

Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes
April 28, 2011

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting was called to order at 7:02P.M. by Chris Sales, who also led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Board of Directors Roll Call – Roll was called by Margaret Landers, and a quorum was established. The following directors were present: Irene Boyd, Rebekah Choi, Nick Franchino, Judi Greenberg, Sher Hogan, Loneatheia Jones, Yasin “Lucky” Lakhani, Margaret Landers, Donnal Poppe, Chris Sales, Jan Scott, Scott Sterling, Diane Weston-Sulka. Absent: Mark Johnson (unex), William King (unex).

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Motion to approve the minutes made by Judi Greenberg, 2nd by Scott Sterling. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4) Comments by public officials -

a) CD12 – none

b) Other public officials -none

5) Public comments – **Sal** reminded us about the street cleanup on May 7, 2011 at Rayen St. and Reseda Blvd. **Karen Morgenstern** spoke about the loss of school librarians in middle and high schools in the LAUSD. She was encouraged to come to a committee meeting that could better address this problem.

Pat Hall - Battalion captain for the CERT program spoke. Cert is a free program and is run through the fire department. He told us how CERT actually started by teaching people to learn more about their neighborhoods and where things are.

6) President’s Comments – Brittany McCarthy from CSUN had been at the Sherwood Forest Meeting HOA yesterday (4/27/11). She spoke about a survey CSUN is posted online, and asked us to please take the survey. It is online at CSUN. She also announced that there would be a “focus group” meeting at Northridge Middle School on May 26, 2011, before our next regular meeting. It will begin at 5pm. Praises went to Irene Boyd for her work on organizing the Citrus Sunday event. The Planning Dept. for the city has a new newsletter that was sent out by email.

7) Old Business - none

8) Budget updates – Only one demand warrant was kicked back. Needs to be returned by May 10, 2011. Amount of money that can be spent on credit card has been increased. Sher Hogan said that Amelia is working with her with to resolve her problem with a demand warrant. Since money was approved for Citrus Sunday, and the credit card was not allowed, Irene wants to know if she should talk to Amelia to see if an exception can be made. After the matter was discussed Scott suggested the he would meet with Sher Hogan to help with her warrant, and also follow up on the money spent for Citrus Sunday that wasn’t reimbursed.

9)New Business -

a) Precision Instant Printing – located in our area on 8959 Reseda Blvd. offers many things in the area of advertising ie. banners, t-shirts, cards, flyers.

b) NSNC Retreat – Chris Sales feels it’s a good idea, thinks we should do it. Retreat needs to be in a public environment and we should do it in the summer. A suggestion of a public space for the retreat is welcome.

c) Los Angeles Citywide Neighborhood Council Congress 2011 –Loneatheia Jones, Jan Scott and Diane Weston-

Sulka were taking over for Scott Sterling at the Valley Alliance. There were four dignitaries at the meeting from the Valley Alliance. There was a discussion about security issues that some council members are having, and they announced the Citywide NC Congress, which will be held on Sept. 24th at City Hall.

d) NSNC-CSUN FOCUS GROUP –Meeting on May 24, 2011 at 5pm at Northridge Middle School.

e) Citrus Sunday – Our flyers tell people NSNC is one of the sponsors, representatives from USDA are on board to offer support through LAUSD. Encourage schools to get the word out. Out of approx 30 places Irene Boyd visited, she spoke to about 20 people about Citrus Sunday and our council. There's an ad about us in the Sundial. Irene Boyd wants to get a poster printed for Citrus Sunday.

10) Committee Reports -

a) Reports from committees –

Transportation and Public Works -Sal described an event that included bicycles that was very pleasant. Nick Franchino said the letter was done for the bicycle lane on Reseda Blvd. He said he would take care of getting the letter to the right person.

Outreach – Citrus Sunday will be a big event. We need to print more flyers and redesign a new flyer. Nick Franchino made a motion to get not more than \$400.00 for new flyers 2nd by Sher Hogan. Vote taken on motion and it passed. Flyers to be printed in English and Spanish.

Nick Franchino moved to approve allocation of funds for webpage not to exceed \$200.00. 2nd by Judi Greenberg. Vote taken and motion passed. Webmaster is starting in good faith with us, funding was unavailable immediately. He will start soon and take about six weeks.

Judi Greenberg stated that we would need to set up a table and popup for SOLID pancake breakfast on May 21st. May 5th CERT training at Fire Station 87, May 14 Stamp out Hunger campaign for Postal Service, May 15 Brad Sherman will be at the VPAC, free parking in lot b1 and b 2.

Chris was asked to bring up an item that was not on the agenda. The item was the removal of board members for cause. Nick read the bylaws from June 2010 that dealt with removal. Irene Boyd suggested that we begin with censure of the members, by first putting it on the agenda for next month. After that a petition needs to be written. A lively discussion followed

b) Board member announcements – removal of board members due to unexcused absences. First step is to censure, then place on agenda, Discussion about removal of board members for cause. Irene Boyd will contact the city attorney for the correct procedure. Sher Hogan suggested that we plan on flyers for Northridge Fair, which will be combined with a blood drive. Sher Hogan helped plan a fair at West Hills that was very successful. Jan Scott asked how many business cards would each member get. 100 were suggested as well as checking with other councils. Nick Franchino said The DA came back to his committee meeting and mentioned that an ordinance is coming through that would crack down on the porn industry and stop the them from illegally using homes for porn business. Neighborhood signs are on their way, safety signs with our council name on them. Irene Boyd told us about new incidences about graffiti, and people can put it on the website – you need the exact address.

11) Adjournment – Nick Franchino moved to adjourn, 2nd Rebekah Choi.