

Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes
January 27, 2011

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Board of Directors Roll Call - Margaret Landers called the roll and all board members were present. A quorum was established. Board members in attendance were: Irene Boyd, Rebekah Choi, Nick Franchino, Judi Greenberg, Sher Hogan, Mark Johnson, Loneathea Jones, William King, Yasin "Lucky" Lakhani, Margaret Landers, Donnal Poppe, Chris Sales, Jan Scott, Scott Sterling, Diane Weston-Sulka.

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - Judy moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. 2nd by Scott. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

4. Comments by public Officials

a) Semee Park from CD 12. She gave us a heads up on the Valley Performing Arts opening on Sat. Jan. 29, 2011. There will be increased traffic, tickets are still available for sale. There is a new program to help women in business and the website is LABAVN.org. SOLID at Islands on Feb 22, graffiti removal is up for being cut but the district will try to match the cost, \$75 given to West Valley alliance for weed abatement, No fire stations are being closed, LAFD is working on a constant staffing plan by having men work overtime.

Officer Kathy Bennett talked about the LAPD SOLID Fundraiser that helps buy things for officers and the station, i.e. flashlights on shotguns. It will be at Islands and using a flyer will insure 20% is donated to LAPD. There will be a module building set up for training officers at Devonshire with fake pepper spray and other tools. Neighborhood Watch newsletter is available online. Ice cream vendors who were selling toy guns are being given the rules as to what they can and cannot sell near a school. LAPD is working on making sure vendors are not selling non-food items. West Valley Alliance members walk around and remove graffiti whenever they are out walking around their neighborhood. Kathy is retiring Feb 26 2011 to care for her mother who has Alzheimer's. Someone should be assigned to fill her position by April.

Glen appointed to the mayors bicycle committee and is the chairperson. – Reseda Blvd. bicycle lanes have been installed on parts of Reseda. However, between Chase and Napa (east side of street) the street narrows and parking may need to be removed. But parking is not removed easily. This issue has to go to the Transportation Committee of our neighborhood council.

5. Public Comments

Sean Rivas is a board member on the Granada Hills South NC. He spoke on behalf of Brad Smith for City council.

Dr. Jerry Fecht – Museum of the San Fernando Valley – reorganized as a California non-profit corporation. They are all volunteers mobile museum, partnered with Studio City NC-- begun a library, partnered with Councilman Greg Smith's Northridge 100 event, had bus tours, and short walking tours. They have a calendar with 2 to 5 major notables for every day of the year. He talked about how the valley is the home to many stars, artists, and musicians. They are working with the MOCHA downtown.

Glen Bailey – Parking meters expansion area is east of Zelzah Ave. on the south side of Nordhoff St. Glen played a voicemail describing the issue from the city council. There seems to be a discrepancy within the city council regarding the installation of parking meters.

6. Presidents Comments – Irene and I returned from planning hearing meeting and the cell tower appeal was denied. Committee work needs to be done and if you are a committee you need to work. CD12 Candidate Forum executive board will work that night with crowd control or anything else that's needed.

7. Old Business - Cell tower appeal denied, executive committee will be working the Candidate Forum

8. New Business

- a) Brenda Welch Red Cross working with cert groups, training city employees for disaster events, wants to work with groups that know their community, wanting to have shelter locations at churches, temples, community centers etc. Northridge Middle School is a shelter location.

- b) Senior Service Council Dinner sponsors a dinner dance. They feed 320 seniors. The event runs from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Admission has been \$1.00 but may be \$2.00 this year. A senior is someone over 50 years old. They have been funded by local neighborhood councils. They dances were held at Northridge Park. They recognize special senior citizens.

- c) Amendment to the Standing Rule - Training time limits: Motion made by Irene to adopt training time limits. Vote taken and motion passed.
(comments by Irene – We were prepared and filed documents in timely fashion.)
- d) Budget Update – budget waiting for p-card and all paperwork done.
- e) Murals of Northridge - Project is under discussion and may be expanded. Scott Sterling and Jerry Fecht are putting a committee together.

- f) SFV Oral Histories – Kick off at Elizabeth Waldo’s They are finding people and stories all over the valley. Semece brought biological sheets for oral histories.

- g) Northridge Festival – salute to Northridge – it became a Hawaiian festival and the Hawaiians will not be participating this year. They need help and need money to make the festival happen. It will probably be smaller this year. Festival is in June. In 2012 the thought is to make it an international festival to include the entire valley.

9. Committee Reports

- a) Reports from committees Nick made a motion to be reimbursed for fees for attending Clean Streets Conference for up to 6 members. Vote taken and motion passed. Motion to approve the expenditure for \$1820.00 for misc outreach supplies was made. Vote was taken and motion was approved. There are two presentations pending for a web design for our council’s webpage.

- b) Donnal Poppe – City planning is revamping their code, and they alienated many Neighborhood Councils The council is rectifying that by having meetings that are coming up.

- c) Sher Hogan attended the mayor’s public safety town all meeting where they spoke about mixed zones and safety in public schools –

10. Board Member Announcements

- Judi Greenberg spoke about the success of the Pals Christmas giveaway. She read the letter they sent to us.
- Scott Sterling – There is the Third Valley Business Expo ’11 2/10/11. Scott has tickets for anyone that wants to go.

11. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn made by Judi, 2nd by Scott at 8:55 pm