



Northridge West Neighborhood Council
Public Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Beckford Elementary School
19130 Tulsa Street, Northridge, CA 91324

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| <p>Tom Johnson <i>President</i> – General Business-1(2014)</p> <p>Glen Wilson <i>VP Administration</i> - Community/Faith Based (2014)</p> <p>Juativa Spurlock <i>VP Communication & Outreach</i> – Homeowner - 2 (2014)</p> <p>Pamela Bolin <i>Treasurer</i> – At-Large-2 (2014)</p> <p>Vacant Open-At-Large (2012)</p> <p>Craig Michayluk Homeowner– 1 (2012)</p> | <p>Gerry Malais At-Large-1 (2012)</p> <p>Jerry Bloom Senior-1 (2012)</p> <p>Ken Futernick Senior-2 (2012)</p> <p>Don Ward At-Large-3 (2012)</p> <p>Vacant Renter (2012)</p> <p>Chris Williams General Business-2 (2012)</p> <p>Robert Graf At-Large-4 (2012)</p> |
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The Agenda is posted for public review at the following Northridge locations: Northridge Fashion Center (Information Desk); The Discovery Shop, 9719 Reseda Blvd.; Beckford Avenue Elementary School, 19130 Tulsa Ave.; Albertsons Market, 18555 Devonshire St.; Gelson’s Market, 19500 Plummer St.; Alliance Service Station 8900 Corbin Ave.; and the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, 9401 Reseda Blvd. Also, posted on NWNC website www.NorthridgeWest.org

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BASIC NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING RULES

ALL MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT. The basic council rules listed here are contained either in that act, the governing bylaws of this Council or in rules adopted by the Governing Board.

All Neighborhood Council meeting locations shall be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

DEFINITION OF STAKEHOLDER: [Bylaws Article 3 (G)] STAKEHOLDER shall mean all persons who live, work, or own property in the neighborhood and also those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm the factual basis for it. The affirmation may require verification of said stake. Furthermore, each stakeholder class within the NWNC's boundaries has the ability to vote and run for office on the board. The geographic area of this council is from the 118 - Simi Valley Freeway south to Nordhoff and Reseda west to Corbin with the centerline of each street as the boundary. (Bylaws Article 5)

AGENDAS – Unless otherwise posted, the Northridge West Neighborhood Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Beckford Avenue Elementary School Auditorium. The agendas for Neighborhood Council meetings contain a brief general description of those items to be considered at the meetings.

Items on the "Consent Agenda" may be voted on as a group unless a councilmember or stakeholder wishes to be heard on that item. In the event a councilmember or stakeholder wishes to be heard on an item, it will be called special and heard under the "Public Hearing" section of the agenda.

The presence of at least seven Council members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Council may consider an item not on the agenda only if it is determined by a two-thirds vote of the existing council that the need for action arose after the posting of an Agenda.

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at: 9401 Reseda Blvd. Ste. 100, Northridge, CA 91324, at our website by clicking on the following link: www.northridgewest.org, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Thomas Johnson at (818) 599-3435 or via email at: johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND TIME LIMITS – Council members requesting to address the Council will be recognized by the Council President in the order requested. A motion calling the "previous question" may be introduced by any member during a Council debate. If adopted, this motion will terminate debate and the Chair will instruct the Secretary to call the roll on the matter.

Other Board Rules will be put in place and this section will be updated as necessary.

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| North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce 9401 Reseda Blvd. |

The Council is always looking for volunteers to organize speakers, educate our stakeholders on new property developments, and discuss community issues. If you are interested in volunteering on a Committee, please contact: Tom Johnson (818) 599-3435 **OR email us at:** johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com. Events and Calendar Postings should be sent to johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com. **For information about the Council, and Your Community see our website:** www.NorthridgeWest.org. If you want something put on the agenda, make sure the request is submitted in writing to the board prior to the first of the month.

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1. Call to order
2. Flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance - Cub Scout 911
3. Roll call
4. President to issue Oath of Office to new NWNC board members Bob Graff & Don Ward
5. Acceptance of Minutes – General Board Meeting of Jan. 11, 2011
6. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Devonshire Division - Officer Kathy Bennett
7. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Thomas Soong
8. CD12 Councilman Greig Smith's Representative – Seme Park
9. Other Public Officials
 - a. Brittny A. McCarthy – Director of Government and Community Relations on updates from California State University, Northridge
10. Guest Speakers –
 - a. Dinesh Lakhanpal candidate running for CD12 (5 Minutes)
 - b. Navraj Singh running candidate running for CD12
 - c. Jessica Meaney representative from Safe Routes to School (SRTS) make a presentation about the SRTS platform and the methods to acquiring federal funding for the area schools like Nobel, Calahan and Topeka. Federal funds are out there that can improve the safety of the neighborhoods and thereby increase the safety and property values of the neighborhoods. (Ward) (10 Minutes)
For more info:
www.saferoutescalifornia.files.wordpress.com/2010/10/socal_srts_platform_v3.pdf
11. Treasurer's Report and Budget & Finance Committee Report – Bolin - Review of NWNC budget and breakdown of expenditures
12. President's Report and Executive Meeting Report – Johnson
13. Discussion and possible action items.
 - a. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and determine the services of the Recording Secretary at NWNC functions

- b. Motion: Discussion and possible action to consider appointing Freddie Rymond for NWNC's vacant Open At Large Representative position. (Johnson)
- c. Motion: Discussion and possible action on designating an official second signatory as required by the Neighborhood Council Funding Program to be the neighborhood council president. (Spurlock)
- d. Motion to discuss NWNC board support of a crosswalk at Mayall St./Wilbur Ave. coinciding with the re-stripping of Wilbur Ave. with 185 people have signed petitions asking for a safe crosswalk at this intersection. I discussed the issue with the LADOT and found that they are hesitant to put one in, but if it coincides with the re-stripping of Wilbur installation could happen at no extra cost to the city. (Ward)
- e. Motion: Presentation by Principal, Dr. Liane Jacob along with Barbara Blakley Kindergarten Teacher for Calahan Elementary School to have NWNC fund \$3,000 to purchase for two document readers with 2 projectors to place in classrooms for all students to have equal access to the curriculum. Document readers allow teachers to project any written material onto the whiteboard for large presentation and it allows student interaction when they are able to write directly on the projected maps, art and/or written words. (Bolin)
- f. Motion: I am requesting that 3 estimates be obtained for purchases over \$400.00 and the approval of all the board members prior to the purchase of any outreach equipment, tools or supplies. This will take place only if there is other suppliers that manufacturer or sell the same product with a possible price variance. (Bolin)
- g. Motion: I am requesting that we review the expenditure of R. Kellogg receiving \$45.00 to attend our meeting and to write articles totaling \$130.00 a month. I believe that Mr. Johnsons outreach articles are comparable to Ms. Kellogg's. There is no fee for Mr. Johnson's outreach articles. (Bolin)
- h. Motion: I would like to make a revision to the December 14, 2010 meeting. According to the Approved budget September 5, 2010 the board voted on \$1300.00 for a minute taker and approved \$1500.00 at the December 14, 2010 meeting. The total amount should be \$2800, not \$2700 stated in the minutes for December 14, 2010. (Bolin)
- i. Motion: Discussion and update on low bidder for mowing Tampa from Plummer to Lassen was about \$400 per month for once a month service, and the council approved that funding a couple of months ago. Note for analysis at the general meeting from original 3-bids or if Bailey's give permission to mow there so we if want to expand the area to Devonshire on west side.

In addition, I would like to discuss alternative ideas such as more long-term goals. It would cost the stakeholders \$400.00 once a month to fund cleaning Tampa, to equal \$4800.00 a year. After 5 years this would total \$24,000.00. I would like to invest in long-term projects, such as pavers. Invest \$7,000 to \$10,000 a year, after 5 years we could fund another project. We would not have to continue investing \$400.00 a month for an endless project. The mowing of Tampa could be a temporary fix until we fund a long-term fix. (Bolin)

- i. Motion: To fund printing copies of NWNC Survey forms for NWNC Outreach up to \$250. (Wilson)
- j. Motion: To fund up to 4 NWNC board members at \$25 each which is \$100 to go to Complete Streets for Los Angeles Conference Friday, February 25, 2011 from 8:00 am - 7:00 pm at Japanese American National Museum 369 East 1st Street Los Angeles, California 90012. Registration and ticket price is \$ 25.00, this includes continental breakfast, lunch, admission to all sessions, in and out privileges throughout the day, takeaway materials, and post-conference access to an online conference directory. (Wilson)
- k. Motion: Banners for NWNC Outreach events with funding up to \$750. (Spurlock)
- l. Motion: To fund NWNC Outreach T-Shirts up to \$1,200 for NWNC Outreach Events. Note spend \$408.27 on 9/30/2010 for 48 NWNC T-Shirts. (Johnson/Spurlock)
- m. Motion to fund and secure a date/time/location for an official NWNC Board Member Re-Treat with DONE for training NWNC board members with funding up to \$500.(Johnson)
- n. Motion to have Northridge Christian Church and adjacent neighbors discuss proposed installation of 3rd cell tower to be at Northridge Christian Church which is on corner of Chatsworth St. & Wilbur Ave. (Johnson).
- o. Motion: Purchase total of 11 new trash cans. Ten of new trash cans to be put on Tampa Ave. from #118 Freeway to Plummer Street. Purchase one new trash can for Devonshire at Vanalden NE corner. "Jo Ann Phillips will agree to dispose of contents and insert a new bag once a month. I would like it to match the green can that is a block east of there by Belcourt community. The existing plastic can that somebody put there many years ago is about to fall completely apart. I believe the green can at Belcourt is heavy enough, it doesn't need attachment to the pavement; it is too heavy to steal." Plus discussion on type of new trash cans, color of trash cans and cost of trash cans. (Futernick)
- p. Motion: Propose funding up to \$400 for sponsoring a joint meeting with PRNC and CD12 to review and discuss LADOT revised road diet footprint along Wilbur Ave (Johnson)

14. Public Comments - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction * Limited to 2 minutes per speaker*

15. Committee Reports and Report on Meetings
Committee Reports:

- a. Ad hoc Wilbur Avenue Committee – Proposed town hall meeting tentatively set for March 1, 2011 Johnson/Ward
- b. Planning / Land Use / Zoning – Johnson

- c. Education – Ken Futernick – Update on Invent for Life at NWNC March 8, 2011 meeting
- d. Elections – No report
- e. Grievance – No Report
- f. Community Outreach – Spurlock - Update on EZ Up Tent, table and 2-chairs
- g. Beautification – Williams - housing tract signs
- h. Bylaws – Wilson – NWNC Bylaws Table of Contents

Report on Meetings:

Most are listed on NWNC website with date and time of the meetings.

- a. Oakridge Estate Park Advisory Board - Steve Harris on Board & Glen Wilson is on Oakridge Estate Outreach Committee
Meets the fourth Thursday of every other month.
Next meeting will be Thursday, March 24, 2011 @ 3PM at Fire Station #87 at 10124 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills, CA
- b. NE/W Vision Committee – Steve Harris/Glen Wilson
Meets the third Wednesday each month now 1:30PM at Fire Station #87 at 10124 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills, CA
- c. LA DWP MOU and/or DWP Committee – Glen Wilson
Meets the first Saturday of month at 8:45 a.m. at Hollywood Community Center 6501 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, 90028
- d. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – Glen Wilson
Meets the first Saturday of month at 10:00 a.m. at Hollywood Community Center 6501 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028
- e. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) – Glen Wilson
Meets the second Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. at Sherman Oaks Hospital.
- f. Valley Vote – Glen Wilson
Meets the third Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. at Galpin Ford.
- g. BONC Meetings- Glen Wilson – All about NCs and DONE
See NWNC website for date/time/location on BONC meetings.
- h. Northridge Festival outreach meetings update for Northridge Festival June 2011 event. Glen Wilson

16. Board Member Comments - Comments from the Board on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

- a. Request for items to be placed on the agenda must be made in writing to the NWNC President president@northridgewest.org and a copy to NWNC VP of Admin. vpadmin@northridgewest.org prior to the first of the month of next NWNC meeting.

17. Adjournment

17. Upcoming Events

- a. VANC 8th Anniversary Party Thursday, March 10, 2011 5:30 p.m. at CBS Studios, Studio City. Reservations are required.

Process for Reconsideration – The Board may reconsider and amend actions listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: 1) make a Motion to Reconsider and, if approved, 2) hear the matter and take an action. If the Motion to Reconsider is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: 1) a Motion to Reconsider on the described matter and, 2) a Proposed] Action should the Motion to Reconsider be approved. A Motion-to-Reconsider can only be made by a Board Member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action. If a Motion-to-Reconsider is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board Member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall be in compliance with the Brown Act.

