

Northridge South Neighborhood Council

Minutes

March 22, 2012

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Judi Greenberg.

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

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting - Judi Greenberg moved to approve the minutes as corrected, 2nd by Virginia Watts.

4) Comments by public officials Patrick Lysing introduced members from our neighborhood LAFD. He told us about some of the experiences they have and lives they save. They work in three shifts of A, B and C. Each shift is 24 hours in length. We were reminded to have smoke detectors and a plan for emergencies on how to get out of the house. They also told us that it is important to clear brush for 200 feet around a house to be safe.

a) CD12 - none

b) Other public officials - none

5) Public comments - Gene Smith told us that he thought the ambulance should not be moved out of our neighborhood and that we should speak to CD12. Rick Nahmias, Founder and Executive Director of Food Forward, came to tell us about his organization. Food forward participates in distributing produce to food banks. We gave Food Forward a grant of \$1000.00. They will come out and harvest fruit from homeowner's trees and give the homeowner a tax deduction receipt. They Donate to Sova, and other entities.

6) President's Comments - none

7) Old Business

a) Budget Update Jan Scott made a motion to move monies from eight (8) categories - POS,ELE,AUD,POS, PFF, MIS, EDU, and TRL to Event Outreach, and new moved to GRT to support budgeted expenditures. Diane 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Jan Scott made a motion to earmark \$500 for Valley Alliance Neighborhood Councils for their next mixer. A discussion was held and then a vote taken,7 yes 4 opposed 1 abstention. Andrea Alvarado has an umbrella which she operate's under which are Text in the City, Sparkle and the Revitalization of Old Northridge.

8) New Business

a) West Valley Senior Symposium- Paul Davis supports 1 Generation, which is an organization that services seniors with meals and other things. He came to ask for money to support the West Valley Symposium. Jan Scott made a motion to donate \$1000 for the 4th Annual West Valley Senior Symposium. Motion passed

b) Family Festival Kids Art Pavilion Chris Sales gave us background information on the Festival. It used to be the Hawaiian Festival at Northridge Park on Reseda and Devonshire. It is no longer a Hawaiian Festival. We will have a booth and Chris Sales is suggesting we contribute \$1000 for the Children's Art Pavilion. The children will create art using recyclable materials. Jan Scott made the motion that

we allot up to \$1000 for the Kids Art Pavilion. Loneathea Jones 2nd the motion. Motion passed. 1 abstention.

- c) **Reseda Blvd Revitalization** - Sal Pelaez made a motion to allocate up to \$3500 for the refurbishing of benches on Reseda Blvd. between Roscoe Blvd. to Nordhoff Street including one year of maintenance and an understanding that the council will fund the maintenance of the benches for the following four years. Sal Pelaez said the Andrea Alvarez and Don Larson have been working hard to get things done. First Northridge Village sign is up in front of Lum Ka Nad on Reseda Blvd. The benches will be painted green. Motion passed.
- d) **VANC Report/Sponsorship Banner** – Jan Scott told us that all of the Neighborhood Councils are present at the VANC meetings and each council has their banner. Jan Scott made a motion for money for a quick screen banner not to exceed \$500. Motion passed
- e) **Letter Supporting Transit Coalition on Orange Line Savings** – Sal Pelaez made a motion to support the letter asking for the use of the monies saved by the Orange Line Chatsworth Extension for transit infrastructure in the valley. Motion passed.
- f) **White Oak Bike Lanes Support Letter** – Sal Pelaez made a motion to support the installation and extension of White Oak bike lanes to the Orange line. A letter will be written to show our support. Glenn Bailey explained why Sal Pelaez's letter is important. Motion passed.

9) **Committee Reports**

- a) **Reports from committee** – Land Use. Nick said that Plum didn't have a quorum and so the meeting was postponed and the group home ordinance was not addressed.
- b) **Board member announcements** - none

10) **Adjournment**- Margaret Landers made a motion to adjourn, Judi Greenberg 2nd. Motion passed.