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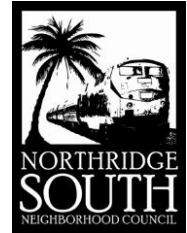


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REGULAR MEETING

NORTHRIDGE SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES for Thursday, December 19, 2019

- 1) **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**-called to order @ 7:00 P.M. by J. Ashjian who led the Pledge.
- 2) **Board of Directors Roll Call**-Present-J. Aitchison, J. Ashjian, M. Bell, T. Caldwell, A. Dorsey, J. Elliott, K.Kratzer, M. Meyer. Absent-C. Del Cid, J. Portillo, S. Singh, J. Whitaker, F. Youssif.
- 3) **Approval of minutes from November 21, 2019 meeting**-tabled to January 23, 2020 meeting
- 4) **Comments by public officials-**
 - a. CD12-Sharon Bronson Field Deputy CD 12 advised that new CD 12 councilman John Lee has reached out with a letter to all CD 12 stakeholders. Bronson also indicates that a \$50,000 grant called the "Angel Fund" has been created to provide emergency financial relief to needy CD 12 stakeholders. There are no set guidelines for the one time grants to qualifying individuals or families. In the past, similar grant programs have provided an average grant of \$1,100. The non-profit Change Reaction and ONEgeneration will serve as coordinators of the program. They will work with senior LAPD officers to identify at risk individuals or families. Bronson advised that The Topanga House homeless housing project status is still tentative. J. Aitchison advised Bronson that the CD 12 rapid response team needs to improve their response time with regard to requests for trash pick up.
 - b. Other public official guests-Empower Deputy Karen Hernandez advised that the Congress for Neighborhood Council has a new date of September 26, 2020. Hernandez also advised that 2020 Census center members are being trained and appointed. The L.A. County Homeless Outreach Portal is active and available to provide services to the homeless. (Welcome to LA-HOP) and is funded by Measure H funds.
 - c. Budget Advocate-Brian Allen indicates that a COLA budget surplus of \$78M is now a \$200M deficit. Allen says that Mayor Garcetti and COLA council members must be more transparent in their budget process.
 - d. Any other public officials acting in an official capacity-none.
- 5) **President's Comments:**
 - a. **Announcement(s)** Neighborhood Councils asked to designate one (1) additional Census 2020 Liaison to be trained as Census Goodwill Ambassadors-T. Caldwell and J. Portillo to explore Census outreach at Park Parthenia.
- 6) **Old Business**
 - a. Review and possible Board action on submitted Board Member Applications-vacant seats-tabled

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FUNDING ITEMS:

- b. Discussion and possible action on the Budget-November MER approved by a unanimous (8) yes votes with M. Bell 1st and J. Ashjian 2nd. M. Bell advises that NSNC is allowed to roll over \$10K /year.

7) New Business:

Discussion and possible action on:

Presentation(s):

- a. Presentation of new voting stations and demonstration of their use-*tabled*
- b. Discussion and possible action on Neighborhood Purpose Grant from Assistance League of LA/Foster Children's Resource Center in the amount of \$3,000. Funds are used to purchase clothing and other items for Foster children-*Kristin Muhl of the Foster Children's Resource Center was awarded a NPG of \$3000 for clothing and other materials for foster children. Eight unanimous yes votes with M. Bell 1st and A. Dorsey 2nd.*
- c. The inventory needs to be approved by the board in time to upload it into the Funding System portal by Dec 1, 2019. Waiting for comment from Freddy as to process for posting of inventory items-*inventory approved with a unanimous (8) yes votes with M. Bell 1st and T. Caldwell 2nd.*
- d. Jose Portillo to look into the cost of a new sign for the pocket park because the wind caused damage to the existing sign. He will give us an update as to his findings-*tabled*
- e. Ryan Magana is on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. Ryan will share his experiences while performing various community services to receive a merit badge for community service. Attending a public meeting is one of the requirements for his "Citizenship to the Community" merit badge.-*Ryan Magana, a Granada Hills high school student and BSA Troop #356 member, spoke confidently to the Northridge South Neighborhood Council on December 19th 2019. In pursuit of Eagle Scout, Magana will join the august company of Eagle Scouts like filmmaker Steven Spielberg, astronaut Neil Armstrong and President Gerald Ford. Magana indicated that his most difficult merit badge may have been First Aid. By contrast, fingerprinting may have been the easiest. Physical Fitness and the Family Life merit badges were Magana's most pleasurable merit badge pursuits.*
- f. Discussion and action to sign an open letter requesting that the Intermountain Power Plant be converted to use renewable energy instead of natural gas, to postpone starting the project until the results of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study are released so the optimal mix of renewable energy can be used and to ensure the transition is an economically just one-*a motion was made by A. Dorsey, seconded by J. Ashjian to vote in support of the renewable energy open letter. There were five no votes, one yes vote by A. Dorsey and K. Kratzer and T. Caldwell abstained.*
- g. Opposition letter to the above open letter-*none*
- h. Discussion and possible action to approve Board Member, Ann Dorsey as the Emergency Preparedness Liaison. The Emergency Preparedness Liaison will be helping the Emergency Management Department with outreach for their Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) program-*On a motion by M. Bell and seconded by M. Meyer, the NSNC voted to unanimously approve (with eight yes votes) Ann Dorsey as the Emergency Preparedness Liaison.*

8) General Public Comment on Non-agendized Items- none.

9) Committee Reports-*none*

- i. Planning and Land Use Committee-*January 11, 2020 is the date at the LACC to discuss the COLA Green New Deal. Mayor Garcetti and the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance and COLA stakeholders will meet to discuss the best ways to address our climate crisis.*
- ii. Budget and Finance Committee-*none*
- iii. Bylaws and Procedures Committee-*a Community Impact Statement was discussed.*
- iv. Community Activities and Projects Committee-*none*
- v. Environmental- Sustainability Committee-*none*
- vi. Governmental Affairs Committee-*none*
- vii. Outreach and Communications Committee-*none*
- viii. Public Safety Committee-*none*
- ix. Transportation and Public Works Committee-*none*

10) Board member announcements or comments-*none*

11) Adjournment @ 8:08 P.M with M. Meyer motioning and K. Kratzer seconding.