



Northridge South Neighborhood Council Minutes of Regular Board Meeting May 23, 2019

by Jennifer Elliott

1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by James Ashjian, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Board of Directors Roll Call: **Present:** John Aitchison, James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Tiffany Caldwell, Carlos Del Cid, Ann Dorsey, Jennifer Elliott, Marilynn Meyer, Jose Portillo, John William Whitaker, Jr. **Excused Absence:** Kevin Kratzer **Absent:** Simranjit Singh, Fred Youssif **Vacant:** Business stakeholder, Organizational stakeholder

3) Approval of Minutes from January 24, February 28 and March 28, 2019 Meetings: Tabled to the June 2019 meeting.

4) Comments by Public Officials:

a. CD 12: Not present

b. Budget Advocate Update: *Glenn Bailey:* Budget Day is Saturday, June 29, 2019. NSNC should be represented. There is a vacancy in the Region Two budget advocates. *Brian Allen:* The city budget is \$10.6 billion, which brings us back to the 2008 level.

c. Other Public Officials: *Kathleen Quinn, DONE:* She is leaving DONE and said that she enjoyed her time here. She attended the "Neighborhoods USA" conference and said that what the neighborhood councils do every day is recognized on a nationwide basis. Neighborhood council elections are ongoing. A Leadership Academy workshop will be held this Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 9:30-12:30 at the Amelia Earhart branch library in North Hollywood, and attendance is encouraged. Workshops will also be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Sunland-Tujunga branch library in Tujunga, and on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Marvin Braude Building in Van Nuys. Her last day at DONE will be Tuesday, June 4, 2019. *Mikkie Loi, SOLID:* Everyone is invited to the annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Northridge Park. Setup begins at 4:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 8:00 p.m. She provided a flyer that lists all the social media contacts for LAPD Devonshire Division. *Glenn Bailey, Northridge East:* Registration for the Valley Disaster Fair begins July 1, 2019. If NSNC wants to submit a blurb, get it in before registration starts. The Senior Dance will be on Friday, May 31, 2019. City Planning is hosting a "Planning for the Environment" webinar next Wednesday, June 5, 2019. The Recreation and Parks Equestrian Unit will visit Oakridge Estate Park on Saturday, June 15, 2019 for a special "meet the horses and rangers" program for kids.

5) General Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items: *Judy Johnson Diamond:* She wanted the NSNC to discuss at this meeting the proposed conversion of two lanes on Nordhoff Street to bus lanes. She supports Jay Beeber in the upcoming CD 12 special election, and invited everyone to his meet and greet on Saturday, May 25, 2019. *John Hales:* He said his wife was accosted verbally tonight in front of the school [she had announced earlier in the meeting that she was accosted, and James Ashjian had offered to escort her to her car after the meeting], and believes the NSNC gave a lackluster response. *Linda Allison:* She wants a CIS regarding the home-sharing ordinance and asked why it was not on the agenda. She wants it filed before the ordinance takes effect on July 1, 2019. She passed around a copy of the CIS that the Greater Valley Glen NC submitted in March 2018. Tiffany Caldwell explained that in our agenda setting meeting on May 13, 2019 we decided not to pursue it, since the ordinance is already final [as of December 2018]. Ms. Allison said that the city is still accepting change submissions. Ms. Caldwell suggested that Ms. Allison attend our June 2019 agenda setting meeting.

6) President's Comments:

a. Announcement Regarding Open Board Positions: No action taken

b. Business Clothing Donations for CSUN Students: James Ashjian will get more information on this program from Rafael De La Rosa (Government Relations, CSUN).

c. June 4, 2019 Special Election: No action taken

d. Kathleen Quinn Departure: James Ashjian said that it was great working with her, and he wished her all the best.

7) Old Business:

a. Tree-Watering Reminder Signs: Tabled to the June 2019 meeting.

8) New Business:

a. Upgrades to North Plaza Shopping Center: Todd Huber, of Paragon Commercial Group, made a presentation regarding upgrades to the Northridge Plaza shopping center (on Corbin Avenue between Nordhoff Way and Parthenia Street). Paragon wants to reduce the street signage from three signs to two, but upgrade them to monument size (same height but wider width). They need a variance for the new signage and have a case number assigned (ZA-2018-7399-CU), but no hearing date has been set. They are looking into adding a traffic signal on Corbin Avenue. Target may invest \$5-6 million to improve its site (maintaining the current height and footprint). Paragon would like Kohl's and Wells Fargo to improve their sites as well. New restaurants may come to the south side of the center. The upgrades may begin this summer. When all the work is done, the center will be refreshed.

b. Update on Meritage Homes Project [former Rydell Cadillac site, 8350 – 8430 Reseda Boulevard]: Patric Lyman, representing Land Advisors, spoke with the stakeholders in the audience. He said that the project has not changed, but is now split between two different companies. He represents the Canby-Avenue-housing side. The Reseda-Boulevard-retail side is owned by a different company.

c. Community Impact Statement Regarding Street Light Outages on Nordhoff Street Between Louise Avenue and Balboa Boulevard: Jonathan Coto (CD 12) got the streetlights fixed (all wiring replaced), so James Ashjian cancelled the agenda item.

FUNDING ITEMS:

a. Neighborhood Council Budget: We will have approximately \$9,000.00 to roll over into the 2019-20 budget. We will no longer be advertising in the *Community Connection* newspaper since it will cease publication and convert to a bi-monthly magazine.

a. April 2019 MER: Michael Bell moved to approve the April 2019 MER and John Aitchison seconded. Motion approved with nine "yes" votes (*John William Whitaker, Jr. not eligible to vote due to non-completion of funding training*).

b. Citrus Sunday Mailer: Michael Bell moved to approve the \$986.00 expenditure for Citrus Sunday mailers, and Ann Dorsey seconded. Motion approved with nine "yes" votes (*John William Whitaker, Jr. not eligible to vote due to non-completion of funding training*).

Kevin Kratzer arrived at 8:24 p.m.

9) New or Additional Committee Reports:

a. Budget and Finance: None

b. Bylaws and Procedures: The amendment to the standing rules of the NSNC regarding NPG applications has been posted to the NSNC website.

c. Community Activities and Projects: Tabled to the June 2019 meeting

d. Environmental-Sustainability: None

e. Governmental Affairs: None

f. Outreach and Communications: None

g. Transportation and Public Works: Tiffany Caldwell spoke with Senator Bob Hertzberg's office regarding the proposed bus lanes on Nordhoff Street (part of the North San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor). They are interested in doing community outreach.

h. Public Safety: The LAPD "Bowling with the Brass" event will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Winnetka Bowl (20122 Vanowen Street).

10) Board Member Announcements: None

Events for Calendar:

Citrus Sunday: No action taken.

Night Out at the Movies: See Mikkie Loi's comments in item #4(c).

11) Adjournment: John William Whitaker, Jr. moved to adjourn and Marilyn Meyer seconded. Motion passed with eleven "yes" votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.