



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes March 31, 2016

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Sales called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Sal Pelaez led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Board of Directors Roll Call – Present: James Ashjian, Margaret Landers, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Michael Bell, Jose Portillo, Chris Sales, Virginia Watts, Diane Weston-Sulka, Fred Youssif and Jennifer Elliott. Absent: Dagmar Abarghoei, Patty Ferman (LOA). Marilyn Meyer arrived at 7:34 PM.

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Chris Sales made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, February 25, 2016. 2nd by Margaret Landers. Motion passed with 11 yes votes.

4) Comments by public officials

- **a) CD12** – Jonathan Coto reported that Councilman Englander submitted a motion requesting the SCAQMD report to the L.A. City Council any action pending with regard to the Termo Co. for the illegal release of natural gas in the Aliso Canyon Field. The Councilman also supports California State Assembly Bill 2756. If passed this bill will give the DOGGR authority to ensure that penalties levied on oil and gas companies reflect the severity of the violation. The Great Streets Crew began Phase 2 of Reseda Blvd. Improvements to include repairs to streets, sidewalks and tree wells. A conversation followed. Sal Pelaez asked Jonathan Coto for a “No Dumping” sign at the Pocket Park located at Chase St. and Wystone Ave. CD12 is sponsoring Making Movies that Matter on May 19, 2016 at the Valley Performing Arts Center. The Conversation with Councils focused on the Bureau of Street Services.
- **b) Other public officials - Raj** Dhillon from Senator Herzberg’s office reported that Metro has released its findings regarding the ballot issue to raise the sales tax to finance the 405 Freeway Project. Senator Herzberg will continue his fight for better transportation in the Northwest Valley to be included in the R2 version. Senator Herzberg voted in favor of increasing the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour. A discussion followed. Chris Sales said that he enjoyed the Transportation Summit and the Senators visit to NSNC. Raj Dhillon is the Intern Coordinator for the Senator’s office and encouraged applications.

5) Public Comments – Van Nuys Neighborhood Council representatives said they were at our meeting to observe. John Handal from the West L.A. Neighborhood Council will help with our May 24, 2016 Selection.

6) President’s Comments – Chris Sales is expecting a Senior Lead Officer at our regular April 28, 2016 meeting. Chris Sales talked about the Town Hall Selection on May 24, 2016 and encouraged stakeholders to submit applications. Applications due to NSNC by May 5, 2016. Our Horse project is moving along and needs to be completed by 6/30/16 for site installation.

7) Old Business

- **i) Budget Update** - Margaret Landers went over the February 2016 Budget. DONE needs to approve the Appreciation Luncheon for the Devonshire Division, which involves over 300 officers. The Motion to approve monies will move to the April 28, 2016 regular meeting.
- **ii) Approval of Monthly Reconciliation** - Margaret Landers made a motion to approve the MER for February 2016 and Jim Ashjian 2nd. Motion passed with 11 yes votes.

8) New Business

- **a) PLUM vote on APCNV 2016-610 Tampa and Nordhoff – inclusion of drive through car wash on gas station premises** - Patrick Fiedler and Parviz Natanzi (gas station owner) – Donnal Poppe summarized the case. Jose Portillo asked for the start and end date. Patrick Fielder said the project is 6 months away. The car wash will reclaim 80% of the water and reuse, reducing water usage and the water will be treated. Fred Youssif asked about the pricing and Patrick Fiedler said it is offered with gas and comes out to about \$5. Donnal Poppe made a motion to approve APCNV 2016-610, 2nd by Jose Portillo. Motion passed with 11 yes votes.
- **b) Presentation by Northridge West NC for vote of support on their Tampa Median Project** – Peter Lasky spoke of sculptures on the median between the 118 Freeway and Tampa Ave. The project needs community support and The Culture Arts Commission has to approve. Chris Sales will write the letter and give Peter Lasky a copy of the March Minutes. Chris Sales made a motion to write a letter to show our support for their median project. 2nd by Michael Bell. Motion passed with 11 yes votes.
- **c) Vote on funding for North Valley YMCA Healthy Kids day – not to exceed \$600** – Chris Sales made the motion to support the funding. 2nd by Diane Sulka. Passed with 12 yes votes. Marilynn Meyer arrived at 7:34 PM.
- **d) Request for letters of support on SB 380 moratorium and inspection protocols and on Aliso Creek gas field closure** – Tyler Aguirre of Food & Water Watch passed out a fact sheet and a copy of the letter she would like written. She is working in conjunction with the residents of Porter Ranch. SB380 is an emergency bill that a moratorium on gas injections to make sure all wells are made safe. A discussion followed and Chris Sales provided information on the bill and its contents. Wells that are old and with conditions need to be reviewed. State regulators are working on a plan to regulate the issue. DWP workshop on April 8, 2016, Ms. Aguirre will email Chris Sales the site for the meeting. Sal Pelaez asked about mitigation and a discussion followed. Chris Sales will post information on the website regarding the DWP meeting. Motion to write the letter was made by Virginia Watts. 2nd by Margaret Landers. Motion passed with 9 yes votes. There were 3 abstentions, Marilynn Meyer, Michael Bell and Jim Ashjian. A discussion followed.

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9) Committee Reports – Sal Pelaez is working hard with Pam & John Atchison, caretakers of the Pocket Park at Chase St. and Wystone Ave. This Saturday, March 29, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM will be a clean up of the park and planting. John Atchison is buying the gravel to be spread around. There will be an attempt to repair the benches that have been damaged. Sal Pelaez would like to buy new benches in the Fall of 2016 for the sidewalk and curbs.

10) Board Member announcements - none

11) Adjournment – Margaret Landers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. 2nd by Michael Bell. Motion passed with 12 yes votes.