

# Northridge South Neighborhood Council

Minutes

August 25, 2001

**1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Judi Greenberg led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting** - Judi Greenberg made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Franchino. Motion passed unanimously.

**4) Comments by public officials** -

- **a) CD12 - None**
- **b) Other Public Officials - None**

**5) Public Comments** – Ginette Burwell – has a neighbor who runs businesses out of his backyard without a license. He employs his son and others, and there are many cars parked on his driveway as well as at the end of the street including an unattached trailer. He often repairs vehicles on the street. His actions limit street parking for others. He parks vehicles on his lawn. Street looks like a used car lot. Chris Sales advised Ms. Burwell to call LAPD on cars parked over 72 hours on the street, and to attend the Land Use committee. She was also referred to her senior lead officer, and building and safety. Nick Franchino told her to send all the info to him and he would forward it to Donnal Poppe. Judy Greenberg suggested using the 311 number for assistance. Scott Sterling told her to contact the state contractor's license board.

Nancy Pike – Sept 11, 2011 is National Day of Service Day -Food Forward at CSUN will be picking fruit at CSUN. There is an Asian citrus bug smaller than a flea that will destroy your citrus trees.

**6) President's Comments** – Chris Sales has 4 bids on business cards and will be sending it to the board. We will vote on them next month. Everyone was encouraged to show up each time so that the business of the council can go forward. Judi Greenberg mentioned that some councils suspend meetings in the summer.

**7) Old Business** –

- **a) Appointment of Board Member** Sal Palaez and Virginia Watts have participated in the council since the beginning. Judi Greenberg made the motion to appoint Sal Palez and Virginia Watts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Weston-Sulka. Vote taken and passed unanimously. New members were invited to join the board.
- **b) Budget Update** – Jan Scott will be replacing Scott next month. We received a budget of \$40,500.00 plus a roll over of \$24,784.93, which equals \$65,284.93. We were supposed to get something to allow us to see our budget online, but it hasn't happened yet. Motion to accept the budget was made by Scott Sterling. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judi Greenberg. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**8) New Business** -

- **a) DWPMOU/** - Victoria Cross from LADWP. She is the Government and Neighborhood Relations Liaison from the DWP. Both water and power are undergoing huge changes. They are going from coal to greener sources and building brand new systems for both water and power. Much of the infrastructure is more than 100 years old. The electrical cables average 160 years old. They would like to replace many of these pipes and wires to avoid outages etc. They are mandated to get rid of coal by 2030 for power. They are also mandated to offer rebates for solar energy. They have several other mandates to improve energy delivery. Water –They want to use local water rather than buying it from MWD. Buying water is expensive. Most of our ground water is contaminated and needs to clean it up. We have become more efficient in water use. Water pipes are being replaced about every 400 years. Would like to cut it down to every 150 years. They are changing from chlorine to fluorine for cleaning water. It is more expensive. Rate changes –Over three years it will be fifteen percent for water and

sixteen percent for power. The solar rebate program is starting up again in September 2011. There is no plan to put power lines underground. Grey water – there is no opposition to it. Projects for grey water can be approved by Building and Safety. Judi Greenberg read as a motion the letter to support the neighborhood councils to not approve the rate increase from DWP until a ratepayer advocate is in place. Scott Sterling 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

- **b) Community Garden** – Randy Thompson read a short statement about the Wilkinson Community Garden. The statement is going to be brought to Mitch Englander's office. It invites people, professional and non-professional, to join the master gardeners in establishing and maintaining a community garden. Other master gardeners attending were Pam Aitcheson, Ann Dobbs, and Joni Itto. Would like to clear their own 501C3. Randy Thompson is asking the board to suggest a motion to support the community garden. Chris Sales suggested the support may include verbal as well as financial. Nick Franchino asked for images to put on the website of a community garden. [wilkinsoncommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:wilkinsoncommunitygarden@gmail.com)
- **c) Environment and Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee-** Scott made a motion to set up an ad hoc committee for Environment and Sustainability. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sal Palaez. Chris Sales said it would be for six months. Motion passed. Scott Sterling will be the chairperson.
- **d) Emergency Preparedness Fair Funding-** Sue Herold, West Valley police officer brought a Preparedness Kit that is a fundraiser for the West Valley Police Station emergency materials. The cost is \$30 per bucket. She suggested that the council get 25 people together and a CERT person will come out and train us. Capt Gurlick (LAFD), can arrange the training. Sue Herold is also asking the council for a donation to pay for some of the products that are part of the bucket. There is a CERT training beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup> at LAFD at Balboa and Devonshire. Nick Franchino made a motion that NSNC allocate not less than \$500.00 to the Emergency Preparedness Fair to be held on October 1, 2011, with the provision that we know what the money will be used for. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judi Greenberg. Motion passed

## 9) Committee Reports -

### a) Reports from committee –

- Sal Palaez is the new chairperson for the Transportation Committee– Lead Officers can assist with interest in mobile radar that people want on their street to monitor speed. Bike lane on Reseda Blvd - work order is out to finish the lane.

Judi Greenberg left the room @ 8:36 while Nick Franchino made a motion to support the car show at Northridge Middle School as an outreach event. Funding is to pay for outreach materials, giveaways for people that come to our booth and learn about NSNC, not to exceed \$900.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Sterling. Motion passed.

- Nick Franchino made a motion to support the maintenance of our website by Aaron DeVandry not to exceed \$250.00 per month, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Sterling. Motion passed.
- **b) Board member announcements** – Jan Scott lost her mom this week, Scott Sterling has free Dodger tickets for Saturday afternoon. There is a public art project starting in Northridge and will go throughout the entire San Fernando Valley. An art meeting will be on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 at the Multi-Culture Music & Art Center on Wilbur and Nordhoff. On Sept 17, 2011 there will be a Community Picnic at Coldwater Canyon to honor the Great Wall of Los Angeles. The oral history program was wonderful. There were 160 people, and it also was held at Multi-Culture Music & Art Center.

- **10) Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn made by Scott Sterling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Johnson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.