

Northridge South Neighborhood Council

Minutes

June 23, 2011

- 1) **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** - Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Board of Directors Roll Call** –Present: Irene Boyd, Nick Franchino, Judi Greenberg, Sher Hogan, Mark Johnson, Loneathe Jones, Yasin “Lucky” Lakhani, Margaret Landers, Donnal Poppe, Chris Sales, Jan Scott, Diane Weston-Sulka, Absent: William King (unex), Scott Sterling (ex), Rebekah Choi (ex).
- 3) **Approval of minutes from previous meeting** – Judi Greenberg moved to accept the minutes as corrected, 2nd by Jan Scott. Passed by unanimous consent.
- 4) **Comments by public officials** -
 - a) **CD12** - none
 - b) **Other public officials** - Darren Hause from CSUN gave a report on the University and community relations. He asked that we add the Focus Group that will be hosted by CSUN to our calendar. It will meet just before the Board meeting at 5:30 pm on July 28, 2011 at Northridge Middle School. A sign-up sheet was passed around for people who wanted to receive the email newsletter from CSUN.
- 5) **Public comments** – Glen Bailey - spoke about the bicycle lanes on Reseda Blvd between Parthenia St. and Roscoe Blvd. Work will be done over a weekend early in the morning in the next couple of weeks. There will be signage posted. Work is usually done between 6am and 5pm. The Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be held Sep. 24, 2011. Planning session at DONE is this Saturday downtown. Cell towers -there is an effort being made to strengthen role of neighborhood councils to have more of an influence on aesthetics, location, and they will broaden the notification beyond merely two or three property owners.
- 6) **Presidents Comments** - Chris Sales said we were asked to encourage people to attend the Focus Group on July 28, 2011. We supported as the outstanding senior at the Senior Dance, Clifford Burwell. He was given a plaque and some certificates. Chris Sales was asked to become involved in the public art project. He is also involved in the Oakridge estate planning group as well as a project on the Devonshire House that once belonged to Clark Gable and Carole Lombard, and it is being restored. The lawn mower exchange program at CSUN will exchange a gas mower for an electric one. Last meeting we engaged in two forms of censure. The censure for William is complete, as is the censure for Mark, because he did not present us with documentation that was required.
- 7) **Old Business-**
 - a) Clean-up Event on June 18, 2011 Recap – Nick Franchino spoke about the cleanup event where 280 bags of debris were collected. Only 2/3 to 3/4 of the area got done. He thanked all those that participated, and the cost was about 50.00 dollars for refreshments. Judi Greenberg is donating her portion of the refreshments. It was a very successful event. Nick Franchino is looking into finishing this area. The next clean-up event will be on July 30, 2011 on Reseda Blvd. There are pictures on the website. Nick reminded us to remove signs that we post for garage sales to reduce blight in our neighborhood.
 - b) Redistricting Maps – Irene Boyd asked if we were voting on the maps that were shown at the last meeting that were from VICA, and are different from the current maps. The maps are make it hard to tell where the boundary lines are because there are no streets. Nick Franchino said they are not going to change the maps. Should weigh in by June 28 if we want a change to the map. Nick Franchino made a motion to write a letter to keep our neighborhood council intact as well as other neighborhood councils. 2nd by Donnal Poppe. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The county supervisors are also redistricting. Nick Franchino suggested the board also send a letter to the county to keep Northridge intact. The valley may be divided into 2 or 3 parts by the county. They will take public comments until July. Motion to write a letter to county made by Nick Franchino, 2nd by Jan Scott. Motion passed unanimously. Glen said the city will also be redistricting and will begin in August.
- 8) **Budget 2011/2012 Presentation** – Jan said we spent about \$19,000 out of 45,000 for neighborhood grants. Our money was rolled over because we got our money so late. \$25,000 will roll over. There are already plans for some of the roll over money.
- 9) **New Business-**
 - a) **Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council** - Don Shultz and Elliot Sanders are asking for our help. Van Nuys Airport is currently run by the city of LA. They are asking for local control to expedite things that need to be done. They would like to get a local Board of Airports just for Van Nuys. The Van Nuys Airport is a general aviation airport or a reliever airport. They are attempting to do a feasibility study to see if having their own board is a good idea. It is an 800 acre site. Because Van Nuys is operated by a LAX,

decisions are made by LAX for Van Nuys. They have lost business because of decisions made by LAWA. Jan Scott made a motion to write a letter to support the feasibility study of a Van Nuys Airport Commission. 2nd by Judi Greenberg. Passed by unanimous vote.

b) Amendments to the Standing Rules – Irene Boyd is asking board members to look at the standing rules. Many rules were drafted before we were certified and some may need to be changed. Fill out a final expense report. Irene read the rules aloud as required by Brown Act.

c) Board Member Removal Vote -William King - A motion to remove William King from the Board of Directors was made by Judi Greenberg and 2nd by Nick Franchino. Nick mentioned that William was a nice young man, but for some reason he did not participate or attend a number of our meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

10) Committee Reports -

a) Reports from committees - Land Use and Planning – A motion was made to support the application for a conditional use permit to sell wine, and beer at a Sushi restaurant at 8920 Reseda Blvd. They were asked to make sure the area in front of the business is clean. Jan Scott 2nd – Motion passes. A business at 18702 Parthenia Street has an ongoing retail change in conditional use permit. There will also be a petition for live entertainment at the Wild Flower site at Tampa and Roscoe.

- **Transportation and Public Works**– signs about “Watch for Kids” are available, the committee is working on a proposal to complete some projects at Park Parthenia.
- **Outreach and Communication** – We’re going to do a mailer beginning in August need some at the movie under the stars. The website still on hold because money is still on hold. Committee chair Nick Franchino needs content for the website. He also needs help on this committee.

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b) Board member announcements -Judi announced a reminder for Mitch Englander’s inauguration. The budget needs to be posted on the webpage monthly.

11) Adjournment- Margaret Landers moved to adjourn, 2nd by Jan 8:53.