



## Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes May 26, 2016

**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, Michael Bell, Jennifer Elliott, Margaret Landers, Marilyn Meyer, Sal Pelaez (arrived at 7:30 PM), Donnal Poppe, Chris Sales, Virginia Watts, Diane Weston-Sulka, Fred Youssif (arrived at 7:18 PM). Absent: Patty Ferman (LOA) and Jose Portillo

**3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting** – Jim Ashjian made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, April 28, 2016. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn Meyer. Motion passed with 10 yes votes.

**4) Presentation of the 2016-2018 Board of Directors** – Chris Sales introduced the new board.

Residential:

Courtney Molnar\*, Mike Bell, Valerie Collins\*, Jim Ashjian, Donnal Poppe, Fred Youssif

Business:

CJ Berina\*, Jose Hernandez\*

Organizational:

Jose Portillo, Stephanie Schwinn\*

Senior:

Karen Lott\*

Youth:

Noor Chaaban\*

At Large:

Sal Pelaez, Jennifer Elliott, Marilyn Meyer

\*New board members

**a) Remarks and congratulations** - Chris Sales congratulated the new board members and said that on July 16, 2016 there will be an orientation for the new board by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at Park Parthenia.

**5) Comments by public officials**

**a) CD12** – Jonathan Coto spoke of upcoming events, the Hawaiian Family Festival of the Arts on June 3, 4 & 5, 2016 at Northridge Park. Mitchell Englander is hosting the CD12 Family Festival on June 11, 2016 at Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park, The Aloha Festival Senior Dance on June 3, 2016 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fun and Family Free Bicycle Repair Event on June 18, 2016. Jonathan also said that CD 12 hosted the Student Film Festival on Friday May 20, 2016 at the VPAC. Sunday May 22, 2016 was Citrus Sunday and this year a total of 16,000 pounds was donated, 5,000 pounds from the NSNC. Chris Sales thanked CD12 for the successful event of Citrus Sunday and encouraged stakeholders to contact Food Forward to pick up fruit at your home during the year.

**b) Other public officials** - Glen Bailey apologized for the absence of Northridge East at Citrus Sunday and thanked us for covering. As Budget Advocate he visits all 8 Neighborhood Councils. Glen Baily said that there must be 2 budget representatives from each Neighborhood Council. Budget Advocates will meet on September 24, 2016 at a 7:30 AM breakfast at L.A. City Hall. Sal Pelaez and Fred Youssif will represent NSNC. There will be 40 different workshops offered. Mayor Garcetti will be present as well as other city officials. Glen Bailey requested money to fund this event. He announced that the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the each month at 6:30 PM. Glen Bailey reminded the returning board members that they must

renew their Code of Conduct Forms and can submit on line at Empower L.A. Org. Chris Sales will send all the info and links to the board members.

**6) Public comments** – Jack Launius owns a home and business in the NSNC area. He complained of all the trash that he has had to pick up. He has called various agencies to help out with the trash and weeds and rented dumpsters and complained to Mitch Englander’s office. Chris Sales answered and suggested he speak with Jonathan Coto regarding these matters. Chris Sales then gave Mr. Launius his card if he does not get support from CD12. A discussion occurred.

**7) President’s Comments** – Chris Sales commented again on Citrus Sunday, 5,084 pounds from NSNC. He thanked Margaret Landers for all of her hard work and Jennifer Elliott for filing out receipts for her first Citrus Sunday event. Chris Sales noted that we keep a copy of the receipt so we can send out thank you cards to those residents. He thanked the board members that volunteered that day.

#### **8) Old Business**

**a) Budget Update** – Margaret Landers went over the April 2016 budget.

**b) Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report** – Margaret Landers made a motion to approve the MER for April 2016. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Virginia Watts. Motion passed with 12 yes votes. Michael Bell left at 7:20 PM, Virginia Watts left at 7:40 PM. The vote was taken at 7:39 PM.

**c) Previous motion from September 2016 for basic office supplies for \$1500 to be increased by \$2000 to \$3500** – Chris Sales made the motion to increase from \$1500 by \$2000 to \$3500. A discussion occurred. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Ashjian. Passed with 10 yes votes.

**9) New Business** - Chris Sales referred to 10).

#### **10) Committee Reports** –

**a) PLUM planning items** – Donnal Poppe said that the committee meetings are where we discuss the upcoming requests. There will be a meeting of the board members to go over committees and a power point presentation to educate the new members on that subject. Chris Sales commented on the energy that has developed in NSNC. He praised Ms. Poppe for her work as the Land Use Chairperson. Donnal explained PLUM and Done, Margaret Landers also commented. A discussion occurred on the previous noteworthy accomplishments of NSNC.

**b) Transportation and Public Works** – Sal Pelaez spoke of pedestrians, mass transit, etc. NSNC needs to define streets that need repair and speed issues. Sal Pelaez mentioned our Pocket Park. We need to work with CD12 for speed humps/bumps on certain streets. He pointed out that we have a great relationship with Don Larson and Andrea Alvarado of Sparkle and Park Parthenia thanks to Jose Portillo and Dagmar Abarghoei.

**c) Outreach** – Chris Sales spoke of the events we sponsored this year. Margaret Landers spoke of various contributions to schools and Pals. Chris asked that new members choose a committee to become active in.

**11) Board member announcements** – Margaret Landers thanked all for the help on Citrus Sunday. CJ Berina spoke of the Art Walk coming up on June 4 and June 18, 2016. Chris Sales spoke of the Home Tour on June 11, 2016 in the Corbin Palms area.

**12) Adjournment – Margaret** Landers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donnal Poppe. Motion passed with 10 yes votes.