

Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes
August 23, 2012

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Judi Greenberg led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Board of Directors Roll Call -Tom Bramson, 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, Virginia Watts

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Judi Greenberg made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Donnal Poppe. Motion passed

4) Comments by public officials

a) CD12 -

b) Other public officials – Rosalba Gonzalez from Bob Blumenfeld’s office spoke about two bills that Bluemenfeld fought for that were presented to the California Assembly. The first bill mimics the GI Bill and gives GIs 15 years to use the bill, and the second bill is the “Vets to Trucking” Bill– vets who have been trained on trucks in the military would be allowed to get a commercial trucking license without much difficulty.

Brochures – Rosalba Gonzalez brought Earthquake and Senior Resource Guide brochures. Office hours are coming up in Canoga Park at the Art Walk on Sept 20th from 6-8, later in Oct there will be the Tastes of Encino, and Salute to Kids.

Stephan Box and Jose Sandoval from Empower LA are election officials and they came to tell us that they will be in charge of the elections for the neighborhood councils and their office is at 14401 Sylvan in Van Nuys.

5) Public comments – Wade Trimmer from San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission inviting the board to attend the groundbreaking of the facility on Canby on Sept 20, 2012

6) President’s Comments – Chris Sales thanked Rebecca Choi, Mark Johnson, Nick Franchino, Sher Hogan and Loneathea Jones for their participation on the council.

7) Old Business

a) Budget Update - DONE is still having some difficulties with finance. Jan Scott told the stakeholders that if there was anything that they needed money for to let us know and it would first need to go to committee to get on the agenda.

b) Town Hall Selection Update – Judi Greenberg told us that the application period ended today and that there are more applications for the residential than there are spots and the selection will only be for residential.

8) New Business

a) Community Care Ordinance Vote - Chris Sales read the following motion on the Community Care Facility Ordinance:

Per the report of the Planning and Land Use Committee of the Northridge South Neighborhood Council, the committee moves that the council draft a letter of support for the pending Community Care Facility Ordinance with the following provisions:

The NSNC recommends that the City of LA offer a reduced or no-cost filing fees for planning requests from all legitimate and recognized non-profits.

The NSNC requests further clarification and transparency on the issue of leases. The board believes that the current ordinance does not make clear the impact of a single lease per household on legitimate non-profits.

The NSNC requests strengthened language pertaining to outdoor smoking. A smoke free zone encompassing a stated setback from existing property lines could help to alleviate this.

The NSNC requests the inclusion a specific and defined occupant ratio to limit density.

The council suggests a limit of two occupants per bedroom on properties of 5000 square feet or less. We also suggest the inclusion of further language that would allow for the possibility, on review, of an increase in that defined ratio if the property size is a minimum of two times the stated average (10,000 square feet).

The NSNC requests that the city make a public commitment that funds will be allocated specifically for the enforcement of this new ordinance, and that it create a protocol for enforcement, so that neighborhood councils will be able to seek effective recourse on issues arising from the ordinance's enforcement.

Joe Kozul has been a resident since 1987. He is in favor of the CCO and feels that this is an issue that needs regulation.

Gigi Szabo, housing director for New Directions, says that the facilities would be shut down. She is opposed to CCO. Applauds our motion. Joann Phillips was on the NWNC where they have supporting the CCO. Maria Fisk from Granada Hills South NC Land use committee spoke in favor of the CCO. Autumn Elliot says people with disabilities need housing. She is with Disability Rights California.

Vote taken. Motion passed.

b) Rosie's BBQ and Grill Liquor License Request – Donnal Poppe described Rosie's to stakeholders. Made a motion to support Rosie's request for a beer and wine license. Jan Scott 2nd the motion. Motion passed

c) Citrus Sunday Recap – Margaret Landers said we got a Citrus Sunday banner and the location was not yet finalized. People should bring citrus and check the website for the location.

d) Holiday Street Ornament Funding – Sal Pelaez said street ornaments for Reseda Blvd was discussed in committee There is an effort to partner with businesses on Reseda Blvd. Sal Pelaez made a motion to set aside up to \$1000 for holiday decorations or lighting, to be put up on Reseda Blvd between Parthenia and Nordhoff, specific items to be reviewed before purchased Nick Franchino 2nd. Motion passed with 13 in favor and one abstention.

e) SOLID Funding Request – SOLID, the support group for SOLID, is requesting a donation. Judi Greenberg made a motion to fund the LAPD Devonshire Division supporters for the purpose of redoing the roll call room with a donation of \$500.00, 2nd by Sal Pelaez and Donnal Poppe. Nick Franchino wanted to know if it was for inside or outside, Judi Greenberg said it is inside. Motion passed. 13 in favor I vote opposed.

9) Committee Reports

a) Reports from committee Budget committee Jan Scott made a motion for up to \$200 for the tent. 2nd by Margaret Landers, motion passed. 13 in favor 1 opposed. Margaret Landers made a motion to fund the Valley Disaster Fair for up to \$250.00. 2nd by Sher Hogan. Motion passed.

b) Board member announcements – Judi Greenberg thanked everyone who was at National Night Out. Judi Greenberg asked about the request for VANC. Chris Sales said that we will discuss VANC at the next committee meeting and vote on it next month.

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