



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes January 22, 2015

- 1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Sales called the meeting to order @ 7:01 PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Board of Directors Roll Call - Dagmar Abarghoei, James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Irene Boyd, Margaret Landers, Patty Lopez, Marilynn Meyer, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo, Chris Sales, Virginia Watts, Diane Weston-Sulka, Fred Youssif.
Absent: Margaret Landers
- 3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Irene Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes, Donnal Poppe 2nd. Passed with 12 yes votes.
- 4) Comments by public officials
 - a) Jonathan Coto, Field Deputy. City Council motion approved to provide services for seniors for social services, medical services, etc. Another motion approved to prohibit ads for alcohol near schools. He cited Dr. Lucy Jones reporting hazards regarding earthquakes and to prepare for major seismic events. Los Angeles is conducting a homeless survey for the number of homeless people in the LA area. There was an Art Show & refreshments @ CD 12 of local artists on 1/22/15.
 - b) Other Public officials - none
Virginia Watts arrived at 7:05 PM.
William Kuzmin arrived and is taping the meeting.
- 5) Public comments - Ann Porter member of the LA Leadership Team to establish a motion to limit campaign contributions. William Kuzmin, local resident, cited Wilkerson Center parking problem, as a hazardous situation. Mr. Kuzmin made the suggestion regarding the gated area in the rear of center could be opened up to provide additional parking. Problem occurs 2nd Thursday of the month with food drop offs and senior dance.
- 6) President's Comments – Chris Sales will reserve comments until February meeting.
- 7) Old Business
 - a) Budget Update - Margaret Landers absent, will defer to February Committee Meeting.
 - b) Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report- will defer to February Committee Meeting.

8) New Business

a) LA-Mas Great Streets Presentation – working with the city, Helen Leung & Stacy Rigley of LA-Mas, made the project presentation to upgrade streets and boost economy in the Northridge Village area. They are partnering with Mayor Garcetti's and Mitch Englander's office as part of the Great Streets LA Project. LA-Mas is a non profit organization that has been in business for 2 years. Sparkle is a maintenance partner. Projects temporary in nature to re-imagine our sidewalks and highlight businesses along Reseda Blvd. Workshop 1 held on January 27,2015 from 6 – 8 PM @ Joyce's Coffee Shop. \$15,000 dollars allotted to project.

b) Roscoe Blvd Coptic Church Expansion Plans Discussion - Donnal Poppe excused herself from the board. Lee Ambers represents the church. Pre-school expansion from 45 children to allow up to 180 students within pre-school through fifth grade. Also requesting two new senior citizen residential components in two phases with Phase 1 construction of a 53 additional independent senior citizen apartments. Phase 2 include constructing 24 additional senior living apartments. Traffic report still in progress. Heights of buildings will be 3 stories and a 3 year project. Per Lee Ambers, all parking in front so as not to disturb neighbors. Only senior parking in rear. No artists rendering, but would be similar to existing buildings. Board was encouraged to drive by and also drive in the neighborhood. Neighbors spoke with questions. Ann Heidsick concerned with bright lights, traffic, no shade trees to replace trees cut down and no screening for neighbors along the back. Trees have been severely trimmed. All specimen trees cut down on Christmas Eve, church did not replace trees as promised. Other residents citing not enough parking, noise, trash and too many cars parking on Sunday in front of Roscoe neighbors. Another resident complains about evening noise from special services and also trash. Number of neighbors present, 9 in response to the letter received on 1/19/15. Genuine concerns from neighbors. Diane Weston-Sulka will arrange with Lee Ambers for the Board to visit and tour the church.

c) Chris Sales made a Motion for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$5000 to PALS for Summer Science Program and cultural activities - 2nd by Patti Lopez. Motion passed with 13 yes votes.

d) Chris Sales made a Motion for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$5000 to Northridge Middle School for disaster/earthquake supplies, 2nd by James Ashjian. Motion passed with 13 yes votes.

e) Chris Sales made a Motion for a donation to the April 25th Senior Symposium not to exceed \$500 for food and materials – 2nd by Michael Bell. Passed with 13 yes votes.

f) Chris Sales made a Motion to fund the May 17th 2015 Citrus Sunday Event, not to exceed \$1000 dollars for outreach and supplies- 2nd by Virginia Watts. Passed with 13 yes votes.

9) Committee reports - Sal Pelaez reported John and Pam Aichison cleaned up from the latest storm at the pocket park. Jose reported that senior lead officer has been promoted. Replacement to be announced.

10) Board member announcements – Irene Boyd announced the Sherwood Forest HOA General meeting on 3/25/15.. Speakers: CD 12, Mitch Englander, Neighborhood Prosecutor, Alin Sahagian, LAPD, New Senior lead officer, VPAC, Thor Steingrabber, NSNC, Chris Sales & Sparkle, Andrea Alvarado. Yo-Yo Ma is performing a benefit concert on May 6, 2015. 1000 tickets will be available for a donation of \$150 dollars that includes appetizers and refreshments.

11) Adjournment – Virginia Watts moved to adjourn @ 8:50 PM, 2nd by Donnal Poppe. Motion passed with 13 yes votes.