



Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
January 26, 2017

- 1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by James Ashjian. Sal Pelaez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Board of Directors Roll Call: Present:** James Ashjian, Michael Bell, C.J. Berina, Jennifer Elliott, Jose Hernandez, Marilynn Meyer, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo, Stephanie Schwinn
Absent: Nour Chaaban, Valerie Collins, Karen Lott, Courtney Molnar **Removed:** Fred Youssif
- 3) Approval of minutes from December 15, 2016 Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Marilynn Meyer and seconded by Donnal Poppe. Motion passed with ten “yes” votes.
- 4) Comments by public officials:**
 - a. CD 12:** Jonathan Coto, Field Deputy: The city adopted a resolution asking the state to support legislation authorizing impounding of vehicles that are involved in hit-and-run, street racing or reckless driving. Councilman Englander voted “no” on a motion for the city to issue a judgment obligation bond to pay civil lawsuits, but the motion passed. The Quarterly CD 12 Speaker Series will present two Holocaust survivors speaking on “The Anatomy of Hate” on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the CD 12 Field Office. RSVP at 818-882-1212.
Valerie Collins arrived at 7:09 p.m.
 - b. Other public officials:** Raj Dhillon, District Representative, Senator Bob Hertzberg’s office: Three weeks ago the legislature was back in session. Senator Hertzberg is the chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water.
- 5) General public comment on non-agendized items:** *Margaret Landers:* Requested that we put “Citrus Sunday” on the agenda of a future neighborhood council meeting. *David Saxe:* Suggested that we purchase a City of Los Angeles “Northridge” sign and place it on northbound Reseda Boulevard, north of Roscoe Boulevard. This item will be on the agenda of the next meeting.
- 6) President’s Comments:** None
- 7) Old Business:**
 - a. Budget Update:** Michael Bell said we need to file an amended budget to include the \$3,500.00 in supplemental funding we will receive, and spoke on suggested revisions. We received our quarterly budget allocation on January 4, 2017, and our current balance is over \$18,000.00
 - b. Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report:** The December 2016 MER was approved with eleven “yes” votes.
 - c. Foster Children Resource Center:** Regarding a possible NPG, we are awaiting their response.
 - d. Website Changes:** Sal Pelaez said we still need the contact file from Aaron DeVandry before the new website can go live.

8) New Business:

a. Appointment of Homeless Liaison: Item tabled due to Nour Chaaban's absence.

b. Reinstatement of Fred Youssif to Board: DONE removed Fred Youssif from the board effective January 13, 2017 because he had not submitted an updated Code of Conduct certificate. He submitted his certificate on January 24, 2017. Jose Portillo moved to reinstate Fred Youssif and Donnal Poppe seconded. Motion passed with eleven "yes" votes. *Fred Youssif joined the board meeting.*

c. 8400 Balboa Boulevard Presentation: This is the Harmon International campus site. Christopher Murray, of Rosenheim and Associates, Inc., gave a presentation for the project "The Mix at Harmon Campus". The project will contain two new commercial retail buildings and an LA Fitness health club. PLUM Chair Donnal Poppe moved to accept the project, with the stipulation that two large driveway entrance signs be removed, and James Ashjian seconded. Motion passed with twelve "yes" votes.

d. Chipotle Restaurant Presentation: Brett Engstrom, of Engstrom Planning and Licensing, a consultant for Chipotle Restaurant, spoke regarding the proposed restaurant at 8420 Balboa Boulevard. Chipotle wants alcohol service at this location during all operating hours, to 11:00 p.m. 75% of Chipotle locations serve beer and wine. Donnal Poppe moved to approve and Michael Bell seconded. Motion passed with twelve "yes" votes.

e. Yes on Proposition M: Samantha Stevens, of the Yes on M Committee, spoke for the measure. Measure M is a proposed city ordinance regulating and taxing marijuana sales that will be on the March 2017 ballot. The Committee is seeking NSNC's support. Marilyn Meyer moved to support the measure, and Fred Youssif seconded. Motion passed with eleven "yes" votes. Stephanie Schwinn abstained.

f. Clean Streets Game Changer Award: James Ashjian announced that the NSNC was recognized with the Los Angeles Clean Streets Program's "Game Changer Award". The award will be given to Northridge Sparkle's Don Larson.

g. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Mixer Support: The VANC will hold a mixer on Thursday, March 9, 2017. Sal Pelaez moved to not contribute \$250.00 toward the mixer, and Donnal Poppe seconded. Motion passed with twelve "yes" votes.

h. Revised budget changes: Michael Bell moved to increase "Outreach" to \$15,000 and "Community Improvement" to \$4,000, and Donnal Poppe seconded. Motion passed with twelve "yes" votes.

i. Community Outreach Event: This item was tabled to the February 13, 2017 committee meeting.

j. CSUN Urban Studies Meetings: This item was tabled to the February 13, 2017 committee meeting.

9) Committee Reports: None

10) Board member announcements: Sal Pelaez thanked those who came out for the Aliso Park cleanup on Sunday, January 15, 2017. The gravel spreading will be done in May 2017.

11) Adjournment: Donnal Poppe moved to adjourn and Jose Hernandez seconded. Approved with twelve "yes" votes. Time of adjournment not recorded.