

**Northridge South
Neighborhood Council
Minutes
September 22, 2011**

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Judy Greenberg led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

2) Board of Directors Roll Call – Nick Franchino, Judi Greenberg, Mark Johnson, Margaret Landers, Salvador Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Chris Sales, Jan Scott, Scott Sterling, Virginia Watts, Diane Weston-Sulka. Absent: Sher Hogan (ex), Loneathea Jones (ex) Rebekah Choi (ex)

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting - Nick Franchino made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Jan Scott 2nd. Motion passed.

4) Comments by public officials -

a) CD12 – Semee Park - Councilman Englander made a motion to combine the Office of Public Safety with LAPD in a move to save money. The DWP Office of Accountability met with the objective is to appoint a director who will be independent of LADWP. The director will to look into things like fee hikes and such. Councilman Englander introduced a motion to expand MR2 industrial zones to include technology and remains industrial. These zones keep jobs in our area. Councilman Englander also wants to change the culture in city hall such as requiring departments to report all fraud, waste and abuse. All city employees take ethics training and he wants the training to include fraud, waste and abuse training. Re-establishment of the internal investigation office is making sure all workers are on the job. They are handing out GPS tracking units to see if workers are where they are supposed to be. Unhitched trailers can now be reported.

b) Other Public Officials – none

5) Public Comments – Randall Wolf – Asked about having streetlights and speed bumps installed. Sal Pelaez said that some lights were paid for with grants and some the homeowners will be assessed. Nick Franchino said when we get the information for the process he will put it on the website. It will be on the Transportation page. Peter McCarty from co-chair of Northridge Vision. Asked people to fill out the survey for Northridge Vision. Asked for permission to come back with people to do a presentation. He is looking for support and participation from us in Northridge Vision.

6) President's Comments – Congress of Neighborhood Councils this weekend. Northridge East had treasurer training last night. Jan Scott took the training. Lucky Lakhani resigned due to health issues, Scott also resigned due to many other commitments. Information will be on the webpage for applying for the open positions. Vote will be next month.

7) Old Business -

a) Budget Update – Roll over amount 26,725.29, total is 67,225.29. Budget will be present at every meeting. Every quarter we need to report to DONE. We rent a space and have a news entry, which we pay for. Budget will be placed on the website. \$748.00 was spent on the Car Show at Northridge Middle School. Key chains were purchased with a whistle to use for emergency. Those that were left over will be used for other outreach events. They have our logo on it.

9) New Business -

a) Election of E-Board Officers – Margaret Landers nominated Chris for President, Donnal Poppe 2nd. Chris Sales nominated Judi Greenberg for Vice=President, Jan Scott 2^{Td}. Nick Franchino nominated Margaret Landers for secretary Chris Sales 2nd. Scott Sterling nominated Jan Scott for secretary Judi Greenberg 2nd. Vote was taken for each position and each nominated candidate was elected to the office for which they were nominated. Chris Sales distributed business cards to each board member.

b) Sherwood Forest Block Party – Steve Slutzah gave a brief history of the Block Party with Debi Seltzah. Some of the details were discussed. Donnal Poppe, Margaret Landers, Jan Scott, Diane Sulka left the room and a vigorous discussion took place. Motion to support Sherwood Forest Block Party on Nov. 5th 2011 with funds not to exceed \$3000.00 was made by Nick Franchino, and 2nd by Scott Sterling. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

c) Reseda Blvd Beautification – Nancy Pike spoke about food sharing and Food Forward. 18,000 lbs. of food went to Sova and another place. Andrea Alvarado is the editor and writes for Text in the City and is the head of the Northridge Sparkle Campaign cleaning up Reseda Blvd. It stated 2 years ago. The campaign has grown to 60 volunteers. She would like to see Reseda Blvd. decorated from Nordhoff to Parthenia. She is also partnered with the Nancy Pike.

10) Committee Reports -

a) Reports from committee – Nick Franchino – Public Safety Committee - The North Valley Preparedness Fair will be on Oct 1 11:00 to 3:00 at the new Station on Balboa south of Devonshire. Outreach Committee allocated money for a banner, A-frame signs. Will be doing a small postcard mailer to everyone in the neighborhood soon. Website redesign payment cleared so it will happen next month. Judi Greenberg told us about Oct. 14 SOLID dinner at St Nicholas church at 5:30 Sal Pelaez said he got information for getting speed audit trailer and he got permission to put up the speed machine. He will publish information for speed bumps and lights. He is the process for getting an LADOT engineer to evaluate to the intersection at the Vallarta Market on Chase and Reseda.

Donnal Poppe described a building at 18355 Roscoe Blvd that is thinking about a conversion from parochial school to public school. Charter will use two existing buildings. School has been in business for 60 years. Donnal Poppe made a motion to support the request to change the school from parochial to charter. Diane Weston-Sulka 2nd the motion. 7 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention.

b) Board member announcements – Scott Sterling told us about the oral histories that were taken. Visit the great wall mural on Coldwater. It's been redone and it's beautiful. Chris Sales thanked Scott for his service.

11) Adjournment – Scott Sterling made the motion to adjourn Jan Scott 2nd Motion passed.