



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes April 23, 2015

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

2) Board of Directors Roll Call – Present: Dagmar Abarghoei, James Ashjian, Patty Fermin, Margaret Landers, Marilyn Meyer, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo, Chris Sales, Virginia Watts, Diane Weston-Sulka and Fred Youssif. Absent: Michael Bell.

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Jim Ashjian made the motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Jose Portillo. Motion passed with 11 yes votes. Fred Youssif arrived at 7:06 PM.

4) Comments by public officials

- a) CD12- Jonathan Coto – spoke about the new bike lanes on Reseda Bl. The 22nd Solid Pancake Breakfast is May 9, 2015 at Northridge Park. Tree adoption is 9 AM -12 PM. Mitch Englander introduced a motion to make sure that the turf replacement program is running smoothly. 3rd Annual Interfaith and Community Breakfast is June 4, 2015 at New Horizon.
- b) Officer Zamora, SLO Candidate (BC 17A67) - not present.
- c) Other public officials
 - 1) Don Sepulveda of Metro made the presentation of the Raymer to Bernson Double Track Project, Van Nuys – Northridge – Chatsworth. Adding second main track at Woodley and Desoto and a double track between the Van Nuys and Chatsworth stations. Chris Sales requested pedestrian access from the north side of Wilbur. Metro will upgrade 9 crossings. Jim Asjian questioned the size of the trains. Donnal Poppe asked about pay phones in the stations, Don Larson asked for bathroom upgrades, they need water and power. He requested contacts at Metro, Chris Sales will send. Also, Metro will hire specific person to handle issues.
 - 2) Wade Trimmer Director of the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission spoke of the completion of the project. The family shelter will be opening in early July 2015. It will be a 90-bed facility housing 20 - 25 families from 90 days to 10 months. The facility helps with jobs and finding housing. The facility will run a culinary kitchen to train people for the hospitality industry. They will be working with CSUN for tutoring. Mitch Englander will host the Open House in early June 2015.

5) Public comments – Scott Schmerelson is running for LAUSD School Board, left handouts for information. Andrea Alvarado is putting a survey together with questions regarding the new bike lanes on Reseda Bl. Don Larson began cleaning for 2nd phase of Reseda Bl. Don needs 100 people to paint the sidewalks. Per Don, Partners for Potential have volunteered to clean the sidewalks and furniture 1 – 2 days a week.

6) President's Comments

a) Pocket Park cleanup, Sunday, April 26, 2015. Chris Sales asked all Board Members to help with the cleanup. California Nursery will reset the bench legs that were damaged. Time is 9:30 AM at Wystone & Chase. On Saturday May 23, 2015, Chris Sales and Margaret Landers will attend the Senior Symposium.

7) Old Business

a) **Budget Update** – Margaret Landers went over the budget and the current balance is approximately \$14,000.
b) **Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report** – Margaret Landers made a motion to approve the MER for March 2015, 2nd by Marilyn Meyer. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.

8) New Business

a) Roger Dolan, Director of the Public Art Initiative/The Museum of the San Fernando Valley spoke on the mural plans for Galaxy Stereo on Reseda Bl. and requested funding. He thanked NSNC for there past financial support for the first mural on Ryan Ave. Mary Lee Camacho will design the next mural, "Road to Change". This will be displayed at Galaxy Auto Sound on Reseda Bl. Asking NSNC for \$5000. The cost is \$20,000 total, he will go to other NC's for donations and take public donations. NSNC will discuss at committee and put on agenda for May.
b) Wells Fargo sign addition, Nordhoff/Reseda, update and discussion by Donnal Poppe. There is an existing monument sign. The proposed sign was reduced by 20%, but she feels still to large.
c) Procedures Stipulations Worksheet vote per Empower LA. Motion from Chris Sales, 2nd by Margaret Landers. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.
d) Donation to the October 2015 Disaster Fair, not to exceed \$750 dollars for food and disaster materials. Motion from Chris Sales, 2nd by Virginia Watts. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.
e) Funding for the May 2015 Senior Dinner and Dance, not to exceed \$500, for food and refreshments. Motion from Chris Sales, 2nd by Sal Pelaez. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.

9) Committee Reports – Donnal Poppe reported on area planning commission. They denied a case with lecture that the public is coming to NC's regarding existing ordinances. Commission does not want to grant variances. Sal Pelaez reported on Pocket Park supplies that are needed for the clean up.

10) Board member announcements - Margaret Landers reminded us about Citrus Sunday, 5/17/15 at Dearborn Park. The fence will be removed on 4/30/15.

11) Adjournment - Patty Fermin made the motion to adjourn at 7:33 PM, 2nd by Donnal Poppe. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.

