

Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes
July 26, 2012

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance - Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Judi Greenberg led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Motion to accept the minutes was made by Donnal Poppe and the 2nd by Jan Scott. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

4) Comments by public officials

a) CD12 – Mitch Englander –A soft ban to close down illegal pot shops was passed in an effort to reduce crime. Mitch Englander wrote the Community Care Ordinance and said it is stuck. Semee Park reminded us of National Night Out at Northridge Park on Aug 7. It’s a way for families to get together and take back our streets.

b) Other public officials Joseph Chen from Hal Berman’s office introduced himself and said he would answer any questions as needed.

5) Public comments - none

6) President’s Comments – Chris Sales encouraged people to apply for the council board.

7) Old Business

a) Budget Update – NONE

b) Town Hall Selection – Judi Greenberg said the selection process will take place on Sept 6, 2012. We will hold a Town Hall Meeting on that night in compliance with directives from EMPOWER LA for conducting elections.

8) New Business

a) Community Care Ordinance Discussion – Mitch Englander wrote the Community Care Ordinance and said it is stuck in the council. Eight votes are needed to pass the ordinance and there aren’t eight votes. Mitch Englander gave a us a summary of the problems associated will group homes of all types and how the ordinance will enable authorities to the power to make sure they are run appropriately. A discussion followed with questions and responses

John Whitaker, chair of the SFV Sober Living Coalition, spoke in opposition to the ordinance. Sharon Pierce spoke in opposition to the ordinance; Daphne Dionisio spoke about a community care facility. Justin Hessling said he had been “getting loaded” in Northridge and is now clean and in opposition to

ordinance. Michael Ray says he runs a well run sober living home. He says neighbors are harassing him. He is the facility care person for Northridge Hospital. Julie Romero is a certified drug counselor and is a recovered drug addict. Paul Dumont spoke in opposition to the ordinance. Juju Salbo with New Directions works with homeless veterans and helps to stop self-medicating and also helps them to return to school. She spoke in opposition of the ordinance.

Mitch Englander praised those who came to share their life experiences and turned their lives around. He told us that the ordinance does not do the things that people are concerned about. He said a conditional use permit could be useful for people who run sober living homes. The ordinance would target homes that are out compliance. Mitch Englanders thanked Chris Sales and presented Chris with a Resolution Certificate. Mitch also presented Sal Pelaez with a Resolution Certificated for great service in the area of bike riding and transportation.

b) 19401 Parthenia Project Presentation - Brad Rosenheim represents the owners of the property. He gave us some background information about the property. There is a height limit of 45 ft. and there will be some architectural features will be a bit higher. Donnal Poppe made a motion to support the project with conditions that there be onsite bicycle parking, that the office have information on public transportation and to de-couple parking spaces if Los Angeles code allows from parking regulations. Virginia Watts 2nd the motion. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

c) Light Up the Night Funding - Chris Sales made a motion, Jan Scott 2nd to fund Light Up The Night in the amount not to exceed \$250.00. Motion passed unanimously.

d) National Night Out Signups - Judy Greenberg spoke about National Night Out. She asked board members to sign up for time slots to attend during the event.

e) Small Pop Up Tent with Logo Funding – Jan Scott made a motion to bring forth the funding of not more than \$2000. 2nd by Judy Greenberg. Motion passed unanimously.

f) Citrus Sunday Participation Funding – Margaret Landers made a motion to fund the Citrus Sunday Event with no more than \$1000. Motion passed. Vote was unanimous. 10 yes, 5 absent

Virginia left at 8:12

9) Committee Reports

a) Reports from committee – Judi Greenberg told us that the PALS Center needs school supplies and anything to be donated can be dropped off at the PALS Center. Sal said we have new LADOT signs and he suggested people take them -

b) Board member announcements - none

10) Adjournment – Judi Greenberg made a motion to adjourn, Donnal Poppe 2nd. Motion passed.. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.