

Northridge West Neighborhood Council
Public Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Beckford Avenue Elementary School – Auditorium
19130 Tulsa Street • Northridge, CA 91326

1. Call to order: 7:04pm

2. Roll call

Board members present

Dennis DeYoung
Glen Wilson
Jerry Bloom
Pam Kramer
Beverley Adler
Ken Futernick
Tom Johnson
Craig Michayluk
JoAnn Phillips
Neil Perl
Meg Augello

Board members not present

Daniyel Gordon
Rosanne Dwyer

3. Acceptance of minutes

a. Johnson motioned that the minutes be approved. Futernick seconded the motion. **Vote was unanimous to accept the February 9, 2010 minutes** as presented.

4. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Devonshire Division - Officer Kathy Bennett
Discussed Crime Stoppers: a unanimous way to report crime. Iwatch flier on terrorism discussed. April 15 is the semi-annual district meeting featuring a discussion about the marked increase in grand theft auto. Neighborhood Watch newsletter discussed.

5. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Thomas Soong
Not present.

6. CD12 Councilman Greig Smith's Representative - John Bwarie
Working on resolving funding gap/budget. Northridge Centennial discussed; web site for this project is launching next week.

7. Guest Speakers

a. Wendy Gruel , Los Angeles City Controller

- Discussed the N.C. audit.
- Responsibilities of the Controller reviewed: i.e. paying all the bills.
- \$212M budget deficit for the next 3-1/2 months.
- Next year, it will be over \$400M.
- Controller is supposed to project revenue for next year which she projects to be approximately \$141M less than this year, including a 2.7% decrease in property tax revenue (residential and commercial)

- 5% of the budget should be in a reserve fund.
- Los Angeles has a 28 year old financial management system which is being upgraded. Los Angeles, historically, has always had enough revenue that we didn't have to worry about the month to month cash flow. Now we do. So when bills are paid makes a huge difference now. We can save millions not paying bills too early. She is looking at all this.
- Audit on activities of D.O.N.E. discussed. Oversight of D.O.N.E.; 5.6M discrepancy on rollover funds; petty cash; and P-cards discussed. Her audit said that D.O.N.E was ill-equipped to take on the financial aspects of Neighborhood Councils.
- Gruel is partnering with NCs to improve the system.
- Questions from the Board and Stakeholders taken. Los Angeles and bankruptcy; the pension problem; and audit of elected officials were some of the subjects addressed.

b Barbara Blakely, Kindergarten Teacher at Calahan Ave. Elementary School

- Thank you from the teachers present for funding many of Calahan's important projects.
- Perl and Kramer toured the school and were very impressed with everything they saw.

8. Treasurer's Report – Neil Perl

Review of expenditures for the month including rental, marketing and outreach. Perl moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Futernick seconded the motion. Motion unanimous.

9. Committee Reports

- a. Beautification Committee – Beverley Adler. None.
- b. Budget / Finance - Neil Perl. None.
- c. Bylaws – Glen Wilson. None.
- d. Education – Ken Futernick. Attended Engineer's Council Awards with 700 attendees.
- e. Elections – Neil Perl
 - i. Northridge West Neighborhood Council Elections were held on March 2, 2010 and the Unofficial winners are:

At-Large Representative (#2):	Pamela R. Bolin
Homeowner Representative (#2):	Juativa Spurlock
Community & Faith Based Organization Representative:	Glen Wilson
General Business Representative (#1):	Tom Johnson
 - ii. The following seats had no candidates:
 - General Business Representative (#2)
 - Education Representative
 - Renter Representative
 - Northridge Fashion Center Representative
 - iii. The election results are scheduled to be certified on March 11, 2010. Individuals can ask for a recount or challenge the results of the election by March 18, 2010. If there are no requests for recounts or challenges the new board will be seated at the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday April 13, 2010 at which time new officers will be elected.

- iv. Because nobody ran for the Renters, Education, Northridge Fashion Center and Business-2 positions, Vacancies exist on the board effective when the new board is seated (probably at the April 13, 2010 meeting). With the expected resignation of Neil Perl in the near future, the Homeowner (1) position will also be vacant. If you wish to fill any of these vacancies please send your official request to the NWNC Secretary at secretary@northridgewest.org with a copy to the President at president@northridgewest.org.
- f. Grievance. None
- g. Planning / Land Use / Zoning – Tom Johnson. None.
- h. Community Outreach - Jerry Bloom. None.
- i. *ad hoc* CSUN/NWNC Outreach Committee – Jerry Bloom. None.
- j. *ad hoc* Neighborhood Enhancement Committee – JoAnn Phillips. Nobel area discussed.

10. Public Comments-Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s jurisdiction.

Glenn Bailey

- Valley Water Expo, April 22, discussed. Will feature information on conserving water in homes and yards at the Balboa Sports Center, 6-9pm.
- Glitches in the election volunteer process with the NWNC elections discussed.

11. Discussion and possible action items.

- a. Discussion of treasurer’s position. Neil Perl will be around for a few more weeks.
- b. Discussion of NC Funding for remainder of FY 2009-2010
 - i. NE/W Vision expenditure of \$25,000 for Mulholland Institute Contract.
- c. Discussion of new cell tower at Devonshire and Tampa. Michayluk looking into both Verizon and TMobile proposals for the same area.
- d. Discussion of the Los Angeles City Budget crisis. NWNC starting with \$75,000 in rollover funds. Balance of unobligated funds through this year: \$3,800 with the possible addition of \$7,500 which would give us a total of \$11,300 at most. Discussion of deallocated funds.
 - i. Absorption of DONE by Community Development Department (CDD), and its effect on the future of Neighborhood Councils
 - ii. Will NC's be in existence after LA City FY 2009/2010? One proposal is for \$22,500 with no rollover expenditures.
 - iii. Amount of funding for FY 2010/2011.
 - iv. How do we plan to spend our remaining funds this Fiscal Year?
 - v. Discussion of the Hawaiian Festival and Senior Dinner Dance
 - 1) Fireworks Northridge Fair in June 2010 (\$2,000)
 - 2) Senior Dinner Dance (\$1,000)
 - vi. Assuming \$45,000 allocation without rollovers for FY 2010/11, how do we want to spend our allocation. Discussion re: the percentage of funds to be allocated to education, operating expenses, etc. That will be a job for the new board next month.

- e. Request for Funds – Sponsorship of North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Services Business Council 2010 Senior Dinner Dance on

Sunday, June 4th, 6:00pm at the Northridge Park Recreation Center. \$750.00 – proceeds to go toward food, decorations and entertainment. Bloom moved to spend \$750.00 on the Senior Dinner Dance; Michayluk seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passes to spend \$750.00 on the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Dinner Dance.

- f. Recommendation of the nomination of Mary Ann Conron (PALS volunteer) to be the NWNC Senior of The Year whose formal recognition will be at the Senior Dinner Dance. Adler moved to nominate Mary Ann Conron to the NWNC Senior of the Year; Michayluk seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. Motion passes to nominate Mary Ann Conron as NWNC Senior of the Year.

12. Report on Meetings

- a. NE/W Vision Committee – Dennis DeYoung
Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM at the NWNC Offices
- b. LA DWP MOU – Glen Wilson
- c. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) – Glen Wilson
Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM at the Sherman Oaks Hospital
- d. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – Glen Wilson
Meets the first Saturday of month at 10:00AM with location TBD
- e. Valley Vote – Glen Wilson
Meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30PM at Galpin Ford
- f. NC Bylaws Taskforce – Glen Wilson
- g. BudgetLA – Glen Wilson

13. 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 President (president@northridgewest.org) no later than 1 April 2010.
- b. The following officers and committee chairs will be elected at the April 13, 2010 meeting if there are no requests for recount or challenges to the March 2, 2010 election. (Note: the current office holders name is in parenthesis if they are continuing on the board.
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice-President for Communications and Outreach (J. Bloom)
 - iii. Vice-President for Administration (G. Wilson)
 - iv. Treasurer (G. Wilson)
 - v. Secretary
 - vi. Committee Chairs
 - 1) Beautification
 - 2) Budget & Finance (Treasurer)
 - 3) Bylaws (G. Wilson)
 - 4) Community Outreach (VP,)
 - 5) Education (K. Futernick)
 - 6) Elections (J. Phillips)
 - 7) Emergency Response (T. Johnson)
 - 8) Government Affairs
 - 9) Grievance
 - 10) Planning / Land Use / Zoning (T. Johnson)
 - 11) *Ad hoc* Neighborhood Enhancement (J. Phillips)
 - 12) *Ad hoc* CSUN/NWNC Outreach Committee (J. Bloom)

13) *Ad hoc* NPG Evaluation Committee (Treasurer)

vii. Representatives and Alternates to:

- 1) Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) (G. Wilson-Rep, J. Bloom-Alt)
- 2) Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)
- 3) Valley Vote
- 4) NE/W Vision Committee
- 5) LA DWP MOU Committee (G. Wilson-Rep, M. Augello-Alt)
- 6) LA DOT MOU Committee
- 7) PlancheckNC
- 8) Website Administrator (T. Johnson)
- 9) North Valley Emergency Preparedness Team

- c. The next North Valley Disaster Preparedness Faire will take place at the Granada Hills Street Faire on October 2, 2010. The NVDP team will begin holding meetings to plan the event for next year. Volunteers for the committee will be needed. Next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 pm on Wednesday March 17, 2010 at Councilman Smith's office at Wilbur and Nordhoff.

14. Adjournment. 9:08pm.

Perl motioned to adjourn. Johnson seconded. Unanimous.