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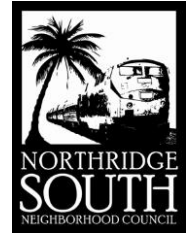


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REGULAR MEETING

NORTHRIDGE SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES for Thursday, January 23, 2020

- 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, J. Portillo, S. Singh. Absent—C. Del Cid, J. Whitaker, F. Youssif.
- 3) **Approval of minutes from November 21, and December 19, 2019**-Minutes for the November 21 2019 meeting were approved unanimously with (10) yes votes motioned by M. Bell and 2nd by A. Dorsey and December 19, 2019 minutes were approved unanimously with (10) yes votes motioned by T. Caldwell and 2nd by J. Aitchison.
- 4) **Comments by public officials**
 - a. CD12-CD 12 councilmember John Lee addressed NSNC. Lee addressed his continuing support for PALS and how it has been an asset to the Northridge community for nearly 10 years. Lee asked all stakeholders to subscribe to the CD 12 newsletter. Lee indicated that better than 3500 graffiti tags have been removed in his first 100 days in office. More than 300 abandoned vehicles and over 700 bags of trash have been disposed of in those same 100 days. Lee also indicated that multiple permits are now needed beginning 1-1-20 for street vending pop-ups. Lee requested that stakeholders call 311 or the CD 12 office for questions about street vending pop up problems. With regard to homeless difficulties in the CD 12 community, Lee indicated that a phone call to CD 12 or 311 can deploy mobile showers to homeless “hotspots”. Finally, with specific regard to helping the homeless in our community, Lee indicated that Project Angel has helped (15) families heretofore.
 - b. Other public official guests-Gibson Nyambura Neighborhood Council Advocate addressed the NSNC. Nyambura discussed the upcoming 2020 Census and how it will be predominantly online in 2020. Census kiosks are coming to help people complete the 2020 Census. Census liaisons will be important in assisting with the 2020 Census because of the multiple changes in the 2020 Census. Empower L.A. will be posting 2020 Census kiosk locations online. Nyambura also indicated that a “data literacy program” is coming to enable Neighborhood Councils to better advocate for their communities. Finally, Nyambura indicated that the Neighborhood Council demographic survey is still being finalized.
 - c. Budget Advocate-Gerry Fordyce addressed NSNC and said the Neighborhood Council “White Paper” has been approved and gone to print. Fordyce asked for \$500 to support the Budget Advocates as they are not funded directly. Budget Day is the next big date for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and that will occur on 6-20-20. Fordyce also volunteered to be one of two budget reps for NSNC.
 - d. Any other public officials acting in an official capacity-none

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5) President's Comments

- a. **Announcement(s)**—*The pop up food vendor permit process has now been codified beginning 1-1-20. Call CD 12 or 311 for food vendor pop up problems. St. Michaels Orthodox Church will host a free event on Saturday January 26th to discuss building a better community. J. Ashjian and T. Caldwell (current NSNC Census Liaison) asked for further participation in adding one additional Census 2020 Liaison to be trained as a Census Goodwill Ambassador.*

6) Old Business

- a. Review and possible Board action on submitted Board Member Applications-vacant seats—*J. Ashjian indicated that we are looking for new board members who want to help in their community.*

FUNDING ITEMS:

- b. Discussion and possible action on the Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of December 2019—*M. Bell indicated that at the start of December 2019 NSNC had y\$38,000 available and spent \$3600 by the end of the month. December MER was approved with (9) yes votes with a motion by T. Caldwell and 2nd by J. Ashjian with S. Singh ineligible to vote.*
- c. Discussion and possible action on the Budget to shift funds—*motion was made to shift budget allocation funds around by M. Bell. Going forward \$32,000 would now be allocated for NPG's, \$1,500 for community improvement and \$17,000 for general funds. (9) yes votes with motion by M. Bell and 2nd by J. Elliott. S. Singh ineligible to vote.*

7) New Business:

Discussion and possible action on:

Presentation(s):

- a. Discussion and possible action on Neighborhood Purpose Grant from PALS in the amount of \$5,000. for ongoing activities at the PALS center—*Judy Greenberg passionately advocated for the PALS Center and indicated that the PALS Center is available for NSNC meetings when a kids function is not scheduled. Greenberg further indicated that PALS/Devonshire Division is the only division in LAPD that has their own youth center. PALS helps keep at risk kids be happy and productive. Motion by M. Bell and 2nd by M. Meyer to approve \$5,000 with unanimous (9) yes votes with S. Singh ineligible to vote.*
- b. Discussion and possible action on a Neighborhood Purpose Grant from Recreation and Parks for the Salute to Recreation Family Festival event at Northridge Park the amount of \$2,500. May 30, 2020---*Motion to change the name for the NPG recipient to L.A. Parks Foundation was motioned by J. Ashjian and 2nd by T. Caldwell with (10) unanimous yes votes. Motion to change the possible amount of the NPG to \$1,500 was motioned by J. Aitchison and 2nd by J. Portillo and passed with (5) yes votes and (4) no votes with S. Singh ineligible to vote. A motion to approve the \$1500 NPG for the L.A. Parks Foundation was made by T. Caldwell and 2nd by J. Portillo. The NPG was passed by a vote of (8) yes with (1) abstain by M. Meyer and S. Singh ineligible to vote.*
- c. Discussion and possible action on Neighborhood Purpose Grant from A Faery Hunt in the amount of \$2,000. For a free community event for youths ages 2-10 and their families—*motion to approve \$2,000 for a forthcoming community event titled "A Faery Hunt" was motioned by M. Bell and 2nd by M. Meyer. Motion passed with (8) yes votes with (1) no vote by K.Kratzer and S. Singh ineligible to vote. Budget Advocate B. Allen expressed concern regarding this NPG because of the optics of any NPG sponsored event that is not free.*
- d. Jose Portillo will report on his findings for the cost of a new sign at the pocket park that was damaged as a result of high winds—*seeking approval from Empower L.A. for funding of pocket park sign design and wording not to exceed \$300. Motion by M. Bell and 2nd by J. Elliott with (9) yes votes with S. Singh ineligible to vote. Motion to not exceed \$300 by J. Aitchison and 2nd by M. Meyer with (9) yes votes and S. Singh ineligible to vote.*

- e. Discussion and possible action for the Board to approve funds in the amount of up to \$400 for refreshments or other related costs for a CD 12 Town Hall meeting on February 22, 2020 relating to the upcoming election for CD 12 Councilmember on March 3, 2020 --*Motion to revise the funding to \$200 for refreshments for the CD 12 Town Hall was motioned by J. Aitchison and 2nd by M. Bell. (9) yes votes w/ S. Singh ineligible to vote. Motion to approve \$200 for refreshments for the CD 12 Town Hall was approved with (8) yes votes with J. Aitchison abstaining and S. Singh ineligible to vote.*
- f. Discussion and vote for funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for the purchase of Northridge South branded merchandise- *motion to approve the \$2,500 funding for NSNC merchandise was made by T. Caldwell and 2nd by J. Elliott. Motion passed with (8) yes votes and (1) no vote by J. Aitchison with S. Singh ineligible to vote.*
- g. Discussion and possible action for the Board to approve funds in the amount of \$5,000 to Northridge Middle School for improvement in signage in the school library as well as for new furniture and equipment in the library-*motion to approve a \$5000 NPG for Northridge Middle School library improvements was made by M. Bell and 2nd by M. Meyer. Unanimous (9) yes votes with S. Singh ineligible to vote.*
- h. Discuss whether this Council wants to contribute funds to this year's Congress of Neighborhood Councils. If a yes vote is received, we will either accept a motion for an amount and either vote on an amount tonight or move the vote to next month if more discussion is required-*tabled to a later date.*
- i. Discuss if funds should be considered to support the Rescue Mission on Canby in Northridge-*tabled to a later date.*

8) General public comment -*Gerry Fordyce recommends NSNC nominate NSNC for a "Best of Awards" on March 12, 2020 at the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils.*

9) Committee Reports:

- i. Planning and Land Use Committee-*T. Caldwell advises that the Costco at Tampa wants to add (6) new fuel pumps for a new total of (14) fuel pumps.*
- ii. Budget and Finance Committee-*none*
- iii. Bylaws and Procedures Committee-*none*
- 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—*9:11 P.M. motioned by J. Portillo and 2nd by J. Aitchison with (10) yes votes.*