



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 22, 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, Valerie Collins, Jennifer Elliott, Sal Pelaez, Donnal Poppe, Stephanie Schwinn **Excused Absence:** Karen Lott, Marilyn Meyer **Absent:** C.J. Berina, Courtney Molnar, Jose Portillo, Fred Youssif **Vacant:** Business stakeholder, Youth stakeholder

A quorum (8) was not present. Comments by Public Officials, General Public Comment and President's Comments were taken while waiting for quorum to be reached.

3) Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2018 Meeting: Michael Bell moved to approve the minutes as written and Donnal Poppe seconded. Motion passed with eight "yes" votes (*vote taken after quorum reached*).

4) Comments by Public Officials:

a. CD 12: Jonathan Coto, Field Deputy: There are two new recruits on the Rapid Response Team. There will be a "Donuts and Donations" event at the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission on Saturday, March 3, 2018. CD 12 has received many calls regarding the RecycLA/Waste Management issue. Councilmember Englander submitted a motion to establish a process for the city to exit from the RecycLA agreement. A "Conversations with Councils" meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018; RSVP to Jessie Strobel. Councilmembers Englander and Buscaino introduced a motion for a report to the city council on ways to fund street and sidewalk repairs in time for the 2028 Olympics.

b. Other Public Officials: Rafael De La Rosa, Government and Community Relations, CSUN: CSUN and the League of Women Voters will host a "45th Assembly District Candidate Forum" on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the CSUN Orange Grove Bistro. All declared candidates will be participating. Refreshments and networking begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program starts at 9:00 a.m. CSUN has heard the community concerns regarding the "LimeBikes". If there are any problems, contact them at 888-LIM-E345.

Raj Dhillon, District Representative, Senator Bob Hertzberg's office: The senator's priorities include bail reform, tax reform and establishing a banking system for cannabis businesses. **Kathleen Quinn, DONE:** The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) is looking at funding equity for all neighborhood councils, to make sure that all councils have the funding they need. BONC is holding "equity workshops", including one in Van Nuys on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. She encouraged attendance. Neighborhood council elections will be in 2019. There will be an election workshop in Canoga Park on Thursday, March 29, 2018. The "Empower LA" website will be updated to improve ADA compliance. New funding policies took effect on Thursday, February 1, 2018. Our NPG to the CSUN Veterans Resource Center may be resubmitted.

c. Budget Advocates: No action taken

5) General Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items: *Ann Dorsey:* Encouraged voting for Ankur Patel, who is running for Assembly. *Gisela Tarifa, Northridge West Neighborhood Council:* She introduced herself. She invited everyone to NWNC's Homelessness Committee meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018. *C.R. Cochran, President, Reseda Neighborhood Council:* She is the Homelessness Liaison to the Mayor's Office. They will be adopting a homeless "site partner" with the local neighborhood councils.

6) President's Comments: The LAPD "Draft Critical Incident Video Release Policy" is available on the NSNC website.

C.J. Berina arrived at 7:40 p.m. Quorum reached.

7) Old Business:

- a. Budget Update:** Michael Bell said that in January 2018, we had the usual operating expenses. The NPGs for the bicycle repair event and the Teen Court Program cleared. The NPG for musical instruments for Northridge Middle School is outstanding. We have \$20,885.00 left as of January 31, 2018, with \$4,200.00 in projected expenditures.
- b. Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report:** Michael Bell moved to approve the January 2018 MER and Donnal Poppe seconded. Motion approved with eight “yes” votes.
- c. Additional Outreach Projects:** The bike repair event finalization was tabled to the March 2018 meeting.
- d. Budget Representative Positions:** Tabled to the March 2018 meeting.
- e. Budget Representative Selections:** Tabled to the March 2018 meeting.
- f. Bylaws Change Regarding Filling Board Vacancies:** Tabled to the March 2018 meeting.
- g. Citrus Sunday Update:** Will be held at Dearborn Park on May 20, 2018. Margaret Landers will send out invitations.

8) New Business:

- a. Nordhoff/Zelzah Park:** Don Larson said that he wants to get started but he needs the permit process in line first. The landscaping needs to go in before the sculptures do.
- b. Restaurant at 8640 Lindley Avenue:** Rand Freeman spoke regarding a zone variance for the College Inn site, to open a Mexican restaurant that serves beer and wine. The variance is needed because the site is zoned RA (from 1966). No structural changes are needed. The restaurant would operate from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. every day. The case was filed with City Planning in December 2017. Donnal Poppe moved to approve the zone variance and Michael Bell seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.
- c. Baird Auto Body:** We are awaiting a response from the owners. Tabled to the March 2018 meeting.
- d. 7-Eleven at 8282 White Oak Avenue:** Jennifer Oden spoke regarding a beer and wine license renewal. There are no changes, just a renewal. Alcohol sales are from 8:00 a.m. to midnight. Donnal Poppe moved to approve the renewal and Stephanie Schwinn seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.
- e. NPG to Northridge Beautification for Clean Streets program:** Don Larson said the Clean Streets program has gotten a lot of recognition from the city over the past six months. Money from a particular neighborhood council will be used in that neighborhood council. Sal Pelaez moved to approve an NPG for \$5,000.00 and Donnal Poppe seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.
- f. 2017-18 Budget Amendment:** Michael Bell moved to reallocate \$750.00 from “Community Improvement Projects” to “NPG”, and Stephanie Schwinn seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.
- g. Upcoming Board Selection:** James Ashjian said he wants to have candidates come to the May or June board meetings to have them submit candidacy applications. He will prepare an application form.

9) Committee Reports:

Transportation: Sal Pelaez said he received a response from CD 12 regarding the proposed speed limit increase on Balboa Boulevard. The city is going to work with Sacramento to amend the California Vehicle Code.

10) Board Member Announcements: None

11) Adjournment: Jennifer Elliott moved to adjourn and Valerie Collins seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.