



Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Meeting conducted via ZOOM
November 18, 2021
by Jennifer Elliott, Secretary

1) Welcoming Remarks:

- a. Call to Order and Flag Salute:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by James Ashjian, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Board Member Roll Call: Present:** James Ashjian, Brittany Carr, Ann Dorsey, Jennifer Elliott, Jack Fitzpatrick, Kevin Kratzer, Steve Slutzah, Jimmie Stewart, Scott Wright. **Excused Absence:** Tiffany Caldwell, Marilyn Meyer **Absent:** Jose Portillo **Vacant:** Business stakeholder, Organizational stakeholder, Youth stakeholder
- c. "Strength and Love" City of Angels COVID-19 Memorial:** Mayor Garcetti asked people to go outside at 8:00 tonight to clap for our city's heroes. The meeting was paused at 7:58 to participate (from indoors).

2) Discussion and Action:

- a. Discussion and Action on Minutes of July 22, 2021 and October 28, 2021 Regular Meetings:** Motion to approve the July 22, 2021 minutes as written made by James Ashjian and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Motion passed with six "yes" votes (Ashjian, Carr, Dorsey, Elliott, Kratzer, Slutzah [ineligible to vote are Fitzpatrick (*not sworn in*), Stewart and Wright (*not sworn in and need required trainings*)]). Motion to approve the October 28, 2021 minutes as written made by James Ashjian and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Motion passed with six "yes" votes (Ashjian, Carr, Dorsey, Elliott, Kratzer, Slutzah [ineligible to vote are Fitzpatrick (*not sworn in*), Stewart and Wright (*not sworn in and need required trainings*)]).
- b. Discussion and Action to Add John Hales as a Board Member:** Postponed to December 2021 meeting.
- c. Discussion and Action to Ratify the Planning and Land Use Committee Members:** Motion to ratify Tiffany Caldwell, Jennifer Elliott, Steve Slutzah and stakeholders John Hales and Michele Hales as the Planning and Land Use Committee members made by James Ashjian and seconded by Steve Slutzah. Motion passed with six "yes" votes (Ashjian, Carr, Dorsey, Elliott, Kratzer, Slutzah [ineligible to vote are Fitzpatrick (*not sworn in*), Stewart and Wright (*not sworn in and need required trainings*)]).

3) Government Reports:

- a. Public Safety: Mikkie Loi, LAPD Devonshire:** There have been 30 cases of grand theft auto. GTAs are usually of SUVs and pickup trucks. Do not leave your car running while on a quick errand. Basic CAR meeting on November 16, 2021: Holiday/home safety tips include being aware of your surroundings, using the buddy system, not leaving telltale signs that you are away, and not posting your "away" status on social media. Criminals look for opportunity. Interim SLO Jerry Todd's e-mail address is 40547@lapd.online or devonshireslo@lapd.online.
- b. City Council Representative (CD 12): Sharon Bronson, Field Deputy:** Councilmember Lee is happy with the progress of the council redistricting, as CD 12 is remaining mostly intact. There is a proposal to make information which leads to the arrest of people who commit hate crimes eligible for a reward. Shopping malls have been eliminated from the "entertainment" list of businesses that require proof of COVID-19 vaccination. The Granada Hills tree lighting will be on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Zelzah Avenue and Chatsworth Street. The North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Winter Wonderland Festival and Toy Drive will be on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 9015 Wilbur Avenue. The Chatsworth Holiday Parade and Festival will be on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at Canoga Avenue and Devonshire Street. There will be a Christmas tree giveaway on Friday, December 10, 2021 at the CD 12 field office.

Steve Slutzah asked Ms Bronson to administer the oath of office to the new board members (Jack Fitzpatrick, Jimmie Stewart and Scott Wright). He read the oath and Ms Bronson asked the new members if they agreed, which they did. She later thanked the new board members for supporting the community.

c. Government Departments/Agencies, Including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:
Not present

4) General Public Comment: Stakeholder John Aitchison discussed the NSNC pocket park (Chase Street at Aliso Canyon Wash) for the benefit of the new board members. A cleanup will be on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

5) Committee Reports:

- i. Planning and Land Use Committee: SB 9 Resolution:** No action taken
- ii. Budget and Finance Committee:** No action taken

6) New Business:

- a. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for October 2021:** Motion to approve made by Steve Slutzah and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes (Ashjian, Carr, Dorsey, Elliott, Fitzpatrick, Kratzer, Slutzah [ineligible to vote are Stewart and Wright (*need required trainings*)]).
- b. CIS on Council District Redistricting:** Motion to submit a CIS in support of amendments to Council File 20-0668-S7 to keep NSNC in CD 12 made by James Ashjian and seconded by Steve Slutzah. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes (Ashjian, Carr, Dorsey, Elliott, Fitzpatrick, Kratzer, Slutzah [ineligible to vote are Stewart and Wright (*need required trainings*)]).
- c. CVS Pharmacy at 9038 Balboa Boulevard:** Margaret Taylor of APEX LA gave a presentation on the CVS drugstore relocation/expansion into the former Weiler’s Deli and Bank of the West spaces. The projected opening date is October 2022. The city planning hearing date is December 15, 2021. Motion to approve made by Steve Slutzah and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes (Ashjian, Carr, Dorsey, Elliott, Fitzpatrick, Kratzer, Slutzah [ineligible to vote are Stewart and Wright (*need required trainings*)]).
- d. NPG Application for a Non-Profit:** James Ashjian asked the board to send him any suggestions.
- e. Stakeholder Outreach Strategies:** James Ashjian asked the board to let him know of any suggestions.
- f. Bylaws Committee Recommendation to Amend Article V, Section 5:** Postponed to December 2021 meeting.

7) Board Member Announcements or Comments: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. by James Ashjian. No vote.