



Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
November 17, 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, Michael Bell, Nour Chaaban, Jennifer Elliott, Jose Hernandez, Karen Lott, Marilynn Meyer, Sal Pelaez, Jose Portillo, Fred Youssif
Excused absence: Courtney Molnar, Stephanie Schwinn **Absent:** C.J. Berina, Valerie Collins
Leave of Absence: Donnal Poppe

3) Approval of minutes from November 7th Special Board Meeting and October 27 Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2016 special meeting as written made by Nour Chaaban and seconded by Marilynn Meyer. Motion passed with ten “yes” votes. Motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2016 meeting as written made by Jose Portillo and seconded by Jose Hernandez. Motion passed with ten “yes” votes.

4) Comments by public officials:

- a. **CD 12:** Not present.
- b. **Other public officials:** None present.

5) General public comment on non-agendized items: *Maria Rosas, Northridge Mobile Home Park:* Vans and RVs used by homeless people stay parked on Vanalden Avenue beyond the time permitted. The Masters in Social Work (MSW) Program at CSUN is advocating a “Safe Parking” project, wherein the homeless can park overnight in a church or city-owned lot but must leave the next day. The project is modeled on programs in Santa Barbara and San Diego. Northridge is an ideal location due to MSW students looking for internship opportunities. Money is allocated in the L.A. city budget as part of its homeless strategy. Water and electricity would need to be provided, but that is cheaper than constructing a building. Council Districts 2 (Krekorian) and 11 (Bonin) are developing their own projects, and Ms Rosas wants the project for our district. Marilynn Meyer asked where the project would be located, and Ms Rosas said that space is being sought and the NSNC would have a say in the location. ***C.J. Berina arrived at 7:15 p.m.***

6) President’s Comments: The NSNC received a Notice of Public Hearing regarding the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance.

7) Old Business:

- a. **Budget Update:** At the moment we have \$13,500.00 in the bank account. We received our quarterly allocation from the city. There are pending payments of \$1,500.00 for the Reseda Boulevard flagpole and \$1,800.00 for the LAFD Station 103 ice machine. A \$5,000.00 NPG to Devonshire PALS was submitted to DONE. The annual budget will be revised to include the \$5,000.00 supplemental allocation each neighborhood council received.
- b. **Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report:** Expenditures were primarily operational items. The October 2016 MER was approved with eleven “yes” votes.

- c. Update on Development at 8400 North Balboa Boulevard:** This is the Harman International campus site. No representative for the project was present and no action was taken.
- d. Update on Development at 8350-8430 Reseda Boulevard:** This is the former Rydell Cadillac/Oldsmobile dealership site. James Ashjian said that the project is moving along and he will try to get more information.

8) New Business:

- a. Statement by Food and Water Watch Regarding Aliso Canyon:** Alexandra Nagy, Senior Organizer: On November 1, 2016 Southern California Gas filed to reopen Aliso Canyon. Food and Water Watch wants to keep Aliso Canyon closed, as it is still unsafe, it still leaks and people are still getting sick. Aliso Canyon is not necessary because there are three other gas storage facilities in the southern California area: Goleta, Honor Rancho and Playa del Rey. The gas infrastructure is overbuilt. Put the community first, before profits. Requests the NSNC to take action to support a permanent shutdown. Northridge East NC signed off on a letter of support. C.J. Berina asked if there would be any side effects to a shutdown, and the answer was no. Sal Pelaez asked what the percentage of a gas shortage could be on a given cold day if the facility were shut down, and the answer was less than 5%. James Ashjian asked where the gas comes from, and the answer was that gas is imported from other states. Sal Pelaez asked if Southern California Gas makes money by buying gas when prices are lower and selling it when prices are higher, and the answer was yes. No gas has come in or out since January 2016 but the facility still leaks. Aliso Canyon is a commodity storage facility, and there is 15 billion cubic feet in storage. There is enough storage without building more. Stakeholder *David Saxe* asked what we would use for energy if there is no more gas, and the answer was renewables and solar. Stakeholder *Hsin Heu* said the gas leak has caused a lot of trouble, not only in Porter Ranch but the whole area. CSUN students and Northridge residents were affected. The future health impact is unknown. She hopes NSNC recognizes the situation. Consider future generations. *Patricia Larcara*, of "Save Porter Ranch", lives half a mile from Aliso Canyon. She was relocated for over six months and is still getting sick. She wants NSNC's support to shut the facility down. James Ashjian said that he will call a special meeting regarding this issue.
- b. Presentation on behalf of Foster Children Resource Center:** Kristin Muhl: The Foster Children's Resource Center (19441 Business Center Drive) is a volunteer 501(c) nonprofit in Northridge and has served foster children in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys for 20 years, in coordination with the L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services. The Center is arranged like a retail store and provides new clothing, toys, school supplies, crafts and personal items. Children come to the Center with a social worker twice a year to select what they need. She asks NSNC's support so that the Center may purchase necessary items. No action was taken.
- c. Target Store at 8999 Balboa Boulevard:** A Notice of Exemption was filed to renew and continue its conditional use permit for alcohol sales. No action was taken.
- d. Aliso Mini-Park Work Day:** Sal Pelaez said the park is looking good and that there are no issues. A work day is planned for January 2017.
- e. Reseda Boulevard/Flagpole Update:** The hillsides and roadway on Reseda have been cleaned up and the flagpole has been installed. CSUN will honor Don Larson (Northridge Sparkle) with the Volunteer of the Year Award at a luncheon tomorrow. Don Larson welcomes volunteers.

9) Committee Reports: *Public Safety Committee:* Jose Portillo announced that NSNC received a Certificate of Appreciation from the LAPD Devonshire Area Community Police Advisory Board for our support of Officer Appreciation Day on September 21, 2016. He also announced that Northridge Middle School will be a collection site for the annual Devonshire PALS Toy Drive.

10) Board member announcements: Jose Portillo announced that free flu shots will be available at Park Parthenia Apartments on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from 3:00-7:00.

11) Adjournment: Michael Bell moved to adjourn and Sal Pelaez seconded. Approved with eleven "yes" votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.