

Northridge West Neighborhood Council
Public Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Beckford Avenue Elementary School – Auditorium
19130 Tulsa Street • Northridge, CA 91326

1. Call to order: 7:05pm

2. Roll call

Board members present

Dennis DeYoung
Glen Wilson
Jerry Bloom
Pam Kramer
Ken Futernick
Tom Johnson
JoAnn Phillips
Neil Perl

Board members not present

Daniyel Gordon
Rosanne Dwyer
Beverley Adler
Meg Augello
Craig Michayluk

3. Acceptance of minutes

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

4. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Devonshire Division - Officer Kathy Bennett discussed recent crime in the area. April 15 is the semi-annual district meeting featuring a discussion about the marked increase in grand theft auto.

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

6. CD12 Councilman Greig Smith's Representative - John Bwarie discussed the looming budget deficit, the possible DWP rate increase, and possible service reductions for LA citizens. Northridge Centennial discussed. Sign up for Greig Smith's newsletter email via CD12.org.

7. Guest Speakers – City Attorney, Bill Larsen, addressed medical marijuana dispensaries. There are about 800 to 900 of these dispensaries in LA and the attorney's office is shutting down about 2 illegal dispensaries per month. Illegal pornographic filming is taking place; it is illegal if you do not get a notice in the mail regarding filming in your neighborhood. If you receive notice, it is normally legitimate filming. There have been many car break-ins near Outback restaurant on Devonshire near Reseda Bl. Gangs have been hitting the Northridge mall. LA City attorney has sued Extended Stay hotel on Tampa due to prostitution. There is legislation pending regarding group homes. Homes are allowed if licensed and if not renting to 6 or more people who are not related in same house.

8. Treasurer's Report – Neil Perl

Perl discussed \$7500 of rollover funds our NC loses due to not being committed.

Our NC also lost rollover funds for outreach, maintenance of Reseda Bl west side, and Boy Scout tree planting.

Futernick moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Committee Reports

- a. Beautification Committee – Beverley Adler - None.
- b. Budget / Finance – Neil Perl – None.
- c. Bylaws – Glen Wilson. None.
- d. Education – Ken Futernick. Hopes to organize a science fair by the end of 2010.
- e. Elections – Neil Perl – No challenges were submitted for the March 2 elections. Therefore the election was certified. Following are the official results, and the four new board members will be sworn in tonight:
 - 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. 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. Defer to discuss later in meeting.
- h. Community Outreach - Jerry Bloom. None.
- i. *ad hoc* CSUN/NWNC Outreach Committee – Jerry Bloom. None.
- j. *ad hoc* Neighborhood Enhancement Committee – JoAnn Phillips. North Valley newspaper, April edition, included an article about NEC's Nobel area clean up. Phillips verified through Sandy Clydesdale that West Valley Alliance and Clean & Green do not have a schedule of weed and trash clean up even though the same problems recur, and instead, residents must submit complaints in order to get work done. W.Valley Alliance's phone number is: 818-885-8885; Clean & Green's phone number is: 213-210-7575. Add these numbers into your cell phones and call to get Northridge area weed-infested parkways cleaned up.

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

- There will be a Family Fun Day at Beckford Sat. April 24 10-4 and we are welcome to set up a NWNC table.

11. Discussion and possible action items.

- a. Swearing in of Newly Elected Board Minutes
 - i. Pamela R. Bolin, At-Large Representative (#2) (2014)
 - ii. Tom Johnson, General Business Representative (#1) (2014)
 - iii. Juativa Spurlock, Homeowner Representative (#2) (2014)
 - iv. Glen Wilson, Community & Faith Based Organization Representative (2014)
- b. Election of Officers
 - i. President – Perl nominated Johnson, Bolin seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - ii. Vice-President for Communications and Outreach – Perl nominated Spurlock, Bolin seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - iii. Vice-President for Administration – Perl nominated Wilson, Spurlock seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - iv. Treasurer – Pamela Bolin and Glen Wilson had submitted their names as interested but Wilson pulled his name from consideration. Perl nominated Bolin, Spurlock seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - v. Secretary – Perl nominated Phillips, Johnson seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
- c. Election of Committee Chairs – No committees are defined in Northridge West
 - i. Beautification- Phillips motioned that this committee be merged with the NEC, Spurlock seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - ii. Budget & Finance – Perl motioned that the chair of this committee should be designated as the Treasurer, not a name. Johnson seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - iii. Bylaws – Perl motioned that the chair of this committee should be designated as the VP Admin, not a name. Johnson seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - iv. Community Outreach – VP Outreach Perl motioned that the chair of this committee should be designated as the VP Communications and Outreach, not a name. Johnson seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - v. Education – Perl nominated Futernick; Johnson seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - vi. Elections – Perl recommended this position be left without a chair since nobody volunteered to chair it and there will not be activity until it gets closer to next election cycle.
 - vii. Emergency Response – Perl motioned that Johnson be chair; Wilson seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - viii. Government Affairs – Perl motioned that the chair of this committee should be designated as the President, not a name. Johnson seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - ix. Grievance- Perl motioned that this position be left empty because nobody volunteered and there is currently no activity required.
 - x. Planning / Land Use / Zoning – Perl motioned that the John chair this committee. Wilson seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

- xi. Website Administrator – Johnson and Bolin volunteered. Perl motioned that both fill as co-chairs. Spurlock seconded. Vote: unanimous.
 - xii. Ad hoc Neighborhood Enhancement (NEC) – Perl motioned that Phillips chair this committee that is now combined with Beautification but remains as ad hoc. Johnson seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - xiii. Ad hoc CSUN/NWNC Outreach Committee – Perl moved that we dissolve this committee because CSUN does not help NWNC with outreach. Spurlock seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
 - xiv. Ad hoc NPG Evaluation Committee – Treasurer
- d. Election of Representatives and Alternates to Valley and City Wide Organizations. Items with * (ii. – x.) - Perl motioned that Wilson be the rep for all except iv Wilson is rep but Harris is alternate and viii Wilson is Rep with Johnson as alternate; Spurlock seconded. Vote Unanimous.
- i. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANCC) – Perl nominated Wilson with Johnson as the alternate rep. Spurlock seconded. Vote: Unanimous. Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM at the Sherman Oaks Hospital
 - ii. *Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – Glen Wilson. Meets the first Saturday of each month at 10:00AM with location TBD
 - iii. *Valley Vote – Glen Wilson - Meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30PM at Galpin Ford
 - iv. *NE/W Vision Committee – Glen Wilson
Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM at the NWNC Offices
 - v. *LA DWP MOU Committee – Glen Wilson
Meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:45AM with location TBD
 - vi. *LA DOT MOU Committee – Suspended until LA City Budget Crisis is Resolved
 - vii. *PlancheckNC – Planning / Land Use / Zoning Chair
Meets the second Saturday of the month at Historic Downtown Outreach Center, 114 W 5th Street Los Angeles, CA 90013
 - viii. North Valley Emergency Preparedness Team – Glen Wilson
Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 3:30PM at the CD12 Offices at Nordhoff and Wilbur
 - ix. *BudgetLA – Glen Wilson
 - x. *Meets anytime on any Saturday went needed except the 1st Saturday of month
- e. Perl motioned to support the Northridge Community/Hawaiian Festival at Northridge Park on June 4 to 6, 2010 by partially funding the Saturday Night Fireworks Display (NENC voted to expend \$5,000 for fireworks) in the amount. Johnson seconded. Phillips recommended we not fund this because it benefits very few of NW constituents and we have more pressing needs with the weed-infested parkways. Vote: 1 Yes, 6 No and 1 abstain
- f. Perl motioned to support the Valley Water Expo to be held on Thursday April 22, 2010 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Table Presentations begin at 6PM and Speaker Presentations will be from 7-9PM. The Valley Water Expo

website is <http://valleywaterexpo.blogspot.com/>. Glenn Bailey of the Encino NC made a presentation. Johnson seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Whereas there is a severe water shortage in Southern California, even though we had significant rain fall and Snow Pack in the Sierras this year

And whereas the presentations being made at the event will be helpful to our stakeholders

And whereas there is no expense associated with our co-sponsorship

Be it hereby resolved that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council agrees to be a co-sponsor of the Valley Water Expo to be held at Balboa Sports Center on Thursday April 22, 2010 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

g. Johnson discussed new cell tower being proposed for Devonshire and Tampa.

h. Perl discussed the Los Angeles City Budget crisis

Merging of DONE with Community Development Department (CDD) or other Department and its effect on the future of Neighborhood Councils

i. Perl discussed the budget for FY 2010 – 2011

Assuming the LA City Council will approve \$45,000 as the funding level for next FY without rollovers the board must approve a budget for next fiscal year probably at the May meeting.

1) Operating Expenses (Budget Items 1xx)

a) Meeting Hall (in FY2009/10 the costs at Beckford ES has been \$105/mo (6:30-10:00pm). Request must be submitted 3 times a year by 5/15 (Jul-Oct), 9/15 (Nov-Dec) and 1/15 (Mar-Jun).

b) Rental of Storage/Office Space at 9401 Reseda Blvd., Suite 200, Northridge, CA 91324 (\$175/mo includes telephone and internet) currently shared with Northridge East NC

c) General Office Supplies, Postage and Copying for Fiscal Year (~\$100 / qtr)

d) Specific Items such as Name Tags, Business Cards, Sign for Office, Food for Meetings

2) Outreach Expenses (Budget Items 2xx)

a) Website Maintenance with Rincon Strategies \$50/mo.

b) Social Networking Support with Rincon Strategies \$300/mo.

c) Ad in North Valley Community News \$225/mo

3) Outreach Events

a) Regional Congress

b) CPR or CERT Training

c) Shredding Day (May)

d) North Valley Disaster Preparedness Event (Oct)

e) CD12's "Movies under the Stars" (Summer)

f) Halloween Costume Recycle Event (November)

g) VANC Mixer (Dec)

h) Cinema Heritage Event (Summer)

- i) SSBC Health Fair (Fall)
- j) SSBC Senior Dinner/Dance (May/June)
- k) Fireworks at Northridge Park (May/June)
- l) Senior Symposium (Fall)

4) Community Improvement Projects (Budget Items 3xx)

- a) Education
- b) Beckford Avenue ES
- c) Calahan Avenue ES
- d) Topeka Drive ES
- e) Nobel MS
- f) Beautification
- g) Police & Fire Departments
- h) Other Neighborhood Projects
- i) Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs) (Budget Items 4xx)
- j) NWNC has considered NPGs as a type of funding of Community Improvement Projects not a separate Budget Item

- j. Motion by Neil Perl for \$750 of funding to support the North Valley Disaster Preparedness Faire that is scheduled to be part of the Granada Hills Street Faire on October 2, 2010. Johnson seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Whereas, the North Valley Preparedness Team is planning to hold the North Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair in conjunction with the Granada Hills Street Faire on October 2, 2010 and as a precursor of the ShakeOut Drill scheduled for October 21, 2010. It is noted that the location and date of the fair may change due to LA City Budget Crisis.

And whereas, the preliminary plans call for an area near the center of the faire for Neighborhood Councils to provide public safety information and gifts as an outreach event

And whereas, the Disaster Preparedness fairs held in November 2008 and October 2009 were successful providing outreach for the participating Neighborhood Councils and good information and gifts for the stakeholders

Be it hereby resolved that, the Northridge West Neighborhood Council will participate in the North Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair and that expenditures of up to \$750.00 are approved for support of the event, a joint venture with other Neighborhood Councils and that these are FY2010/11 funds

Be it further resolved that, DONE is hereby authorized to adjust the amount the Northridge West Neighborhood Council expends on the event, up to the limit approved above, if as anticipated, DONE has a program in place, for Joint Ventures by Neighborhood Councils, which will provide for the adjustment of the expenditures of each Neighborhood Council so that the total cost of the event will be equitably spread over all participating Neighborhood Councils

- k. Motion by Tom Johnson to approve the CUP request from Clearwire to install cell phone antennas on the roof of the Northridge Christian Church. Perl seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Whereas Clear Wireless LLC (Clearwire) has requested a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to install, operate and maintain an unattended wireless telecommunications facility to be located on the grounds of the

Northridge Christian Church located at 18901 Chatsworth St., Porter Ranch California 91326. {Case #s: ENV-2010-563-EAF and ZA-2010-562-CUW}

And whereas this cell phone tower antennae will include six panel antennas, 1 GPS antenna, three parabolic antennas, and six DAP heads on the roof and a supporting equipment cabinet on the ground.

And whereas the antennae and cupola will be 26 feet high and the cupola will screen and camouflage the site of the antennae pursuant to their request for a CUP.

And whereas Clearwire has indicated that the antennas will not significantly alter the architectural appearance or result in any material change to the church or the surrounding community.

Be it hereby resolved that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council approves the installation of this cell tower and its supporting equipment.

- I. Motion by Tom Johnson to recommend that the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering reject the application to erect a 45 foot cell phone installation in the middle of Tampa Ave. north of Devonshire. Phillips seconded. Vote: Unanimous. *Whereas the Northridge West Neighborhood Council has reviewed and discussed the CUP request from T-Mobile to install a 45 foot monopole cell phone tower next to an existing smaller tower on the Tampa Ave. median strip just north of Devonshire. And whereas, T-Mobile has also requested to install the service cabinet at 10338 N. Key West Ave And whereas, copies of the CUP and photos of the proposed installation were distributed to the NWNC Board at the March meeting And whereas, on March 23, 2010 the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering made a determination that the application from T-Mobile met the requirements of the Los Angeles Municipal Code Sec. 62.03.2 and will continue with the permit process And whereas the AGF Ordinance does not provide for the ability of any Neighborhood Council to file an appeal Be it hereby resolved that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council rejects the plan for the installation of this cell tower and its supporting equipment.*

- m. Perl discussed requests for volunteers to fill vacancies on the board. The following positions are currently vacant 1) Renters Representative, Education Representative, Northridge Fashion Center Representative and General Business Representative (#2). All of these seats will be up for election in 2012 because of the requirements of the current NWNC Bylaws. With the expected resignation of Neil Perl in the early May, the Homeowner Representative (#1) (2012) 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.

To be appointed you must be able to prove that you are qualified for that seat on the board. The documents that are acceptable as proof of eligibility for a specific seat on the board are listed on pages 8-18 of the [Candidate Filling Form \[http://www.northridgewest.org/wp-content/uploads/ANWNC_CANDIDATE-FILING-PACKET_FINAL.pdf\]](http://www.northridgewest.org/wp-content/uploads/ANWNC_CANDIDATE-FILING-PACKET_FINAL.pdf)

- 12. Report on Meetings – It was recommended that the Rep summarize these meetings each month and provide such summary to webmaster for**

posting on NWNC website. Wilson provided a handout summary but this should be added to our website.

- a. NE/W Vision Committee – Neil Perl
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- c. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) – Glen Wilson
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- e. Valley Vote – Glen Wilson
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Next meeting is Monday April 19, 2010 – Ron Kaye will be guest speaker
- f. NC Bylaws Taskforce – Glen Wilson
Task force made presentation to LANCC on April 3, 2010 and will make presentation to BONC with recommendations for NC Bylaws
- g. BudgetLA – Glen Wilson
Meets on Saturdays except the 1st Saturday of Month with Time/Location TBD
- h. North Valley Disaster Preparedness Team planning for October Event – Neil Perl
Meets at 3:30 PM on Wednesday April 21, 2010 at CD12 Office at Nordhoff and Wilbur
- i. Northridge South Neighborhood Council (NSNC) Forming Committee - Glen Wilson.
Meets at 7:00 PM Thursday April 22, 2010 at Northridge Middle School – Library 17960 Chase St. Northridge, CA 91325
- j. PlanCheckNC – NONE
Meets the second Saturday of the month at Historic Downtown Outreach Center, 114 W. 5th Street Los Angeles, CA 90013

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 May 2010.

14. Adjournment – Perl motioned for adjournment at 9:39 pm; Phillips seconded. Vote: Unanimous.