



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes April 25, 2013

- 1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Judi Greenberg led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Board of Directors Roll Call – Present: Andrea Alvarado, Rob Baskerville, Tom Bramson, Judi Greenberg, Margaret Landers, Chris Sales, Michael Savage, Jan Scott, Christian Vaca, Virginia Watts, Diane Weston-Sulka, Fred Youssif. Absent: Dagmar Abarghoei, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe.
- 3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Judi Greenberg made a motion to approve the minutes. Diane Weston Sulka 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously (12 yes votes).
- 4) Comments by public officials
 - a) CD12 – Semee Park –LAPD has security cameras in high crime areas, cameras on their cars, automatic license plate readers in their cars. There are traffic cameras set up to monitor traffic signals etc. Because it has been shown that having cameras is important as it was in Boston, CD12 is asking LAPD to look into having a split feed between traffic cameras and LAPD. CD12 asked LAPD and LAFD to set up a system gather and look at information on people ahead of time so when it comes to emergencies, ie medications, disabilities, is there a dog etc. so they can be more prepared for the situation. People would enter their information online. The City Council approved a measure for citizens to report minor crimes online, which will be coming soon. LAFD is looking to expand Firestat. It is allocated to have 2 civilian personnel to run Firestat. Money will be allocated based on the performance of the departments. NC budget is the same as last year. Mural ordinance – Currently there is a moratorium on murals but soon murals will be allowed in all zoned areas. Rusty Fever asked Semee Park about illegal signs that are posted and what could be done to stop it. Semee said the problem is the result of a lack of enforcement due to the budget issues. Michael Savage asked Semee what she is doing now with LAPD about graffiti on Reseda Blvd. and wanted to know why nothing was being done. Chris Sales suggested that property owners need to take responsibility for getting the graffiti painted out. Andrea Alvarado said she spoke with Paul Isenstat about putting a camera up to stop graffiti
 - b) Other public officials.
- 5) Public comments – Rusty Fever spoke about illegal signs that are posted on poles in the neighborhood, “commercial graffiti”, and would like larger fines issued. Mike Gonzalez is the vice president of the PTA at Parthenia Elementary School. He put in a request for 2 document readers for his school. He suggested that instead of allowing our leftover money to go back to the city, we spend it on the document readers. It will be addressed in committee. Judi Greenberg said that Parthenia ES had received a\$5,000.00 grant last year and the Principal was difficult to work with so she did not approach the school this year. Jan Scott said we could probably fund one this fiscal year.
- 6) President’s Comments - none

7) Old Business

a) Budget Update – Jan Scott said the P-Card will be on hold beginning May 13. Demand Warrants will end June She is working on the reconciliation for January, February, and March. She made a motion to approve the January, February, March reconciliation that will go in next week, 2nd by Judi Greenberg. Motion passed unanimously.

8) New Business

a) North Valley YMCA 2013 Thanksgiving Baskets Allocation Request-\$1000 Jane Stanton, director of North Valley YMCA made a request for funding to support the Thanksgiving baskets that are given away each year. Last year 2550 baskets were given away. They would like to do that again this year. Diane Weston Sulka made a motion to allocate \$1000 to help fund the baskets, 2nd by Jan Scott. The motion passed unanimously. 12 yes votes

b) Food and Water Watch Presentation and Letter of Support Request – Alex Nagy works on issues like genetically engineered food, water conservation, etc. Water issues may cause property taxes to go up. DWP is asking the City Council to approve tunnels. Water should not be privatized. The plan is to take this issue up again at the next meeting.

c) Brandman Centers for Senior Care Presentation – Victoria Solorinjano told us there is a program called PACE. The focus is to keep the elderly living at home with services through the center. They are lots of services, ie doctors, dentists, glasses. With Medicare and Medical it's free.

d) **Northridge Hospital ZA 2000-1628 18300 Roscoe** Request to increase allowable weight of helipad from 12,000 to 18,000 for EMS helicopters – Diane Weston Sulka made a motion to increase the allowable weight of the helipad from 12,000 to 18,000 lbs. and increase the allowable landing from 4 to 6. 2nd by Michael Savage Motion passed unanimously. 12 yes votes.

e) **Petsmart ZA-2013-484 ZV 19320 Nordhoff St.** Empty retail will be remodeled with primary retail use and with accessory uses that include a Petsmart with a pet hotel for overnight boarding – Cheryl Brady told us that a pet hotel usually is not allowed in such an area and they are asking for a variance. They will have a hotel (overnight), grooming salon, and veterinary services. There will be someone on the premises 24/7. Diane Weston Sulka made a motion to support the case. Jan Scott 2nd the motion. Motion passed. 12 yes votes.

f) Eldercare appeal – Diane Weston Sulka made motion to appeal in conjunction with SFHOA the decision of the ZA. Tom Bramson 2nd. Chris Sales said we would be voting on a plan that we are not familiar with. He said he is not opposed to having an eldercare on the property and would be willing to work with the developer to modify the plan. Motion passed with 8 yes 4 abstentions.

9) Committee Reports

a) Reports from committee – Margaret Landers spoke about Citrus Sunday coming up on May 5th at Dearborn Park. Postcards will be going out to neighbors and flyers are available to be given out. Andrea Alvarado announced there will be a cleanup on Reseda Blvd. at Rayen St. this Sat. An Art show is coming up at Lum Ka Nad. They are asking for a \$15 donation. A stakeholder suggested we have a mural of the Northridge Stampede. Judi Greenberg described the eldercare event of One Generation last week.

b) Board member announcements - Judi Greenberg reminded us of the May 18th SOLID pancake breakfast and open house at LAPD Devonshire Division.

10) Adjournment – Jan made a motion to adjourn Judi 2nd Motion passed unanimously at 8:29 pm