



Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Meeting conducted via ZOOM
August 26, 2021
by Jennifer Elliott, Secretary

1) Welcoming Remarks:

- a. Call to Order and Flag Salute:** The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by James Ashjian, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Board Member Roll Call:** *Present:* James Ashjian, Tiffany Caldwell, Ann Dorsey, Jennifer Elliott, Kevin Kratzer, Marilynn Meyer, Jose Portillo, Steve Slutzah. *Excused Absence:* Brittany Carr *Vacant:* At-Large stakeholder, Business stakeholder, Resident stakeholders (2), Senior stakeholder, Youth stakeholder
- c. Self-Introductions of Guests:** None

2) Discussion and Action on June 24, 2021 and July 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Postponed to September 2021 meeting.

3) Comments by Public Officials:

- a. CD 12:** *Sharon Bronson, Field Deputy:* The CDC approved an additional dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for immunocompromised individuals. Attendees at events of 10,000 or more need to wear a mask. Information on the Small Business Relief Fund is available at the city's Business Source Centers website, reachable through the CD 12 website [cd12.org]. The CSUN David Nazarian College of Business and Economics offers free consultations for small business owners. Animal Services is now open to the public on weekends without an appointment. This weekend is the "Clear the Shelters" pet adoption event. The Lee 12 Excellence in Public Service High School Leadership Program is upcoming; students may apply via cd12.org. A document-shredding event will be held at the CD 12 field office on Saturday, October 16, 2021.
- b. Other Public Official Guests:** None
- c. Budget Advocates Report:** *Garry Fordyce:* Budget Advocate committees are forming. Budget representatives and stakeholders are welcome to join committees. The Budget Advocates plenary session was held today. Panel discussions followed, then breakout groups by region. The recording of the plenary session is available at budgetadvocates.com. If anyone has any concerns or opinions, please submit them. Glenn Bailey is now one of the co-chairs of the Budget Advocates.
- d. Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, NEA Lorenzo Briceno:** The meeting regarding the Draft Code of Conduct Policy has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 11, 2021.
- e. Other Public Officials Acting in an Official Capacity:** *U.S. House Representative Brad Sherman:* The next Telephone Town Hall will be on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. Regarding the U.S troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, please wait until all of the troops have been withdrawn before contacting the office for assistance. Please renew your passport if it is going to expire next year. The eviction moratorium is ending next month. The \$3.5 trillion package of funding bills passed by the House includes local funding for Hope of the Valley, food pantries, Baby2Baby On the Go, and Tree People. Q & A followed.

4) President's Comments and Announcements:

Michael Bell (Residential) and Simranjit Singh (Youth) have moved out of the NSNC area and have resigned from the Board.

Explanation of public comment on topics vs. public comment on non-agendized items: No action taken.

Steve Slutzah has possession of the NSNC laptop computer.

5) Old Business:

Funding Items:

a. Approval of July 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report: There were no expenditures in July 2021. The July 2021 MER was approved with eight “yes” votes.

b. Approval of 2021-22 Budget and 2021-22 Admin Packet: The appointment of Steve Slutzah (Treasurer) as first account signer and bank card holder, and James Ashjian (President) as second account signer and bank card holder, as listed in the 2021-22 Fiscal Year Administrative Packet, was approved with eight “yes” votes. The 2021-22 budget is included in the Packet, so no separate vote of approval was taken.

New Business: None

7) Presentation(s):

a. NPG for Rescue Mission Alliance: The presentation to the board was made in the 2020-21 fiscal year. Motion to approve an NPG of \$5,000 to the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission was made by James Ashjian and seconded by Tiffany Caldwell. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.

b. NPG for North Valley YMCA: David Hartmire spoke on the North Valley YMCA Thanksgiving baskets program. Over 3,500 baskets are distributed each year. The YMCA works with schools to make the distributions, but families may also pick up baskets directly. Motion to approve an NPG of \$2,500 was made by James Ashjian and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Glenn Bailey noted that the NPG application needs to be on the revised form. Lorenzo Briceno (DONE) said that we can take the vote, then the application needs to be resubmitted. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.

c. Time Limit for Public Comment: Postponed to September 2021 meeting.

d. Total Combined Time for Public Comment: Postponed to September 2021 meeting.

e. Time Limit for Presentations: Withdrawn by James Ashjian.

g. 2021 Civic University Attendance: Motion to appoint James Ashjian, Ann Dorsey and Marilyn Meyer to attend the 2021 Civic University made by Tiffany Caldwell and seconded by Steve Slutzah. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.

h. Chase Street Pocket Park Supplies: Motion to budget \$300.00 for maintenance supplies (such as mulch and ground cover rock) made by James Ashjian and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Motion passed with eight “yes” votes.

i. CIS on City Council Non-Support of CA Senate Bills 9 and 10: Postponed to September 2021 meeting.

j. Reimbursement for Public Storage Payment: Motion to reimburse James Ashjian \$187.00 for payment of August 2021 Public Storage bill (due to auto-pay complication) made by Tiffany Caldwell and seconded by Steve Slutzah. Motion approved with seven “yes” votes (Caldwell, Dorsey, Elliott, Kratzer, Meyer, Portillo, Slutzah) and one abstention (Ashjian).

8) General Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items: *John Hales:* At the Mosaic (Meritage Homes) development [8360 Canby Avenue], the fire lanes between buildings are too narrow, and there are no red lanes. *Michele Hales:* There is trash and brush overgrowth by Mosaic. Kids are setting off fireworks on the Reseda Boulevard-facing side. *Glenn Bailey:* The VANC guest speaker at the August 12, 2021 meeting was Dana Haynes Brown, Animal Services General Manager. A coalition is forming to prevent the state legislature from overriding local laws. – *Puppet:* Chat between -Puppet and its handler.

9) Committee Reports:

- i. Planning and Land Use:** None
- ii. Budget and Finance:** None
- iii. Bylaws and Procedures:** None
- iv. Community Activities and Projects:** None
- v. Environmental-Sustainability:** None
- vi. Governmental Affairs:** None
- vii. Outreach and Communications:** None
- viii. Public Safety:** None
- ix. Transportation and Public Works:** None

10) Board member announcements: Tiffany Caldwell is conducting door-to-door outreach on mosquito abatement.

11) Adjournment: Tiffany Caldwell moved to adjourn and Marilyn Meyer seconded. Approved with eight “yes” votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.