



## Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes January 24, 2013

- 1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance - Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Judi Greenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Board of Directors Roll Call: Present: Andrea Alvarado, Rob Baskerville, Judi Greenberg, Margaret Landers, Sal Pelaez, Chris Sales, Michael Savage, Jan Scott, Christian Vaca, Virginia Watts, Diane Weston-Sulka, Absent: Dagmar Abarghoei (ex), Tom Bramson (ex), Donnal Poppe (ex), Fred Youssif (un ex).
- 3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Margaret Landers made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Weston Sulka. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Comments by Public Officials
  - a) CD12 – Semee Park told us that Councilman Englander is supporting a motion to ask for a report from LAPD to tell us what steps they will take to mitigate hit and run crime stats. LAPD crime stats are down in Los Angeles. The Councilman is a reserve officer, and he volunteers his time. He is asking LAPD to streamline the process to allow for more people to become volunteer reserve officers. He also approached LAFD to see if they would start a reserve program for people who are interested and may even have experience.

Councilman Englander is postponing the bond for street repair. He has asked the city attorney to work on the language for the ballot measure for this bond. The three billion dollar street bond was for repairing all failed streets. This seemed like a good time for the bond because interest rates currently are low, the work would be contracted out, new jobs would be generated and the city would not have to pay all the additional benefit costs. Each year A, B, and C streets are slurry coated which costs less to repair. D and F streets are not getting repaired because they are considerably more expensive to repair. Los Angeles City has 8700 streets that are D and F.

The Councilman has gotten a lot of calls from Sherwood Forest about the assisted care facility and wanted to know why Mitch Englander or some other representative was not at the Town Hall Meeting. Semee Park said it is the policy of CD 12 to not participate at this point. He wanted the residents and applicant to be able to talk freely. It is very early in the process and the Councilman likes to allow applicant to go through the process. A discussion ensued with comments from residents.

- b) Other public officials – Glen Bailly- brought a flyer to alert the council of a special presentation meeting to be held on January 26, 2013– Francesca Vega, director of government relations from CSUN, is looking forward to working with us. Adam Pilder YMCA – director of development for the North Valley YMCA in Chatsworth. Thanked the board for our help with the Thanksgiving baskets. NSNC donated \$750, which went toward the purchase of food. We will be getting a plaque from them.

5) Public comments – Michael Fuer is running to be the city attorney. The city attorney oversees hundreds of lawyers and defends the city. Basically he presented himself for the position. Dr. David Goldstein, head of geriatrics at USC, asked how we go about advocating or opposing a project. Dr. Goldstein told us the developers described the project as a very high-end facility. Glen Baily commented about NENC no longer being able to post in the library unless it is shared with NSNC. Also NENC established neighborhood ambassadors to the five neighborhood councils and Glen Bailey and Roland Pocher are the designees for NSNC.

6) President's Comments – Chris Sales announced that Michael Savage is now the Outreach Committee Chair, with Rob Baskerville, Dagmar Abarghoei and Fred Yousiff on the committee.

7) Old Business -

a) Budget Update – Jan said she went to a budget meeting and told us that the budget is online. People will be able to see how money is spent to who and what for. Chris Sales took inventory of things in the storage unit.

8) New - Business

a) NE/W Vision report – Margaret Landers gave an update on the Northridge Vision. The goal is to make Reseda Blvd. a place where people can meet friends for coffee at a restaurant, shop etc. Each board member was given a DVD with the plan. One of the members of the Vision Committee is a CSUN professor who said that if we want to make things look better, take a picture and he will have students redesign the site.

b) Motion for \$1300 for repair of Northridge Oasis Sign at Reseda/Parthenia- Andrea Alvarez made motion to remove “Oasis part of the sign, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Andrea thought it would be a good idea to hold a raffle of local merchants during the “meet and greet”. Motion to allow raffles for merchandise at council “Meet and Greet”. Shoppers would bring receipts to NSNC meeting. Merchants would provide gift cards, discount cards or gift items. – Andrea Alvarado made a motion to hold raffles during the “Meet and Greet” of the NSNC meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Weston Sulka. Motion passed unanimously.

d) **ZA-2012-3382 CUB** Planning request for 7-11 Beer and Wine license White Oak/Roscoe. Sean Aziz is the developer, Mike Debish assists the developer. They need a conditional use permit in order to sell beer and wine. They have already begun construction for the 7-11. They've done some community outreach. Sal Pelaez made a motion to approve the conditional use permit which includes a number of additional mitigating measures in the daily operation of the 7-11. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judi Greenberg. Motion passed unanimously.

e) **ZA 2012-3487 CCI CUB** Planning request for Lum Ka Naad Restaurant for enlargement of the restaurant with live music. Will Nieves described the project for an expansion of the restaurant by 2010 sq. ft. in an effort to double their capacity and extend hours to 2 am. Most of live entertainment will be trios, students from CSUN. The expansion will allow for banquets and larger parties. People in the community are in favor of the expansion. No alcohol will be sold by itself, with food only. Sal Pelaez made a motion to allow for the expansion of Lum Ka Naas with alcohol and entertainment. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Savage. Motion passed unanimously.

9) Committee Reports – none

a) Reports from committee - none

b) Board member announcements – Judi Greenberg said that the PALS Center Christmas toy drive was very successful. They received 1500 toys and over 900 children came to the center. Emergency OK/HELP signs will be here soon.

10) Adjournment – Jan Scott moved to adjourn an 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judi Greenberg. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.