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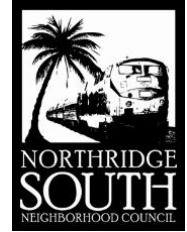
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(Out of an abundance of caution due to the expected attendance and participation of a majority of Board Members at the following Committee meeting, this agenda is noticed as a Joint Meeting of the Committee and the Board, in adherence with the State's 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. [Meeting was called to order at 7:02](#)
- b. Board Member roll call Those in attendance: [James Ashjian, Ann Dorsey, Michael Bell, Marilyn Meyer, Jennifer Elliott, Steve Slutzah, Brittany Carr](#). Those absent: [Jose Portillo, Simranjit Singh, Kevin Kratzner](#).
- c. Self-Introductions of guests (Please sign-in! It is voluntary and will help us stay in touch with you.)

2. Discussion and Action –

- a. Discussion and action on December 17, 2020 meeting minutes.
[Postponed to next meeting due to lack of minutes.](#)

3. Comments by public officials (5 minutes)

- a. CD12
[An announcement was made regarding the following: Vaccine information will be on the CD12 newsletter and on \[vaccinatelacounty.com\]\(http://vaccinatelacounty.com\). CD 12's central site for vaccination is CSUN. CD12 Small Business fund can be applied for via \[cd12.org\]\(http://cd12.org\) or via their phone number. Travelodge and Skateland will still be moving forward. CD12 also asks for people to submit photos/videos about the pandemic to \[cd12timecapsule@gmail.com\]\(mailto:cd12timecapsule@gmail.com\), which will be shared in 2030.](#)
- b. Other public official guests.
- c. Budget Advocate Report.
[Garry Fordyce reports that Los Angeles has a budgetary crisis, with 804 million dollar budget shortfall. LAPD will also not respond to non-criminal calls.](#)
- d. Office of Neighborhood Empowerment
- e. Any other public officials acting in an official capacity.
[Tara Vahdani \(on behalf of LAUSD Board Member Office\) made a comment regarding the following: Teachers are being told that vaccines may be available in February. There continue to be COVID testing centers for LAUSD parents/students \(visit \[dailyypass.lausd.net\]\(http://dailyypass.lausd.net\)\), with the closest site being Northridge Middle School. March 2nd is also the final day for submitting FAFSA. The local district is hosting FAFSA Zoom help sessions for families. There is also a board position in LAUSD for current high school juniors.](#)

4. President's Comments (5 minutes) Announcement(s)

5. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action to submit comments regarding the Digital Communications Policy for the Neighborhood Councils as proposed by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.
- b. Discussion of website changes and monitoring of the site.

Brittany and Ann were thanked for their work.

6. FUNDING ITEMS:

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of December 2020. (see recap sheet at end of agenda)

The December MER was approved unanimously, motioned by Michael Bell.

- b. Comments on Budget changes if any.
- c. Discussion and possible action to approve a payment not to exceed \$100 to The Mailroom for work done on the Northridge South Neighborhood Council website.

A payment was approved unanimously, motioned by Michael Bell

7. New Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Regional Grievance Panelist and up to three (3) Data Liaisons.
Jennifer Elliott was appointed as the DONE regional grievance panelist. Ann Dorsey was appointed as a data liaison.
- b. Discussion and possible action to submit a comment on the Ethics Commission 2018 Proposed Amendments to Lobbying Laws.

- c. Discussion about proposed BONC (“Board of Neighborhood Councils”) changes to NC social media use being processed by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Including the following:

Proposed Comment on Draft Digital Media Policy

Digital communication is an ever increasingly important part of outreach and community involvement. As such, it is a critical communication tool for neighborhood councils. While there should be a policy for neighborhood council use of digital communication, the one that has been proposed is excessively burdensome and restrictive. That board members are volunteers with busy lives and other time-consuming board duties needs to be kept in mind. Although individual policy items might not take up much time, collectively, the amount of time being asked to enact this policy would be tantamount to making board membership an occupation.

One example of this is the responsibilities of the Account Administrator, who would need to know their neighborhood council’s bylaws and standing rules, City policies, including policies set forth by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and City Clerk’s Office, and applicable law as well as the rules, guidelines, and policies of the third-party websites, social media sites, newsletters, platforms, and accounts being used.

An example of how this policy is restrictive is the description of the proper use of neighborhood council social media as being only for the promotion of neighborhood council meetings and events. Neighborhood councils are more than meetings and events. Their overarching purpose is to benefit the community. One way to do so is to let stakeholders know about events or services that can help them. Strict adherence to

the proposed policy would not allow the posting of things such as a toy drive, free tax preparation or even City events (Councilmember Town Halls, Community Planning Meetings, etc.). Posting this type of information not only benefits the community, but it is also a way to positively promote neighborhood councils and generate stakeholder interest. Prohibiting these postings would be a huge disservice to the community and negatively impact neighborhood councils.

Communication with stakeholders is an integral part of being a neighborhood council and digital communication an essential tool for that purpose. The policy for neighborhood council use of digital communication should be a helpful guideline with as few prohibitions as possible and allow flexibility so each neighborhood council can implement the policy as it best applies to them, not one that is onerous and constraining, which could lead to neighborhood councils no longer using digital communication.

A motion was made to submit the proposed comment was passed unanimously, motioned by James Ashijan. Goat Puppet, Steve Slutzah, and the Hales made a comment.

8. Presentation(s) None

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

Goat Puppet made a comment about John Lee.

The Hales made a comment regarding recordings and minutes being posted on the website.

10. Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

- i. Planning and Land Use Committee Tiffany made an announcement that non-discretionary projects do not take Neighborhood Council input, but also mentions how people should still continue with their comments about projects in their neighborhood (despite the lack of NSNC power). The Hales made a comment. Goat Puppet made a comment.
- ii. Budget and Finance Committee Nothing to report.
- iii. Bylaws and Procedures Committee Nothing to report.
- iv. Community Activities and Projects Committee Nothing to report.
- v. Environmental- Sustainability Committee Nothing to report.
- vi. Governmental Affairs Committee Nothing to report.
- vii. Outreach and Communications Committee Nothing to report.
- viii. Public Safety Committee Nothing to report.
- ix. Transportation and Public Works Committee Nothing to report.

11. Board member announcements or comments (2 minutes each)

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM, motioned by Tiffany. Passed unanimous, with the exception of James Ashijan, who was dropped from the meeting due to technical issues at the end.

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