

Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes
December 15, 2011

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

2) Board of Directors Roll Call – Present: Tom Bramson, Rebekah Choi, Nick Franchino, Judi Greenberg, Sher Hogan, Mark Johnson, Loneathea Jones, Margaret Landers, Salvador Pelaez (late 8:15 pm), Donnal Poppe, Chris Sales, Jan Scott, Debi Seltzer, Diane Weston-Sulka, . Absent: Virginia Watts (ex)

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Donnal Poppe moved to accept the minutes, 2nd by Diane Weston-Sulka. Motion passed

4) Comments by public officials -

a) CD12 – Seme Park - Motion to move the city into a performance-based budget was made by Councilman Englander. The Councilman feels we need to look at how things have been implemented. We need to do a better job of holding the city accountable. Councilman Englander introduced a motion to eliminate soft, carbonated drinks in public city facilities, places like libraries. Mitch Englander co-introduced with Councilman Tony Cardenas a call for a report back to City Council with recommendations on improvements to Van Nuys Airport's management. They are working to make Van Nuys airport an airport that is managed separately. CD12 will be moving offices early next year to make the office a community center. It will be at 9279 Oakdale. There are plans for making the Chase Street pedestrian bridge crossing at Aliso Creek area into a pocket park with a city easement (using an “adopt a medium” program). The nursery will donate plants. Fences will be fixed. It should be done by the end of February to early March. The public arts project needs help with plans for murals, tours, and raising money for the arts council that is struggling. This is a yearlong project.

b) Other public officials - none

5) Public comments – Larry Naca who lives on Rayen St. has a tree with branches that reach across the street. He was told to call the city for assistance. Glen Bailey wants us to communicate with the city about redistricting. Valley Alliance will have mayoral candidates, one at each meeting. He has approached councils to ask for support for bike lanes on white lanes.

6) President’s Comments – Chris Sales acknowledged the presence of his father, at the council meeting, who is 90.

7) Old Business

a) Budget Update – motion to accept budget as it is presented made by Jan Scott. Judi Greenberg suggested that items have more detailed descriptions. Motion approved. P-card – motion to have board approve a \$10,000.00 limit

amount for Jan, Feb, Mar, for the P-card. Nick Franchino 2nd. Motion passed. Jan Scott made a motion to purchase paper and ink for each board member for not more than \$1000.00 for board business. Discussion ensued. Motion was rescinded.

8) New Business

- a) CSUN Parking on north side of Nordhoff – Britney McCartney and Collin Donahue presented the issue saying that there should be no parking on the north side of Nordhoff from just west of Zelzah to Matador Drive to make it safer for cars turning right onto Nordhoff at Zelzah. The president of CSUN, Jolene Koester, is retiring and an interim president, Dr. Harold Hellenbrand, will begin on January 1, 2012. He will serve in this capacity until a permanent president begins on campus. Yesterday the governor announced that \$100,000,000 would be cut for CSU. No mid-year tuition increases. Update on traffic. There is a new road just west of Zelzah.
- b) CERT Training/Motion for funds for refreshments – CERT training is coming up. A motion was made by Judy Greenberg to allot no more than \$500.00 dollars for refreshments during the training. 2nd by Nick Franchino. Motion passed.
- c) E-SOL Zone Variance - Zone variance for a facility that serves cognitively delayed adults. They are seeking to increase their enrollment from 14 to 36. They operate during the day only. Motion to approve the zone variance from 14 to 36 adults made by Donnal Poppe, 2nd by Sher Hogan. Motion passed.
- d) Neighborhood Council Board Election Survey -A request to accept recommendations of the committee to the survey questions was made by Judi Greenberg. Request approved.

9) Committee Reports

- a) Reports from Outreach Committee – We have a new webpage, old webpage still up for a while. Work is being done to create a direct mailer to everyone in our council area. A motion was made to spend to spend money for the postcard mailer, to be sent in January, not to exceed \$3000.00. Motion passed. Transportation – Vallarta market investigation complete and ready to work. Planters - there is a man that has been taking care of some of the planters, but city wants people to adopt them. Benches may be replaced and removal of those benches that are not at bus stops. There may be a need for funding for Aliso Park. Land Use – Donnal Poppe may be bringing a computer in as a visual display.
- b) Board member announcements – PALS Christmas giveaway will be this Sat.

10) Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Margaret Landers, 2nd by Jan Scott at 8:47. Motion passed.