



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes

February 28, 2013

- 1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Board of Directors Roll Call - Present: Andrea Alvarado, Tom Bramson, Judi Greenberg, Margaret Landers, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Chris Sales, Michael Savage, Jan Scott, Virginia Watts, Diane Weston-Sulka, Fred Youssif. Absent: Dagmar Abarghoei (ex), Rob Baskerville (ex), Christian Vaca (ex).
- 3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting - Jan Scott made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. 2nd by Judi Greenberg. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Comments by public officials
 - a) CD12 John Lee, chief of staff from Mitch Englander's office, reported that CD12 has heard from the Sherwood Forest community by letter, by phone and in person. He said they are aware of how the community feels about the Eldercare project, however the councilman always prefers to respect the process before making any decisions. There are two zones in CD12 that the Councilman never touches, one is the manufacturing zones because once they are lost they are never returned, and the other is K zones set aside for equestrian.
 - b) Other public officials - Mark Saxaby, battalion chief who oversees an area equivalent to 12 neighborhood councils, was introduced to us at the meeting. Rosalba Gonzalez from Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield's office spoke about Assembly Bill 22, the sidewalk repair bill, which will prohibit cities from forcing homeowners to pay for sidewalks without their prior approval. Glen Bailey told us there is a motion coming up in City Council to oppose this bill on the 6th of March and if you want to support AB22 show up at the city council and let them know how you feel. John Alfred from Brad Sherman's office told us that Brad Sherman is recognizing Sherwood Forest at the federal level. Brad Sherman is also having solar powered lights installed on Reseda Blvd between Devonshire to just north of Saticoy. He reminded us to contact Brad Sherman's office if there is a need for assistance with any federal agency, ie social security checks, passports, visas etc.
 - c) YMCA Plaque Presentation – Rescheduled.
- 5) Public comments - Tom Johnson is now the Budget Advocate for the northwest valley. There is a 216 million dollar shortfall this year in the city budget and Tom Johnson asked people to take the survey in order to let the city know what we think is important to the valley at la.budgetchallenge.org. We want our share of the money for the infrastructure of the valley.
- 6) President's Comments – Chris Sales explained to the stakeholders the purpose of Citrus Sunday, which is coming up of May 5, and described how our council has done very well in the

past. He also reminded stakeholders to sign in and enter their email addresses on the sign in sheets.

7) Old Business

- a) Budget Update – Jan Scott made a motion to move \$13,734.00 from various categories CIP, MEE, NEW, to two other categories NEW, ADV. Motion passed unanimously. Jan Scott made a motion to donate \$750.00 to One Generation for the operation of their Annual Senior Symposium, which will be on April 20. Motion passed unanimously.

8) New Business

- a) NENC Northridge Library Shared Facility Request – NENC voted to request that the Northridge Library be a shared item between NE and NS neighborhood councils so that they can post notices and hold meetings there. Judi Greenberg made a motion to share the Northridge Library located at Darby Ave and Nordhoff Street with NENC. Donnal Poppe 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) \$5000 Funding Request for PALS - Judi Greenberg made a motion to award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the LAPD Devonshire PALS program in the amount of \$5,000.00 for various programs and classes at the Greg Smith Devonshire Youth Center. Judi Greenberg recused herself and left the room at 8:30 pm before the vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously. (11 yes 1 recused)
- c) \$5000 Funding Request for Northridge Middle School - Chris Sales made a motion to allocate \$5,000.00 in a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to Northridge Middle School to be used for student enrichment activities, including afterschool tutoring and day care programs. Motion passed unanimously. (11 yes 1 recused)
Judi Greenberg returned at 8:41 pm.
- d) \$1000 Funding Request for June 1 Family Festival - Chris Sales made a motion to allocate \$1,000.00 for Outreach events at the Northridge Park Family Festival on June 1, 2013. The majority is to pay for the Children’s Art Activities. Motion passed unanimously.
- e) \$750 Funding Request for Senior Symposium - A motion was made by Jan Scott to allocate no more than \$750.00 for organizational support of the 5th Annual Senior Symposium on April 20th, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.
- f) \$250 Funding Request VANC 10th Anniversary Mixer - Jan Scott made a motion to donate \$250.00 to VANC for their annual seminar. Motion passed unanimously
- g) \$750 Funding Request for Aliso Creek Pocket Park Signage and Upkeep Chris made a motion (see motion) motion passed unanimously There’s going to be an event on Earth Day
- h) ZA 2012-3526 (CUE) Yamaha Sushi Beer and Wine License Request
Donnal Poppe made a motion to grant the request to add beer and wine to a Sushi restaurant with the mitigating measure to file for a plan approval with City Planning one year after the entitlement is operating. Diane Sulka 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- i) ZA 2012-3545(ELD)(SPR) Eldercare Facility Parthenia/Shoshone - Ted Stemnock, a land use planner who is representing Fred Selan, gave a presentation of the Eldercare Facility proposed for the northeast corner of Parthenia Street and Shoshone Ave. He described a project that would have 105 units assisted living residents and 35 units for memory care residents. He said assisted living is providing assistance to people 62 years old and up who need help with daily care, not skilled nursing. Memory care is 24-hour care licensed by the state of California. Rooms do not have kitchens and

are called guest rooms. There is a central kitchen, computer room, gym, recreation room, and tennis court; there is a fence along the edge of the property. He said that people are aging will be needing these facilities. Explained the job of the zoning administrator and told us the plans were being reviewed. The hearing will be on March 5, next week. Donnal Poppe said this is under review currently. If the findings are not made the case will not be granted. Donnal Poppe read the statements describing what findings needed to be met and explained that this project does not meet the findings. Chris Bell, an attorney, spoke in opposition to the project. She said a vote was taken at the town hall and it was a unanimous **no** to the project. She also said the requisite findings had not been made. She said she didn't see how a building the size of a Costco would not present a problem in the neighborhood. Dr. David Goldstein spoke in opposition to the project as an adjacent neighbor and also as policy. He related a time when Mr. Selan caused numerous problems for him and his family. Dr. Goldstein is Chief, Division of Geriatric, Hospital, Palliative & General Internal Medicine at USC. He described what the new trends are in elder care, which is not warehousing the elderly but rather caring for them at home, which is not as expensive as what is proposed in this project. He suggested Ted Stemnock et al partner with Northridge Vision and develop a wellness center near the Northridge Hospital. Martin Laufer a real estate person spoke in opposition to the project. He said the law that they are use was pushed through at midnight when there was no property available for projects. Richard Kavonian, Jr, residents for 46 years, spoke in opposition and said it's better to have the elder at home. Steve Slutzah said that Ted Stein bought a house across the street from the property and set up an office through a variance whereas another neighbor who wanted to do the same thing was not permitted to do that. Jeff Voorheis spoke and he didn't know why there should be a zoning law when it's not going to be respected. He spoke in opposition to the project. Stephanie Wagner, an engineer brought a map of Sherwood Forest and she described the map and told us where eldercare facilities already located. Steve Dennis spoke in opposition because he has a special needs child who is in therapy and sensitive to loud noise. Shirley Hanchett lives across the street from 2 elder care facilities on Zelzah Ave. and says the flashing lights and engine noise wakes her up. Says we have enough facilities in Sherwood Forest. Irene Boyd spoke says that there is a law that needs to be met. She said the findings cannot and should not be made. She spoke about Northridge Vision and that backed by Northridge councils, CD12 and others. Donnal Poppe made a motion from the Land Use Committee recommending to deny support for the City Planning Case ZA-2012-3545. Sal Pelaez mentioned how this project would also affect others who use Rayen St. for recreational walking etc. Motion passed unanimously.

- j) Outreach Committee Presentation – Michael Savage described our website as needing some revision. He wants the website to be inside out, not outside in. He also wants to have a mission statement. He will bring example next time. Reached out to the Daily news and they asked Michael Savage to send something about tonight's meeting.

9) Committee Reports

- a) Reports from committee - none
- b) Board member announcements - Andrea Alvarado brought flyers for the Northridge Village Art Show, which will be held on May 18th from 6-9 pm at the JR Gallery at 8906 Reseda Blvd.

10) Adjournment Andrea Alvarado moved to adjourn at 8:51. Second be Donnal Poppe. Motion passed unanimously.