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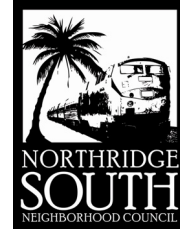
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Thursday, October 22, 2020, 7:00 P.M

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(Out of an abundance of caution due to the expected attendance and participation of a majority of Board Members at the following Committee meeting, this agenda is noticed as a Joint Meeting of the Committee and the Board, in adherence with the State's Brown Act.)

All items listed below on the agenda are subject to discussion and possible action by the Northridge South Neighborhood Council.

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- a. Call to order & Flag salute [The president called the meeting at 7:02 p.m.](#)
- b. Committee roll call [Those in attendance: James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Ann Dorsey, Tiffany Caldwell, Simranjit Singh, Marilyn Meyer, Jennifer Elliott, Jose Portillo, Steve Slutzah. Absent: Brittany Carr](#)
- c. Self-Introductions of guests (Please sign-in! It is voluntary and will help us stay in touch with you.)

2. Board of Directors Roll Call.

3. Discussion and Action - Discussion and action on September 24, 2020 meeting minutes.

[Minutes from February 27, 2020, March 26, 2020 have not been prepared. The March 26th meeting that was stopped because the LAUSD facility was ordered to close because of mandatory school closures resulting from COVID-19. May 28, 2020 meeting minutes have not been completed and will be presented at a future meeting when completed.] [The minutes for the September 24, 2020 meeting were approved. \(First: James Ashjian, Second: Ann Dorsey, Yea: James Ashjian, Ann Dorsey, Steve Slutzah, Michael Bell, Tiffany Caldwell, Jose Portillo, Simranjit Singh, Jennifer Elliott, Marilyn Meyer\)](#)

4. Comments by public officials (5 minutes)

a. CD12

[Sharon Bronson from CD 12's office thanked the Council for partnering with the Councilmember's office for the shredding event on Sep. 26.](#)

[Councilmember Lee has put forward a motion asking the Department of Animal Services to report the long-term plans for the West Valley Animal Shelter. Councilmember Lee is in support of opening the shelter.](#)

[Covid-19 relief funds are still available for small businesses. They are underneath the Covid-19 section of \[cd12.org\]\(http://cd12.org\).](#)

[More information about the Project Homekey proposed site of 21603 Devonshire St. is available on the \[cd12.org\]\(http://cd12.org\) website \(<https://www.cd12.org/press-release/proposed-travelodge-project-homekey-faqs>\).](#)

b. Other public official guests.

[Betty Wong Oyama from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment made announcements regarding training workshops for Board members. DONE has also requested that councils turn off all Zoom passwords, passcodes, and waiting rooms.](#)

c. Budget Advocate Report. [Garry Fordyce reported about the Sep 11th budget, along with the possibility of furloughs/layoffs. In addition, the Budget Advocates are preparing a new website \(\[budgetadvocates.org\]\(http://budgetadvocates.org\)\). The Budget Advocate Town Hall will be held on November 14th at 6PM. There will also be a city budget report / Q&A with the City Controller.](#)

d. Any other public officials acting in an official capacity.

[Glenn Bailey from the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils mentioned that the funding requested by DONE and the City Clerk will next be considered by the Budget & Finance Committee.](#)

5. President's Comments (5 minutes) Announcement(s) [If you received an agenda please note that Voting dates have been revised from the earlier version]

- Onsite voting at various locations begins October 24 through November 3, 2020. Check the mailer for locations near you, one location will be at CSUN. CSUN is one voting center for the 2020 general election. The new ballot marking machines are more accessible to different languages and allow voters to use a braille tactile controller or headphones.
- The CSUN site will be located in Redwood Hall, Room 160 and will be open from 10:00 a.m. – 7 p.m. from Saturday, October 24 through Monday, November 2. And from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. Free voter parking is available at lot F5, directly west of Redwood Hall and accessible via Zelzah Avenue.
- Northridge Public Library has the closest ballot drop box.

Other locations and times may be found in the Vote Center Booklet set to voters or visit LAVote.net for more information.

- Pocket park clean-up is requested in late November when it gets cooler. A specific date has not been determined. The president has requested a cleanup of the park in November, will be discussed in the upcoming agenda meeting.

6. Old Business

None

FUNDING ITEMS:

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of September 2020. Motion to approve the September MER was approved by 9 votes (First: Michael Bell, Second: James Ashjian, Yea: Michael Bell, James Ashjian, Steve Slutzah, Ann Dorsey, Tiffany Caldwell, Jose Portillo, Simranjit Singh, Jennifer Elliott, Marilynn Meyer)
- b. Comments on Budget changes if any.
None at this time.

7. New Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action relating to Closure of North Valley Animal Shelter. https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1114_CIS_09032020055308_09-03-2020.pdf
The discussion is on the West Valley Animal Shelter. A CIS was made by Ann Dorsey that opposes the closure of the animal shelter. The CIS was passed with 9 votes (First: Ann Dorsey, Second: Marilynn Meyer, Yea: Ann Dorsey, Marilynn Meyer, James Ashjian, Michael Bell, Steve Slutzah, Tiffany Caldwell, Jose Portillo, Simranjit Singh, Jennifer Elliott).
- b. Discussion and possible action to the following applications. Attempt has been made for the parties of each of the following Planning and Land Use items but a response has not been received. These items may be moved forward to a subsequent meeting if a response is not received by the meeting time.

c. ZA-2013-2777-CUB-PA1: Chipotle at 19338 Nordhoff Ave for an alcohol Conditional Use

Permit

Valerie Slacks made a brief presentation about the Chipotle on Nordoff Ave. A letter of support was created for the renewal of an Alcoholic Use Permit (First: Michael Bell, Second: Tiffany Caldwell, Yea: Michael Bell, Tiffany Caldwell, James Ashjian, Steve Slutzah, Ann Dorsey, Jose Portillo, Simranjit Singh, Jennifer Elliott, Marilynn Meyer)

d. ZA-2020-5490-ZV-SPR: Zone variance for a new sign and fast-food restaurant at 19310 W Business Center Dr.

A presentation was made by Raising Cane's (a fast-food restaurant) about zone variance. Board members raised concerns about traffic and parking spaces. A motion to write a letter of support for ZA-2020-5490-ZV-SPR was passed by 8 votes (First: Tiffany Caldwell, Second: Jennifer Elliott, Yea: Tiffany Caldwell, Jennifer Elliott, James Ashjian, Steve Slutzah, Michael Bell, Jose Portillo, Simranjit Singh, Abstention: Marilynn Meyer)

e. Discussion about proposed BONC ("Board of Neighborhood Councils") changes to NC social media use. Discussion postponed to future meeting.

8. Presentation(s): See items 7c. and 7d. if parties are present.

9. General public comment on non-agendized items (limit 2 minutes each)

Patrick McMabell: Gave a report on the cost of proactive pruning, along with recommendations if the Board wants to move forward with spending money on tree pruning.

John and Michelle Hales: Announced that there is a black mosquito infestation near Magnolia Science Academy.

Glenn Bailey: Announced that NSNC is now listed on the LA Congress of Neighborhood sponsors. Recordings of previous meetings are now online.

10. Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

i.Planning and Land Use Committee – Nothing.

ii. Budget and Finance Committee – Nothing.

iii.Bylaws and Procedures Committee – Nothing.

iv.Community Activities and Projects Committee – Nothing.

v.Environmental- Sustainability Committee – Nothing.

vi.Governmental Affairs Committee – Nothing.

vii.Outreach and Communications Committee – Nothing.

viii.Public Safety Committee – Devonshire Station is looking to reopen their front desk. PALS center is opening a candy give away drive.

ix.Transportation and Public Works Committee – Updates on the revamping of Reseda Blvd.

11. Board member announcements or comments (2 minutes each) None.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:11 pm. (First: Tiffany Caldwell, Second: Ann Dorsey, Yea: Tiffany Caldwell, Ann Dorsey, James Ashjian, Steve Slutzah, Michael Bell, Jose Portillo, Simranjit Singh, Jennifer Elliott, Marilyn Meyer)

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