Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes September 24, 2015

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance - Chris Sales called the meeting to order @ 7:02 PM and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

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

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Michael Bell made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, August 27, 2015. 2nd by Margaret Landers. Motion passed with 13 yes votes.

4) Comments by public officials
   a) CD12 – Jonathan Coto – In September, City Council passed Councilman Englander’s motion asking for increasing the penalties for illegal street racing. Also unanimously voted to fund three pilot projects using Mayor Garcetti’s Innovation Fund. Revisit Reseda Northridge presents Trick or Treat on Reseda Blvd. from 2 PM – 6 PM on 10/31/15. The Valley Preparedness Fair will be held at the fire station on Balboa near Devonshire on 10/3/15.
   b) Other public officials – Raj Dhillon from Senator Robert Herzberg’s office reported that the Legislative year is over. Senator Herzberg is planning to be at the Northridge South Neighborhood Council meeting on October 22, 2015.
      (1) New Area SLO Patti Peteque – Jose Portillo introduced Patti Peteque, SLO A67. She as been a police officer for 21 years and has worked in many divisions. She has worked at the Devonshire Division since 2002. Devonshire Division is at 16.5% in part one crime. Basic car A67 is at 6.8% in part one crime, such as aggravated assaults and car burglaries. Officer Peteque informed us of four upcoming events are “Coffee with the Captain,” now on monthly basis, LAPD Devonshire Next District meeting 10/15/15 at 6:30 PM., Solid’s Pasta Dinner on 10/16/15 at 5-7:30 PM at St. Nicholas Church and the Basic Car Meeting on 9/30/15 30 at Callahan Elementary School.

5) Public comments – Glenn Bailey reported reminded us of the Sept. 26, 2015 Congress of Neighborhoods from 7:45 AM – 4:30 PM. Mayor Garcetti will join for the afternoon closing. Budget advocates discussing input for next years budget. Chris Sales encouraged NSNC Board Members to attend.

6) President’s Comments – none

7) Old Business -
   a) Budget Update – Margaret Landers went over the August 2015 budget.
   b) Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report – Margaret Landers made a motion to approve the MER for August 2015. 2nd by Patti Ferman. Motion passed with 13 yes votes.
8) New Business

a) ZA-2014-2795-CUB - Renewal of Beer and Wine License for the 7-11 Market located at Lindley Ave. and Parthenia St. Donnal Poppe made the motion to approve the renewal of the license. 2nd by Jim Ashjian. Motion passed with 13 yes votes. Owner Anjun Haniffa assured the Board and Stakeholders that the dumpster issue has been resolved.

b) ZA-2014-2476-ECF-CU-ZV Coptic Church Presentation - Donnal Poppe recused herself due to conflict of interest and moved to the back of the library. Chris Sales asked Lee Amber a number of questions. The council wanted to know why a new case was filed? We were told that Elder Care encompasses elder care and senior housing. The concern was that this project would turn into an assisted living facility. In order for assisted living to be implemented a new case would need to be filed. Lee Ambers told us that the original application was for Conditional use. Then Elder Care was approved and they had to resubmit per Los Angeles City Planning. We were told the school is still a part of the application. There appeared to be inconsistencies in the plans and applications. According to Lee Ambers the traffic study by DOT has been approved and the only intersection impacted is Balboa Ave. and Roscoe Blvd. The traffic study was for school only. Now the Environmental Report can move forward. There were numerous complaints from neighbors affected by the project. A discussion regarding parking issues, construction problems and more followed. Once a complete package is presented and the environmental report is done the board will revisit this case.

c) ZA-2105-3321-ZV New Signage at The Grove 9000 Tampa at Nordhoff – Lee Ambers presented the application. He is requesting to replace pole signs with new signs. There will be a new small monument sign near the railroad tracks, just over 4 feet tall. Donnal Poppe made the motion to approve. 2nd by Margaret Landers. Passed with 13 yes votes.

d) YMCA Presentation on Funding Grant for 2015 YMCA Thanksgiving Baskets Campaign for $2000 – Holly Rasey made the presentation, Diane Weston-Sulka made the motion to approve the grant. 2nd by Jim Ashjian. Motion passed with 13 yes votes.

e) Funding Grant for Devonshire PALS for $5000 – Chris Sales made the motion to approve the grant for LAPD PALS. 2nd by Jose Portillo. Motion passed with 13 yes votes.

f) Funding Grant for Northridge Middle School for $5000 – Chris Sales made the motion to approve grant for Northridge Middle School. 2nd by Dagmar Abarghoei. Motion passed with 13 yes votes.

g) Funding Grant for New US Flags for Reseda Blvd Corridor for $500 - Chris Sales made the motion to approve. 2nd by Michael Bell. Motion passed with 13 votes

h) Funding for NSNC office supplies/postage/printing costs for Fiscal year 2015-16 for $1500 – Margaret Landers made the motion to approve. Marilynn 2nd. Motion passed with 13 yes votes.

9) Committee Reports – Jose Portillo is a deputy at the Disaster Fair, to be held 10/3/15 at the Fire Station on Balboa Blvd. near Devonshire St.

10) Board Member announcements – Sal Pelaez said Walk to School Day is on 10/7/15 and Park Parthenia Health Fair is 10/14/15.

11) Adjournment – Donnal Poppe made the motion to adjourn at 8:44 PM. 2nd by Margaret Landers. Motion passed with 13 yes votes.