

**Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 22, 2010, 7:00 PM
Northridge Middle School – Library
17960 Chase Street, Northridge, CA 91325**

1. **The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Nick Franchino**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance recited**
3. **Interim Board of Directors Roll Call**

Interim Board members present

Irene Boyd
David Dirro
Gabriela Erickson
Nick Franchino
Judi Greenberg
Sher Hogan
Loneathea Jones
Margaret Landers
Chris Sales

Interim Board members not present

Scott Sterling
Christopher Morneau
Donnal Poppe

Special Guests

Steve Patel, Neutral Third Party for Town Hall Election Meeting
Dennis de Young, Assistant to Neutral Third Party
Bill Larsen, City Attorney's Office, Safe Neighborhood Division

A quorum was announced.

4. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**
Judi Greenberg introduced a motion for the Interim Board to approve as amended the Minutes from the June 20, 2010 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Irene Boyd and passed unanimously with no abstentions.
5. **Discussion of Town Hall Selection Meeting and the election process at the meeting.**
Discussion of this item was postponed pending arrival of the Neutral Third Party.
6. **Discussion of continuing Town Hall Outreach and other posting locations.**
Posting: A discussion was held regarding posting notices of the upcoming Town Hall Election Meeting. In addition to regular posting locations, suggestions were

made to post at the Laundromats on Reseda at Chase and Napa Streets, at Councilman Smith's office, at Weiler's Deli and at Target. Judi Greenberg suggested and volunteered to post the notices at the Laundromats. Nick Franchino agreed to check if Target and Weilers will allow posting. Gabby Erickson volunteered to prepare the Spanish Language version of the Notice.

Outreach: Judi Greenberg and Chris Sales reported on successful outreach at Movie Night on July 10 and announced another Movie Night will be held on August 3. The discussion was then opened to the Public for their suggestions which included word of mouth, the Northridge Lion's Club, and asking members of the public to post at local businesses.

5. Discussion of Town Hall Selection Meeting and the election process at the meeting.

A full review of all of Election Procedures and logistics was lead by Nick Franchino who also noted that all relevant documents, including all Candidate Statements, are posted on the web site. For the benefit of the Neutral Third Party, Nick Franchino also read those portions of the Bylaws relevant to the Town Hall Meeting and the election process. Tasks were identified and volunteers assigned to complete them. These included: Preparation of sign in sheets, posters, colored voting cards, candidate envelopes, committee interest sheets, a script, a bag of marbles for tie breakers, and a tally sheet. Additional volunteer tasks discussed included check-in, distribution of voter packets, timer, and vote collector(s).

Irene Boyd moved that a Special Meeting of the newly selected Board of Directors be held immediately after the conclusion of the Town Hall Meeting for the purpose of establishing dates for a Special Meeting on the cell tower issue, if needed, and to establish dates for Regular Meetings. The motion was amended to limit the meeting to establishing the date for a Special Meeting and the first Regular Meeting of the Board. The motion as amended was seconded by Chris Sales and passed unanimously with no abstentions.

It was suggested that Committee sign-up sheets be prepared and displayed at the Town Hall Meeting and that all Stakeholders present at that meeting be invited and encouraged to participate in the NSNC by signing up for Committees. Judi Greenberg and Irene Boyd volunteered to prepare the necessary paperwork as everyone agreed informally that this was a good idea.

7. New business

Nick Franchino reported that letters will be sent to BONC and DONE requesting the NSNC receive funding and an official government representative from the City.

8. Reports

City Attorney's Safe Neighborhood Division: Assistant City Attorney Bill Larson reported on litigation in progress and the various ways in which his

division can help fight crime in the neighborhood. Specific mention was made of litigation that has been instituted against Marijuana and illegal substance dispensaries, massage parlors, and gangs. Litigation is instituted in the name of the City or State pursuant to the Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program (CNAP). He suggested that the NSNC assist Stakeholders by putting files together documenting nuisance and crime situations within the neighborhood and then contact him at 310-445-1714.

Oakridge Estate: There will be a public tour on August 11. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 818-756-8501.

Councilman Greig Smith's July 14th Neighborhood Service Cabinet Meeting: Loneathea Jones and Irene Boyd reported on attending the meeting, stating how valuable it is to meet with other area Neighborhood Councils and the Councilman to hear about the status of City government and the various projects of other Councils. A full report is attached to these minutes.

T-Mobile Cell Tower Petitions: Irene Boyd reported on attending the City Hearing on T-Mobile's request for a new tower at Saticoy and Louise. A full report is attached to these minutes.

9. Public Comment

Lion's Club of Northridge: Lucky Lakhani reported on various upcoming community projects.

General discussion was held regarding problems of garbage and the median along Reseda Boulevard.. Northridge West Neighborhood Council is planning Operation Clean Sweep for weed abatement. CSUN fraternities and sororities are being approached for an "adopt a planter" program.

The importance of long-range planning regarding neighborhood projects was stressed.

10. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene Boyd for Christopher Morneau