



## Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 25, 2016

**1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by James Ashjian. Sal Pelaez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2) Board of Directors Roll Call:** Present: James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Nour Chaaban, Jennifer Elliott, Karen Lott, Courtney Molnar, Sal Pelaez, Stephanie Schwinn, Fred Youssif. Excused absence: C.J. Berina, Jose Hernandez, Marilynn Meyer, Donnal Poppe. Absent: Valerie Collins, Jose Portillo.

**3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** There are two items to approve: the minutes of the July 16, 2016 Special Board Meeting and the report of the July 16, 2016 Board Retreat. Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting as written made by Sal Pelaez, seconded by Courtney Molnar, passed with nine “yes” votes. Motion to approve the report of the Board Retreat as written made by Michael Bell, seconded by Karen Lott, passed with nine “yes” votes.

**4) Vote and confirmation of Committee Chairpersons:** This item was tabled to the next meeting due to the absence of potentially affected board members.

**5) Comments by public officials:**

**a. CD 12:** Not in attendance

**b. Other public officials:** Kathleen Quinn, our Field Representative at Empower LA, encouraged attendance at the Congress of Neighborhood Councils on September 24, 2016. There will be a live ethics training in South Los Angeles on August 27, 2016. Contact Kathleen if we have questions or concerns about anything. She added that Elise Ruden is our City Attorney representative and Janet Hernandez is our Empower LA funding representative, and they also are available to assist with questions or concerns.

**6) General public comment on non-agendized items:** None

**7) President’s Comments:** James Ashjian thanked everyone for attending our first “regular” meeting of the new board.

**8) Old Business:**

**a. Approval of Fiscal Year Budget:** The draft budget was sent to the board via e-mail before the board meeting. The grand total is \$37,000. Line item amounts are not “set in stone” and may be changed in the future if we need to.

**b. Budget Update and vote on the adoption of current year budget:** Stephanie Schwinn moved to adopt and James Ashjian seconded. Adopted with “yes” votes by James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Jennifer Elliott, Karen Lott, Courtney Molnar, Sal Pelaez,

Stephanie Schwinn and Fred Youssif. Nour Chaaban was ineligible to vote due to incomplete funding and ethics training.

**c. Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report:** As of today there is \$8,286.37 in the bank. Courtney Molnar moved to approve and Jennifer Elliott seconded. Approved with “yes” votes by James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Jennifer Elliott, Karen Lott, Courtney Molnar, Sal Pelaez, Stephanie Schwinn and Fred Youssif. Nour Chaaban was ineligible to vote due to incomplete funding and ethics training.

**9) New Business:**

**a. Case ZA 2016-1655 CU-SPR for commercial development at 8400 North Balboa Boulevard:** Tabled to next meeting due to Donnal Poppe’s absence.

**b. Purchase of Apple computer:** Jennifer Elliott moved to purchase an 11” Mac Book Air, the Apple Protection Plan and a travel bag for use by the NSNC secretary, with total cost not to exceed \$1,500, and Karen Lott seconded. Approved with “yes” votes by James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Jennifer Elliott, Karen Lott, Courtney Molnar, Sal Pelaez, Stephanie Schwinn and Fred Youssif. Nour Chaaban was ineligible to vote due to incomplete funding and ethics training.

**c. Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair funding:** Fred Youssif moved to contribute \$500 to the October 1, 2016 Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair, and Stephanie Schwinn seconded. Approved with “yes” votes by James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Jennifer Elliott, Karen Lott, Courtney Molnar, Sal Pelaez, Stephanie Schwinn and Fred Youssif. Nour Chaaban was ineligible to vote due to incomplete funding and ethics training.

**11) Presentation on Aliso Creek – Limekiln Creek Restoration Project:** Andy Flores and Michael Van Wagoner of the Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering presented an overview of this Proposition O (2004) project, which is to improve the water quality of Aliso Creek, Limekiln Creek and the Los Angeles River. The project site is south of Nordhoff Street, east of Vanalden Avenue, west of Wilbur Avenue and north of Eddy Street. Storm water flows would be diverted to treatment facilities at the site, and the cleaned water would be returned to the creeks and river. The project was designed by the Bureau of Engineering and Tetra Tech. Project cost is \$8,000,000, with construction scheduled to begin in 2018 and end in 2020. When the project website is ready it will be forwarded to James Ashjian. Q & A and discussion followed, with no board action taken. *Valerie Collins arrived at 7:41 p.m.*

**12) Presentation on YMCA Thanksgiving Basket Event:** Jane Stanton, director of the North Valley YMCA, gave a presentation regarding their plans to give out 3,500 Thanksgiving baskets to needy families. They need to raise \$46,000 and are asking NSNC for \$1,000. A local family donates the fresh produce and the canned foods and turkeys are purchased. The baskets are distributed among 40 schools on the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. The council will vote on this expenditure at the next board meeting.

**13) Committee Reports:** Tabled to the next meeting.

**14) Board member announcements:** James Ashjian asked for full board participation at the October 1, 2016 Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. Sal Pelaez announced that the new Dog Haus restaurant (at the old IHOP site on Reseda) is open. Stephanie Schwinn announced the new Chevy’s Restaurant is open in Northridge Mall, and they will hold a PALS fundraiser on Friday, August 26, 2016.

**15) Adjournment:** Michael Bell moved to adjourn and Karen Lott seconded. Approved with “yes” votes by James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Nour Chaaban, Valerie Collins, Jennifer Elliott, Karen Lott, Courtney Molnar, Sal Pelaez, Stephanie Schwinn and Fred Youssif. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.