



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 23, 2017

- 1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by James Ashjian. Sal Pelaez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Board of Directors Roll Call: Present:** James Ashjian, Valerie Collins, Jennifer Elliott, Karen Lott, Courtney Molnar, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo, Stephanie Schwinn, Fred Youssif
Absent: Michael Bell, C.J. Berina, Nour Chaaban, Jose Hernandez, Marilynn Meyer
- 3) Approval of minutes from January 26, 2017 Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Jose Portillo and seconded by Karen Lott. Motion passed with ten “yes” votes.
- 4) Comments by public officials:**
 - a. CD 12:** Jonathan Coto, Field Deputy: A series of resolutions to support SB 75, AB 27 and AB 197 would, if passed, expand the definition of “violent felony”. Proposition 57 (November 2016) overhauled criminal sentencing for non-violent felonies, but the proposition did not define “non-violent felony”. The Public Safety Committee instructed the LAPD to report how police deployment and staffing levels are determined, and to establish strategies to help improve patrol coverage and reduce response times. On February 22, 2017, telephone calls to LAPD Devonshire or Van Nuys were answered with a “thank you for using 311” message. A motion will be introduced to establish a new, citywide LAPD telephone system. If anyone has any issues, please contact the CD 12 office.
 - b. Other public officials:** Julio Anleu, Field Deputy, LAUSD Board District Six: Distributed an “LAUSD Arts Programs” booklet that describes the various arts programs offered at LAUSD. If anyone wants more information, contact him at 213-241-6388.
- 5) General public comment on non-agendized items:** *Jay Beeber, Measure S Valley Liaison:* Distributed handouts regarding Measure S on the March 7, 2017 ballot. The measure will hold elected officials accountable, force updating of community plans, and have planning meetings held on nights and weekends so the public may attend. *Yolanda Aldaz, DC Collective:* Distributed handout regarding Measure M on the March 7, 2017 ballot. The measure will regulate and tax the sales of marijuana. *David Saxe:* Read aloud a portion of a letter he wrote to the Coptic Church (on Roscoe Boulevard) regarding the loss of eucalyptus trees along the property line. The trees are now a hazard and he wants the church to cut the trees down. *Mark Hovater, Granada Hills Grubfest:* Wants to bring food trucks to the west side of the “Great Streets” section of Reseda Boulevard every week, on a Tuesday or Saturday, from the Dog Haus restaurant to Gresham Street. Food trucks bring out the community, and the Granada Hills Grubfest is now the largest ongoing food truck event in the world. He wants to make a presentation at the March 2017 stakeholder meeting. *Glenn Bailey, Northridge East Neighborhood Council:* Northridge South is invited to the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) mixer on March 9, 2017, whether or not a financial contribution is made. About 250 neighborhood council members attend. Attendees need to RSVP. New neighborhood council liaison positions for Animal Services, Emergency Preparedness, Film, and Purposeful Aging (formerly “Senior Citizens”) have been created, so please agendize. Stakeholders may be liaisons. The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will host a homeless liaison meeting on Monday, March 27, 2017 at Granada Hills High School.
- 6) President’s Comments:** Agenda items 8a and 8e have been moved to item 5, “General Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items”.

7) Old Business:

a. Budget Update: No action taken due to absence of treasurer Michael Bell.

b. Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report: Disbursements in January 2017 totaled \$956.00, including storage fees, mailbox, a meeting at the Northridge Chamber of Commerce, and our ad in the "Community Connection" newspaper. Year-to-date disbursements total \$9,129.00. Our unallocated budget balance is \$31,914.30. The January 2017 MER was approved with ten "yes" votes.

c. Foster Children Resource Center: Donnal Poppe moved to approve the NPG for \$1,000.00, and Stephanie Schwinn seconded. Motion passed with ten "yes" votes.

d. NPG for Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair: Mikkie Loi spoke regarding the annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair, which will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the LAFD Granada Hills station. Jose Portillo moved to approve the NPG (not to exceed \$850.00), and Sal Pelaez seconded. Motion passed with six "yes" votes (James Ashjian, Jennifer Elliott, Courtney Molnar, Sal Pelaez, Jose Portillo, Fred Youssif), three "no" votes (Valerie Collins, Donnal Poppe, Stephanie Schwinn) and one abstention (Karen Lott).

8) New Business:

a. Proposition S: Moved to Item 5, "General Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items".

b. 8400 Balboa Boulevard Project: This is the Harmon International campus site. Chipotle Restaurant is seeking a liquor license for beer, wine and mixed margaritas. The hearing will be on March 8 or 9, 2017. Donnal Poppe moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit, and Courtney Molnar seconded. Motion passed with ten "yes" votes.

c. Northridge Middle School NPG: Judi Greenberg asked for an NPG of \$5,000.00 to take eighth-graders to the Museum of Tolerance and its Anne Frank exhibit. The funding would cover transportation and museum admission. Karen Lott moved to approve the NPG and Jose Portillo seconded. Motion passed with ten "yes" votes.

d. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Mixer: The VANC will hold a mixer on Thursday, March 9, 2017. It costs \$4,000.00 to hold the mixer, and half of the neighborhood councils contribute. A \$250.00 contribution will get NSNC's name in the program and a place to hang our banner. Donnal Poppe moved to contribute \$250.00, and Jose Portillo seconded. Motion passed with ten "yes" votes.

e. Proposition M: Moved to Item 5, "General Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items".

f. PALS Bicycle Repair Event: Jose Portillo moved to allocate up to \$2,000.00 for the Devonshire PALS bicycle repair and giveaway event, and Donnal Poppe seconded. Motion passed with ten "yes" votes.

g. Citrus Sunday: Citrus Sunday has been put on hold due to the medfly quarantine (fruit may not be removed from one's home). Fred Youssif moved to make an appropriation of \$1,000.00 in case the situation changes, and Jose Portillo seconded. Motion passed with ten "yes" votes.

h. Napa Elementary School Fire: Elizabeth Cross and Cecilia Garcia are fourth-grade teachers at the school, which had a fire on February 12, 2017 that burned their classrooms. They are asking for funding to replace materials, such as books and art supplies. James Ashjian said that Michael Bell will contact them.

i. Accessory Dwelling Units: This item was tabled to the March 23, 2017 meeting.

9) Committee Reports: *Outreach:* Stephanie Schwinn will order the NSNC polo shirts for board members who need them.

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

b. Web Page Updates: No action taken.

c. Town Hall Meeting on Zoning Information: No action taken.

10) Board member announcements: Donnal Poppe and Fred Youssif updated their ethics training certifications.

11) Adjournment: Donnal Poppe moved to adjourn and Fred Youssif seconded. Approved with ten "yes" votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.