

Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes

February 24, 2011

1) Call To Order – Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Roll Call- Roll was called by Margaret Landers and a quorum was established. The following board member present: Irene Boyd, Rebekah Choi, Nick Franchino, Judi Greenberg, Sher Hogan, Loneathea Jones, Yasin "Lucky" Lakhani, Margaret Landers, Donnal Poppe, Chris Sales, Jan Scott, Scott Sterling, Diane Weston-Sulka

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting - Judi Greenberg made a motion to approve the minutes and Nick Franchino 2nd. Vote taken and minutes are unanimously approved.

4. Comments by public officials –

A) CD12 - The following statement from Semeer Park was read by Chris Sales:
"The City Clerk's office will be offering multilingual assistance from now to election day March 8, 2011. Language assistance will be available in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese. To obtain language assistance, or to obtain Official Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlets or other voting materials in the above languages, please call (800) 994-8683 from 8:00 a.m to 5:00p.m. Monday through Friday.

For all other election related inquiries, please contact the Office of the City Clerk-Election Division at our general information number (213) 978-0444 or toll-free (888) 873-1000 or visit <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election>"

Chris Sales said that we would be putting this information on our website.

B) Brittney McCarthy from CSUN brought 2 interpreters for the deaf to demonstrate how this service would work during our monthly meetings. Darren, one of the interpreters, is a graduating senior originally from Maryland. Brittney McCarthy brought a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to receive her email letter. There is also a CSUN newspaper that gets delivered once a month to residents within a one-mile radius around CSUN. This weekend Betty Buckley and Marvin Hammlish will be at the Valley Performing Arts Center. CSUN has gardening series classes and to enroll in them send an email to BotanicGarden@CSUN.edu. Traffic issues and safety concerns around CSUN can be dealt with at trafficsafety@csun.edu New construction is happening at CSUN. An upgrade of the intersection at Zelzah and Prairie, including new signal poles/lights, a dedicated left turn lane, and left turn traffic arrow will be installed. There will be a new formal campus entry at Prairie, including a widened roadway with two-way traffic. There will also be a new permanent parking/info. booth located along the new main entry road, completion of the new Matador Drive circulation roadway from Nordhoff to Prairie, providing daily commuters travelling west-bound on Nordhoff convenient access to the G-3 parking structure, and closure of the Dearborn access at Zelzah.

5) Public Comments - Cliff Burwell spoke about how we beat T mobile at the hearing. He thanked us and mentioned that there was an article written about the council and the fine job we did on the associated press. A lot cell towers are being replaced in the fall with new technology.

Sharon Pierce spoke two things she is concerned about, septic system inspections and group homes. Donnal Poppe said that there are different meetings around LA. regarding the septic system inspections. The Department of Sanitation wants to inspect properties that are not connected to the sewer system to find those that may be problematic. The concern is that the septic systems can contaminate the ground water. Today's law requires houses to be connected to the sewer system if they are within 200 linear feet from a sewer system. Nick Franchino asked if there is a list of addresses that show which houses are on septic systems.

Sharon Peirce is also concerned about the number of residents that can inhabit a group home. The one next door to her currently has 30 residents.

Ronald Kulberg – Ronald says lots of free curb parking around CSUN has been taken away and more will be taken away. Britney McCarthy responded to explain why it was necessary to eliminate the free parking, as did Chris Sales. Nick Franchino suggested that issues like this should go to committee meetings first and that's the place to work things out.

Sal Pelaez – invited Ronald Kulberg to join the public works committee. He also spoke about a bike ride he went on with his nephew and said it felt very safe.

6) New Business -

A) Katie Berry spoke about the Therapeutic Living Center for the Blind on Lindley Ave. launching a new building campaign in the summer. They are inviting people to see is goes on in the center. Ninety clients come to center and others are residential. They work with babies to adults. They have a day care center. The day program is where people can be safe and learn to be part of the community. The address is 7915 Lindley Ave. Their webpage is Tlcfortheblind.org

B) Beautification Projects – Looking for projects to work on such as cleanup, the median on Reseda.

C) Meet and Greet - We need to identify food vendors in our neighborhood and someone who can organize these events. A list of restaurants was developed. Chris Sales made a motion to create an ad hoc committee for hospitality, 2nd by Lucky Lakhani. Vote was taken and motion passed unanimously. Chris Sales, Lucky Lakhani, and Rebecca Choi will make up the committee.

9) Committee Reports -

Scott Sterling – There is a sustainability program at CSUN where they will be auditing homes for energy efficiency in a 2-4 mile radius around CSUN on a voluntary basis. They are looking for 15 homes. Scott is the director for the oral histories in the San Fernando Valley– He wants to get interesting histories recorded. We have gotten the credit card for the council. First purchase was for our badges, and we have approved some items. We need to get cards for everybody, some items haven't been purchased yet but funds have already been approved. Irene submitted a form for getting reimbursed for money spent. Budget committee consists of Scott Sterling, Jan Scott, Chris Sales, and Lucky Lakhani. Scott Sterling takes care of credit card, Jan takes care of paperwork, and Lucky will work on neighborhood purposes grants.

Irene said she would email the form for reimbursement for money spent. She also told us that we would need to redo some of our bylaws as required by DONE.

10) Board member announcements - Chris Sales emailed Synergy to let them know we were interested in working with them. Email came back and they said there wasn't anything that they were working on at the moment in our council area.

Nick Franchino – The Transportation and Public Works committee working on a transit inventory to let people know about public transportation in order to encourage people to use public transportation. Also looking at the choke point in bike lane on Reseda Blvd., and putting information out as to where bike shops are, and possibly installing bike racks. Our logo is black and white and we need to select a color for the background. We also need to have vendors come and show us their stuff. Send email addresses to Nick for outreach. Nick Franchino set up a scope for the new webpage.

Donnal Poppe – Transportation Committee – There is a new city ordinance to provide for parking bicycles in apartment building, schools, etc. Community Care Facility ordinance got stalled out in the city council. Greg Smith asked that the ordinance go to PLUM. PLUM needs to approve it and can do it more quickly. The Land Use committee wants to address Second dwelling unit with neighborhood alliance and neighborhood councils. Septic System meetings flyer available.

11) Adjournment – Donnal Poppe moved to adjourn at 8:27 2nd by Margaret Landers.