



Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes
October 25, 2012

**Northridge South Neighborhood Council
November 11, 2012**

- 1) **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – The meeting was called to order by Chris Sales at 7:00 pm. Judi Greenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Board of Directors Roll Call** – Present: 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. Absent: none
- 3) **Approval of minutes from previous meeting** – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Donnal Poppe and 2nd by Jan Scott. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Comments by public officials -
 - a) CD12 - none
 - b) Bob Blumenfield - none
 - c) Other public officials - none
- 5) Public comments - none
- 6) President's Comments – Chris Sales reminded people that we are collecting toys for the PALS center. He summarized some of the activities we've been involved in. He encouraged all board members to participate in activities that come up involving our council. He also described the job of ambassadors and asked for volunteers.
- 7) Old Business
 - a) Budget Update – We paid for the website and have a balance of approximately \$27,200. Jan Scott made a motion to accept the 4th Quarter reconciliation report, 2nd by Margaret Landers. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8) New Business
 - a) SOLID presentation – Dale Penn from SOLID thanked us for our support of the Devonshire Division of LAPD. He is a Northridge resident, and is the secretary of SOLID. They are a non-profit group whose focus is to give LAPD the things they need that are not provided for by the City of Los Angeles. SOLID pays for practice bullets used during target practice, a smart-board to help visualize the area officers

are engaged in, and they helped pay for a new roll call/community room. Commander Pitcher attends all of the SOLID meetings. The next fundraiser will be all day at Rosie's on December 4, 2012.

b) PALS Holiday Toy Drive – The box for donated toys is in Judi's office. They are looking for stocking stuffers and things for mother's table as well as gift cards.

c) Donnal Poppe reported on ZA-2012-2876-CU, Demolition and reconstruction of McDonalds (19315 Parthenia) – Just filed, do not have final city environmental impact report yet. Existing restaurant will be demolished and new restaurant built with two driveways. Sal Pelaez suggested they install bike racks.

9) Committee Reports

a) Reports from committee

i) Thanksgiving Basket Collection – The bags were very generous Diane Weston Sulka read a letter that the YMCA put in each basket. Some of us were at the Granada Hills preschool and NMS to assist in handing out baskets. Any food that is left over goes to the food bank. We donated \$700 toward the baskets. To get on the list of donors we would need to donate \$1000.

ii) Trunk or Treat Event – It took place at the PALS center. Over 1000 children came and got lots of candy and a pumpkin. It was lots of fun.

iii) Light up the Night Event – Virginia Watts told us about light up the night Valerie, Sal Pelaez and Randy were there, and they sat in front of Virginia's house and spoke to people. The Humble Bee restaurant is on Saticoy and White Oak and invited us to sit outside.

iv) VANC Recap – Jan Scott, Diane Weston Sulk, and Margaret Landers went to the VANC meeting. All the valley councils show up to the meetings and share ideas. There is a planning forum at the meeting with two keynote speakers. After the speakers were heard there were breakout groups. We went to the mobility section. Meetings are the 2nd Thurs every month at the Sherman Oaks Hospital at 6:30 pm. Mr. Garcetti will be at the December meeting. In March they will have a special meeting at the CBS studios. Glen Baily is on the executive board of VANC.

Diane Weston Sulka and Margaret Landers went to the conversation with Mitch and we heard from the man from street services. We will be getting the OK/HELP signs.

b) Board member announcements –

Sal Pelaez told us he walked around the area of the pocket park making connection with and talked to people of the neighborhood about the park.

Michael Savage made some comments about the time for committee meetings. He said new members have needs that are not being met with regard to time. He also had some other concerns. A discussion took place and it was decided to have a meeting/retreat in January to have a time to discuss some of the workings of the council for new members.

10) Adjournment – Rob Baskerville made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. and it was 2nd by Fred Youssif. Motion passed unanimously.