



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 28, 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, Jennifer Elliott, Karen Lott, Marilynn Meyer, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo, Stephanie Schwinn, Fred Youssif **Absent:** C.J. Berina, Valerie Collins, Jose Hernandez, Courtney Molnar **Vacant:** Youth stakeholder

3) Approval of minutes from August 24, 2017 Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Fred Youssif and seconded by Karen Lott. Motion passed with ten “yes” votes.

4) Comments by public officials:

a. CD 12: *Jonathan Coto, Field Deputy:* “Neighborhoods FIRST” is a two-pronged program to (1) remove barriers to housing and employment for the homeless, and (2) improve tools to alleviate the impact of homelessness on the community. CD 12 coordinated a meeting with essential city service agencies to address the rise in homeless encampments. CD 12, the LAPD, the Bureau of Sanitation and the Department of Transportation are working together to map encampments. The third annual drive-in movie (“Raiders of the Lost Ark”) will be held on October 21, 2017 at Shadow Ranch Park. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. RSVP by calling CD 12 at 818-882-1212.

b. Other public officials: *Aaron Vad, Assemblymember Matthew Dababneh’s Office:* Mr. Vad is the new field representative. Bills that are awaiting Governor Brown’s signature include AB 1620, which increases accountability for legislators who resign early to become lobbyists, and AB 485, the “Pet Rescue and Adoption Act”, which cracks down on puppy mills and directs people to animals in need. There will be a town hall for seniors at ONEgeneration (18255 Victory Boulevard) on Thursday, October 5, 2017 from 2:00-3:30. *Gibson Nyambura, DONE:* The city council will vote next week regarding moving neighborhood council elections to 2019. If neighborhood councils want to hold selections in 2018, they will need to agenda and vote by November 1, 2017. Reminded board to complete the Neighborhood Council Demographic Survey. He will send out a reminder e-mail, with the survey link, tomorrow. The budget package for DONE (not the City Clerk’s budget package) was due September 1, 2017 but the deadline was extended. NSNC’s package has already been submitted.

5) General public comment on non-agendized items: *Chris Sales:* Distributed a flyer regarding the upcoming Thanksgiving basket project at the North Valley YMCA. The YMCA submitted an NPG and NSNC needs to agenda and vote on it. Metrolink released its study regarding the renovation or relocation of the Northridge station, and his article about this is in the October 2017 issue of the North Valley Community Connection. *Glenn Bailey:* Requested that NSNC regularly agenda “Budget Advocates”. The advocates are starting meetings with city service agencies. Invited everyone to the San Fernando Valley Regional Budget Day, tentatively set for Saturday, January 20, 2018. The annual Budget Day is Saturday, June 16, 2018. Mayor Garcetti and Controller Galperin will attend. Asked who the NSNC budget advocates are. Some workshops from the recent Congress of Neighborhood Councils were recorded and will be posted on the Congress website (www.nccongressla.com). Councilmember David Ryu, chair of the Health, Education and Neighborhood Councils committee, and Joy Atkinson, the new BONC chair, will attend the VANC meeting on October 12, 2017 (6:30 p.m. at Sherman Oaks Hospital). On November 9, 2017 VANC will hold a forum on planning and transportation.

6) President's Comments:

- a. **SOLID Pasta Dinner:** Will be held on Friday, October 20, 2017 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church (9501 Balboa Boulevard). Tickets are \$10.00 each.
- b. **Homebuyer Seminar:** The Southland Regional Association of Realtors (SRAR) will hold a free homebuyer seminar on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the SRAR auditorium (7232 Balboa Boulevard).

We will agendize the election of our two budget advocates.

The Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair is next week (October 7, 2017) and we need NSNC's presence. Attendees should pre-register to receive the free emergency preparedness starter kit.

7) Old Business:

- a. **Budget Update:** Michael Bell previously sent the board a snapshot of our year-to-date budget and expenses. We received the NPG application for the North Valley YMCA Thanksgiving basket drive and we will agendize and vote on it at the October 2017 meeting. An NPG application from the Foster Children's Resource Center is expected, and we will agendize and vote on it at the October 2017 meeting.
- b. **Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report:** Marilyn Meyer moved to approve the August 2017 MER and Sal Pelaez seconded. Motion passed with ten "yes" votes.
- c. **Congress of Neighborhood Councils:** Jennifer Elliott and Sal Pelaez attended the Congress on September 9, 2017. Sal Pelaez attended the "No More Stupid Boxes: How to Build Good Apartments in Your Neighborhood" workshop and suggested that we make a presentation as an outreach project.
- d. **Additional Outreach Projects:** No action taken
- e. **Other Opportunities for Outreach Projects:** No action taken
- f. **Budget:** No action taken

8) New Business:

- a. **Walk to School Day:** Will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. Meet in front of Northridge Middle School at 7:00 a.m. to hand out premiums from LADOT.
- b. **NPG for Catalina Paint Store Mural:** We are committed to an NPG of \$2,500.00 but the city clerk's office is still showing it as "under review".
- c. **Pizza Restaurant CUB Request for Sale of Liquor:** Alex Woo of Genesis Consulting spoke on behalf of The Pizza Press, a craft pizza restaurant chain which is opening a location at the upcoming Mix at Harman Campus development (8500 Balboa Boulevard) and is seeking a CUB to sell beer and wine. The restaurant would be open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. The development is in close proximity to residential and NSNC is concerned about the impact the late operating hours may have on the residents. Mr. Woo said that all locations are licensed for beer and wine and are open from 10:00 to 1:00, and even though they are asking to be open to 1:00 a.m., this location may not stay open that late. Donnal Poppe moved that the CUB be approved with the following operating hours: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, and 10:00 a.m. to midnight Thursday through Saturday. This motion was not seconded or voted upon; it will be agendized and voted on at the October 2017 meeting. Mr. Woo will take our concerns back to The Pizza Press.
- d. **Tyler Aguirre Presentation on Oil Drilling Restrictions and Setback Request:** Tyler Aguirre was not present. No action taken.
- e. **Fee Increase for Building Planning Appeals:** The City Administrative Office recommended raising the city planning land use appeal fees to full cost recovery. Five appeal fee options are proposed. Donnal Poppe moved to accept a redraft of Option 4 as follows: *"For ALL appeals, fees shall be assessed two percent of full cost recovery (\$271.00) for residents within 2,500 feet of the project"*, and Michael Bell seconded. Motion passed with ten "yes" votes. Donnal Poppe will write a letter to the city council on behalf of NSNC.

9) Committee Reports:

- a. **PALS Bike Repair Event:** Date of event to be determined. The nine bicycles purchased for the Summer 2017 event (which was not held) need to be moved to the NSNC storage space. Date of move to be determined.

10) Board member announcements: None

11) Adjournment: Michael Bell moved to adjourn and Sal Pelaez seconded. Motion passed with ten "yes" votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.