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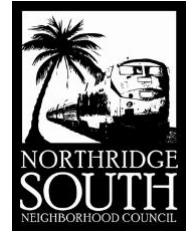
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Thursday, December 17, 2020, 7:00 P.M

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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: Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.
- b. Board Member roll call: Those in attendance: James Ashjian, Steve Slutzah, Michael Bell, Ann Dorsey, Brittany Carr, Tiffany Caldwell, Simranjit Singh, Jennifer Elliott. Those absent: Jose Portillo, Marilyn Meyer.
- 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 November 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Minutes for the November 19th , 2020 meeting were approved unanimously, pending correction of typographical errors, with 8 yes votes (and Kevin Kratzer abstaining), motioned by Michael Bell.

3. Comments by public officials (5 minutes)

- a. CD12
Sharon Bronson from CD 12's office talked about senior meals and toy drives. CD 12 is also still working on the reopening of the West Valley Animal shelter. The Skateland and Travel Lodge projects are moving forward.
- b. Other public official guests.
- c. Budget Advocate Report.
The budget advocate reports indicates that due to the pandemic and lessening revenue sources, the city's financial situation looks dire. They also predict a lack of support from the federal government.
- d. Office of Neighborhood Empowerment
Betty Wong-Oyama announced that the revised NSNC bylaws have been sent. There are also various workshops for board members and the general public to attend if they are so interested.
- e. Any other public officials acting in an official capacity.

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.
Discussion was had regarding the burden placed on Board Members by the City.
- b. Discussion of website changes and monitoring of the site.
See 8c.

6. FUNDING ITEMS:

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of November 2020. Approval of the November monthly expenditure reports was passed

unanimously, with 9 yes votes, motioned by Michael Bell.

- b. Comments on Budget changes if any.
- c. Discussion and possible action to approve reimbursement of expenditure by James Ashjian for supplies at Pocket Park in the amount of \$166.44. A motion was passed to reimburse James Ashjian for supplies for the Pocket Park cleanup with 8 yes votes with James Ashjian abstaining.

7. New Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action to add Kevin Kratzer to our Board. Kevin was previously on the board and is current on all his training. A motion was passed unanimously (with 8 yes votes) to reinstate Kevin Kratzer to the Board, motioned by Michael Bell.
- a. Discussion and update related to filing of CIS against Closure of West Valley Animal Shelter. https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1114_CIS_09032020055308_09-03-2020.pdf
- b. Discussion about proposed BONC (“Board of Neighborhood Councils”) changes to NC social media use being processed by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

Discussion was made regarding the amount of the work that the City expects Board Members to do. Concerns were also raised regarding the 1st amendment.

8. Presentation(s)

- a. Neighborhood Purpose Grant request in the amount not to exceed \$5,000 from PALS See attached NPG.
A motion was passed to fund the NPG from Devonshire PALS with 8 yes votes, and Steve Slutzah recusing.
- b. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement for Council File 20-0492: to read as follows:
Northridge South Neighborhood Council supports CF 20-0492, which requests a report that will include: 1) an inventory of insurance policies held by the city, 2) a scoring system to rate insurers based on the extent to which they invest in and underwrite companies engaged in fossil fuel operations that pose the greatest harm to the environment, specifically coal mining and tar sand drilling, and a report with options for using the above ratings when deciding from which companies to purchase or renew insurance policies.

Discussion was made from stakeholder’s board members from item 8b. Item did not pass by 8 no votes, motioned by Tiffany Caldwell.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve proposed changes and updates to the Northridge South Neighborhood Council website.

Discussion was made regarding the archival of former media, and other website updates to condense information.

- d. Discussion and possible action to appoint Digital Liaisons.

Discussion was made regarding the work that has to be done. No action was taken.

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

10. Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

- i. Planning and Land Use Committee [Tiffany Caldwell](#) will send a report regarding a project to [John and Michelle Hales](#).
- 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)

- [John and Michelle Hales](#) made a comment regarding homelessness and motor homes.
- ["Goat puppet"](#) made a comment regarding the state of LA.

12. Adjournment

[Meeting adjourned at 9:13, motioned by Tiffany Caldwell. Passed unanimously with 9 yea votes.](#)

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