

Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes
August 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Nick Franchino who also led the flag salute.

Roll call was taken and a quorum established. One absence: Irene Boyd. One tardy: Loneatheia Jones.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes from the July 29 Town Hall meeting were presented. A motion to accept was made by Scott Sterling; 2nd by Judi Greenberg. Unanimous vote.

The Minutes from the August 12 Special Meeting were presented. A motion to accept was made by Scott Sterling; 2nd by Lucky Lakhani. Unanimous vote.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mark Reed, Candidate for the 27th District spoke about his credentials for the position.

Mitch Englander and Semee Park spoke on behalf of CD12. Semee announced that there are several events taking place in our area on October 2 including a Senior Resource Fair, Blood Drives, and a Disaster Fair. Mitch noted that we are the 14th certified council in the CD12 area; the most of any councilmember. He then spoke about the DWP Initiative that will be placed on the March 2011 ballot. A Proclamation was presented to the NSNC from CD12 and the City of L.A.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nick Franchino read the Bylaws section that describes the four officers. Nominations for officers were opened.

President: Chris Sales (nominated by Judi Greenberg, 2nd by Margaret Landers)
Vice President: Judi Greenberg (nominated by Chris Sales, 2nd by Nick Franchino)
Secretary: Margaret Landers (nominated by Judi Greenberg, 2nd by Sher Hogan)
Treasurer: Scott Sterling (nominated by Judi Greenberg, 2nd by Margaret Landers)

As there were no other nominations, all were accepted with unanimous votes.

CELL TOWER PRESENTATION:

Eric Lilliedahl from Synergy was back to discuss the cell tower project at Nordhoff and Balboa. Suggestions were made from the Board of Directors to have them possibly look at placing the tower in the parking lot (rather than behind the building) and to have our Land Use Committee work on an agreement with them. At this time, Synergy just wants to know if we would prefer a new 45' tower or the additional height to the old tower.

Motion by Donnal Poppe to recommend a shorter, new tower; 2nd by Nick Franchino. Scott Sterling added a friendly amendment to state that our first choice is to take down the old tower and build a new one that is completely stealth. Our second choice would be to have a 45' stealth. The votes were 8 in favor, 6 opposed. No abstentions.

EMPOWER LA:

Amelia Herrera-Robles, Project Coordinator from Empower LA (formerly DONE) encouraged us to have the committees meet and decide on the meeting time via email before doing the official posting.

Committees (and the chairpersons) are:

Executive	Chris Sales
Budget and Finance	Scott Sterling
Outreach and Communication	Nick Franchino
Planning and Land Use	Donnal Poppe
Community Activities & Projects	William King & Mark Johnson
Bylaws and Procedures	Nick Franchino & Irene Boyd
Public Safety	Sher Hogan
Environmental	Scott Sterling
Transportation & Public Works	Nick Franchino

NORTHRIDGE AMBASSADORS:

The idea for NC Ambassadors came from NENC. Each NC in Northridge would send representatives to the other two meetings so that we would be able to keep up with projects, plans, concerns and then provide a united front.

BUDGET:

A request for funding letter has been drafted. A motion to accept the letter as presented with the change from “calendar year” to “fiscal year” was made by Donnal Poppe; 2nd by Scott Sterling. We must send the letter to a variety of city council members, the mayor, BONC, DONE, etc. Unanimous consent.

ETHICS TRAINING:

All NSNC Board members must do the online City Ethics Training. It is a State bill that requires this be done; it is good for two years. Please try to have it done by our September meeting

NORTHRIDGE VISION:

Take the survey online if you haven't already done it. There are many clean up opportunities in our area as well as weed abatement projects.

The SOLID Pasta Dinner is on Friday, October 15. Let's plan to be a strong contingent at the event.

The Northridge Lion's Club is having a fundraiser in Malibu on September 18. “The Taming of the Shrew” will be presented; tickets are \$75 per person.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. Patel spoke about the L.A. Clean Sweep which is a political action committee.
- B. Glen Bailey announced that the bike lanes on Reseda are almost finished (they run from south of Parthenia up Reseda).
- C. California Shakeout is on October 21. Sher Hogan encouraged everyone to participate. She also announced that NMS is now a Red Cross Center and Evacuation Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Margaret Landers at 9:20. 2nd by Jan Scott.

Our next meeting will be on September 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the **Multipurpose Room** at Northridge Middle School.