



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes of Regular Board Meeting January 25, 2018

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, Courtney Molnar, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo, Stephanie Schwinn, Fred Youssif **Absent:** C.J. Berina, Valerie Collins **Vacant:** Business stakeholder, Youth stakeholder

3) Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2017 Meeting: Jose Portillo moved to approve the minutes as written and Marilynn Meyer seconded. Motion passed with eleven “yes” votes.

4) Comments by Public Officials:

a. CD 12: Jonathan Coto, Field Deputy: Call Cathy at CD 12 (818-882-1212) if having problems with Waste Management (RecycLA). CD 12 is working on the third annual Making Movies that Matter. The “Neighborhoods FIRST” program is working with the Department of Sanitation to make sidewalks and streets safer. The Rapid Response Team picks up bulky items for disposal.

b. Other Public Officials: Officer Koval, LAPD Devonshire Division: He is filling in for SLO Peteque in Basic CAR 67. Property and violent crimes are down. 20% of vehicle thefts are due to cars being unlocked, so lock your cars. **Tanaz Golshan, West Valley Field Representative, Mayor’s Office:** The mayor’s priorities are homelessness (Proposition H), theft, and clean streets. He is aware of the problems with RecycLA, but the program is not going away. **Kathleen Quinn, DONE:** The “Empower LA” website will be updated in a couple of weeks. The Leadership Academy will be Saturday, January 27, 2018. Use the “Community Asset” map when seeking event sites or other help.

C.J. Berina arrived at 7:12 p.m.

c. Budget Advocate Update: No action taken

5) General Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items: **Bill Lowe:** Lives at Chase Street and Darby Avenue. There is an apartment house on Malden Street that is two stories tall but plans are to increase it to four stories—going from 14 units to 22. No street widening or sidewalk installation have been made despite the increase in units. Can NSNC put pressure on the city? **Judith:** Introduced herself as a prospective candidate for the “Youth” board position. She is a student at Northridge Academy. **Chris Conger:** Concerned about the impact the redevelopment of the former Cadillac dealership site (Reseda Boulevard, south of Chase Street) will have on traffic on those streets. The plan does not provide for sidewalks and will only improve the front of the site (facing Reseda Boulevard). He and Bill Lowe have gone to planning hearings and contacted the Department of Transportation regarding this, and are at a loss as to what to do. **Virginia Watts:** There is an issue with “house flipping” in her area: houses are abandoned for weeks or months and trash piles up, vandalism occurs and cars are dumped. She provided photos to the board. The LAPD does not respond to these situations. The neighborhood attorney has not responded either. She wants NSNC to write a strong letter regarding city regulations and enforcement. **Jonathan Coto (CD 12)** suggested that she contact Matt Hernandez, in the CD 12 office. James Ashjian will contact the neighborhood attorney. **Adam LaBrie, Chair of Legislative Affairs, CSUN Associated Students:** CSUN students wanted a bike-sharing program, so “LimeBike”, a private company, is now operating on campus. He brought a bicycle and demonstrated its features. Anyone with an “@csun.edu” e-mail address (not just students) can rent a bike at \$.50 per half-hour. **Judi Greenberg, Northridge Middle School:** 200 eighth-graders went to the Museum of Tolerance on a field trip that was funded by NSNC. The students are thankful. The school needs to host a community meeting regarding the LADWP “Drops” program, which promotes water conservation and watershed quality. The meeting will be held in February or March 2018 and she asked NSNC to advertise it. The school has its first Hispanic principal.

6) President’s Comments: The NPG for the CSUN Veterans Resource Center was denied approval. The request is now with the Department of Finance, not the city attorney (Elise Ruden). James Ashjian will follow up.

7) Old Business:

- a. Budget Update:** Michael Bell said that in November 2017, several large NPGs came through. In December 2017 we had the new brochures and the usual operating expenses.
- b. Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Reports:** Marilyn Meyer moved to approve the November 2017 MER and Donnal Poppe seconded. Motion approved with twelve “yes” votes. Jose Portillo moved to approve the December 2017 MER and Sal Pelaez seconded. Motion approved with twelve “yes” votes.
- c. Additional Outreach Projects:** No action taken
- d. Budget Representative Positions:** No action taken

Courtney Molnar left at 8:07 p.m.

- e. Sharing Wilkinson Center with Northridge West:** Northridge West needs a new meeting place. Donnal Poppe moved to approve Northridge West holding their meetings in Northridge South, and Michael Bell seconded. Motion approved with eleven “yes” votes.
- f. Participation in Aliso Canyon Research Presentation:** An area doctor wants to present his research on Aliso Canyon. NSNC would be responsible for booking someone with an opposing view. Michael Bell moved that NSNC not participate in this presentation, and Marilyn Meyer seconded. The motion passed with ten “yes” votes (Ashjian, Bell, Berina, Elliott, Lott, Meyer, Pelaez, Poppe, Portillo, Youssif) and one abstention (Schwinn).
- g. Budget Representative Positions:** Tabled to the February 2018 meeting
- h. Bylaws Change Regarding Filling Board Vacancies:** Tabled to the February 2018 meeting

8) New Business:

- a. Outreach Funding for Teachers’ Meetings:** The motion to provide refreshments at teachers’ meetings (not to exceed \$500.00), during which NSNC members will discuss the neighborhood council system, was approved at the December 2017 meeting.
- b. Pizza Press Restaurant:** A public hearing was held for The Pizza Press, which is looking to open a location at 8500 Balboa Boulevard and serve beer and wine, but no decision has been made. Pizza Press seeks to operate between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. daily. NSNC suggested 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, and 10:00 a.m. to midnight Thursday through Saturday, but Pizza Press did not amend its application. Motion to approve the project with the hours we suggested was made by Donnal Poppe and seconded by Jose Portillo. Motion passed with ten “yes” votes [*vote taken after C.J. Berina left*].
- c. Proposed Medical Center at Etiwanda and Roscoe:** Representatives of Tri-Star Realty Group, which represents a proposed medical center building at 8317 Etiwanda Avenue (at Roscoe Boulevard) addressed the meeting. Notification letters have been sent to addresses within a 500’ radius. They are seeking a zone change from residential to commercial, a building line removal (25’ setback) and a waiver of dedication and improvement (the sidewalk stays as is). Two bicycle racks have been added. NSNC suggested adding more trees as a buffer for residential. The paperwork has been filed with City Planning but no hearing date has been set.

C.J. Berina left the meeting. Time not recorded.

Donnal Poppe moved to approve the project with our suggestions and Jose Portillo seconded. The motion passed with ten “yes” votes.

- d. Senior Symposium at ONEGeneration:** A senior symposium will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2018 at ONEGeneration in Van Nuys. Motion to sponsor the event for \$500.00 made by Karen Lott and seconded by Fred Youssif. Motion passed with ten “yes” votes.
- e. NPG to Northridge Beautification for Clean Streets program:** Tabled to the February 2018 meeting.
- f. NPG to Northridge Middle School for Musical Instruments:** Judi Greenberg said the school started a mariachi group, and has drumline and chorus groups as well. There are not enough instruments (drums, violins, trumpets) for all the groups. Jose Portillo moved to approve an NPG for \$5,000 to buy musical instruments, and Marilyn Meyer seconded. Motion passed with eleven “yes” votes. [*Vote taken before C.J. Berina left the meeting.*]
- g. Upcoming Board Selection:** James Ashjian said that if anyone knows of anyone who is interested in serving on the board, bring that person to a board meeting.

9) Committee Reports:

Public Safety: Jose Portillo said that next month, LAPD Devonshire Division Captain Bryan Lium will be here.

Transportation: Sal Pelaez said that the bike repair event will be held at Park Parthenia either the last week of April or the first week of May.

10) Board Member Announcements: None

11) Adjournment: Donnal Poppe moved to adjourn and Sal Pelaez seconded. Motion passed with ten “yes” votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.