



## Northridge South Neighborhood Council

### Minutes

November 20, 2014

- 1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance - Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Board of Directors Roll Call - Present: Dagmar Abarghoei, James Ashjian, Margaret Landers, Patty Lopez, Marilyn Meyer, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo, Chris Sales, Virginia Watts, Fred Youssif. Absent: Michael Bell (ex) Irene Boyd (ex), Diane Weston-Sulka (ex).
- 3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Donnal Poppe made a motion to accept the October minutes as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sal Pelaez. Motion Passed with 10 yes votes.
- 4) Comments by public officials
  - a) CD12 - Jonathan Coto told us that the City Council is looking into restoring the speed hump program. There is a new ordinance that will stop the demolition of historic homes. Kiwanis club is having a blood drive on Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at 7915 Lindley Ave.
  - b) Other public officials - Glenn Bailey congratulated the new board. Valley Alliance is having a planning workshop. This workshop is only held once every two years. As a budget advocate he told us that we are region 2 of the city, and there are a total of 12 regions in the city. Every council needs to have 2 Budget Reps. He's been meeting with Budget Reps and will be meeting with the Mayor tomorrow to let the Mayor know the needs of the neighborhood councils. The final city budget must be completed by April, after which it is given to the City Council to amend and approve. Glenn Bailey passed out a survey for the board and stakeholders to fill out.
- 5) Public comments – Steve Means grew up in this neighborhood, and told us about how dumpsters parked on city streets don't have reflectors and are a hazard. Donnal Poppe told Steve Means to contact 311 and ask for street services. Kurtis Bedford let us know that a McDonald's is to be built on the south side of Roscoe, and since the Dollar Store opened the traffic has

become intense. The property is across the street from the Northridge South NC boundary.

6) President's Comments - Chris Sales commented about a "code of conduct" that each board member needs to read and sign and return to Chris Sales.

7) Old Business

a) Budget Update - Margaret Landers gave a report of the status of the budget and what was paid for in the month of October 2014.

b) Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report - Margaret Landers made a motion to accept the MER for Oct. 2014. James Ashjian 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed with 11 yes votes.

8) New Business

a) Presentation on possible Aliso Creek green space project, by Board Member Sal Pelaez - Sal Pelaez went to Pacoima to investigate a project people have been working on. It is a project similar to what Sal Pelaez would like NSNC to take on Northridge. He wanted to find out how they did it. He presented some of what he learned from them so that it could be applied to the Alison Creek project in Northridge.

b) Discussion on DONE/Empower LA Staffing Shortages and Possible motion in support of increased funding request - Glenn Bailey told us DONE used to have 63 employees - they have exempt positions and city councils voted to increase the exempt positions to 200 and the mayor has not signed it yet. He wants us to support this file. This will increase the level on NEAs.

c) Motion by the Treasurer Margaret Landers for postage, stationary and generic office supplies, not to exceed \$1000 - Margaret Landers made a motion for funding not to exceed \$1000.00 for postage and general office supplies. Donnal Poppe 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed with 11 yes votes.

9) Committee Reports - none

10) Board member announcements - Virginia Watts suggested we contact neighboring councils when projects are proposed to be built on the border of a council. Chris Sales will do that. Jose Portillo said they are having another meeting on Dec 9 at Park Parthenia and he complimented Don Larson for the clean up.

11) Adjournment - Margaret Landers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16, Virginia Watts 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed with 11 yes votes. Meeting adjourned.