

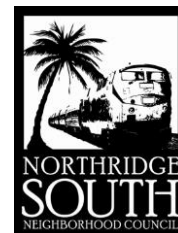
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## NORTHRIDGE SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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# REGULAR MEETING

## NORTHRIDGE SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES for Thursday, February 28, 2019 – 7:00 PM

- 1) **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**-called to order @ 7:00 P.M. by J. Ashjian who led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) **Board of Directors Roll Call**-Present-J.Ashjian, M. Bell, T. Caldwell, A. Dorsey, J. Elliott, K. Kratzer, M. Meyer, J. Portillo, J. Whitaker. Absent-J. Aitchison, C. Del Cid, S. Singh, F. Youssif.
- 3) **Approval of minutes from the January 24, 2019 meeting**-approval of meeting minutes approved subject to noted corrections related to 4a, 4b, 4d, 7a, 7d, and 8d. Approved with (8) yes votes with T. Caldwell abstaining due to T. Caldwell absence at the 1-24-19 meeting.
- 4) **Comments by public officials-**
  - a. CD12-Jonathan Coto advised that CD 12 Councilman Greig Smith invites all Neighborhood Councils for meet and greets. Smith is interested in short term projects that can be completed before his term ends in 7 months. Coto advised that Smith has full voting rights. Coto also advised that the DWP plant on Rayen will temporarily be storing impounded RV's.
  - b. Budget Advocate-Brian Allen indicates that a Town Hall on March 31<sup>st</sup> will address Neighborhood Council city services and budget concerns. A "white paper" is being written in March and will be distributed by the Budget Advocate to Neighborhood Councils.
  - c. Empower Project Coordinator-Kathleen Quinn advises there is a leadership guide being produced to encourage potential women candidates and for reaching out to the stakeholder community in general. Advised that the Clean Streets initiative is approaching. Further advised and suggested staying current with ethics training so all Neighborhood Council members can fully participate in the process.
  - d. Deputy District Director Raj Dhillon for State Senator Bob Hertzberg address the NSNC and advised that the Hertzberg office is working hard on various projects including water recycling, homeless initiatives and CEA funding.
- 5) **General public comment**-Dave Brown with the Emergency Preparedness Alliance is reaching out to various Neighborhood Councils in March. Frank Ferry, announced his candidacy for CD 12 and discussed his background as a high school principal and mayor.
- 6) **President's Comments**
  - a. **Announcement:** There are Qty (2) Board positions still open, one for a business member and one position for an Organizational member.
  - b. NSNC still looking at facilitating a better way of picking up mail addressed to NSNC.
  - c. 16th Anniversary Valley Alliance mixer will happen at CBS Studios on March 14, 2019.

### Old Business

- 7) **Presentation:** Catherine Diaz, a resident stakeholder addressed the NSNC regarding the Safari's Automotive application for a Paint Spray Booth zoning variance. A Diaz supporter and fellow

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stakeholder shared that she was concerned with neighborhood air quality. Diaz indicated that there is a school in the area of the buffer zone around the auto body shop and expressed her concern. She recommended a pause in the permitting process until concerns could be fully explored.

**8). New Business:**

- a. Discussed implementing rules/protocols for receiving NPG's and for posting information to the NSNC website.

**FUNDING ITEMS:**

- a. Discussed Neighborhood Council Budget.
- b. January 2019 Monthly Expense Report/MER approved with (8) yes votes with M. Meyer 1<sup>st</sup> and T. Caldwell 2<sup>nd</sup> with J. Whitaker abstaining.
- c. Neighborhood Purpose Grant from Northridge Middle School in the amount of \$5,000 to provide funding for transportation for extracurricular trips for students approved with (8) yes votes with T. Caldwell 1<sup>st</sup> and A. Dorsey 2<sup>nd</sup> with J. Whitaker abstaining.
- d. Neighborhood Purposes Grant from Southern California Preparedness Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 to provide funding for Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on October 12, 2019 approved with (8) yes votes with A. Dorsey 1<sup>st</sup> and M. Meyer 2<sup>nd</sup> and J. Whitaker abstaining.
- e. Neighborhood Purposes Grant from L.A. Police Department, Devonshire Division Police Activities League (PALS) in the amount of \$5,000 to provide funding for Athletic, Arts Education, and PALS Counselors-in-Training programs approved with (8) yes votes with J. Portillo 1<sup>st</sup> and J. Ashjian 2<sup>nd</sup> and J. Whitaker abstaining.
- f. Neighborhood Purposes Grant from Northridge Beautification Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 to provide funding for building and landscaping materials for the purpose of cleaning and improving areas within NSNC modeled after the Northridge Great Streets project discussed with motion to reduce NPG from \$5000 to \$4000 approved with (8) yes votes with T. Caldwell 1<sup>st</sup> and M. Bell 2<sup>nd</sup> and J. Whitaker abstaining. Motion to approve same revised NPG of \$4000 approved with (8) yes votes with T. Caldwell 1<sup>st</sup> and A. Dorsey 2<sup>nd</sup> with J. Whitaker abstaining. 3<sup>rd</sup> vote recommended for same \$4000 NPG suggested by Empower Coordinator with (8) yes votes with J. Portillo 1<sup>st</sup>, M. Meyer 2<sup>nd</sup> and J. Whitaker abstaining.
- g. Community outreach expense of \$750 to participate in free to the public One Generation Senior Symposium on May 18, 2019 approved with (8) yes votes with M. Bell 1<sup>st</sup> and A. Dorsey 2<sup>nd</sup> with J. Whitaker abstaining.

**9.) New or Additional Committee Reports:**

- a. Budget and Finance Committee-no reporting
- b. Bylaws and Procedures Committee-no reporting
- c. Community Activities and Projects Committee-no reporting
- d. Environmental- Sustainability Committee-no reporting
- e. Governmental Affairs Committee-no reporting
- f. Outreach and Communications Committee-no reporting
- g. Planning and Land Use Committee-Alcohol license approved for Burger M @ Tampa Ave. Aldi @ 24 Hour Fitness location approved permit/alcohol license. Information on lot split at Parthenia Ave. location discussed previously @ NSNC meeting has no scheduled hearing. Londelius St. conditional use permit discussed along with lot split discussion at 19801 Gresham St. location.
- h. Transportation and Public Works Committee-no reporting
- i. Public Safety Committee-suggest Neighborhood Watch sticker for all NSNC stakeholders.

**10.) Adjournment @ 8.57 P.M. with motion initiated by J. Ashjian 1<sup>st</sup> and seconded by M. Bell**

