



# Northridge West Neighborhood Council

## Public Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM**  
**Beckford Elementary School in Auditorium**  
**19130 Tulsa Street, Northridge, CA 91326**

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<p><b>Gerry Malais</b>  <i>President</i> – At-Large-1 (2012)</p> <p><b>Glen Wilson</b>  <i>VP Administration</i> - Community/Faith Based (2014)</p> <p><b>Juativa Spurlock</b>  <i>VP Outreach &amp; Communication</i> – Homeowner - 2 (2014)</p> <p><b>Craig Michayluk</b>  <i>Secretary</i> - Homeowner– 1 (2012)</p> <p><b>Tom Johnson</b>  <i>Treasurer</i> - General Business-1(2014)</p> <p><b>Freddie Rymond</b>          Open-At-Large (2012)</p>	<p><b>Pamela Bolin</b>          At-Large-2 (2014)</p> <p><b>Jerry Bloom</b>          Senior-1 (2012)</p> <p><b>Ken Futernick</b>          Senior-2 (2012)</p> <p><b>Don Ward</b>          At-Large-3 (2012)</p> <p><b>Vacant</b>          Renter (2012)</p> <p><b>Chris Williams</b>          General Business-2 (2012)</p> <p><b>Robert Graf</b>          At-Large-4 (2012)</p>
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**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS:** The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived or additionally restricted by the presiding officer of the Board.

**The NWNC Agenda is posted for public review at the following Northridge locations below and posted on NWNC website [www.NorthridgeWest.org](http://www.NorthridgeWest.org)**

Northridge Fashion Center (Information Desk)
The Discovery Shop 9719 Reseda Blvd.
Beckford Avenue Elementary School 19130 Tulsa St.
Albertsons Market 18555 Devonshire St.
Gelson’s Market 19500 Plummer St.
Shell Service Station 8900 Corbin Ave. (was Alliance)
North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce 9401 Reseda Blvd.

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## **BASIC NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING RULES**

**ALL MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT AND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.** 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](http://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 Gerry Malais at (702) 285-9353 or via email at: [gmalais@northridgewest.org](mailto:gmalais@northridgewest.org).

**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.

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: Gerry Malais at (702) 285-9353 or email [gmalais@northridgewest.org](mailto:gmalais@northridgewest.org). Events and Calendar Postings should be sent to Glen Wilson and email to [vpadmin@northridgewest.org](mailto:vpadmin@northridgewest.org). **For information about the Council, and Your Community see our website: [www.NorthridgeWest.org](http://www.NorthridgeWest.org).** If you want something put on the agenda, make sure the request is submitted in writing and email it to [gmalais@northridgewest.org](mailto:gmalais@northridgewest.org), [vpadmin@northridgewest.org](mailto:vpadmin@northridgewest.org) and one of NWNC Committee chairs that item are about on their committee agenda prior about two weeks or more before next month so it will be on that NWNC Committee agenda.

**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.

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1. **Call to order** (2 minutes)
2. **Flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance** - Cub Scout 911 (3 minutes)
3. **Roll call** (2 minutes)
4. **Acceptance of Minutes** – (5 minutes)  
Motion on General Board Meeting of Sept. 13, 2011.
5. **Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Devonshire Division** – Senior Lead Officer Ignacio Morillo (2 minutes)
6. **CD12 Councilman Mitchell Englander's Representative** – Semee Park (3 Minutes)
7. **CSUN Brittny McCarthy Director, Government & Community Relations with updates from CSUN** (3 Minutes)
8. **Guest Speakers**
  - a. **Alex from Consensus will give an update on the Fast Train.** (20 minutes)
  - b. **Northridge Vision will do presentation on preview summary of Northridge Vision report.** (20 minutes)
9. **Other Public Officials not listed** (3 minutes each)
10. **Public Comments:** Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's Jurisdiction and this is a **"NO Discussion Period"**. \*Limited to 2 minutes per speaker (Total time is 15 minutes)
11. **President's Report** – Malais (5 minutes)
12. **VP of Administration Report** - Wilson (5 minutes)
  - a. **Ethics & Open Government training required of all board members every two years.** You can do it online at DONE website [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org) then click on "NC Ethics Training.", wait for the next NC Ethics Training or contact the Department's Help Line at (213) 485-1360 for hard copy of NC Ethics Training with quiz send by mail. Only one person on NWNC board as of Aug. 29, 2011 has not taken Ethics & Open Government training at this time. Some board members NC Ethics Training 2 years will come up in Oct. 2011 and late this year.
13. **Treasurer's Report and Budget & Finance Committee Report:** (Johnson)  
Motion: NWNC Sept. 2011 Budget Report. NWNC 2011/2012 Budget update.

#### 14. Old Business (2 minutes each)

- a. **Motion: NWNC support of matching funds from other NCs, up to \$300 per NC, for Northridge Vision Launch Event on Northridge Vision Report for food and refreshments. The date has been moved to Jan. 2012 with time from 6pm to 8pm, venue and location to be determined later. (Outreach - Spurlock) Tabled from NWNC Sept. 13, 2011 meeting.**
- b. **Motion: Outreach motion to propose \$500 to supply with food and refreshments for the Senior Health Fair on Sat. Oct. 15, 2011 at Lifehouse Church in Northridge. Presentation by Jay Bolton and also member of the Senior Services Business Council of the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. (Outreach - Spurlock) Tabled from NWNC Sept. 13, 2011 meeting.**

#### 15. New Business (2 minutes each)

- a. **Updated presentation by Faramarz Nabavi (The Transit Coalition) on MTA I-405/VAN NUYS RAIL CORRIDOR –Long Term Vision on Phase 1: Sylmar to West L.A. including Sepulveda Pass Tunnel which is partially funded by 30/10 Initiative.** The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is planning to hold its first round of hearings in the last week of October regarding a transit project that would connect the North and South Valley, and potentially connect the Valley to UCLA, the Westside, and eventually the LAX Airport. (5 minutes)
- b. **Discussion and possible resolution to support MTA I-405/VAN NUYS RAIL CORRIDOR – Long Term Vision on Phase 1: Sylmar to West L.A. including Sepulveda Pass Tunnel and use resolution that was passed by the Sylmar Neighborhood Council on this topic. (Government Affairs – Wilson)**
- c. **Motion to renew contract with SK Landscape or lower bidder if one is found to perform maintenance of Tampa Avenue from Plummer Street to Lassen Street on both sides. NWNC approved a 6-month contract ending Dec 16, 2011 for SK Landscape in the last fiscal year. Scope: Tampa Ave. from Plummer to Lassen both sides Work commenced early July 2011. Fund up to \$500 per month for six more months for total up to \$3,000. SK Landscape was lowest bidder.** Tropical Creations and SK Landscape provided bids. To be spent on mowing, edging, trash clean up, minor pruning a very heavily traveled area near the mall. Funding from Unallocated Community Improvement. Unallocated Community Improvement was \$12,640 so balance is \$9,640. Beautification (Williams)
- d. **Motion to fund a garden project similar to the "Porter Ranch Corner" but at the northwest corner of Wilbur Avenue and Lassen Street now that the owner has provided permission. Up to \$2,200 to G&G Landscape, up to \$500 to a nursery to be determined upon comparing prices, and up to \$500 for lighting via bidding for a total of \$3,200.** Carr Landscape and G&G Landscape provided bids. To be spent on excavate weeds and 4 inches of soil, lay weed barrier fabric, install underground drip irrigation system, install 20-30 plants. Funding from Unallocated Community Improvement. Unallocated Community Improvement balance is \$9,640 assuming item a) is approved, so new balance is \$6,440. Beautification (Williams)
- e. **Motion to fund a tree planting mostly along west side of Reseda Blvd where there are about 18 empty tree wells and/or dead trees. Also may plant on Tampa Avenue and other streets within NWNC areas. Fund up to \$1,000 for volunteers' materials needed such as trees, soil amendment and printing for flyers & tree posters.** Prices will be compared to assure lowest prices are paid. Volunteers will compare Lowes and OSH prices. To be spent on soil amendment, printing of flyers & posters, trees, pruning sealer and Vitamin B-1 to avoid shock. Funding from Unallocated

Community Improvement. Unallocated Community Improvement balance is \$6,440 assuming all items above is approved so new balance is \$5,440. Beautification (Williams)

- f. Motion to fund NWNC Operation Clean Sweep supplies to help the approximately 10 to 12 volunteers to clean up the public parkways for the other 20,000 people living within NWNC areas to enjoy. Fund up to \$1,000 for volunteers' materials needed such as replacement blades, gloves, posters, signs.** Prices will be compared to assure lowest prices are paid. Volunteers will compare Lowes, OSH, Kinkos and similar vendors' prices. To be spent on replacement of blades, equipment repairs, posters, gloves, buckets and another tamper for decomposed granite. Funding from Community Improvement. Unallocated Community Improvement balance is \$5440 assuming all items above is approved so new balance is \$4,440. Beautification (Williams)
- g. Motion to fund NWNC Operation Clean Sweep supplies for the approximately 10 to 12 volunteers to clean up the public parkways for the other 20,000 people living within NWNC areas to enjoy. Fund up to \$500 for volunteers' refreshments for the remainder of this fiscal year so they can keep cleaning up the parkways for the other 20,000 people to enjoy.** Prices will be compared to assure lowest prices are paid. Volunteers will compare Albertsons, Vons and Smart N Final prices. To be spent on water, coffee and snacks. Funding from Community Improvement. Unallocated Community Improvement balance is \$4,440 assuming all items above is approved so new balance is \$3,940. Beautification (Williams)
- h. Motion to fund a copying service to prepare templates needed for making residential signs. Fund up to \$100 for Kinkos or other vendor to make extra large sized prints to be used with carbon paper to mark the residential names onto the wood so the wood can be routed.** Prices will be compared to assure lowest prices are paid. Volunteers will compare Kinkos and similar vendor prices. To be spent on making extra large sized prints to be used with carbon paper to mark onto the wood so the wood can be routed. Funding from Community Improvement. Unallocated Community Improvement balance is \$3,940 assuming all items above are approved, so new balance is \$3,840. Beautification (Williams)

## **16. Committee Reports: (2 minutes each)**

**NWNC Committee Chairperson's will select the committee members and went to have their NWNC Committee meetings. Items for NWNC Agendas now come from NWNC Committee Chairs.**

- a. Beautification – Chris Williams
- b. Bylaws – Robert Graf
- c. Community Outreach – Juativa Spurlock
- d. Education – Ken Futernick
- e. Elections – Gerry Malais
- f. Executive – Gerry Malais
- g. Government Affairs –Glen Wilson
- h. Grievance – Craig Michayluk
- i. Planning / Land Use / Zoning – Don Ward

## **17. Report on Meetings: Most meetings are listed on NWNC website with date and time of the meetings. (2 minutes each)**

- a. Oakridge Estate Park Advisory Board (Oakie House) - Steve Harris  
Meets the fourth Thursday of every odd numbered month at 3PM at Fire Station #87  
10124 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA. between Devonshire and Mayall Street.  
Update on went next meeting will be.

- b. Northridge Vision - Steve Harris  
Meets the three Wednesday of month at 2PM at Fire Station #87 10124 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA.
- c. LA DWP MOU or DWP Committee – Glen Wilson
- d. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – Glen Wilson
- e. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) – Glen Wilson  
Meets the second Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. at Sherman Oaks Hospital.
- d. Valley Vote – Glen Wilson  
Meets the third Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. at Galpin Ford.
- f. Report on North Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair Sat. Oct. 1, 2011 from 11AM to 3PM which was at Fire Station #87 10124 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA.

**18. Board Member Comments - Comments from the Board on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. \*Limited to 2 minutes per board member.\***

**19. Request for items to be placed on the agenda must be made in writing and emailed to the NWNC Committee chair that the item is about, copy to NWNC President [gmalais@northridgewest.org](mailto:gmalais@northridgewest.org) and a copy to NWNC VP of Administration [vpadmin@northridgewest.org](mailto:vpadmin@northridgewest.org) about two weeks or more prior to the first of the month of next NWNC general meeting so the NWNC Committee chair can put your agenda item on their Committee's agenda.**

**20. Adjournment**

**21. Upcoming Events**

- a. NWNC Operation Clean Sweep for Thursday Oct. 13, 2011 from 8 am to 11 am we will meet in the Dunn Edwards parking lot on Reseda Blvd west side near Nordhoff. Park near Dunn Edwards. We will clean up along the west side.
- b. NWNC Operation Clean Sweep for Saturday Oct. 15, 2011 from 7 am to 11 am we will meet at the Southeast corner of Tampa and Lassen. Park on "little" Lassen just south of "big" Lassen. Go to Vanalden and head west on "little" Lassen (just south of the median), go to the end and park.

