as cultural affairs programs face budget cuts by City of L.A.

- d. **Environmental Affairs** (Scott Sterling) - Promotion of "Going Green" with innovative developments, energy efficiency, & sustainability
 - Department of Water & Power incentives
 - e. **Government Affairs** (Chris Sales) - Intent is to be as proactive as possible in working with local officials (e.g., Grieg Smith), while also responding to issues presented by NSNC members & community members (stakeholders); work in conjunction with other NCs, non-profits, & other community organizations
 - f. **Land Use & Planning** (Chris Morneau) - Respond to zoning & code enforcement issues (variances, CUPs, etc.); review of permit applications &/or lack of permits; work with Government Affairs & Environmental Affairs committees (above). While continuing to work alongside issues that are ever so relevant within our community on an on-going bases within our neighborhoods:
 - i. Group Homes
 - ii. Notification by the City prior to land zoning
 - g. **Public Safety** (Sher Hogan) - Neighborhood Watch, graffiti removal, Emergency / Disaster Preparedness, American Red Cross, C.E.R.T., Elderly and Senior Services, Senior services for the homebound.
 - Working with our community and seniors in regards to how the city agencies can help them.
 - h. **Transportation & Public Works** (Gabi Erickson) - Focus on street conditions, traffic control, & other infrastructure-related issues
6. Outreach presentation – Chris Sales & Nick Franchino
- a. Chris – More flyers need to be distributed
 - b. Chris – More & better outreach will be achieved once NSNC becomes certified & receives funding
 - c. Nick – Brief discussion regarding NSNC website; request for more content
 - i. Each committee will have their own page within the NSNC website in which to give updates on current events that are happening
7. Discussion on May Presentation- Gabi Erickson
- a. Presentation for BONC to be part of their general meeting, 6pm, May 4, 2010 at Northridge Middle School, Multipurpose Room, this meeting will run no later than 11:30 p.m.
 - b. NSNC presentation format will include introduction, PowerPoint presentation, & questions from BONC to NSNC forming committee
 - c. PowerPoint will focus on NSNC demographics, schools, organizations, public facilities, history of NSNC forming committee, & why certification is being sought
 - i. How our neighborhood council came to be;
 - ii. How our organization has become helpful and needed for helping to empower our community
 - d. Time will be allotted for public comment; bring family & friends

- e. Next NSNC monthly meeting will include preview of BONC presentation (mainly the PowerPoint presentation)
 - f. Request for photos for a collage poster (for BONC meeting):
 - i. List of Achievements
 - ii. Actual pictures of the area
 - iii. Your homes
 - iv. Your neighborhoods, parks, schools, etc.
 - v. Churches, Temples, Religious Building, etc's.
 - vi. Pictures of Lyon's Club, Wilkinson Center, V.F.W., etc.
- Having a diverse group of people attending the Towne Hall meeting will greatly represent a strong support of our neighborhood council.

8. Grayce Liu ~~Barry Stone~~, (DONE)

- a. Grayce Liu attended on behalf of Barry Stone and spoke about EmpowerLA.
- b. Discussed "selection" vs. "election".
- c. Elections/selections must be open, fair, & transparent.
- d. Once certified, an election must take place, but it can only happen on an even-numbered year.
- e. L.A. City Clerk has taken over responsibility of NC elections from BONC.
- f. Selection is for a permanent board.
- g. Methods of selection include: pulling names out of a hat, appointments based on merit, & town hall meeting formats.
- h. The NSNC forming committee & others present chose the town hall format
 - Anyone interested in running for an open chair position needs to write a biography, a statements as to why you feel you are a good candidate for the position and have a picture of your self.
- i. Update on City changes affecting DONE – a vote is pending on an ordinance to move DONE to the Community Development Dept (CDD)
 - Individual representatives will probably be affected. Direct contact telephone numbers will be disconnected and everyone will be helped through a central help line
- j. Neighborhood Council training will continue with a new & improved website and on-line classes

9. Open Forum Time Scott Sterling read the previous month agenda items:

- a. Nick Franchino – General announcement & promotion of Census 2010
 - i. By sending in your census it will make a difference in everyone's community
 - ii. California and Texas have historically been the hardest states to count
 - iii. Tell a friend to make sure they complete their questionnaire
 - iv. Once the census is mailed and received, no one will continue to call you regarding the census
- b. Discussion of problem residents at group home on corner lot next to 17556 Stagg St; the NSNC needs to request & review their permits
- c. Neighborhood problems associated with Vallarta Market at Reseda Blvd & Chase St: unsafe conditions for pedestrians (& because of pedestrian behavior); lack of adequate parking; these conditions continue even though 4

new bicycle racks have been recently installed, truck delivery issues, due diligence for vehicles is needed

- d. Discussion of a wildlife issue in Sherwood Forest Community**
- e. There will be a Water Expo on “Going Green” next month on April 22nd in Lake Balboa.**

10. Adjournment/Networking Time: Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

NORTHRIDGE SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

LIST OF ATTEENDEES AT THE MARCH 25, 2010

**Vera Abt
Neil Bucknmam
David Dirro
Gabi Erickson
Nick Franchino
Judi Greenberg
Sher Hogan
Lucky Lakhani
Margaret Landers
Grayce Liu
Sylvia Mann
Louie Melchor
Chris Morneau
Sal Pelaez
Nancie Pike
Angeline Pike
Chris Sales
Scott Sterling
Glen Wilson
Teresa Young**