



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes

September 27, 2012

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Judi Greenberg led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Swearing In of New Board Officers – The Board of Directors were sworn in by Matt Margolis, the representative for Brad Sherman.

3) Board of Directors Roll Call - Dagmar Abarghoei, Andrea Alvarado, Rob Baskerville, Tom Bramson, Judi Greenberg, Margaret Landers, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Chris Sales, Michael Savage, Jan Scott, Christian Vaca, Virginia Watts, Diane Weston-Sulka, Fred Youssif.

4) Approval of minutes from previous meeting –Donnal Poppe made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Judi Greenberg. Motion passed. Vote was unanimous.

5) Comments by public officials -

a) CD12 - none

b) Other public officials - Matt Margolis from Brad Sherman's office gave each board member a business card. He invited all to contact the congressman's office if there was something needed that the congressman could be of help with. He described how Congressman Sherman's constituent guide can be helpful to the public. Matt explained the guide in detail.

6) Public comments – Glen Wilson from NWNC presented himself.

7) President's Comments – Chris Sales thanked the board. He talked about the results of Citrus Sunday and introduced the new board members. He thanked Marianne Ybarra and Rob's wife Monica for their assistance and participation during Citrus Sunday. Chris Sales reminded all to do the ethics training, which will be due by the next meeting, and to send the certificate to Margaret Landers or print out and give to Margaret Landers at the next meeting.

8) Old Business

a) Budget Update – Three demand warrants and still be transacted upon for SOLID, the YMCA, and CITRUS SUNDAY.

b) Pocket Park Update – Sal Pelaez spoke about the Aliso Pocket Park and the volunteers who helped to establish it, as well as the nursery that donated plants. He thanked John and Pam Atkinson for planting the plants at the park. Chris thanked Sal for his effort.

9) New Business

a) Standing Rules Changes on Board Terms Motion - Donnal Poppe gave us some background on the Standing Rules. Two motions -1. Donnal Poppe made a motion to change the date for the election of officers of the board from July to September. Jan

Scott 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. 2. Donnal Poppe made a motion to change the bylaws from officers serving no more than 2 consecutive years to 4 consecutive years in any one office. Judi Greenberg 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Board of Directors Vote for E-Board Officers – Chris Sales nominated for President by Donnal Poppe. 2nd by Jan Scott. Vice President – Judi Greenberg nominated Diane Weston Sulka. 2nd by Andrea Alvarado. Treasurer – Jan Scott nominated, 2nd by Judi Greenberg. Secretary Margaret Landers nominated by Diane Weston Sulka, second by Jan Scott. All executive board member nominees were approved, and voted into office.

c) Cancellation of December Meeting Motion - Judi Greenberg made a motion to cancel the Dec meeting 2nd by Chris. Sales. Motion passed unanimously.

d) YMCA Thanksgiving Baskets Motion – Diane Weston-Sulka made a motion to allocate \$700.00 for the provision of Thanksgiving baskets to 20 needy families of 4 in the San Fernando Valley. 2nd by Judi Greenberg. Motion passed. Vote was unanimous.

e) LADOT Presentation – Lucia Tofreha from LADOT spoke about the lawn safety signs. They are to be placed on private property only. She spoke about the use of the pocket park as a way to encourage people to bike to the park. Funding is available as needed for projects related to biking. She suggested having a cyclovia in our neighborhood. Promoted walking and biking more.

f) SOLID Presentation - The SOLID Dinner is coming up on Oct 19th at the St. Nicholas Church.

g) ZA-2012-1907-ZAA Addition to Dwelling - 8620 Danube Place. This property was built without permits. Ed Kish (new contractor) represented Michael Moza the owner. He had a contractor build a second story on his house. Owner said he was out of state when the project was being built. Owner says he cannot find the contractor now, says he was under the impression the contractor had obtained the permits. Work stopped in Jan 2012 according to Ed Kish. Fred Yousseff is the neighbor who lives behind the building in question. He says the owner was present, the contractor was working until very recently and lives in the neighborhood. Virginia Watts said that at the committee meeting the proposition was to remove the second floor, which is what the homeowner wants. Discussion followed. Donnal Poppe made a motion to support the request for the variance if the entire second story is removed. Tom Bramson 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Donnal Poppe made a motion that the builder should install a 6 foot fence between the two properties. 9 in favor 5 opposed 1 abstention. Motion passed.

10) Committee Reports

a) Reports from committee - Outreach - Judi Greenberg spoke about the Disaster Fair and encouraged people to attend. PALS is having a “Trunk or Treat” activity. Bring treats for to the next meeting to help the PALS center.

b) Board member announcements – Diane Weston Sulka spoke about the smaller theaters at CSUN that have great programs.

11) Adjournment Jan Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Fred Youssif 2nd. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.