

Northridge South Neighborhood Council

Minutes

December 16, 2010

- 1) **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** - Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:04, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Board of Directors Roll Call** – Roll called by Margaret Landers and a quorum was established. Board members in attendance: Judi Greenberg, Nick Franchino, Rebekkah Choi, Irene Boyd, Sher Hogan, Mark Johnson, Loneathea Jones, William King, Margaret Landers, Chris Sales, Jan Scott, Scott Sterling, and Diane Weston-Sulka.
Board members with excused absence: Donnal Poppe, Yasin “Lucky” Lakhani,
- 3) **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** Nick Franchino made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, 2nd by Judi Greenberg. Minutes were approved as corrected by unanimous vote.
- 4) **Comments by public officials:**
 - a) **CD12 Semee Park**– There was email circulating about expanding metered parking zone in the area of CSUN because of the Valley Performing Arts Center. There are no meters in our area but the zone is there. It is easier to expand a zone that to establish a new zone. Semee Park will get us the map of where the zone currently is and where the expansion will be. No plans to install parking meters anywhere in CD12. Email from Mitch Englander also mentioned that there were no plans for installing meters at this time. Wilbur bike lanes were done without notification to any neighborhood council and meetings are being held to resolve issues, a compromise is to leave lanes in from Devonshire south to Nordhoff, but eliminate lanes north of Devonshire.
- 5) **Public comments:**

Glen Wilson – Announced that the “meet and greet” for the councilman election candidates will be January 31 at the new Granada Hills senior center. 7-9 \$100
It is uncertain if The Northridge Festival, that normally is held the first weekend in June, will happen due to funding issues. Chris Sales said we might be able to help with funding.

TJ Singh is in the printing business and came to offer his services for banners, business cards, etc.
- 6) **President’s Comments:**

Chris Sales and Virginia Watts met with Synergy and T-mobile representatives and did a walk though today. Chris Sales also went to the hearing last week, and the matter was put on hold in order for us to work with the T-mobile representatives, to see if another solution can be worked out. If that doesn’t work the tower will go in the original location on top of the building.
Northridge East and Northridge West neighborhood councils currently are sponsoring the CD12 Candidate debate, at end of January. Cost would be up \$100.00. Candidates will answer questions from a panel.
- 7) **Old Business**
 - a) **Saticoy/Louise Cell Tower:**

Nick Franchino stated that only one corner is in our council area. Chris Sales stated that our council will not push things off into other council areas and we will not allow other councils to push things into our council area.
Irene Boyd gave a report about the hearing for the cell tower .at Louise and Saticoy.
- 8) **New Business**
 - a) **Christina Villalobos from the CSUN’ Department of Police Services** spoke about the r.a.d.Kids program. It helps kids learn about personal safety. They learn skills that help them protect themselves. It takes place for 5 evenings and costs \$10.00. At the completion of the course the children receive a certificate with their fingerprint and picture. Kids who participate in this program can come back and take it every time it is offered. A January class for 5 to 7 year olds was set up specifically for us, and our community. The dates are January 10-14 from 7 to 9pm. Registration begins tomorrow at 9:00 am for us, Tuesday for the rest of the community. Classes are small, no more than 13 children. In the spring there will be a class for 8 to 12 year olds. They hold three classes for adults; they are pepper spray, identity theft and residential safety.

b) Standing Rules Approval – Irene Boyd sent the rules to everyone by email. Irene Boyd made a motion to accept the Standing Rules; no 2nd is required, as this motion is based on a committee recommendation. A discussion was held. The vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously. DONE and the city have instituted a required order for bylaws. We will need to redo our bylaws, not changing them, but re-ordering them by April.

c) Budget Discussion and Approval

Scott Sterling reported that all neighborhood councils are being budgeted \$45,000 per fiscal year. A budget committee meeting was held last week. The budget needs to be approved before we can receive the funds. Scott Sterling described the budget. Nick Franchino spoke about how we had done outreach in the past without funds, and now that we have funds, we will need to buy things to help with outreach. A room for rent at the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will be shared with Northridge East and West councils. The money paid for rent will also include an article in the North Valley newspaper. Money in the budget can be moved around, if needed. Judy made a motion to approve the budget as submitted by Scott Sterling; no 2nd is required, as this motion is based on a committee recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Nick Franchino made a motion that the NSNC become a sponsor of the Candidate Forum at the senior center in Granada Hills. The cost is not to exceed \$100 and to be taken out of Outreach Activities, Irene 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9) **Committee Reports**

a) Reports from committees

Transportation and Public Works –Nick Franchino reported that the committee had a meeting and will be working on issues such as roads stripping, bike plan, safe routes program, school zones and safety zones, digital speed warning signs, transit and Dash etc. They will be meeting again on the 10th of January. Chris Sales reminded everyone of the importance of committee meetings and that each committee meet on the second Monday of the month at Northridge Middle School.

b) Northridge Vision/Northridge 100 updates

Semie Park said The Northridge 100 was over – it was a great year. Scott Sterling suggested having a final event including the time capsule, etc, with Northridge East and West councils. This Saturday there will be a meeting with some of the Northridge 100 people to gather biographies and histories of people who have been in Northridge for a long, long time at 9am at Jerry’s Deli in Encino. New Vision is still ongoing – putting sustainability together with CSUN, with CSUN making ties to the community.

10) **Board member announcements:**

Judi Greenberg thanked everyone who brought toys for the Pals center. Toys will be given out on Saturday, December 18th at 8:30 am.

Scott Sterling, Judi Greenberg and Steve Patel went to North Hill NC to assist with their election last Saturday.

Steve Patel said that there should be a packet for us from Done about parking passes. It turned out that no one has the passes because they expire in Nov. and new passes have not been distributed yet.

NMS is opening a Marine Science Lab and inviting the council to come on January 21 at 10:15 am.

Nick made an announcement that there was a shooting at a Marijuana clinic on White Oak and Roscoe. It happens that this clinic is across the street from the former Pinecrest, now ABC school.

Sher Hogan– Spoke about public safety – crime was up on Parthenia and police say that there were isolated incidents. Police have been patrolling neighborhood and the mall and crime has gone down.

Adjournment - motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Judi Greenberg, 2nd by Margaret Landers. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Next NSNC Board meeting January 27, 2011.