

Northridge West Neighborhood Council
Public Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Beckford Avenue Elementary School – Auditorium
19130 Tulsa Street • Northridge, CA 91326

1. Call to order: 7:05 PM

2. Roll call

Board members present

Pamela Bolin
Glen Wilson
Ken Futernick
Tom Johnson
JoAnn Phillips
Juativa Spurlock

Board members not present

Meg Augello
Jerry Bloom

Tom Johnson announced there is not a quorum of 7 members present and therefore we will not consider any motions tonight.

3. Acceptance of minutes

Postponed due to lack of a quorum

4. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Devonshire Division - Kathy Bennett not present

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

6. CD12 Councilman Greig Smith's Representative - John Bwarie

Discussed the dire fiscal situation and listed many services that will be severely cut. No concrete sidewalk repairs, no tree trimming except emergencies, 800 dead trees in LA so the 6 dead pines in Northridge may take a long time despite beetle infestations that may kill other trees, much fewer pothole fills. Oakie Estate project will be discussed at Balboa fire house May 27 at 3 pm. Sidewalk repairs will likely shift from LA City to the property owners; details being worked out. See CD12 website and sign up for emails to get more details.

7. Guest Speakers

a. Bill Larsen from City Attorneys' office

- Discussed marijuana clinics, many of which are on Reseda Blvd. Cease and desist orders issued to many of them.
- Discussed methamphetamine house on 10600 block of Beckford Ave. and burglaries that are happening as a result.
- Public safety will go down because only the very worst cases will be prosecuted due to budget cuts.
- Do not put items in your mail boxes because thieves may take them and change payee on checks.

- Building and Safety dept cut all inspectors that dealt with empty properties so there will be more bums breaking into houses.

8. Treasurer's Report – Pamela Bolin postponed this until next meeting due to lack of quorem.

9. Committee Reports

- Budget / Finance – Treasurer - No report.
- By Laws – VP Admin - No report.
- Community Outreach – Juativa Spurlock – Beckford carnival, Topeka Mother/Son Olympics and Nobel Open House.
- Education – Ken Futernick. Provided update on possible science fair.
- Elections – No report
- Emergency Response – Tom Johnson – No report.
- Government Affairs – No report.
- Grievance. No report.
- Planning / Land Use / Zoning – Tom Johnson provided update on cell phone towers.
- ad hoc Neighborhood Enhancement Committee – JoAnn Phillips. Nobel clean up day discussed; need to determine a date.
- Website Administrators Tom Johnson and Pamela Bolin – Website Administrator contract is expiring so we are exploring other options.

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

- Bill Larsen addressed the Extended Stay America hotel on Tampa where prostitution is a continuing problem, and the city is suing the hotel.
- Kelly Lord from Northridge East Neighborhood Council addressed issues such as CRA was demolishing houses and now they are refurbishing them, fireworks, etc.
- Charles Myers asked why trash cans on west side of Reseda Blvd. are not being dumped and why the medians are looking disgraceful. Steve Harris explained that Northridge East NC was not paying their share of the bills to West Valley Alliance and hence WVA stopped work. Steve said people can see the NE/W Vision website for planned updates for Reseda Blvd. improvements.

11. Discussion and possible action items.

- Discussion of open seats on NWNC postponed due to lack of quorum.
- Council members and the public were advised that the next Regular Meeting of NWNC will be held June 15 instead of June 8 due to the elections.
- Budget discussion postponed due to lack of quorum.
- Motion to purchase refrigerator magnets postponed due to lack of quorum.

12. Report on Meetings – Reports were provided by the following persons

- NE/W Vision Committee – Steve Harris.

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. BudgetLA – Glen Wilson
- g. North Valley Disaster Preparedness Team – Tom Johnson and Glen Wilson
- h. Northridge South NC – Glen Wilson
- i. PlanCheckNC – Tom Johnson

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 Secretary no later than 8 June 2010.

14. Adjournment. 8:57 pm.