



**Northridge West Neighborhood Council  
Beautification Committee Agenda  
Wednesday November 2, 2011 at 6:30 pm  
Falafelicious Restaurant on 19500 Plummer St. near Gelson's  
NWNC not paying for Dinner**

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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.;  
Shell (was Alliance) Service Station 8900 Corbin Ave.;  
and the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, 9401 Reseda Blvd.

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Wilson (818) 886-3534 about NWNC general information.

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- D. OLD BUSINESS:

**Item # 1 - Motion to Reconsider a portion of the matter from NWNC Tue. Oct. 11, 2011 item motion for "#15 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. Project cost on October's agenda was NTE \$3,200 (Williams). Instead, now that volunteers performed all the labor, the new motion is for NTE \$400 for drought tolerant plants, a reduction of \$2,800. (Reconsideration by Wilson)**

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Determine approximate remaining funds available for beautifying Northridge. (Steve Harris).
2. **\$25** -- Sharpen blades for the volunteers (Steve, do we have an approved item with remaining funds in it?)
3. **\$75** -- Tinted primer (brown) and paint for volunteer Jo Phillips to make signs for remainder of this fiscal year. Jo Phillips has almost used up her own primer and paint. Nobel wood teacher says tinted is better than white primer.
4. **\$25 for bolts for volunteers to use when installing residential signs.**
5. **\$445** -- Redwood for residential signs to suffice for remainder of this fiscal year for the volunteer sign maker. Labor is free. Wood needed for Volunteer, Jo Phillips, to continue making signs. Jo confirmed wood shop class will continue next semester. This wood is for various signs such as Chateau Highlands, Devonshire Country Estates, Baton Rouge Estates, etc.

6. **\$360** for the big Wilbur/Lassen sign (3 planks of rough-cut redwood 2" x 12" x 18 feet = \$360 including tax) for Scottish Terrace Estates sign to be made by a volunteer, Jo Phillips. All labor is free of charge. Chris Williams already purchased the MDF material to make the letters for this sign. Jo Phillips already obtained the template letters in the same style as the Porter Ranch sign so she can route the letters, and private funds were already raised for the lighting to light up this sign.
7. **\$45** -- Sprinkler valve for the volunteers to install at the Lassen/Wilbur garden so the owner can provide irrigation at his own expense to this garden. Garden will benefit the General Public.
8. **\$35** -- Boulder mover so volunteers can use boulders donated by residents for future gardens.
9. **\$500** -- Planter mix for volunteers to use for the remainder of this fiscal year for tree and garden plantings.
10. **\$800** – Plants for the volunteers to install into Reseda Blvd. planters that are within the NWNC area. LA City announced plans to remove these planters unless someone promises to maintain each planter. Clean Sweep Volunteers could maintain the planters thru this fiscal year since there is such a tiny Beautification Budget this year, and then NWNC should pay a contractor to do this work next year. Recurring work: Water, remove trash and weeds (free volunteer labor this fiscal year).
11. **\$ X** – Repaint the yellow benches on Reseda Blvd within NWNC area. LA City announced plans to remove the benches unless an entity promises to maintain each bench. Deep forest green or black? Special paint needed? Get quotes or ask the volunteers to do the scraping, sanding, priming and painting? Or, ask the volunteers to detach benches, take to professional painter such as Earl Schieb, reinstall? Discuss emergency budget transfer from NPG to cover Reseda Blvd items 9 and 10 or else we may lose furniture items.
12. **\$3,000** -- Contractor to connect sprinklers and install two drought tolerant gardens at Superior and Tampa Avenue east side. Volunteers to get bids.
13. Discuss replacing ugly ad benches and mesh trash containers with nice concrete ones like in Chatsworth has. But, LA City won't let us replace the ugly ad benches because LA recently signed a new contract, and LA receives advertising revenue. Nice trash cans are **\$300 to \$500 each**. There may be 20 to 30 cans (Tampa, Lassen, Devonshire, etc.) Nobel wood class could make nice wood surrounds for less, but Jo Phillips is the only student willing to make things for Northridge. Or, volunteers can paint the mesh cans to make them look decent for the rest of Northridge stakeholders to enjoy.
14. **\$800** - Discuss a big monument sign for Tampa median near the 118 south exit. Nobel wood class could do this. Jo Phillips is the only Nobel student willing to make things for Northridge. Approx. wood cost is **\$800**. Could make river rock pillars at each end to frame the wood sign. Same letter style as Porter Ranch and Scottish Terrace sign?
15. Discuss Reseda Blvd. median. Tropical Creations' contract expired; hence weeds and trash. NWNC was paying \$180 per month to TC. This median is half owned by NENC, but

NWNC paid the entire cost. Semee will attempt to add this median to the City's maintenance contract in the April contract renewal. Choices are:

- a) Wait until March or April (4-5 months) to see if the median is added to LA City's contract like all the other City medians are.
- b) Renew TC's \$180 per month maintenance contract through March with NWNC paying the entire cost for 5 months. **(Approximately \$900 total)**.
- c) Only renew TC's contract for the 5 months if NENC will pay their half. Someone would need to ask NENC to put this on their agenda for a vote. By that time another month is gone so it would likely be **less than \$450 for each NC**. If Mr. Englander sees NCs are willing to pay for this median, he might not have incentive to fight to add it. If he gets complaints, he may fight to add this median.
- d) \$2158 - Issue a contract for \$1158 to convert the median into a drought/DG garden with drip system like the "Porter Ranch Corner" to make this median almost maintenance free. This saves \$180 per month that would otherwise be paid forever into the future Add NTE \$1,000 for plants **for a total of NTE \$2158**. Board approval will state contract award is contingent upon LA City NOT adding this median to LA City's maintenance contract expiring April 26, 2012. If LA City adds this median, we will NOT issue the contract and we will have these funds available for other projects. G&G bid \$1158; obtain another bid to determine low bidder. This would reserve funds so we can immediately proceed if the City does not add this median to their median contract.

- 16. **\$1,000** -- G&G Landscape to install 3 Semi Large boulders approx. 200 lbs each at the base of 8 tree wells. This is what Chatsworth NC did along Devonshire Street. Suggest Reseda Blvd where the volunteers plant new trees and lay DG. Or, volunteers can do this type of work for all of NWNC's 20,000 stakeholders to enjoy.
- 17. **\$1,500** -- Wrought iron sign(s) such as Baton Rouge Estates for SE corner of Vanalden and Chatsworth Street with sign area that is 67 inches x 15 inches. Vendor name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. **\$3,000** -- Contractor to plant trees along Reseda Blvd. Volunteers to get bids to identify the low bidder. Plant as many trees as the remaining budget allows. This item supplements the volunteers' work that benefits all 20,000 Northridge stakeholders.
- 19. Other ideas? Make assignments to take steps to possibly agendize other additional project ideas?

E. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

F. NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD

G. ADJOURNMENT



