



## Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes of Regular Board Meeting April 26, 2018

**1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by James Ashjian. Sal Pelaez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**A quorum (8) was not present. Comments by Public Officials were taken while waiting for quorum to be reached.**

**3) Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2018 Meeting:** Jose Portillo moved to approve the minutes as written and Karen Lott seconded. Motion passed with eight "yes" votes (*vote taken after quorum reached*).

#### **4) Comments by Public Officials:**

**a. CD 12: Myrka Martinez, Council Aide:** Councilmember Englander introduced a motion for financial assistance to property owners for required seismic retrofitting. He introduced a resolution to support AB 3162 (preventing clustering of alcohol and drug treatment centers in residential neighborhoods). On Saturday, May 12, 2018, donations to benefit the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission will be accepted at Northridge Mall.

**b. Other Public Officials: Kathleen Quinn, DONE:** There will be a "Citywide Outreach" event on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Deaton Auditorium (across from City Hall) and she encouraged attendance. The fiscal year is ending. If we need help with reviewing a proposed action before voting on it, please let her know.

**c. Budget Advocates: Glenn Bailey:** Last Thursday the mayor released his budget. It is almost \$10 billion. Hearings begin on Friday and run until the second week of May 2018. The public can attend the hearings. The Advocates will present to the Finance Committee, and the Committee may request more information from the Advocates. The process will conclude by the end of May 2018. If NSNC is going to participate in Budget Day (June 23, 2018), the budget representatives need to be in place by then. Otherwise, the default budget representatives are the president and treasurer. If NSNC has any money left in its 2017-18 budget, it can consider donating it to the Advocates or to the Congress of Neighborhoods.

*Karen Lott arrived at 7:07 p.m. Quorum reached.*

**5) General Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items:** *Trish Pulos, North Valley Military Institute:* She is requesting an NPG. This will be agendized for the May 2018 meeting. *Julie Jacobson, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance:* There are two council files pending regarding trees: #13-1339 (protection of native elderberry trees) and #16-0461 (tree replacement "in-lieu" concept).

**6) President's Comments:** The unveiling of the Catalina Paint Store "Northridge Stampede" mural will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

#### **7) Old Business:**

**a. Budget Update:** No action taken due to Michael Bell's absence.

**b. Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report:** Jose Portillo moved to approve the March 2018 MER and Stephanie Schwinn seconded. Motion approved with eight "yes" votes.

**c. Payment to Aaron DeVandry:** He will need to be paid out of the 2017-18 budget (not the 2016-17).

Glenn Bailey said that we need to upload the Board Action Certification Form to show that we approve payment out of the 2017-18 budget. We still need an invoice from Mr. DeVandry. Tabled to the May 2018 meeting.

**d. Additional Outreach Projects:** The shop that was going to conduct the bike repair event cannot do it, so we will use Domestique Cycles. Jose Portillo moved to hold the event on June 9, 2018 at Aliso Pocket Park, and James Ashjian seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.

**e. Budget Representatives:** No action taken

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**g. Bylaws Change Regarding Filling Board Vacancies:** No action taken

**h. Citrus Sunday Update:** If any board members have not yet signed up to work, please do so.

## 8) New Business:

**a. Upcoming Board Selection:** Board member applications will be accepted through May 24, 2018.

**b. NPG to San Fernando Valley Chinese Cultural Association:** *Po Ho, President:* Founded in 1971, the SFVCCA holds classes in Chinese language, arts and culture at Granada Hills High School. The SFVCCA will have an “Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration” on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 12:30 to 4:00 at Granada Hills High School. They are requesting an NPG for \$4,000.00, the total cost of the event. Reseda Neighborhood Council gave \$500.00 and Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council gave \$600.00. Jose Portillo moved to amend the amount of the NPG to \$250.00, and Sal Pelaez seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes. Jose Portillo moved to approve the amended NPG, and Sal Pelaez seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.

**c. Aliso Pocket Park Plaque and PALS Flags:** Courtney Molnar moved to spend up to \$350.00 for a plaque for the Aliso Pocket Park, and for California and USA flags for the PALS Center, and Stephanie Schwinn seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.

**d. Oil Drilling Setback:** *Walker Foley, STAND LA:* Over 1,000 oil wells are next to homes, and there have been no updates to zoning codes. Cancer clusters are forming. Councilmember Herb Wesson, Jr. introduced a motion [in April 2017] to instruct the Department of City Planning to report, within 120 days, an analysis regarding possible changes to the land use codes, including a setback. Mr. Foley asked NSNC to submit a Community Impact Statement to the council file (#17-0447), which 30 other neighborhood councils have done. NSNC will discuss and vote at a future meeting. *Lorraine Lundquist*, a community member, spoke in favor of the setback and encouraged NSNC to support it. *Glenn Bailey*, president of Northridge East Neighborhood Council, said that Northridge East voted to support the council file. *Gisela Tarifa*, a community member, spoke in favor of the setback. *Godfrey Waclura*, of CREED LA (Coalition for Responsible Equitable Economic Development, Los Angeles), said that oil drilling provides jobs and that this resolution is an assault on blue-collar jobs. There are ways to solve the health problems and save jobs. He supports the council file but a comprehensive study should be completed. Look at all the information related to the council file, and then decide. *Po Ho*, a community member, said his family had to live in a hotel for six months due to the Porter Ranch gas leak, and he is concerned about long-term health impacts. He supports the setback and urges NSNC to support it, as this is a critical health concern.

**e. Illuminatus Proposed Community Benefits Agreement (CBA):** Illuminatus is a cannabis business. Tabled to a future meeting, after they let us know what they want from NSNC.

**f. Lot Subdivision at 9000 Canby Avenue:** Tabled to the May 2018 meeting.

**g. Medical Office Building at 18433 Roscoe Boulevard:** *Paula Purcell, TDA Investment Group:* The owner wants to convert the building from leased medical offices to commercial medical condos. Current tenants may continue to rent, or they may purchase their offices. The project has been approved but a new map needs to be recorded, as each unit would have its own parcel number. NSNC will vote on this at the May 2018 meeting.

**h. Funding for Senior Dinner:** Tabled to the May 2018 meeting.

**i. Setup and Attendance at Senior Dinner:** This is regarding the senior symposium at ONEGeneration on Saturday, May 19, 2018. James Ashjian will send out the flyer and information to the board.

**j. NSNC Budget Amendment:** Tabled to the May 2018 meeting.

**k. CSUN Hotel Update:** *Ken Rosenthal, Associate Vice President for Facilities Development and Operations, CSUN:* Jupiter Development was unable to secure financing, so the agreement with CSUN was terminated. CSUN wants to finish the entitlement process, then submit a new Request for Proposals. The CEQA process will entitle CSUN to add the hotel to the Master Plan. The Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact Assessment report was released and is posted under “Public Notice” on the CSUN “Facilities” website (<https://www.csun.edu/facilities>).

## 9) Committee Reports: None

## 10) Board Member Announcements: None

**11) Adjournment:** Jose Portillo moved to adjourn and James Ashjian seconded. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.