Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
August 23, 2018

1) **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by James Ashjian. James Ashjian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) **Board of Directors Roll Call:** Present: James Ashjian, John Aitchison, Michael Bell, Tiffany Caldwell, Ann Dorsey, Jennifer Elliott, Kevin Kratzer, Marilyn Meyer, Donnal Poppe, Jose Portillo arrived @ 7:19 P.M., John Whitaker, F. Youssif arrived @ 7:28 P.M.
   - **Excused Absence:** ----Carlos Del Cid
   - **Vacant:** Business stakeholder, Youth stakeholder

3) **Approval of Minutes from June 28, 2018 Meeting:** Mike Bell moved to approve the minutes as written and John Aitchison seconded. Motion passed with 10 “yes” votes. July 23rd minutes tabled to next meeting.

4) **Comments by Public Officials:**
   a. **CD 12:** Jonathan Cotto, Field Deputy: COLA (City of Los Angeles) CD 12 is hiring more urban workers for the "urban forestry project". (17) new workers will be hired for trim and dead tree removal. COLA has created a new LAPD traffic enforcement division in the San Fernando Valley. There will be a remembrance of lives lost on the 10th anniversary of the Chatsworth Train Memorial on Wednesday September 12th @ 3:30 P.M. @ 10860 Topanga Canyon Blvd. Chatsworth. There is a new effort and mandate to pick up all bulky items in 72 hours or less in CD 12. Pick up will include large items left in alleys and the CD 12 Rapid Response Team be reached at 818-882-1212.

   b. **Other Public Officials:** Kathleen Quinn the NSNC Empower Advocate advised that she has new contact data that will allow her to be more responsive and proactive when in the field. Quinn also advised that the 2018 Congress of Neighborhoods is coming up on Saturday September 22, 2018 @ L.A. City Hall. More info on this networking opportunity for all Council Board Members can be found at [www.nccongressla.com](http://www.nccongressla.com).

5) **General Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items:** 1) Julie Charbonneau, a teacher @ Lorne St. Math & Science Tech Magnet School in Northridge (in the panhandle of the NSNC boundary) addressed the NSNC. Charbonneau will submit a $3000 NPG to the NSNC. The request is to fund the Lorne St. robotics team for competition in multiple LAUSD robotics events. 2) Glenn Bailey of the executive committee of VANC and NENC spoke on the importance of having a budget rep for NSNC. No action was taken regarding budget rep advocacy and was tabled for future discussion.

6) **President’s Comments:** James Ashjian advised that there are, as of 8-23-18, two positions still open on the NSNC. Ashjian also advised NSNC will have a tent and presence at the CSUN Day of Service on 9-8-18.
7) Old Business:
   a. Budget Update:

   b. Approval of Monthly Reconciliation Report: Motion made to approve July 2018 MER by Mike Bell and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Motion passed with 10 yes votes.

   c. Motion to approve inventory: Mike Bell moved to approve and M. Meyer seconded. Motion passed with 10 yes votes.

8) New Business:
   a. Approval of NPG of $2500 for the Foster Children's Resource Center. Kristin Muhl of the Foster Children's Resource Center addressed the NSNC. Muhl advised that the Resource Center has been in business for 28 years and serves better than 2100 children three days a week. Jose Portillo moved to approve the $2500 NPG and Marilyn Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed with 10 yes votes.

   b. NSNC discussion of 2500 ft setback for oil drilling/exploration: Tabled until next meeting.

   c. Storage space: More affordable accommodations may be available for storage? Discussion tabled until next meeting.

   d. Adopt A Median: SW corner Nordhoff and Zelzah. Donnal Poppe to advise, tabled until next meeting.

   e. NSNC support for 9000 Canby Ave.-Larry Gray with Spindler Engineering addressed NSNC regarding a Zone adjustment (ZA-2018-1740-ZAA) to create 3 lots and reduce the width of one lot. Current lot is not maintained and is an undesirable outlier for the immediate neighborhood. Donnal Poppe moved to approve the zone adjustment and Tiffany Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion passed with 10 yes votes.

   f. NSNC support for 19444 Business Center Dr.-Update to parking plan. Cond. permit not formatted correctly. Unable to vote on this because of improper formatting.

   g. NSNC support for 8727-8731 Etiwanda-Zone change from single family dwelling to 15 unit 3 story apt. building. Immediate area has similar multi family buildings. No rep from the development has recently reached out to NSNC. Tiffany Caldwell of NSNC will attempt to reach out to the developers one more time.

   h. NSNC starting time change: Further discussion tabled to future meeting(s).

   i. NSNC support for upcoming VANC-Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council events: $500 catering donation to support VANC meetings on 10-11-18 and 3-14-19 at S.O. Hospital from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. considered. Glenn Bailey of the VANC executive committee addressed NSNC and strongly advocated for support and participation in VANC. Some NSNC members expressed, in lieu of VANC support, support for more traditional direct needs in NSNC area. A motion to split the $500 donation into two equal $250 donations for the two events was approved by M. Meyer and seconded by J. Elliott. The motion passed with 10 yes votes. A further motion to donate $250 for the first VANC event was made by J. Ashjian and seconded by Jose Portillo. The motion passed with 8 yes votes. A motion to donate $250 for the 2nd VANC meeting on 3-14-19 was made by J. Ashjian and seconded by M. Meyer. The motion passed with 9 yes votes with J. Aitchison expressing reservations for both events and voting no.

9) Appointment of Chair Persons:
   Mike Bell- Budget and Finance Committee and Bylaws and Procedures Committee
   Marilynn Meyer- Community Activities and Projects and Outreach and Communications Committee
   Ann Dorsey- Environmental Sustainability Committee
   Jose Portillo- Governmental Affairs Committee and Public/Government Safety Committee
   Donnal Poppe- Planning and Land Use Committee
   Tiffany Caldwell: Transportation and Public Works Committee

10) Board Member Announcements: None
11) Adjournment: Marilynn Meyer moved to adjourn and Jose Portillo seconded with 10 yes votes.