



Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
March 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, Michael Bell, C.J. Berina, Nour Chaaban, Valerie Collins, Jennifer Elliott, Marilyn Meyer, Courtney Molnar, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo, Fred Youssif **Excused Absence:** Stephanie Schwinn **Absent:** Jose Hernandez, Karen Lott
- 3) Approval of minutes from February 23, 2017 Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Michael Bell and seconded by Marilyn Meyer. Motion passed with twelve “yes” votes.
- 4) Comments by public officials:**
 - a. CD 12:** Not present
 - b. Other public officials:** *Assemblymember Matthew Dababneh:* A community meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 5:30-7:00 at the Westfield Topanga Community Center. In the near future, a meet-and-greet with neighborhood councils will be held. He thanked the council for its work. Pending bills include a) making “financial literacy” a part of the local curriculum; b) “Jordan’s Law”, making filming and posting online a physical attack a prosecutable crime; c) ending puppy mills; d) mandating that a sound study be completed before expanding train usage in residential areas; e) keeping Aliso Canyon closed until the cause of the leak is determined. He invited everyone to join his e-mail list and to look for his newsletter on his website. The website contains a “There Ought to Be a Law” section, to suggest legislation.
- 5) General public comment on non-agendized items:** *David Saxe:* Made two corrections to the February 2017 minutes regarding his comment in item 5: 1) He read the entire letter, not a portion of it
2) The trees are dead, not lost.
- 6) President’s Comments:** The town hall meeting regarding unlicensed sober living homes will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Northridge Park. LAPD officers will be waiters during the “Tip a Cop” event at Claim Jumper restaurant on Thursday, April 6, 2017 from 5:00-9:00.
- 7) Old Business:**
 - a. Budget Update:** There is over \$21,000.00 in the bank account. Four NPG applications have been submitted to DONE. Three NPGs have been approved and should be paid by next week.
 - b. Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report:** The February 2017 MER was approved with twelve “yes” votes.
 - c. Community Christian Alliance Church:** *Peter Elias, representative:* The church wants to build a new sanctuary and recreation center. The church has been to Northridge Vision and sent out mailers to those within a 500’ radius. A stakeholder was concerned about a light not being shielded, but otherwise there was no community input or changes to the plans. Donnal Poppe moved to approve the project as presented, and Nour Chaaban seconded. Motion passed with twelve “yes” votes.

8) New Business:

a. 8400 Balboa Boulevard: This is the former Harmon International campus site. The hearing was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 and the project was approved.

b. Citrus Sunday Replacement Function: This item was tabled to the April 2017 stakeholder meeting.

c. Accessory Dwelling Units: Nour Chaaban said that AB 2299 and SB1069 were signed by Governor Brown in September 2016 in order to ease the housing crisis. There are three types of units: attached, detached and repurposed. These units are not allowed in hillside areas, and are subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance. There are concerns about parking and traffic. The issue will come before the L.A. City Council. Donnal Poppe suggested talking with neighbors and hear what they have to say. We will revisit this issue at a future meeting. No action was taken.

d. Budget White Paper: James Ashjian asked the board to review the document, which will be discussed at the April 2017 agenda/committee meeting. In the meantime, he will inform the sender that the council is not ready to vote on it.

e. Homeless Liaison Report: Nour Chaaban said that VANC is working on the homeless issue, and she suggested that we join with them instead of working on our own. The next VANC meeting will be on March 27, 2017, and she will attend.

f. Unlicensed Sober Living Facilities Town Hall Meeting: This meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Northridge Park. Jose Portillo moved that we support this meeting, not to exceed \$250.00, and Marilynn Meyer seconded. Motion passed with twelve “yes” votes.

g. Reseda Boulevard Summer Art Series: This item was removed from the agenda.

9) Committee Reports: *Jose Portillo, Public Safety Committee:* Bryan Lium is the new Captain III at Devonshire Division.

10) Board member announcements: Sal Pelaez said the next Aliso Park cleanup will be in May 2017. He also said that DONE says that we should have official NSNC e-mail addresses. We will revisit this at the April 2017 agenda/committee meeting.

11) Adjournment: Donnal Poppe moved to adjourn and Fred Youssif seconded. Approved with twelve “yes” votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.