



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes September 26, 2013

- 1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chris called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Judi Greenberg led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Board of Directors Roll Call - Dagmar Abarghoei, Andrea Alvarado, Judi Greenberg, Margaret Landers, Sal Pelaez, Chris Sales, Jan Scott, Christian Vaca, Diane Weston-Sulka, Fred Youssif. Absent: Rob Baskerville, Tom Bramson, Donnal Poppe, Michael Savage, and Virginia Watts.
- 3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Judi Greenberg made a motion to approve the August 2013 minutes. It was 2nd by Sal Pelaez. The motion passed unanimously with 10 yes votes.
- 4) Comments by public officials
 - a) CD12 **Seme Park** Legislative Deputy was unable to make tonight's meeting but she did want to provide a few updates to share with everyone. She is doing double duty (field and legislative work right now but will have a CD12 rep at October's meeting) She'll be in the Chatsworth office Monday 9/30 so if anyone wants to meet in person and catch up, she's open in the morning.
 - i. Northridge Vision City Council Presentation is happening Friday Oct. 4 at 10am at Van Nuys City Hall. We'd love to see everyone there as we commemorate a significant accomplishment for the Northridge Community
 - ii. Community Beautification Project with Korean Senior Center. She is working with the Korean Senior Center (on Gresham just west of Reseda) to conduct a community beautification/clean up project for Saturday 11/16. Although the scope of the event is still being worked out, a general area clean up and a couple of tree plantings are in the works.
 - iii. Reseda Blvd Holiday Light project: Once the lights are purchased and in possession, we should pick one day to organize our volunteers to hang the lights. Because at this point, we only had one business who called to participate. another option is, we can utilize the volunteers from the Korean Senior Center (who will be both seniors and students) to help with the hanging of the lights on Saturday 11/16,
 - iv. Couple of legislative updates:

Regulating Valet Parking Attendants. (Vote: Passed 11-0) This has been something CM Englander has been working very closely on. Today, the City Council voted to approve an ordinance to regulate and require guidelines for valet services in Los Angeles. Currently, there is no regulatory framework for valets in the City and often times, we'll see valet operators illegally take over parking space to conduct their business. The ordinance will establish a permitting and registration system for valet operators, background checks for drivers and checking for insurance for valet companies.

On-Officer Camera: Councilmember Englander submitted a motion to the Los Angeles City Council directing the Los Angeles Police Department to immediately begin a proof of concept study to field test police-worn camera technology, identify the styles of body camera to be worn, and take custody of at least 25 units to be tested.

Early this year, a University of Cambridge study found that when police officers in Rialto, California were equipped with and required to wear body cameras, complaints against officers fell by 88 percent and the use of force dropped by almost 60 percent.

As a Police Reserve officer and Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Councilmember Englander have seen first hand the increasingly transformative effect technology is having on policing. New camera technologies in particular are playing an expanding role in the day to day activities of police officers and proving to be a valuable tool in increasing their effectiveness, ensuring their safety, and resolving potentially controversial encounters.
 - b) Other public officials – Melvin Canas, project coordinator for DONE, let us know that the Congress is coming up this Sat. You can register online. Breakfast and lunch are provided and parking is free.

Officers Ignacio Murrillo and Kate Luna told us that our area is divided between two gangs. Gang crime has increased. The two gangs they referred to are Dead-end Gangster Crips and Bryant Street as the 2 main gangs. The officers are working to reduce gang activity. They also spoke about activity in the alley behind Lum Ka Nad that appear to be by CSUN students.

Some of the cars that are being stolen are 97 Honda Accords, and 94 Honda Accords. Car racing is becoming a bigger problem. The SOLID Pasta Dinner coming up on Oct 18th. SOLID is doing an event at Pizza Kitchen on Sept 30, 2013. The Nov. 14 district meeting will have the FBI speaking about profiling at the Church of the Living World.

5) Public comments – Glen Bailey- Said the ordinance to oversee the election passed the city council. They are recruiting for volunteer poll workers for the elections. Valley Alliance announced that at the November 14th meeting there will be a reception for Mayor Garcetti at the CBS studio. LANCC meetings includes all the NCs of the city.

6) President's Comments – Commented on our selection of last year. Chris said that we had candidates running for the board who had applied online through DONE rather than through us directly, and Chris Sales asked that that does not happen again. Some of those candidates had never interacted with NSNC before and we want them to get our packet that has information we want them to have. We have a selection process rather than election cycle. Chris also commented about the timing of the election cycle being less than two years and Glen Bailey said it was because the city clerks have more time to handle the NC elections in the spring. Chris Sales said we would prefer to handle our own selection process as we have done in the past, not needing the assistance from the city clerks. Email blast – We have been having difficulty with the email blast because of the assumption that we will get important information through the email blast rather than a more pointed email.

a) Budget Training Status – 3 people still have not completed funding training

b) L A Congress of Neighborhoods – It's terrific and people should go.

c) Northridge Family Art Fair 10/19 – There will be kids and grown-up art fair and there will be food trucks. Vendors will be there selling jewelry. It will be at Callahan Community School on Yolanda Ave.

7) Old Business

a) Budget Update - Approval of Resolution was approved with 9 yes votes

i.) Approval of NSNC Budget Packet for DONE – Chris Sales made a motion to approve the Budget packet. Motion passed with 9 yes votes. 1 board member had not completed the funding training and could not vote.

8) New Business

a) E-Board Nominations and Election – The following executive officers were elected. Secretary- Margaret Landers, Treasurer - Jan Scott, Vice President - Judi Greenberg, President - Chris Sales.

b) Ad Hoc Committee for Bylaw Review – Chris Sales made a motion to create an ad hoc committee of not longer than 180 days duration to review and edit the current by-laws/standing rules to bring them up to date for changes requested by DONE and to make other changes as deemed appropriate by the neighborhood council. The ad hoc committee will consist of Chris Sales, Margaret Landers, Diane Weston-Sulka, and Jan Scott and any other interested parties. 2nd by Margaret Landers. Motion passed with 10 yes votes. No ad hoc committee can have more than 4 board members.

c) Council Motion to Support Northridge Vision Plan –Margaret Landers made a motion to write a letter of support for the goals of the Northridge Vision Plan. 2nd by Jan Scott. Motion passed with 10 yes votes.

d) Discussion of Community Impact Statement support for 13-0650 Section 56.08 Penalties for failure to remove obstructions from street or sidewalk. Andrea made the motion and Diane made the 2nd. The motion was amended by Chris Sales to include only business properties. The motion passed with 7 yes votes, 2 no votes 1 abstention.

9) Reports from committee – Sal Pelaez said that October 9 is the day for the Walking School Bus to School Day and he registered two schools for it. Mitch Englander will come to the schools and give the kids pencils. They will help the children in the cul-de-sac get to school.

10) Board member announcements - Margaret Landers announced that the CERT training is coming up in Granada Hills on Oct 16th to the 20th, and the North Valley Disaster Fair will be on Oct 5th at the Fire Station 87. Diane Weston-Sulka spoke about the YMCA Thanksgiving Baskets that are coming up, They will need help with delivering the baskets to schools. Judi Greenberg told us PALS is collecting candy for Halloween and we should begin looking for toys for the Christmas event, The Pasta Dinner is coming up at the Greek Church on Balboa Blvd on October 18th. We will be able to buy our tickets early so we won't need to wait in a long line.

11) Adjournment – Jan Scott made a motion to adjourn and Chris Sales 2nd. Motion passed with 10 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.