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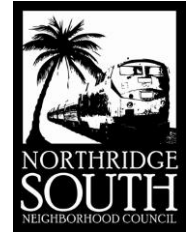


## NORTHRIDGE SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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# REGULAR MEETING

## NORTHRIDGE SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES for Thursday, August 22, 2019

- 1) **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**-called to order at 7:00 P.M. by J. Ashjian who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Board of Directors Roll Call**-Present-J. Aitchison, J. Ashjian, M. Bell, T. Caldwell, C. Del Cid, A. Dorsey J. Elliott, K. Kratzer, M. Meyer, S. Singh, J. Whitaker, F. Youssif, Absent-J. Portillo
- 3) **Approval of minutes for January 24, 2019**—unanimous with 12 yes votes--M. Bell 1<sup>st</sup>, A. Dorsey 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
**Approval of minutes for February 28, 2019**-unanimous with 12 yes votes---M. Bell 1<sup>st</sup>, M. Meyer 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Approval of minutes for March 28, 2019**- unanimous with 12 yes votes--A. Dorsey 1<sup>st</sup>, J. Ashjian 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
**Approval of minutes for April 25, 2019**-unanimous with 12 yes votes—J. Ashjian 1<sup>st</sup>, S. Singh 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
**Approval of minutes for May 23, 2019**-unanimous with 12 yes votes—J. Ashjian 1<sup>st</sup>, C Del Cid 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 4) **Comments by public officials--**
  - a. CD12—Jonathan Coto advised that he is the CD12 liaison for public works and street services
  - b. Other public official guests—Raj Dhillon Deputy District Director for California Senate Majority Senator Leader Robert Hertzberg discussed increases in state education funding and the state rainy day fund, 15,000 new slots at the UC and CSU campuses, and the senators continued outreach to COLA (City of Los Angeles) seeking housing for the homeless.
  - c. Budget Advocate-Glenn Bailey and Gary Fordice discussed various progress with NC meetings and training. They are actively looking for people to fill new Budget Advocate positions. Budget Advocates are engaged with Mayor Garcetti and are responsible for producing a guidance white paper for the Neighborhood Councils.
  - d. Empower Project Coordinator—Freddy Cupen-Ames is the new Empower Coordinator replacement for Kathleen Quinn. Cupen-Ames advised that Raquel Beltran is the new Empower General Manager as appointed by Mayor Garcetti. He also advised there is a Congress of Neighborhood Council meeting coming up on 9-28-19.
- 5) **President's Comments**—Day of Service arriving on 9-7-19 at CSUN. This is a Clean Streets project for new CSUN students to assist in community relations with the neighborhood.
- 6) **Old Business**
  - a. Review and possible Board action on submitted Board Member Applications-vacant seats-no action.

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- b. **Presentation:** *Final 2018/2019 N.C. budget package approved by Empower/DONE. NSNC proposed budget with roll-over funds for 2019/2020 approved by unanimous vote with J. Whitaker motioning and M. Meyer 2<sup>nd</sup> and S. Singh ineligible to vote.*

#### **FUNDING ITEMS:**

- c. June 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report/MER- *approved by unanimous vote with A. Dorsey motioning and C. Del Cid 2<sup>nd</sup> with S. Singh ineligible to vote.*
- d. July 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report/MER- *approved by unanimous vote with M. Meyer motioning and J. Ashjian 2<sup>nd</sup> with S. Singh ineligible to vote.*
- e. Action to approve the purchase of promotional items (swag) in an amount not to exceed \$3000 over the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2020-*Approved by unanimous vote with M. Meyer motioning and T. Caldwell 2<sup>nd</sup> and S. Singh ineligible to vote.*
- f. Update and/or discussion regarding purchasing signs to remind Stakeholders to water their trees-*Tabled to a later date.*
- g. Discussion and possible action to appoint two (2) Budget Representatives for the Northridge South Neighborhood Council to represent the Board in matters of the City of Los Angeles Budget and coordinate with an Appointed Budget Advocate for our region as well as participate and vote at Budget Day-*No immediate resolution or action.*

#### **7) New Business:**

- a. Discussion/Action on NSNC support for renewable energy--*Vicki Kirschenbaum of Food and Water Watch addressed NSNC support for a motion passed by the Los Angeles City Council (Council File 16-0243) pointing out that fossil fuels pose a risk to our climate and further recognizes the competing and more progressive advantages of renewable energy. Which renewable energy investments are best addressed by a LADWP study?—possible action and vote tabled to September NSNC meeting.*
- b. Discussion/Action on purchasing a table with attached seating to be located at the pocket park. Assign Board member or stakeholder to gather pricing data-*Tabled to committee.*
- c. Discussion/Vote on a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Northridge Beautification for supplies, paint tools etc. for clean-up and maintenance of areas within NSNC district-*Approved by unanimous vote in the amount of \$5,000 with J. Ashjian motioning and M. Meyer 2<sup>nd</sup> and S. Singh ineligible to vote.*
- d. Discussion/Action on Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Parents, Educators Teachers & Students in Action to support efforts in reducing crime through the LAPD JADP (juvenile Arrest Diversion Program) Teen Court Program for local juveniles-*Tabled to a later date.*
- e. Discussion/Vote on North Valley YMCA Thanksgiving Basket NPG Application in the amount of \$2,500 for purchase of food items for distribution to low-income families within NS and north SFV for Thanksgiving-*Approved by unanimous vote in the amount of \$2,500 with M. Bell motioning and J. Ashjian 2<sup>nd</sup> with S. Singh ineligible to vote.*
- f. Nominate, select, and vote on officers for current fiscal year See Standing Rules Article VI D for requirements to be an Officer on the Executive Board—*Unanimous vote for J. Ashjian for President, unanimous vote for M. Bell to be Treasurer, unanimous vote for K. Kratzer to be Secretary, (10) yes votes for A. Dorsey to be Vice President.*
- g. Discussion and Possible Action on a Request for Action by Metro regarding the impact to the community of Northridge South in reference to conversion of two traffic lanes on Nordhoff Street to be used solely for bus transportation-*see (h) and public comments below.*
- h. Discuss and vote regarding whether to support North Hills West NC's resolution opposing the NSFV BRT proposal or to take a separate and/or different position regarding the

proposal—By unanimous vote, the Northridge South Neighborhood Council (NSNC) has affirmed the following: “Therefore, be it resolved by the NSNC (Northridge South Neighborhood Council) that the NSNC opposes the NSFV BRT (North San Fernando Valley Bus Rapid Transit) route along Nordhoff St. and requests and urges Los Angeles Metro to re-open the Alternatives Analysis process.”

**8) General public comment on sidewalk vending**—Glenn Bailey provided an overview of BSS (Bureau of Street Services) and COLA (City of Los Angeles) rules regarding street vending and a phone number to call for Health Department Street Vending Compliance @ 626-430-5160.

**9) General public comment on the Nordhoff Metro BRT proposal**—

**Steve Slutzah**—opposed to the Nordhoff Metro BRT proposal and indicated a significant CSUN bias.

**Joe Kozul**—opposed to the Nordhoff Metro BRT proposal and indicated flawed Metro reports/surveys.

**Ricc Bieber**—opposed to the Nordhoff Metro BRT proposal and proposed a simple solution whereby when you “fill a bus you get another bus”

**Stakeholder Monica**—opposed to the Nordhoff Metro BRT proposal and recommends instead an extension of the Red Line.

**Linda Allison**—opposed to the Nordhoff Metro BRT proposal and argues that Metro did an inadequate job of notifying community members of Metro BRT meetings.

**Jay Beeber**—opposed to the Nordhoff Metro BRT proposal and recommended a move to re-open the Alternative Analysis process.

**10) Committee Reports:** No action (N/A) taken at this meeting by any committee members

- i. Planning and Land Use Committee
- ii. Budget and Finance Committee
- iii. Bylaws and Procedures Committee
- iv. Community Activities and Projects Committee
- v. Environmental- Sustainability Committee
- vi. Governmental Affairs Committee
- vii. Outreach and Communications Committee
- viii. Public Safety Committee
- ix. Transportation and Public Works Committee

**10) Board member announcements** –none

**11) Adjournment:** 9:11 P.M. motioned by J. Ashjian and 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Meyer.