



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes of Regular Board Meeting October 26, 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, Valerie Collins, Jennifer Elliott, Sal Pelaez, Jose Portillo, Stephanie Schwinn **Excused Absence:** Marilynn Meyer, Donnal Poppe **Absent:** C.J. Berina, Jose Hernandez, Karen Lott, Courtney Molnar, Fred Youssif **Vacant:** Youth stakeholder

Karen Lott arrived at 7:04 p.m.

3) Approval of minutes from September 28, 2017 Meeting: Jose Portillo moved to approve the minutes as written and Karen Lott seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.

4) Comments by public officials:

a. CD 12: *Jessie Strobel, Field Deputy:* Thanked everyone who attended drive-in movie night. The City Council approved the designation of the “Chatsworth-Northridge Industrial Core--Innov818” zone. Updated infrastructure, including transit options and a restricted parking program, can be put in the zone. The City Council approved a motion for an Advanced Provider Response Unit (APRU) for the LAFD. This unit will be able to process non-emergency calls. A motion was introduced to expand the “prohibited items” list in LAMC 55.07, and includes a provision that these items are prohibited at public protests/demonstrations.

b. Other public officials: *Aaron Vad, Assemblymember Matthew Dababneh's Office:* A town hall meeting and canned food drive will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Reseda High School. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra will be in attendance. *Gibson Nyambura, DONE:* Asked all neighborhood councils to finish their strategic budget packages.

5) General public comment on non-agendized items: *Glenn Bailey:* VANC will hold a planning and transportation forum on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at CBS Studios in Studio City. The director of city planning will be in attendance. RSVP by Monday, November 6, 2017. Include “budget advocates” on all monthly agendas. The budget advocates are continuing to meet with city departments. Regional Budget Day is scheduled tentatively for January 20, 2018.

6) President's Comments:

a. CSUN Transportation Town Hall: Rafael De La Rosa (Assistant Director, CSUN Government and Community Relations) invites everyone to the CSUN Transportation Town Hall on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Orange Grove Bistro. RSVPs are required.

b. Conditional Use/Zone Variance for 19519 Roscoe Boulevard: The CUP and variance for the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall were approved by the city.

We are looking for stakeholders to participate in the NSNC. If anyone knows of people interested, have them come and participate.

7) Old Business:

a. Budget Update: Michael Bell said that we have budgeted \$26,000.00 for NPGs, and so far we have spent \$10,750.00.

b. Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report: The NPG for the Catalina Paint store mural was approved and paid. We had the standard operating expenses: advertising, storage, website maintenance. Karen Lott moved to approve and James Ashjian seconded. Motion approved with eight “yes” votes.

- c. Additional Outreach Projects:** Stephanie Schwinn said we are awaiting the proof for the new pamphlets.
- d. Budget:** No action taken

8) New Business:

- a. NPG for YMCA Thanksgiving Baskets:** Jane Stanton, Executive Director of the North Valley YMCA, said this is the tenth year for the baskets and they are aiming to distribute 3,600. Each basket costs \$40.00. Volunteers are needed on November 11-12, 2017 to bag the food. Deliveries will be made on November 20-21, 2017. Michael Bell moved to approve an NPG for \$1,000.00 and Stephanie Schwinn seconded. Motion approved with eight “yes” votes.
- b. NPG for Foster Children’s Resource Center:** This would fund clothing, personal care items and school supplies for area foster children. Michael Bell moved to approve an NPG for \$2,000.00 and Sal Pelaez seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.
- c. NPG for LAPD Devonshire PALS:** This would fund after-school, academic, arts and Live Blue programs. Jose Portillo moved to approve an NPG for \$5,000.00 and Stephanie Schwinn seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.
- d. Fee Increase for Building Planning Appeals:** Tabled to a future meeting.
- e. Community Impact Statement Authorizations:** James Ashjian moved to have Jennifer Elliott, Sal Pelaez and Donnal Poppe authorized to submit community impact statements, and Karen Lott seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.
- f. Operation Firefly:** This is a one-night event at which bicycle lights will be distributed. CD 12 has committed \$500.00 and Northridge East has committed \$250.00. Michael Bell moved to approve an NPG for \$250.00 and Jose Portillo seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.
- g. Presentation Regarding Zone Change at 8727 Etiwanda Avenue:** A three-story, 15-unit apartment building with 32 parking spaces is proposed for the site (currently a single-family dwelling). Stakeholder Tiffany Caldwell spoke in favor of the project and asked the board to consider its approval, as there is a three-story apartment building across the street from the site. No project representative was present. Tabled to a future meeting.
- h. Presentation Regarding Auto Repair Paint Booth at 8830 Amigo Avenue:** A paint booth is proposed to be added to the existing shop. No project representative was present. Tabled to a future meeting.
- i. Tyler Aguirre Presentation on Oil Drilling Restrictions and Setback Request:** Tyler Aguirre was not present. Tabled to a future meeting.
- j. Budget Advocates Election:** James Ashjian will send an e-mail to the board regarding this. Further action was tabled to the November 2017 meeting.
- k. Aliso Pocket Park Cleanup:** Will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. No vote taken regarding dollar amount for miscellaneous items.
- l. NSNC Pamphlets:** Karen Lott moved to spend up to \$250.00 for new pamphlets and James Ashjian seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.
- m. Speed Limit on Balboa Boulevard:** LADOT is proposing to increase the speed limit on Balboa Boulevard in consideration of CVC sections 40802 [definition of “speed trap”] and 627 [definition of “engineering and traffic survey”]. Sal Pelaez drafted a letter to Mayor Garcetti, Councilmember Englander and LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds in which we:
1. ask that our city government work with the California legislature to update the laws to provide more city government flexibility
 2. propose that LADOT investigate the potential for
 - a) narrowing vehicular traffic lanes
 - b) adding pedestrian enhancements
 - c) installing speed “feedback boxes”
- The board suggested adding language regarding “traffic calming” to item 2a). Jose Portillo moved to approve the letter as amended, and Michael Bell seconded. Motion approved with eight “yes” votes.
- n. Replacement of Inactive Board Members:** James Ashjian said that board members need to participate in events other than board meetings, at three events per year. He will send a general letter to the board, and he wants input on this at the November 2017 meeting.

9) Committee Reports:

- a. PALS Holiday Event:** The nine bicycles purchased for the Summer 2017 bike repair event (which was not held) have been moved to the NSNC storage space. The holiday event, at which the bicycles will be distributed, will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017.

10) Board member announcements: None

- 11) Adjournment:** Michael Bell moved to adjourn and Sal Pelaez seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.