



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes September 18, 2014

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance - Chris Sales called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 p.m.

2) Board of Directors Roll Call - James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Margaret Landers, Marilynn Meyer, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo, Chris Sales, Virginia Watts, and Diane Weston-Sulka Absent: Dagmar Abarghoei (ex), Irene Boyd (unex), Fred Youssif (ex).

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting - James Ashjian made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. 2nd by Virginia Watts. Motion passed with 10 yes votes.

4) Comments by public officials

a) CD12 (new rep Jonathan Coto) – Jonathan Coto introduced himself as our field deputy from CD12 replacing Jessie Levine.

b) Other public officials – Collin Crews notified us about a new ordinance (ACE) where a citation can be written for quality of life issues such as dog barking. Council voted to set up a yellow alert system for “hit and run” drivers. Instead of a “hit and run” being identified as an accident it will now be considered a criminal offense. A yellow alert will be sent out by email through Nixel, it will be posted on electronic boards etc. CD12 will have a DWP day in their office where people can come in and get help with extensions to pay their bills and more. Northridge Sparkle and Don Larson collected more than 30 shopping carts with Colin Crews.

5) Public comments – Mark Reed is running for congress’ 30th district against Brad Sherman. He made some comments about what he is interested in such as cleaning up the aquifer in the San Fernando Valley.

6) President’s Comments – Chris Sales mentioned the roster that is being revised. He also mentioned that there are board members who need to do the ethics training and the funding training. New upcoming events include: Oct. 4th - Museum of the San Fernando Valley show at their new location at 18860 Nordhoff Street, Oct 5th the unveiling of the mural at Rayen Street and Reseda Blvd. with Mitch Englander and others. There will be music, children’s activities etc. Oct 6 there will be a Candidates Forum at the Northridge Woman’s Club on Lassen with Matt Dababneh and Susan Shelly. This Saturday Sept 20th the Congress of Neighborhood Councils will meet downtown. On Sept 27, 2014 the Disaster Preparedness Fair will be at Fire Station 87 on Balboa and Devonshire Oct 17th the SOLID spaghetti dinner at the Greek Church and on Oct 8th Walk to School will be happening at Northridge Middle School.

7) Old Business

- a) Budget Update - Margaret Landers went over the budget and the current balance.
- b) Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report - Margaret Landers made a motion to accept the MER for August 2014 2nd by Michael Bell Motion passed with 9 yes votes and 1 ineligible.

8) New Business

- a) Seating of the new board/Executive Board elections – Chris Sales made a motion to nominate Margaret Landers for Treasurer, 2nd by Donnal Poppe, Motion passed with 10 yes votes. Chris Sales nominated Sal Pelaez for Vice President. 2nd by Diane Weston-Sulka. Motion passed with 10 yes votes. Margaret Landers nominated Chris Sales for President. 2nd by Diane Weston-Sulka. Motion passed with 10 yes votes. There were no candidates for Secretary.
- b) Waste Mgmt. Presentation on Trash Hauler RFP – no show
- c) Motion to fund 10/6 Candidates Forum at Northridge Women’s Club not to exceed \$325 – Chris Sales made a motion for approve the sum of \$325 for the candidates forum 2nd by Michael Bell. Motion passed with 9 yes votes, 1 ineligible.
- d) Parthenia/Shoshone Elder Care Update – Michael Bell gave us an update of the meeting with property owner, Mr. Selan – Mr. Selan and his attorney offered a settlement proposal to the Sherwood Forest Homeowners Association (SFOA) members. Members of the SFHOA asked questions of Mr. Selan and made comments. When he and his attorney had concluded their presentation the SFHOA discussed the pros and cons of the settlement. Ballots had been handed out for a yes or no vote. Before the vote was taken Mr. Selan’s attorney emailed the SFHOA attorney to withdraw the proposal unbeknownst to all and the vote was taken. The vote, which became irrelevant, was almost unanimously no.

9) Committee Reports – Donnal Poppe discussed a new case to build apartment buildings on Roscoe Blvd. near the Coptic Church. She asked for assistance to notify the surrounding neighbors. Diane Weston-Sulka, Margaret Landers and Chris Sales offered to help. Jose Portillo said he and Lt. Bo Adams will be meeting in Park Parthenia’s meeting room on Oct 22, 2014. The object is to see how they can improve life in the neighborhood.

10) Board member announcements – Donnal complimented the board for the dedication and hard work all the board members participate in.

11) Adjournment – Sal Pelaez made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm, Donnal Poppe 2nd. The motion passed with 10 yes votes.