

## Northridge South Neighborhood Council

### Minutes

April 26, 2012

**1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Judi Greenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting** – Jan Scott made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donnal Poppe. Motion passed.

#### **4) Comments by public officials –**

**a) CD12-Semee Park** – She will be on a bit of hiatus – The city operates with 7 billion dollar annual fund which pays for bonds, trash fees, and special funds. 4.6 billion is the general fund or which one billion is dedicated for pension. 3.5 billion is for everything else, 70% of the 3.5 billion is used for police and fire and public safety. Remaining 30% goes to 52 departments of the city. The city will have to make up about 200 million dollars in discretionary funds. Mitch Englander is pushing for pension reform, and performance based budgeting and funding. Neighborhood Councils will get an 8% decrease. The Neighborhoods are suggesting their budgets be restored to \$50,000. Not likely. Councilman is pushing for Fire STAT. He is visiting fire stations in the district. The Fire department has been cut this year and they are doing more with less. Fire STAT is a system for getting real time data. CD12 is working on getting funding for Fire STAT. Semi Park thanked some board members (Chris Sales, Sal Pelaez, Margaret Landers, Jan, Scott, Diane Weston-Sulka and Judi Greenberg) for showing up at the Earth Day event.

**b) Other public officials** - Rosalba Gonzalez from Bob Blumenfeld's office told us about some Sacramento updates: Bob Blumenfeld is holding 60 public hearings regarding the budget through May 15, AB 405 passed and will allow vehicles that are running on clean gas with low emissions to use the hot lanes/carpool lanes without carpooling, AB 2133 Combat to College is designed for returning Vets. They will have a GI bill that will allow them to go to college for up to 15 years rather than 4 years, and shorten residency from 1 year to 6 months. AB 2138 Insurance Fraud Bill gives more money to the district attorney to fight insurance fraud. AB1500 closes loopholes for some taxpayers and AB 1501 is the Middle Class Scholarship bill. These bills create a fund for eligible middle class college students. Metro is doing a scoping meeting for the East SF Valley corridor trying to figure what is the best way to use the measure R fund. They are looking at Sepulveda Blvd and Van Nuys Ave. They are trying to move people from the east valley to the west valley.

Matt Margolis from Brad Sherman's office let us know that they help people with issues that deal with the federal government, i.e. not getting their social security checks, etc. Brad Sherman's Office is looking for interns for the summer. Tours of the Capitol can be arranged through this office. Next meeting with Congressman Sherman will be in July.

LAPD Officers Ignacio Murillo and Kate Luna from Devonshire Division want to help us to have a stronger, safer neighborhood. Neighborhood watch block leader meeting coming up on Sat from 9-12. A monthly newsletter comes out with helpful info. Dick Ashnault brought signs for the police (Hide It, Lock It, Keep It) with our name. These signs will be posted in our neighborhood. They reminded all to be more vigilant about valuables in our cars. Mobile radar trailer – they lost the person who put it out and knew how to use it and they have a new person who is learning how to run it. Pancake breakfast is on May 19<sup>th</sup>. 7:30 -10

**5) Public comments –**

Mel Mitchell from Porter Ranch neighborhood council came to visit our council. Amy and Brenda from CSUN came with some CSUN students. They are going out into the community to do a scavenger hunt on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and to let students know they can make a difference in the community. They are hoping to involve the stakeholders in the community. Photos will be posted on the website.

**6) President's Comments –** We have been told by BONC that we are required to have elections this year. Chris Sales encouraged people to run. Information will be on the website. Election will be held in Aug.

**7) Old Business**

a) Budget Update - Budget is on the website.

**8) New Business**

- a) Presentation of initial project design plans -19400 Block of Parthenia –** Brad Rosenthine came to talk about a project to build an apartment complex. He gave us a history for the property and then told us about the current project. Originally it was to be 387 units, but now it is designed for 338 units. Ed Keteval described the details of the project. Chris Sales asked about the possibility of the unbundling of parking spaces and reducing rent. A question for solar panels was asked, however, there will not be much roof space to accommodate solar. Dick Ashnault asked about whom they will be hiring to do the work.
- b) C.E.M.P. funding motion –** Cal Emergency Mobile Patrol. C.E.M.P. is all volunteer and they run on donations. Judi Greenberg made a motion to donate \$500 to Devonshire Division for CEMP, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sher Hogan. Motion passed
- c) Motion of Support for Additional Four Year Reseda Blvd. Bench Maintenance Contract –** Sal Pelaez made a motion to continue funding for the benches on Reseda Blvd for an additional 4 years for \$700 per year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donnal Poppe. Motion passed
- d) Motion for funding of Park Parthenia Health Fair Bike Trailer Giveaway –** Sal Pelaez made a motion to fund a bike trailer for up to \$350.00 as a giveaway for Park Parthenia's Health Fair. Judi Greenberg suggested our logo be on the trailer. Motion passed.
- e) Motion for funding of additional Outreach items –** Judi Greenberg made a motion to purchase outreach materials to distribute at neighborhood events not to exceed \$1000.00. Nick Franchino 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.
- f) Motion for funding for 2012 NSNC board elections –** Diane Weston-Sulka made a motion to allocate not more than \$1000 to fund outreach materials for stakeholders for the NSNC election 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan Scott. Motion passed
- g) Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee for 2012 Elections -** Diane Weston-Sulka made a motion to add an ad hoc committee to oversee the elections to remain in force not later than Dec 1, 2012. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Loneathea Jones. Motion passed. Judi Greenberg will be the ad hoc Committee Chairperson for running the elections.

**9) Committee Reports**

- a) Reports from committee – Outreach- Nick Franchino reminded stakeholders about our webpage where they can get updates and information about NSNC. Judi Greenberg - reminded stakeholders to be at the on June 2, 2012 Movie Night at Northridge Park. Sal Palez mentioned that Semee sent an email indicating she is working on lights for the pocket park.
- b) Board member announcements - Judi Greenberg said the PALS center will be having an Art Show of children's work May 4 at 6 pm.

**10) Adjournment -** Judi Greenberg moved to adjourn and Debi Seltzer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.