

Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes
May 24, 2012

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance - Judi Greenberg called the meeting to order at 7:04 and Nick Franchino led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting - Jan Scott made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. 2nd by Diane Weston-Sulka, motion passed.

4) Comments by public officials

a) CD12 – Semee Park – Valley Family festival will be next Saturday, June 2nd at Northridge Park. June 13, 2012 – Mitch Englander conversation with councils, city administrator Miguel Santana will be there. It will take place at 3:30 at Fire station 87. There will be an increase in the number of street pavings and pothole repairs. There will be tree-trimming services also. CD12 is looking for artwork from local artists to display in new community center. Community Care Ordinance – CD12 is aware of the problems with house on Texhoma. Councilman wants us to support the ordinance on Community Care Facility Ordinance. This ordinance is mostly for sober living home. Nick Franchino said we will write a letter, but it will be addressed in at the June meeting. Shopping cart ordinance will be implemented. Any new grocery store that comes in, or any store that renovates at least 50% will have to install a mechanism to keep cart from leaving premises. Call 818 882 1212 for help with carts in neighborhood. There is a new person working in CD12 named Melody who takes care of a variety of things, i.e. weed abatement.

b) Brad Sherman's office -Matt Margolis. They help constituent's services for things having to do with the federal government such as veteran's services. Also will help with issues in the San Fernando Valley. Great program to help with tours in the Capitol. Last Tues Brad Sherman hosted a congressional art competition last week and the winner's work will be posted in Washington DC. The winner was a student from Granada Hills High School. Sal Pelaez asked about progress on the Orange line an was referred to Michael Tow, a policy director, who can help with other issues

c) Bob Blumenfield office - Rosalba Gonzalez says there will be lots of cuts this year from the governors office. Lots of things are locked up in the initiative process and cannot be touched when it comes to cuts. One of the things that can be touched is education. Insurance fraud bill is stuck, if not unstuck by tomorrow it will be dead.

d) Back to School Resource Fair - will be hosted by PALS and they are looking for donations for supplies, vaccinations July 21, 2012 10am -2pm.

5) Public comments - Daphne Dionisio told us that someone attempted to break into a house, as well as others incidents of break-ins. They are going to do a light up campaign. Dee Dee Doverni – has the idea to puts gates up in her neighborhood.

6) President's Comments - none

7) Old Business

a) **Budget Update** – DONE is having issues with P-card. Card is being declined. We don't know what's been approved at this time.

8) New Business

a) Motion to amend the bylaws to allow a Town Hall Selection process for Board elections made by Judi Greenberg. 2nd by Nick Franchino. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Motion for Disaster Preparedness Fair Expenditure – Margaret Landers made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Disaster Preparedness Fair for materials that will be distributed at the Fair in October 2012. 2nd by Jan Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Motion for Executive Committee Purchasing -Jan Scott made a motion that the executive board have the authority to spend up to \$2000.00 on the P-Card for the remainder of this fiscal year. 2nd Diane Weston-Sulka. Motion passed, 7 yes 3 opposed.

9) Committee Reports

a) Report from Outreach Committee – Nick Franchino said we need to do more for outreach and he discussed the election positions for the board, as well as encouraged people to check the webpage.

Sher asked about lawn signs.

Transportation Committee– Sal Pelaez told us about an Outreach event - Bike to Work on Reseda Blvd. to be held in front of Bicycle Johns store. Sal Palaez met with Vallarta Market representative to try to fix street crossing problem.

Transportation - security - issues and accidents on Reseda Blvd. We will be looking at solutions.

b) Board member announcements - none

10) Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Sal Pelaez 2nd by Diane Weston-Sulka. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 8:04 pm.