

Northridge West Neighborhood Council

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Beckford Elementary School

19130 Tulsa Street,

Northridge, CA 91324

1. **Call to order: 7:21pm**
2. **Pack 911 local Cub Scout performed a flag ceremony and pledge of allegiance**
3. **Roll call**

Board members present

Glen Wilson

Pam Bolin

Ken Futernick

Tom Johnson

JoAnn Phillips

Juativa Spurlock

Craig Michayluk

Gerry Malais - Appointed later in meeting, see below

Board members not present

Jerry Bloom

Note: Items not addressed in the order shown below. Some items moved up for logistical reasons to accommodate members of the public.

4. **Acceptance of minutes from special meeting held May 25, 2010**
 - a. Futernick motioned that the minutes be approved. Michayluk seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.
5. **Sr. Lead Officer Kathy Bennett – Not present**
6. **Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment Thomas Soong – Not present**
7. **CD12 Councilman Greig Smith's Rep John Bwarie – Not present**
8. **Guest Speakers – Bill Larsen, Deputy City Attorney advised us about breakin across the street from the mall, people tied up and robbed. Group homes and porn homes continue to be a problem in Northridge. Call Film LA if you did not receive a notice of filming to report illegal filming. Larsen working to amend boarding house ordinance so it will limit how many can live in a house.**
9. **Treasurer's Report – Bolin stated nothing to report.**
10. **Committee Reports – Outreach and Neighborhood Enhancement committees reported good turn out at Western Bagel and we hope to do this about once a month.**
11. **Public Comments-Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction.**
 - a. Teri Grossman requested NWNC expand funding for improving the appearance of blighted Northridge parkways. She said these areas look terrible.
 - b. Debbie Penman requested that the NWNC do something about Tampa parkways that are overgrown with weeds. She complained

the parkways look terrible and she wants NWNC to spend funds to make the parkways look better.

c. Robert Graf requested NWNC do something about blight along Tampa; the area looks terrible due to overgrown weeds and resulting accumulated trash. Please spend funds to correct the blight.

d. Chris Williams requests NWNC expend more budget on the blighted parkways in Northridge; those areas look terrible. We cannot keep good people in Northridge and entice good people to come here. Blighted parkways affect our property values and our quality of life.

e. Donna Schott requested NWNC spend resources to fix blighted Tampa; Northridge parkways look terrible.

f. Sam DeFrisco addressed Oakridge Estate Park; next meeting is 6/24, 3 pm Fire Station 87, Balboa near Devonshire. Please attend and express your opinion about what should be done with this city-owned property.

g. Mary Coyle-Engstrom addressed the Northridge Park Theatre Workshop program. She hopes NWNC will provide funding for lighting and sound system. Johnson advised her to prepare and submit a funding request; form is on website.

12. Discussion and possible action items.

a. Meg Augello resigned. Gerry Malais had submitted request via email to be considered for At-Large Rep seat which will be up for election 2012.

Johnson motioned for appointment of Malais. Futernick seconded. Vote: Unanimous. Malais took oath and was seated.

b. Motion by Wilson to spend \$500 to pay Kiwanis Club because Kiwanis paid for this years' Hawaiian Festival security normally paid for by Los Angeles.

Johnson postponed this item advising Wilson to bring more information to the July meeting.

c. Motion by Wilson: DWP MOU Rep to send a letter to DWP General Manager Austin Beutner and to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners President Lee Kanon Alpert objecting to the creation of a Renewable Portfolio Standard / Energy Efficiency Trust Fund without public notice, in violation of the terms of the Neighborhood Council -

DWP Memorandum of Understanding and demanding that neighborhood councils and the public receive at least 90 days' notice of any proposal to further increase the rate for the RPS/EE Trust Fund. **Phillips seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous**

d. Motion by Wilson: Revise Bylaws to change Education Rep to Homeowner Rep. At the May 25 meeting, we decided to change the following 4 seats to At Large: General Business (1), Education Rep (1), Renter Rep (1), Northridge Fashion Center Rep (1). Glen's motion modifies that decision. If Glen Wilson's motion passes, the resulting membership would be as follows:

- 1 General Business (Johnson 2014),
- 1 Community/Faith (Wilson 2014),
- 3 Homeowners (Spurlock 2014, Michayluk 2012 + 1 new open seat expires 2012,)
- 1 Open-At-Large (Phillips 2012),
- 2 Seniors (Futernick 2012 and Bloom 2012),
- 5 At Large (Bolin 2014 + 4 open seats assuming Meg's resignation. Appointed seats 2012) **Johnson postponed this motion to July so we can decide if we wish to have 2 General Business seats or just 1.**

- e. Motion by JoAnn Phillips regarding the possibility of changes to LA ordinance to shift responsibility for sidewalk repairs and liability onto homeowners. Whereas property owners did not choose and plant the trees causing sidewalks to buckle, and Whereas sidewalks are not private property, and Whereas property owners cannot control use of the sidewalks. Therefore, NWNC hereby requests LA City Council to not shift responsibility for repairs and liability to property owners. **Glenn Bailey asked if he may speak on this issue and he was told yes. Mr. Bailey said many other NCs are also approving resolution to object to sidewalk responsibility shift; however, they are also submitting a Community Impact Surveys (CIS) which helps the cause significantly, so he suggests we also do a CIS. Phillips moved to modify this action to include the above resolution and also to submit a CIS. Futernick seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous**
- f. Bolin/Johnson: Contract for webmaster, Rincon, expires in June; we need to decide on contracting with a different firm. We reviewed written proposal and heard a verbal proposal via conference phone call from Aaron DeVandry who would charge \$200 per month flat fee. Aaron manages many other NC websites and many parts of the website should be consistent. **Bolin motioned to contract with DeVandry. Phillips seconded. Vote Unanimous.**
- g. NWNC FY 10/11 Budget. \$45,000 / \$45k+\$14k rollover=\$59k with Rollover. **Chris Williams asked if she may speak on this issue of budget. Pam Bolin said no, only the board can comment. Johnson called for vote and discussion on the following items. Resulting votes shown below. Phillips explained her No vote for many items is due to the pressing issue of blighted parkways throughout Northridge adversely affects the quality of life for all 20,000 constituents throughout Northridge on a daily basis whereas the other budget items are not as pressing and only benefit a fraction of the NWNC constituents. These are budget allocations, not votes for actual expenditures. Proposals to expend such funds may or may not be presented during the fiscal year for vote.**

	<i>Yearly Allocation</i>		\$45,000	\$45,000
	<i>Rollover</i>	<i>FY 09-10</i>	\$14,000	\$0
<i>Codes</i>	<i>Cate gory</i>	<i>VOTES</i>	\$59,000	\$45,000
	100 Operations			
FAC	Facility - \$175 per month	8 Yes, 0 No	\$2,100	\$2,100
UTI	Phone Systems/included in rent	8 Yes, 0 No	\$0	\$0
MEE	Beckford Elementary Meeting Place - \$108.50 per month	8 Yes, 0 No	\$1,302	\$1,302
COP	Copying Expense - \$75 (\$50) per quarter - Treasurer Report, Agenda etc.	8 Yes, 0 No	\$300	\$200
OFF	Office Supplies - \$300 (\$200) per quarter	8 Yes, 0 No	\$1,200	\$800
OFF	General Operations	8 Yes, 0 No	\$448	\$448
TAC	Accountant Review	8 Yes, 0 No	\$500	\$500
TAD	Staffing-Administrative - Apple One - Agendas & Minutes	8 Yes, 0 No	\$1,200	\$1,200
	Sub Total	11.95%	14.56%	\$7,050
	200 Outreach			

ADV	Advertising - Monthly Ad NVCN - \$225 per month	8 Yes, 0 No	\$2,700	\$2,700	
WEB	Website Maintenance & Enhancements - \$200 per month plus Enhancements	8 Yes, 0 No	\$3,400	\$3,400	
ADV	General Neighborhood Outreach - Magnets, Pens etc. - \$425 (\$250) per quarter	8 Yes, 0 No	\$1,700	\$1,000	
BAN	Banners	8 Yes, 0 No	\$300	\$0	
ELE	Elections	8 Yes, 0 No	\$0	\$0	
MEE	Meeting Refreshments - \$100 (\$75) per meeting	8 Yes, 0 No	\$1,200	\$900	
PRI - COP	Printing & Copying Expense - \$125 (\$50) per Quarter	8 Yes, 0 No	\$500	\$200	
EVE	Outreach Events - \$1850 (\$1,500) per Quarter -	5 Yes, 3 No	\$7,400	\$6,000	
-----	Examples: Paper Shredding, Breakfasts, Movie Night, Cinema		-----	-----	
--	Heritage Night etc.		-	-----	
EVE	Senior Dance Northridge Park Festival - 2011	6 yes, 2 no	\$750	\$750	
EVE	Fireworks for Northridge Park Festival - 2011	5 Yes, 3 No	\$2,000	\$0	
Sub Total		33.81%	33.22%	\$19,950	\$14,950
300 Community Improvement					
EMR	Emergency Preparedness - \$2,000 (\$1,500) per quarter-CPR- Giveaways	6 Yes, 2 No	8,000	6,000	
LAP - LAF	Local Police Department - Fire Station	*4 Yes, 4 No	2,000	1,500	
*After all budget items completed Gerry Malais left the meeting to go home=, and Johnson called for another vote on the Police/Fire fund while Malais not in attendance. Result = 4 Yes, 3 No . Malais had previously voted No but was not available for the re-vote.					
BEA	Beautifulation Projects-Parkway Clean-Up-Tree Planting etc.	6 Yes, 2 No	10,000	8,000	
Sub Total		33.90%	34.44%	\$20,000	\$15,500
400 Neighborhood Purpose Grants					
LAU	Neighborhood Purpose Grant-LAUSD Topeka, Calahan, Beckford Elementary School	6 Yes, 2 No	9,000	6,000	
LAU	Neighborhood Purpose Grant-LAUSD Nobel Middle School	6 Yes, 2 No	3,000	2,000	
Sub Total		20.34%	17.78%	\$12,000	\$8,000
Grand Total		100.00%	100.00%	\$59,000	\$45,000

Michayluk motioned to approve a budget of either \$59,000 or \$45,000 depending on what LA City provides. Johnson Seconded. Vote: Unanimous

- h. Spurlock – Change funding for refrigerator magnets from \$150 for 500 to \$275 for 1,000 magnets. **Michayluk seconded. Vote: Unanimous**
- i. Requests for volunteers to fill vacancies on the board
 - i. The following positions are currently vacant: 1) Renters Representative, 2) Education Representative, 3) Northridge Fashion Center Representative, 4) General Business Representative (#2) and 5) Homeowner Representative (#1) All of these seats will be up for election in 2012. We are processing a request to convert some of these to At Large, but in the mean time if there are volunteers, we hope you will fulfill any of these vacancies. To do

so, send your request to the NWNC Secretary at secretary@northridgewest.org and copy to the President at president@northridgewest.org. **Johnson asked Dr. Phillips if she will volunteer since she was the only person remaining in the audience, but she replied no thank you.**

- ii. 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 Filing 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]

13. Report on Meetings – Each month the Rep summarizes the meeting they attend and provides it to Johnson and Bolin for posting on the NWNC website. Wilson provides a handout summary but this should be emailed for edit and addition to our website.

- a. NE/W Vision Committee –
Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM at the NWNC Offices
- b. LA DWP MOU – Glen Wilson
Meets the first Saturday of month at 8:45AM with location TBD
- 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
Meets on Saturdays except the 1st Saturday of Month with Time/Location TBD
- h. North Valley Disaster Preparedness Team
- i. PlanCheckNC
Meets the second Saturday of the month at Historic Downtown Outreach Center, 114 W. 5th Street Los Angeles, CA 90013

14. 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 (secretary@northridgewest.org) no later than 1 July 2010.

15. Adjournment. Johnson motioned to adjourn at 9:25, Phillips seconded. Vote: unanimous