



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes January 28, 2016

- 1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and Margaret Landers led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Board of Directors Roll Call – Present: Dagmar Abarghohi, James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Jennifer Elliott, Margaret Landers, Marilynn Meyer, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo, Chris Sales, Virginia Watts, Diane Weston-Sulka, Fred Youssif. Absent: Patty Ferman (LOA), Sal Pelaez
- 3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Margaret Landers made a motion to approve the December 17, 2015. 2nd by Jim Ashjian. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.
- 4) Comments by public officials
 - a) CD12 – Jonathan Coto - the Citrus Sunday Event is scheduled in May. The “I Heart” event is scheduled next Saturday, 2/6/16 from 2 PM to 5 PM on Reseda Blvd. at Rayen St. There will be music, Food Trucks and an Art Show. Jonathan provided an information sheet on the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak. There is a Town Hall meeting on 2/2/16 at the Shepard of the Hills Church, flyer has all the information. Chris Sales asked when Megan Cottier is leaving and who will replace her. Jonathan Coto to get back with the answer.
 - b) Other public officials – Molly Taylor, Independent Election Administrator - Region 7 for Neighborhood Empowerment introduced herself to the board and stakeholders. Our Selection will be held May 24, 2016. She will be attending our meetings until the election. Chris Sales stated that he would be willing to be a neutral party at other Neighborhood Councils elections/selections, as would some of our board members. Molly stated that she appreciates our welcoming format for her and our stakeholders.
- 5) Public comments - Valerie Collins let us know that Ann Heidsiek died on 12/30/15 from pancreatic cancer. Memorial Service to be announced. Valerie also said that the Coptic Church issue is on hold and their Planner Lee Ambers has until 2/9/16 to resubmit. Don Larson introduced 3 stakeholders who have businesses on Reseda Blvd.
- 6) President's Comments – Chris Sales shared the board's condolences to Ann Heidsiek's family and friends. Chris also welcomed and thanked the 3 guests that Don Larson has introduced to our Neighborhood Council.
- 7) Old Business

a) Budget Update – Margaret Landers said we had approximately \$20,000 left to allocate. The Horses of the Valley and the Senior Symposium have been paid.

b) Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report – Margaret Landers made a motion to approve the December 2015 MER. 2nd by Jose Portillo. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.

8) New Business

a) Plummer Street LA City easement vacation Darby to Etiwanda - presentation by CSUN – Ken Rosenthal and co presenters Max Reyes & Matt Goulet. CSUN procured property. CSUN filed an application to downgrade the street from a highway to a local collector. Notifications will be sent out to neighbors within 500 feet so they will be aware of the date and time. CSUN will pay for and put in a traffic signal at the corner of Darby St. and Etiwanda St. CSUN is working to clean the streets and they want to make improvements to those streets. Chris Sales stated that he is in favor of making streets more pedestrian and bike friendly. Ken Rosenthal wants to improve the streets with trees, etc. Don Larson said he approved of this plan and offered his support and help.

b) Vote on funding for Wilkinson Senior Center meeting room painting request - not to exceed 700 dollars - Chris Sales made a motion to approve the funding for painting the room at the Wilkinson Senior Center. 2nd by Marilyn Meyer. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.

c) Vote on funding for Northridge Sparkle Beautification Group – not to exceed 2000 dollars for paint, cleaning supplies and equipment – Chris Sales made the motion to approve the funding for Northridge Sparkle. 2nd by Fred Youssif. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.

d) Vote on funding for Citrus Sunday (May 2016) outreach materials – not to exceed 1500 dollars Margaret Landers made a motion to approve the funding for Citrus Sunday. 2nd by Dagmar Abarghoei. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.

9) Committee Reports - Chris Sales asked the board members to attend the “I Heart” event on Reseda Blvd. on Saturday 2/6/16 from 2 PM – 5 PM.

10) Board member announcements – Chris Sales reminded the board members and stakeholders that Deputy City Attorney, Alin Sahagian will be at our February 8, 2015 meeting and to think about topics. Jim Ashjian asked about the artists for our Horse Project. Chris Sales answered that 20 designs would be considered and narrowed down to 5. Our board would have a vote on the 5 to determine the designer. Margaret Landers suggested that we also obtain 2 of the metal sculptures that were previously offered to the NC free of charge.

11) Adjournment - Fred Youssif made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM. 2nd by Jim Ashjian. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.