

Northridge South Neighborhood Council  
October 28, 2010  
Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chris Sales, who also led the flag salute.
2. Roll was called by Margaret Landers, and a quorum was established.
3. The minutes for August and September were reviewed by the Board. Scott Sterling made motion to accept the minutes for both months. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Weston Sulka.

**4. Comments by Public Officials**

Gary Malais, a Fire Chief from Woodland Hills and a member of NWNC spoke about the budget cuts for the fire dept. There are 87 fewer firefighters. It is anticipated that another 51 positions will be closed. The CERT program is a volunteer program connected with the fire department.

Diane Weston Sulka made a motion to protest cuts to fire dept. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donnal Poppe. Motion: It was moved that "NSNC send a letter to our mayor protesting the fastest cutbacks to the LAFD." The motion received unanimous support of the board. Diane Weston Sulka will draft the letter of protest.

Brittney McCarthy (CSUN), Director of Government and Community Relations works with city government and neighborhood councils and groups. She sends out an electronic newsletter that provides links to activities and events on campus. It also has contact info for her office.

Cathy Bennet, LAPD lead officer for Devonshire Division talked about the Halloween event at Devonshire Division. She also brought handouts on earthquake tips, a flyer on what to be aware of when giving to charities, and their Halloween Haunted House event. She reported that burglary in cars is a big crime whereas residential burglary is not very big. Call 800 ASK LAPD if you see something that looks wrong in your neighborhood.

Officer Hardin runs the Jeopardy program for Devonshire Division. He involves at risk kids in sports such as boxing. He helps kids become successful in school and in the ring. Boxing lessons are given at the PALS Center on Mondays and Wednesday between 4-6 pm.

Barry Greenberg is the NENC ambassador to NSNC. He talked about the Valley Alliance Planning meeting coming up on November 11, between 5:30 -8:30 pm.

Chris Sales read an email from Semee Park of CD 12 – It concerned the following items: new catering truck regulations, the prohibition of smoking in public areas in near future, and anticipated funding for the council.

**5. Public Comments**

Glen Wilson is the NWNC ambassador to NSNC and reported that the bicycle master plan meeting will be held on November 4, 2010.

**6. President 's Comments and 7. Old Business**

Chris Sales reminder board members to complete the Ethics Training by the November meeting. Copies of ethics certificate should be emailed or given to Margaret Landers. He also announced that it is necessary to send emails to everyone, but rather send it Chris and it will forward as needed. Important to stick to time in order to end meeting on time. Scott Sterling suggested that a second monthly meeting be scheduled at NMS for committee meetings.

### **8. New Business**

Don Richler from Chick Fil A talked to us about a new restaurant will be built where currently there is a Sizzler restaurant on Tampa. This is a franchise from the south. They will be tearing down the sizzler, and building and another building. The plan is to open in about a year.

Valerie Sachs spoke about adding a conditional use liquor license for beer and wine at the gas station on the corner of Tampa and Parthenia. The gas station will be open from 10 am to 11 pm. They plan to avoid selling items attractive to minors or newly legal young people. They want to attract people who come to get gas and also want to purchase alcohol without making an extra stop. USA gas is on Tampa and Parthenia. It is across the street from Park Parthenia. Loneathea Jones was concerned about bringing more crime, auto accidents, drug dealers, and gang activity to the area. Lucky Lakhani concerned about proximately of the sale of alcohol to the church he attends.

Irene Boyd discussed the table of contents that was developed for rules and standards.

Scott Sterling talked about the lack of a home for the San Fernando Valley Fair. He made a motion as follows: "I move as recommended by the board to write a letter of support for the SF Valley Fair to have a permanent home in the San Fernando Valley with the recommendation of Pierce College as the leading site." It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judi Greenberg. The motion received unanimous support of the board.

### **9. Committee Reports**

Virginia spoke about Community Care facilities. She spent a day participating in a conference call where she found out that it is possible to get a conditional use permit for facilities with seven or more residents. Facilities with six or under do not need a permit.

Scott Sterling from the Budget Committee told us that the committee would have to send a letter to DONE before they will send the funds to us. He is looking for additional members for his committee.

Judi reminded us that outreach was accomplished by attending the LAPD pasta dinner, and that we should participate in the PALS Center toy drive.

### **10. Board Members' Announcements**

Granada Hill Charter High School will have fireworks November 5-7.  
Northridge 100 bus tour will be the last tour.  
We are asking everyone to bring an unwrapped toy to our next meeting.

Scott moved to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judi Greenberg. Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.