



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 22, 2016

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, Jose Hernandez, Karen Lott, Marilyn Meyer, Courtney Molnar, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo. Excused absence: Michael Bell. Absent: C.J. Berina, Nour Chaaban, Stephanie Schwinn, Fred Youssif.

3) Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2016 board meeting as written made by Courtney Molnar and seconded by Donnal Poppe. Motion passed with ten “yes” votes.

4) Comments by public officials:

a. CD 12: Jessie Strobel, Field Deputy: Two City Council motions co-authored by Mitch Englander have been introduced: 1) for the DWP to report in 30 days regarding the Aliso Canyon Reliability Winter Action Plan 2) an emergency motion to prohibit the sale, distribution, manufacture and possession of synthetic drugs. The Drive-In Movie Night is Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Shadow Ranch Park. Food will be provided by Wendy’s.

b. Mayor’s Office: Kevin Taylor, West Valley Representative: Thank you for supporting LAPD Officer Appreciation Day on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. The city is taking a three-pillar approach to homelessness: 1) street management 2) affordable housing 3) prevention. 32 miles of aging water mains have been replaced. \$2.5 billion will be invested in modernizing the Port of Los Angeles. \$40 billion will be invested in the transit network, \$3.5 billion of which will come from the federal government. \$14 billion will be invested in a makeover of LAX. The port, transit and LAX projects will provide 560,000 jobs. 50,000 new businesses have registered with the city. The seventh round of the “pothole blitz” is coming up. 4.5 million meals have been served to low-income seniors. There has been a 20% reduction overall in water use and 180 megawatts of solar energy generation has been installed. A new bio-digester for waste treatment has been installed in the northeast valley. Useful websites: Mayor’s Dashboard: dashboard.lamayor.org Open Budget Portal: openbudget.lacity.org Sustainability: performance.lacity.org New Business Portal: business.lacity.org The SCAQMD offers a lawn mower exchange program: trade in a gasoline-powered mower for a battery-powered mower at a discounted price. L.A. Family Housing is the first point of contact for HOPE (Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement) teams. Volunteer hosts are needed for the city’s “Welcome Home” project. Kevin’s e-mail address is kevin.taylor@lacity.org.

c. CSUN: Max Reyes, Governmental Affairs: 40,000 students are enrolled. Enrollment was decreased by 1% and will decrease by 1% every year to 2019. Parking fees have increased. Fees are used to fund parking facilities and shuttles. Metro service has been expanded to cover late night. Metro's U-Pass pilot program has launched. The pass costs \$95.00 per semester. The proposal for LADOT to add a DASH stop at CSUN will be presented to the City Council. Once a council file has been established a CIS should be submitted. The "Feria de Educacion 2016" (Education Fair) will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016. This event is usually held at CSU Dominguez Hills. Thank you for supporting the CSUN Day of Service on September 10, 2016. Over 300 students volunteered. The campus is working on parking issues and student misbehavior in the community.

LAUSD: Dina Sim, Administrator of Instruction, Local District Northwest: Introducing herself to the area neighborhood councils, to support our efforts and to coordinate services. If we have any concerns about schools or other issues she will be happy to address them. In the future she will bring assistant principals to our board meetings.

5) General public comment on non-agendized items: *David Saxe:* Thank you for help in stopping the apartments at the Coptic Church. *Georgina Gracia-Medrano:* Her neighborhood is experiencing problems with alcohol bottle litter, car wheel screeching and the area becoming a giant parking lot, affecting the quality of life for residents. *Mikkie Loi, SOLID representative:* The annual pasta dinner, including a silent auction, will be held on Friday, October 14, 2016 at the Greek church at Balboa and Plummer. The ninth annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 10:00 – 2:00 at the Granada Hills fire station on Balboa Boulevard. Thank you for supporting LAPD Officer Appreciation Day on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. *Alexandra Nagy, Food and Water Watch:* The Aliso Canyon gas storage facility is currently closed, but the facility still leaks and people are still getting sick. Southern California Gas wants to reopen it. Northridge East Neighborhood Council's position is to keep it closed, and NSNC's support to keep it closed is requested. This will be an agenda item for the October 2016 board meeting. *Jane Fowler:* Granada Hills resident who has been deeply affected by the gas leak: evacuated for seven months, dog died and cat became ill. She asks for NSNC's support to keep the facility closed. *Glenn Bailey, President of Northridge East Neighborhood Council:* Wants NSNC to join the Sustainability Alliance. Let him know when we agendize an Alliance speaker. Only two members of NSNC have registered for this Saturday's Congress of Neighborhood Councils. Please sign up tonight because the name badges are being printed tomorrow.

6) President's Comments: The Congress of Neighborhood Councils is Saturday, September 24, 2016, and all board members are urged to attend. The Museum of the San Fernando Valley has upcoming lectures. Future issues for NSNC-adjacent areas include an apartment complex to be built at the NW corner of Nordhoff and Darby and a mixed-use development at the Northridge Post Office site.

7) Old Business:

a. Vote and Confirmation of Committee Chairpersons: For Planning and Land Use chair, Sal Pelaez nominated Donnal Poppe and Marilyn Meyer seconded. Donnal Poppe elected with ten "yes" votes. For Public Safety chair, Donnal Poppe nominated Jose Portillo and Sal Pelaez seconded. Jose Portillo elected with ten "yes" votes. For Transportation and Public Works chair, Donnal Poppe nominated Sal Pelaez and Jose Portillo seconded. Sal Pelaez elected with ten "yes" votes. For Budget Advocate, Sal Pelaez nominated Fred Youssif and Donnal Poppe seconded. Fred Youssif elected with ten "yes" votes (Fred Youssif absent from this meeting, but previously agreed to serve). For Budget and Finance chair, Donnal Poppe nominated Michael Bell and Marilyn Meyer seconded. Michael Bell elected with ten "yes" votes (Michael Bell

absent from this meeting, but is an appropriate election since he is serving as treasurer). For Outreach and Communications chair, Sal Pelaez nominated Stephanie Schwinn and Karen Lott seconded. Stephanie Schwinn elected with ten “yes” votes (Stephanie Schwinn absent from this meeting, but previously volunteered to serve).

b. Vote on YMCA Grant of \$1,000.00 for Thanksgiving Baskets: Baskets will be distributed to area needy families. Marilyn Meyer moved to approve the grant and Valerie Collins seconded. Motion approved with ten “yes” votes.

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

d. Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report: No action due to absence of treasurer Michael Bell.

e. Case ZA 2016-1655 CU-SPR, 8400 North Balboa Boulevard: Redevelopment of Harman International office complex site, to remain commercial. This item was tabled to the agenda/committee meeting on Monday, October 10, 2016.

8) New Business:

a. 8350 – 8430 Reseda Boulevard: Redevelopment of former Rydell Cadillac/Oldsmobile dealership site to mixed-use commercial and residential. Donnal Poppe objected to current plans due to height and lack of open space. The City Planning hearing on the project was on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 in Van Nuys. NSNC sent a letter expressing our concerns. Donnal Poppe moved to approve the project (case number VTT-73641-SL) with the conditions to 1) limit the height to code and 2) provide open space, and Jose Portillo seconded. Motion passed with ten “yes” votes.

b. Flagpole Grant of \$1,500.00 for Reseda Boulevard Great Streets Project: Donnal Poppe moved to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for \$1,500.00 as NSNC’s contribution toward the cost of a flagpole to be installed at Reseda Boulevard and Gresham Street, and Courtney Molnar seconded. Motion passed with ten “yes” votes.

c. Ice Machine Grant of \$1,800.00 for LAFD Station 103: Fireman Martin Rivera said that ice is used for first aid. Their previous machine was donated by Subway and finally gave out. Marilyn Meyer moved to approve a grant of \$1,800.00 to purchase a new ice machine, and Karen Lott seconded. Motion passed with ten “yes” votes.

9) **Committee Reports:** No action. *Donnal Poppe left at 8:24 p.m.*

10) Board member announcements:

a. Disaster Fair: James Ashjian announced that the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 10:00 -2:00 at the LAFD Granada Hills station.

b. Walk to School Day: Sal Pelaez announced that “Walk to School Day” will be on Wednesday, October 5, 2016. This day will be used to gather information on how many students participate. Volunteers are needed to set up and hand out prizes to the students.

c. SOLID Dinner: James Ashjian announced that the SOLID pasta dinner fundraiser will be held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on Friday, October 14, 2016. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

James Ashjian announced that “Watch for Kids” yard signs are available.

Jose Portillo announced that a community health fair will be held at Park Parthenia Apartments on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 2:00 – 5:00.

11) **Adjournment:** Sal Pelaez moved to adjourn and Jose Hernandez seconded. Approved with nine “yes” votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.