



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes February 25, 2016

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

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

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Margaret Landers made a motion to approve the January 28, 2016 minutes as corrected. 2nd by Dagmar Abarghoei. Motion passed with 10 yes votes.

4) Comments by public officials

- **a) Senator Robert M. Hertzberg on the Valley Transportation Summit** – the Senator came tonight to explain a bond issue that will increase our sales tax. Revision R2 will raise the sales tax a full penny to fund transportation. The current Plan does not include the Northwest Valley. The first conference has been held at Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Van Nuys. The Senator stated that the plan must connect Burbank Airport and provide public transportation for CSUN students. There will be a meeting on March 3, 2016 at CSUN at 6 PM. The Senator will not support the tax increase unless the Northwest Valley is included in the plan. He asked that as many stakeholders as possible attend this meeting. Chris Sales commented that he would support the Senator on Revision R2. Sal Pelaez suggested bicycle use on the quiet streets. A Stakeholder asked for the definition of “they”, the Senator answered they are Metro Staff and MTA officials.
- **b) CD12** – Jonathan Coto – deferred to Jon Lee, see New Business.
- **c) Other public officials** – Assemblyman Matt Dabaneh introduced himself. Priority is CSUN to help students graduate in 4 years. Said he is working to support the stakeholders against the double track and additional oil trains. Said the leak in Aliso Canyon covers a 5 mi radius. Safety measures to be put in place so it does not happen again at any natural gas storage facility in Southern California. The Assemblyman is on the Insurance Committee and Chair of the Bank and Finance Committee.

5) Public comments - Beau Berquist from Sherwood Forest spoke of the Aliso Canyon leak and how it has affected his family. Beau wants a monitor in Northridge and Chris Sales agreed. Valerie Collins spoke of the double track and Chris Sales said that for now the double track is not happening. Chris Sales said that NSNC will be having elections in May 2016. He

encouraged stakeholders to fill out applications and stressed the importance of serving on the board and the commitment it takes. Valerie Collins spoke of the illegal buildings that were taken down at the Coptic Church. Chris Sales asked that the neighbors be vigilant. Per Valerie, Ann Heidsick's property will be kept in the family as a Memorial to Ann. Stakeholder asked how to access an application packet, Chris Sales answered that it can be accessed on the NSNC website and downloaded.

6) President's Comments - Chris Sales added to his comments above and congratulated Patty Fermin, NSNC Board Member, on the birth of her baby daughter. The VANC Mixer will be held on the CBS Studio lot, 3/12/16 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

7) Old Business

- **i) Budget Update** – Margaret Landers reported on the budget.
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- **ii) Approval of Monthly Reconciliation** – Margaret Landers made a motion to approve the January 28, 2016 MER. 2nd by Virginia Watts.

8) New Business

- **a) Deputy City Attorney Alin Sahagian** – working with the LAPD in the Senior Lead Trailer, she is working on quality of life issues. Working with Patty Petque regarding the Innovation Recycling in Reseda to put in more lighting. Ms. Sahagian, along with officer Williams is working with the transients around the recycling center and working crimes on Reseda Blvd. Regarding the homeless issue, first she does outreach, asking people if they want to be in a temporary housing. Ms. Sahagian's main goal is to provide outreach and have the homeless helped. Stakeholder complained of harassment from homeless people on a bike path in the West Valley. Sal Pelaez suggested LAPD bike patrol. Alin will communicate issue to that division. Chris Sales and Virginia Watts complained that the officer assigned to South Point does not have a real interest in serving her area.
- **b) CD 12 Chief of Staff John Lee Presentation on Northridge PALS** – spoke about Devonshire Pals and thanked Dagmar Abarghoei, Jose Portillo and Judi Greenberg for all their hard work. The center is promoting relationships between young people and the LAPD, 190 kids daily at PALS, now helping kids with college applications. PALS provide summer programs and field trips for kids who live in Park Parthenia. John Lee thanked NS for all of their support, Chris Sales thanked John Lee and Mitch Englander for all the support they give to PALS. Judy Greenberg commented that the kids do not have life experiences and how important the field trips, etc. help these kids. CD12 found funds to help these kids. College students are teaching kids how to film movies on cell phones. On May 17, 2016, at VPAC top movies from the different schools will be shown.
- **c) Devonshire Division Officer Appreciation Day Request for funding support** – Mikkie Loi requested an NPG for \$600 for a luncheon to be held May 25, 2016 to honor of our police officers. Location to be determined. Jim Ashjian made a motion to support the funding and Jennifer Elliott 2nd. Motion passed with 10 yes votes.
- **d) Neighborhood Watch sign funding request, not to exceed 500 dollars** – Chris Sales made a motion to approve the funding for the signs. 2nd by Sal Pelaez. Motion passed with 10 yes votes.

9) Committee Reports – Sal Pelaez participated in the recent Ciclavia from Roscoe Blvd. to San Fernando Rd. Also cleaned up our Pocket Park with Jonathan Coto from CD 12. They are hoping to upgrade the pedestrian bridge near the park. Next clean up in a month or so. Jose Portillo announced that Captain Pratt is the new captain at the Devonshire Station.

10) Board member announcements - none

11) Adjournment – Margaret Landers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM. Sal Pelaez 2nd. Motion passed with 10 yes votes.