



Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Meeting conducted via ZOOM
December 16, 2021
by Jennifer Elliott, Secretary

1) Welcoming Remarks:

- a. Call to Order and Flag Salute:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by James Ashjian, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Board Member Roll Call: Present:** James Ashjian, Tiffany Caldwell, Brittany Carr, Ann Dorsey, Jennifer Elliott, Jack Fitzpatrick, Marilyn Meyer, Steve Slutzah, Scott Wright. **Absent:** Kevin Kratzer, Jose Portillo, Jimmie Stewart **Vacant:** Business stakeholder, Organizational stakeholder, Youth stakeholder

2) Discussion and Action:

- a. Discussion and Action on Minutes of November 18, 2021 Regular Meeting:** Motion to approve the November 18, 2021 minutes as written made by Ann Dorsey and seconded by Tiffany Caldwell. Motion passed with nine "yes" votes.
- b. Discussion and Action to Add John Hales as a Board Member:** James Ashjian moved Scott Wright from the "Residential" category to the "Business" category to make room for John Hales to join the board (no vote on this action). Scott Wright said he was okay with this. Motion to appoint John Hales as a "Residential" board member made by James Ashjian and seconded by Scott Wright. Motion passed with nine "yes" votes.

3) Government Reports:

- a. Public Safety:** *Mikkie Loi, LAPD Devonshire:* Auto thefts are at an all-time high. Be sure to park in a well-lit area, remove your keys and lock the car. The GTA rate is 69 cases/week, up by 45% from last year. To start a Neighborhood Watch program, request a startup meeting by e-mailing devonshireslo@lapd.online.
- b. City Council Representative (CD 12):** Not present
- c. Government Departments/Agencies, Including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:** Not present

4) General Public Comment: Victoria Dochoghlian introduced herself as the new assistant director of Government and Community Relations at California State University, Northridge.

5) Committee Reports:

- i. Planning and Land Use Committee:** Regarding the pending redevelopment of the Chick-fil-A restaurant at 8875 Tampa Avenue, Tiffany Caldwell tried to reach the applicant in order to make a presentation to the Board, without success.
- a. SB 9 Resolution:** Postponed to January 2022 meeting
- b. Magnolia Science Academy, 18355 Roscoe Boulevard:** Assistant Principal Gil Yoon, Director of Facilities Patrick Ontiveros, and Veronica Becerra of Rabuild Commercial Services gave a presentation regarding increasing their enrollment from 279 to 500 students, adding nine modular units to the property, and changing the existing monument sign from "LIFEhouse Church and Preschool" to "Magnolia Science Academy 7" six days per week, but back to "LIFEhouse Church and Preschool" on Sundays. LIFEhouse Church owns the property and is an active congregation. City Planning notification letters to the surrounding community are ready to be sent out, but the hearing date has not yet been set. NSNC action postponed to the January 2022 meeting, pending receipt of a copy of the notification letter.

ii. **Budget and Finance Committee:** We have money available.

6) New Business:

a. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for November 2021: Motion to approve made by Tiffany Caldwell and seconded by Jack Fitzpatrick. Motion passed with nine “yes” votes.

b. Digital Communications Policy for Neighborhood Councils: Board members need to review the policy in advance of our January 2022 board meeting. The policy will be finalized in February 2022, so if we want to comment on it, we will need to do so in January 2022.

c. NPG Application for a Non-Profit: No further action unless we receive any application(s).

d. Bylaws Committee Recommendation to Amend Article V, Section 5: Postponed to January 2022 meeting.

7) Board Member Announcements or Comments: John Hales announced that on December 7, 2021 approximately one hundred students from Granada Hills High School committed a smash-and-grab at the CVS drugstore in the shopping center next door. Both CVS and the adjacent Ralphs supermarket are reviewing videotape with the assistance of the LAPD.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Steve Slutzah and seconded by Tiffany Caldwell. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. without a vote.