



## Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes January 23, 2014

- 1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and Judi Greenberg led us in the flag salute,
- 2) Board of Directors Roll Call Present: Dagmar Abarghoei, Rob Baskerville, Judi Greenberg, Margaret Landers, Marilynn Meyer, Sal Pelaez, Jose Portillo, Chris Sales, Jan Scott, Randy Thomson, Virginia Watts, Diane Weston-Sulka, Fred Youssif. Absent: Donnal Poppe
- 3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Judi Greenberg moved to approve the minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sal Pelaez. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.
- 4) Comments by public officials
  - a) CD12 - none
  - b) Other public officials – Christopher Ramsey a field representative for Matt Dababneh introduced himself. They can help with State business and they want to hear from us. There will be a community swearing in event at CSUN.
- 5) Public comments – David Barron works for the City Housing Department and wants code enforcement officers moved away from the Housing Dept. so that all enforcement officers would work for all depts. Jack Lindblad introduced himself as a candidate who is running for state senate in 2014. He spoke about some of the issues that he would bring up that current legislators don't address.
- 6) President's Comments – Chris Sales notified us that Christian Vaca resigned due to many commitments related to his college responsibilities.

Jan Scott arrived at 7:15 pm

- 7) Old Business
  - a) Budget Update - Jan Scott gave us an update on the expenditures expected as well as those paid.
  - b) Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report - Jan Scott made a motion to approve the December reconciliation report. Motion passed with 13 yes votes.

## 8) New Business

- a) LAFD Battalion Chief John Drake gave a presentation of the LAFD Community Based Strategic Plan. Tanya Oronoz, the public safety representative for CD12, is a resource and her doors are always open. They have a red book filled with safety and emergency information. John Drake Battalion Chief explained the Strategic Plan. It is an ongoing process where efforts are directed at aligning resources to pursue organizational visions for the future. Developing a strategic plan clarifies the organizational direction.
- b) CD12 Save Our Streets Presentation – Mitch Englander did a presentation on Save Our Streets. He told us that the gas tax is calculating on the number of gallons purchased not the dollar amount spent and because cars are using less gas the tax revenue is going down. Streets that are A, B, or C are slurry coated and maintained for a long time. Low C or D can no longer be slurry coated. They need major repairs that are extremely costly.
- c) Education Committee Presentation on NPGs - Judi Greenberg contacted three elementary schools and only one returned a called back. They were offered \$2000 each for an NPG. More to be discussed at next month's committee meeting.
- d) Motion for yearly contribution to PALS Parthenia Youth Center amount not to exceed \$5000 - Judi Greenberg left the room. Chris Sales made the motion. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margaret Landers. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.
- e) Elder Care Parthenia/Shoshone reaffirmation of finding letter - postponed until next month.
- f) West Hills Elder Care lawsuit letter of support – postponed until next month.
- g) Bee Keeping Ordinance support letter – Diane Weston-Sulka made a motion to legalize urban bee keeping allowing urban residents to raise their own honeybees strengthening honeybee populations and thus benefiting the environment. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Virginia Watts. Motion passed with 13 yes votes.
- h) Local Fracking opposition letter – will talk about it in committee. Movie on fracking will be Jan 30, 2014 at CSUN. People are encouraged to attend.

9) Committee Reports – Margaret Landers said that Citrus Sunday will be May 18 and flyers and cards will be printed soon. Chris Sales announced that an election committee will need to be set up next month.

10) Board member announcements – The apartment building on Parthenia west of Tampa is in the works. McDonald's on Parthenia fired an employee and more info is coming.

11) Adjournment Sal Pelaez made a motion 8:54 pm to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Baskerville. Motion passed with 13 yes votes. Meeting adjourned.