



## Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes of Regular Board Meeting April 27, 2017

**1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by James Ashjian. Sal Pelaez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2) Board of Directors Roll Call: Present:** James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Valerie Collins, Jennifer Elliott, Karen Lott, Marilynn Meyer, Sal Pelaez, Stephanie Schwinn, Fred Youssif  
**Excused Absence:** Nour Chaaban **Absent:** C.J. Berina, Jose Hernandez, Courtney Molnar, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo

**3) Approval of minutes from March 23, 2017 Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Michael Bell and seconded by Karen Lott. Motion passed with nine “yes” votes. *C.J. Berina arrived at 7:06 p.m.*

**4) Comments by public officials:**

**a. CD 12:** Not present

**b. Other public officials:** *Steven Cline, Department of Recreation and Parks, West Valley District:* The Northridge Hawaiian Festival of the Arts will be held June 2, 3 and 4, 2017 at Northridge Park. The event will include a senior dance, a children’s area and a girls’ volleyball tournament. Vendors and community booths will also be present. NSNC is invited to have a table or booth at the festival. *Gibson Nyambura, DONE:* Introduced himself as the newly assigned NSNC Neighborhood Council Advocate, replacing Kathleen Quinn (who continues to represent other councils). He works out of Van Nuys. *Bryan Lium, Captain, L.A.P.D. Devonshire Division:* Introduced himself to the NSNC. The Devonshire Division open house and S.O.L.I.D. pancake breakfast will be on Saturday, May 20, 2017. The LAPD is taking over enforcement on Metro buses and trains, performed previously by the sheriff’s department. Body cameras and car video infrastructure are in progress, and once these go live there will be a 90-day grace period for officers to learn to use them.

**5) General public comment on non-agendized items:** *Margaret Landers:* Instead of Citrus Sunday, there will be a canned food drive. The anticipated date is May 21, 2017, and much help is needed. *Stefin Mayer:* Regarding the Coptic Church: the church is acting like bullies—when is this going to stop? They got a height variance on their apartment project, and now three-story apartment buildings will be over people’s backyards. *Iris Petrisca:* Regarding the Coptic Church: their hearing regarding the apartments they want to build was on April 25, 2017, and the project was approved. But the church still needs to comply with agreements previously made, and there is no accountability. There are traffic, parking and pollution problems in the neighborhood. What can be done? She is requesting NSNC’s help. *Valerie Collins (as a stakeholder, not a board member):* Regarding the Coptic Church: Attended the hearing regarding the Coptic Church apartments, and she says the project “already was a done deal”. There will be a neighborhood meeting about this on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. *Delia (last name not recorded):* Regarding the Coptic Church: the neighbors are not being respected now—what is it going to be like when the new apartments go in?

**6) President's Comments:** None

**7) Old Business:**

**a. Budget Update:** We received our last quarterly allocation, which was just over \$7,400. Our unspent balance is \$16,262.12. There is one NPG pending.

**b. Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report:** March 2017 expenses included storage and The Mailroom (website). Three NPGs were funded: the Foster Children Resource Center, the Valley Disaster Fair, and Devonshire PALS. The account balance is \$14,346. The March 2017 MER was approved with ten "yes" votes.

**c. Budget White Paper:** No action taken

**8) New Business:**

**a. CSUN Hotel:** CSUN will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. regarding their hotel project. The meeting will be held at the CSUN Orange Grove Bistro, and RSVPs are required.

**b. Metrolink:** Metrolink and Metro will hold a public meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the feasibility study to relocate the Northridge station. The meeting will be held at LIFEhouse Church, 18355 Roscoe Boulevard.

**c. Revised Budget Changes:** No action taken

**d. PLUM Committee Outreach Event:** This item was tabled to a future meeting due to Donnal Poppe's absence.

**e. YMCA NPG Request:** The North Valley YMCA is requesting \$2,000 in support of National YMCA Healthy Kids Day on April 29, 2017. Michael Bell moved to approve and Marilyn Meyer seconded. Motion passed with ten "yes" votes.

**f. Reseda Boulevard Summer Art Series:** C.J. Berina is requesting \$2,500 to support the (renamed) "Reseda Boulevard Summer Series", which will include guest speakers, outdoor yoga and workshops. The series will begin June 10, 2017 and run every other Saturday until August 26, 2017. Voting on the request will take place at the May 2017 meeting.

**g. CUB for New Korean Restaurant at 8456 Reseda Boulevard:** Michael Bell moved to approve the CUB for serving beer and wine, and Stephanie Schwinn seconded. Motion passed with ten "yes" votes.

**h. Northridge Sparkle Support:** A special meeting will be called in order to vote on funding and process before the fiscal year deadline.

**9) Committee Reports:** None

**10) Board member announcements:** Sal Pelaez said the date of the next Aliso Park cleanup is to be determined. Marilyn Meyer said she attended the Conversation with Councils meeting yesterday. Crime and car thefts were discussed. She suggested that we post our Senior Lead Officer information on our website, and when the meetings are. Sal Pelaez said he would do this.

**11) Adjournment:** Michael Bell moved to adjourn and Marilyn Meyer seconded. Approved with ten "yes" votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.