

## **Northridge South Neighborhood Council**

Minutes  
July 28, 2011

**1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – The meeting was called to order by Chris Sales at 7:00 pm and, Judi Greenberg led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2) Board of Directors Roll Call** – Present: Rebekah Choi, Nick Franchino, Judi Greenberg, Sher Hogan, Mark Johnson, Yasin “Lucky” Lakhani, Margaret Landers, Donnal Poppe, Chris Sales, Jan Scott, Scott Sterling, Diane Weston-Sulka. Absent: Loneatheia Jones (unex)

**3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting** - A motion to accept the minutes was made by Nick Franchino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judi Greenberg. The motion passed.

**4) Comments by public officials -**

**a) CD12** – Seme Park – Renew LA five year benchmark making LA a zero waste city currently 70 %, 90% by 2025, and close Sunshine Canyon by 2037, clean coming up Sat, Museum of SF Valley received a grant from the City of Los Angeles to conduct oral histories. There will be an event on August 14, 2011 at the SW corner of Nordhoff and Wilbur.

**b) Other Public Officials** – LAPD Katie Gustafson - Citizens academy meets three days a week. Crime Stats Aggravated assaults – there was a shooting at Tampa Nordhoff where an employee got shot; a suspect got shot while braking into a home at Aqueduct and Nordhoff. 2 robberies by the same person seeking out women at bus benches at Reseda and Chase where he takes their purses. He is a male Hispanic and uses a knife. Burglaries increasing west end, kicking in back doors or crawling into doggie doors. Burglaries at CVS and Rite Aid. Burglary from motor vehicles removing the third seat from Yukon’s. New skinhead forming in the valley called “Hammer Skins”. Grand theft auto down 45% this year. Wilkinson center has a lot of transiency. August 2 National Night Out

**5) Public Comments** – David Saxe suggested the area near Roscoe and Louise get cleaned up that wasn’t finished. Nick Franchino said the city just cleaned up the bags and other debris that was collected. Nancy Pike brought a display of fruit, plants and herbs. She encouraged us to bring extra fruits and vegetables to share at the monthly meeting. 40,000 lbs of citrus had been collected on Citrus Sunday– most successful year. Randy Thompson is a master gardener from CSUN extension. He and other master gardeners are working to set up a community garden at the park at Wilbur and Nordhoff. He invited the community members to come and help develop this.

**6) President’s Comments** – Resignation of a board member from Irene Boyd.

**7) Old Business - none**

**8) Budget Update -**

## 9) New Business -

b) **KCSN Information** – Karen Kerns said they flipped format and they are none commercial. They are available to do public service announcements for non-profit groups and can run 2-4 a day for about 4 days. They can run Public Service Announcements that have something to do with the community.

c) **Appointment of Board Member -**

d) **City Attorney Carmen Trutanich** – Attorneys work seven days a week; a motion was made in the city council to divide civil and criminal cases. The City Attorney's office handles every civil and criminal matter in the city of Los Angeles. Currently there are 7000 open "worker's compensation" files. The office provides legal advice to the council and the mayor of Los Angeles. They represent every single employee of the city of LA. The numbers of lawyers was reduced from 647 lawyers to less than 500. ACE is the Administrative Code Enforcement tool. A person can go to a judge and deal with code violations without a jury trial. Sheriff Baca introduced Life-skills, a program to reduce crime through education in jail in the women's jail. Medical marijuana – vast majority of users are young kids not cancer patients. More violence occurs around pot shops. Los Angeles has more marijuana shops than other large cities, ie., San Francisco. There are approximately 200 - 250-pot shops in the city. Mobile billboards: any vehicle with advertising will be removed. Plan is to move advertising away from homes and move them to commercial areas. Illegal boarding homes: they are working on an ordinance to place controls on these homes. The City Attorney's office employees are receiving 36 furlough days this year.

## 10) Committee Reports -

a) **Reports from committee –**

1) **Land Use - Conditional Use Licensing Request** - conditional use permit for bar. They will have valet parking, security up front and two at the door. Food will be catered. Donnal Poppe made a motion to support the request for conditional use permit for the bar at Roscoe and Tampa. Jan Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> it. 2 no's 10 ayes. Motion passed

2) **Transportation & Land Use (Pelaez)** – LA Dot said bike lane will happen in August.

3) **Outreach** National night out is coming up. Nick Franchino will try to do a mailer one time.

4) **Budget Demand warrant** - not sure of they have been paid yet.

Eventually they will be online. Nick wants budget posted on website

11) **Board member announcements** – Sher reminded us that there are CERT trainings taking place.

12) **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn made by Mark Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan Scott at 8:43 PM.