



**Northridge West Neighborhood Council
Beautification Committee Meeting
Chris Williams is chair of Beautification
August 3, 2011 Wednesday at 6:30PM
California Pizza Kitchen in patio area
9301 Tampa Ave. Northridge, CA 91324
North End, Next to Macy's in Northridge Fashion Center**

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Public Meeting Agenda

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.

Please confirm if you will be attending by emailing Chris Williams at ACWilliams@aol.com

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www.NorthridgeWest.org or call Glen Wilson at (818) 886-3534.

NWNC Beautification Committee Meeting Agenda is:

1. Roll Call
2. **OLD BUSINESS: NWNC Beautification agenda items for NWNC Aug. 9, 2011 agenda are:**
 - A) NWNC to fund up to \$100 for Decomposed Granite (DG) for filling tree wells.
 - B) NWNC approved \$6,500 for replacing missing residential signs in last fiscal year. \$1,500 was expended leaving \$5,000. NWNC published an article on the front page of North Valley Community News describing the planned sign project. Stakeholders anticipate replacement signs. NWNC must fulfill its commitment to the public made in its General Meeting and in front page article. **Put NTE \$5,000 on NWNC August 9, 2011 Agenda for full board vote to complete the promised signs. See Attachment #1 listing specific locations of signs and approximate prices.**

Note: JoAnn please determine if signs can be made for less by Nobel Middle School adult woodworking group to possibly free up funds for other projects and/or obtain bids. Chris attach bid for Baton Rouge painted sign (competition or sole source?)

3. **NEW BUSINESS: NWNC Beautification agenda items that maybe on NWNC Aug. 9, 2011 agenda are:**
 - A) JoAnn Describe Future Clean Ups and Plantings.
 - B) Develop Fall Tree Planting Dates and Location Recommendations for Reseda Blvd.! Put anticipated dates and locations on August agenda so public can anticipate this big event. Make flyers and put on tree well/planters using plastic cord like they did south of Nordhoff as outreach to public. Will need soil amendment in time for the Fall tree planting.
 - C) Request for Clean Up Supplies. See Attachment #2 list of supplies. **Put NTE \$X on the NWNC August 9, 2011 agenda for full board vote to support the volunteers.**

Who will help identify tree and plant needs on Reseda Blvd. with JoAnn, when?

Who will obtain written pledges from Reseda Blvd. tree adoptees? Need many volunteers who do not need to be on this committee.

JoAnn will present signed pledges to Steven Bailey and get his tree donation commitment. Request Mr. Bailey's guidance and help with the planting; ask his preferred date.

Who determine method for hauling trees and plants to the sites?

D) Determine approximate remaining funds available for beautifying Northridge and brainstorm ideas such as replacing ugly benches and trash containers with nice ones like in Chatsworth, a big monument sign for Tampa median near 118 south exit (perhaps Nobel adult students can make this?). Other ideas? Make assignments to take necessary steps to possibly agendize most popular projects.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

**5. NEXT NWNC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: Discuss how often to meet.
August XX, 2011**

6. ADJOURNMENT

**7. Next NWNC Public General Meeting is Tuesday Aug 9, 2011 at 7PM
Beckford Avenue Elementary School – Auditorium 19130 Tulsa Street, Northridge, CA 91326**



NWNC Beautification Committee August 3, 2011 meeting Attachments for #1 and #2 are on pages 3 and 4 of this agenda below:

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Attachment # 1 – Medium Sized Replacement Signs for NWNC August 9, 2011 Agenda are:

- a) Two medium sized Chateau Highlands signs for NE and SE corners of Superior St. and Tampa Ave.
- b) One medium sized Scottish Terrance sign for SE Devonshire & Vanalden.
- c) One painted Baton Rouge Estates sign for SE corner Chatsworth St. & Vanalden Ave.

Future Signs are:

- a) One large Scottish Terrance Estates sign for NW corner of Lassen St. & Wilbur Ave. at cost of approximately \$1,000.
- b) Small Signs:
Chris, are there any more missing small signs? Where?

Approximate cost prices for various sizes:

\$350 each for small signs

\$700 each for medium signs

\$1,000 each for large signs

\$x for the one painted Baton Rouge sign

Note to JoAnn: Ask Glen for contact info and determine if Nobel adult wood workshop participants will make signs for free assuming NWNC provides the wood, paint, primer, tool replacements parts, etc. If not, obtain and attach bids. Also attach copy of North Valley News article about NWNC's plans to replace missing signs.

Attachment #2 – Clean Up Supplies Needed (total for all of \$6,305)

Tree Seal - As we prune trees we have created wounds that should be sealed to protect the tree: **\$50**

An arborist that donated four trees that we planted on Lassen median recommended this product to protect the trees against insects and disease...you can see the label states the purpose of this product is to protect trees from insects and disease.:

http://www.lowes.com/pd_46907-1321-00029617104056_0_?storeId=10151&Ntt=tree+seal&UserSearch=tree+seal&productId=3033979&N=0&catalogId=10051&langId=-1

Gloves: **\$100**. We should get replacement gloves as ours wear out.

Food, water, sodas, coffee, coffee cups, napkins, sugar, sweet n low, creamer, chips, cookies, etc. **\$500** (OR, is this an Outreach line item?)

More tree well rubberized mulch mats for tree wells that have small trees such as crepe myrtle trees on Corbin, more for Lassen, Plummer, etc.: **\$1,000**

Decomposed granite (DG) for tree wells that have large trees such a pine trees: **\$1,000**

LA City has a work order to remove tripping hazard tree well concrete that I reported along some major streets. When the concrete is removed and there are gaping voids, we will need to fill with DG. The City has put Street Services sandwich signs over these tripping hazards where they will soon remove the concrete so we need to be prepared. These are pine tree wells that are too big for rubberized mats.

Decomposed granite (DG) and Weed Barrier landscape matting for low area parkways such as north side of Devonshire & east of Tampa and also north side of Devonshire & east of Vanalden and also SW corner Devonshire & Tampa...these are just examples of locations where we have found parkways are very low creating a tripping hazard. And we need the stakes too: **\$1,000**

Blue painter's tape: **\$5**. I used an entire roll putting Did You Know letters on doors last fiscal year, we need more.

Forty (40) 8 inch x 50 feet "Tree Wrap" at \$5 each. I purchased this product and used an entire roll on 8 trees last Thursday. As we remove suckers, we wrap the base of the tree and up through the hole in the mulch matting. Otherwise, the suckers can grow back through the hole in the mulch mats: **\$200**

One roll of 4 feet x 50 feet Weed Barrier landscape matting to put underneath the rubber mats to ensure the space where the tree rings do not match up have coverage: **\$50** Otherwise, the "open seam" of the mat allows weeds and suckers to grow back.

Gasoline, oil: **\$300**

Wire to ensure rubber tree well mats are not stolen. The volunteers determined we should "stitch up" the seam in each mat. Then thieves would have a hard time stealing our mats: **\$100**

Yellow paint to paint fire hydrants. All along Reseda Blvd south of Nordhoff Northridge South NC painted their fire hydrants. I requested yellow paint from CD 12, but they won't give it to me. NSNC bought their own yellow paint so we should too: **\$100**

Replace heavy duty dust pans that were stolen: **\$50**

Replacements of pruners that were stolen: **\$50**

Replacement blades: **\$200**

Repairs: **\$200**

Plants for gardens at Superior St. and Tampa Ave.: **\$600**

Replacement plants for gardens in case some plants die: **\$100**

Blocks and mortar to repair the planter at Superior St. & Tampa Ave. and also to insert blocks along walls where blocks are missing: **\$600**

Garden soil and peat for planting trees into empty tree wells. The arborist is going to donate trees to us in the Fall but he said we will need to purchase good soil: **\$100**

