

Minutes of the
NORTHRIDGE WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (NWNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 10, 2010
at Beckford Elementary School, 19130 Tulsa St., Northridge

1. Call to Order

President Tom Johnson called the Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Cub Scout Pack 911 flag ceremony

The Cub Scout Pack was unable to attend. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Secretary JoAnn Phillips. Board Members present: Tom Johnson, Glen Wilson, Juativa Spurlock, Pamela Bolin, JoAnn Phillips, Jerry Bloom and Craig Michayluk. Board Members absent: Gerry Malais.

Seven of the nine Board Members were present and four Board seats were vacant at this time. A quorum is seven, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Ken Futernick arrived later. Also attending: 39 Stakeholders and guests.

4. Acceptance of Minutes

The following corrections to the July 13, 2010 General Meeting Minutes were requested:

Page one, Item #3): Mr. Malais did not attend the Meeting. Mr. Michayluk was not late.

Page four, Item #12) h): "8:00-11:00 a.m." should be "7:00-11:00 a.m."

Page seven, Item #12) p): "Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils" should be "Valley Vote."

MOTION (by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Michayluk): to approve the Minutes of the NWNC July 13, 2010 General Board Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

5. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Devonshire Division - Officer Kathy Bennett

Officer Bennett was unable to attend and there was no report.

6. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Thomas Soong

Mr. Soong was unable to attend and there was no report.

7. CD12 Councilman Greig Smith's Representative – Seme Park

Seme Park, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-756-8501; Seme.Park@LACity.org), thanked Mr. Johnson and his daughter for National Night Out help. There'll be a Rules and Elections Committee Meeting August 18th 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the PAL Center. Wilbur Ave. striping will be re-done; the present markings are a temporary outline. Applications are available for low-income DWP customers. Contact the DWP about watering violators. Mr. Johnson noted that a DWP representative is scheduled to speak at the next [September 14th] General Meeting.

8. Guest Speakers

- a. Mark Reed (R) candidate for U.S. Congress; Brad Sherman also invited.
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #1.] Mr. Reed introduced himself and described his views.
- b. Debra Scott from Street Services Investigation and Enforcement
Ms. Scott was unable to attend.
- c. Sandy Winger, Chair, Oakridge Estate Park Advisory Board: project update.
Mr. Winger distributed an "Oakie House Information" flyer and described the property, which was owned by actor Jack Oakie. Councilman Smith worked hard for the City to buy the property. The intent is to use the home for the community. The Board Meets on third Thursdays and there'll be bus tours August 14th and in September.

Mr. Futernick arrived at this time.

Mr. Winger continued that they're "looking at other areas of ingress and egress to the property." Eventually, "all funding will be private"; they're seeking \$3-4 million.

9. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Bolin distributed and reviewed a "[NWNC] Treasurer's Report – 1st Quarter – FY 2010-2011."

10. Committee Reports

- a. Budget / Finance – Bolin
See Item #9.
- b. Bylaws – Glen Wilson
Mr. Wilson reported that a revised Bylaws was sent to DONE.
- c. Education – Ken Futernick
Mr. Futernick described efforts to establish a science program at a local school.
- d. Elections – No report
- e. Grievance – No grievances to report
- f. Planning / Land Use / Zoning – Johnson
Mr. Johnson said that there was no report.
- g. Community Outreach - Spurlock
Ms. Spurlock said that there was no report.
- h. ad hoc Neighborhood Enhancement Committee/Beautification – Phillips
Ms. Phillips described last Saturday's successful clean-up on Tampa Ave. Mr. Johnson reported that "the irrigation system [on Reseda Blvd. south of Lassen St. by Tampa will be] working by this Saturday." The next clean-up will be this Saturday at 7:00 a.m. at the southwest corner of Tampa and Mayall St. He noted that Chris Williams' organization "has flourished into a community involvement." There was discussion regarding possible other clean-up work every Saturday from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

11. Public Comments

Stakeholder Charles Myers would like Board Members to be reimbursed for NC travel expenses. Stakeholders complimented the [www.NorthridgeWest.org] website and the Board's work.

12. Discussion and possible action items

a. Chris Williams requested to be considered for the open General Business Rep. seat up for reelection 2012. Her notary license is within the NWNC area. Ms. Williams is waiting for paperwork. Mr. Johnson suggested and it was agreed to POSTPONE this Item. Stakeholder Bruce Russell introduced himself; he's also interested in being a Board Member in the Business category, and is a long-time resident and works in the area.

b. Johnson to present a commendation to Chris Williams for her service to the Northridge area. NWNC thanks Chris Williams for exceptional volunteerism. She expends much of her own time and resources clearing weeds and trash along Tampa, Devonshire, Chatsworth, Corbin, Merridy, etc. Chris sets a great example for all of Northridge residents. She also organizes teams of volunteers. Mr. Johnson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Williams.

c. Need a volunteer to be NWNC Secretary to prepare agendas, Bylaws revisions, resolutions, community impact studies, letters, etc. Currently a Minutes Writer is writing the NWNC Minutes. Stakeholder Robert Torosian introduced himself; he lives in the area and is interested. Mr. Johnson explained that pending Bylaws changes would increase Board Membership opportunities.

d. NWNC must decide how to budget an increase of ~\$8,950 extra rollover funds from 2009/2010 FY. This is \$10K minus \$1,050 for past Webmaster. Suggestions are: \$800 for a 6-hour weekend NWNC retreat; add \$800 to Minutes Taker fund (\$25/month more than \$100 which is in the budget) plus two possible special meetings; and the remaining approximately \$7,350 for open discussion on NWNC funding use. Also: modify Outreach and Emergency Preparedness budgets to reflect annual budgets, not quarterly budgets, so we have more flexibility. Delete \$2,450 from #400 NPG budget and increase #200 Outreach budget due to Northridge Theatre Workshop funding approved at July 13, 2010 Meeting. Mr. Johnson read the above Item. Ms. Phillips proposed allocating \$7,350 for parkways cleanup. Mr. Wilson and Ms. Phillips described the retreat. Ms. Bolin would like the Board to allocate \$2,500 each to four area schools; Mr. Johnson clarified that "the LAUSD would have no control over these funds." Mr. Michayluk added that the NWNC allocates funds "to buy books for the schools."

e. Johnson - Motion [see below].
Mr. Johnson said that the NC "wants to be able to give clean-up volunteers a shirt."

MOTION (by Ms. Spurlock, seconded by Ms. Bolin): the NWNC allocates approximately \$500 to purchase Northridge West NC T-Shirts for NWNC Outreach.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

- f. Bolin - Boy Scouts Troop 911 funding request and presentation by Joel Lipin. Mr. Lipin distributed a desired equipment and price list, and described the Troop, which is 25 years old and has more than 100 Scouts who are “very active in the community.” Some Scout families live in the NWNC area. He described Scout projects such as “cleaning up schools [and] planting trees.” He’s requesting funding for basic camping gear. The Northridge East NC wants to help. There was discussion regarding coordinating funding with the NENC.

MOTION (by Ms. Spurlock, seconded by Mr. Michayluk): the NWNC allocates \$1,484.87 for Boy Scouts supplies.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with six in favor; Ms. Bolin and Ms. Phillips opposed.

- g. Wilson – Create Neighborhood Council Ambassadors with Northridge East NC and Northridge South NC for all of Northridge. Mr. Johnson suggested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.
- h. Request by Phillips for someone to volunteer to pick up 400 trash bags from Gerry Valido at LA’s Office of Beautification in downtown Los Angeles. Mr. Johnson said that this was already done.
- i. Chris Williams and Tom Johnson provide status of permissions and permits for installing faux grass on a parkway at Tampa east side at Superior. Gerry Malais is to provide status of obtaining a quote for the installation work. If contractor labor is too expensive, this labor might need to be done by NWNC volunteers due to inadequate NWNC budget allocated for this extremely important project. The project would be on the southeast corner of Tampa and Superior St.
- j. Johnson – Status of weekly clean-up days every Saturday 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. See Item #10) h).
- k. Johnson – [See below Motion.]

MOTION (by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Michayluk): the NWNC allocates funds not to exceed \$1,000 to adopt a median (Adopt-A-Median) along Reseda Blvd. just south of Lassen St. to include paying for irrigation system water and repair.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Park and Stakeholders voiced their views.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

- l. Phillips - Status of By Laws revisions so we can get more members. Mr. Johnson said that this was already done.
- m. Status of Motion presented by Spurlock last month to write letters to bench companies. Ms. Spurlock said that she’s still researching this.
- n. Johnson – Amend last month’s resolution to beautify Tampa Ave. to reflect the changing of hours and committee to as deemed necessary by the event planners. Mr. Johnson said that the clean-up hours are 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

- o. Bolin - Status of sending an opinion to City Councilman Krekorian regarding July 13, 2010 NWNC meeting Motion by Wilson re: Funding Program by Adrienne O'Niell. Copies of Ms. O'Niell's "NC Funding Program" were distributed and Ms. Bolin said that she's still researching this. DONE is taking months to pay Demand Warrants.
- p. Requests for volunteers to fill Board vacancies.
 - i. The following Representative positions are currently vacant: 1) Renters, 2) Education and 3) Northridge Fashion Center. All of these seats will be up for election in 2012. The NWNC is working to convert some of these to At Large and Homeowner Reps.; meanwhile, volunteers can consider filling these vacancies. Send your request to the NWNC Secretary at Secretary@NorthridgeWest.org and copy to the President at President@NorthridgeWest.org.
Mr. Johnson indicated that this Item was addressed in Item 12) a).
 - 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 proofs of eligibility for a specific seat on the Board are listed at http://www.NorthridgeWest.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/NWNC-Final__Approved_Bylaws_3-6-08.pdf and in the NWNC Bylaws on the NWNC website.
Mr. Johnson indicated that this Item was addressed in Item 12) a).
- q. Motion by Wilson: Need Alternate Representative volunteers for 1) LANCC, 2) LA DWP MOU and DWP Committee and 3) Plancheck NC.
Mr. Johnson indicated that there were no volunteers at this time.
- r. Update on street resurfacing on Wilbur Ave. between Lassen and Nordhoff Sts.: 1) Outlines (temporary) were painted on one lane south and one lane north with painted bike path lanes and parking on both sides of the street; 2) new type of crosswalks at Wilbur Ave. and Superior St., and Wilbur Ave. and Prairie St. and 3) now have space in center to make left turns for side streets.
Mr. Johnson indicated that this was already covered.
- s. Johnson – Update on the 3rd Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair October 2, 2010 at Fire Station 87.
Mr. Johnson said he'll have more information at the next General Meeting.
- t. Johnson – Establish a date within three weeks to hold an Executive Committee meeting for charting a direction and schedule for NWNC Committees.
Mr. Johnson described that the intension is "to chart goals."
- u. Johnson – All Board Members need to complete ethics training ASAP.
Mr. Johnson noted that Mr. Malais needs to complete the training.
- v. Johnson – For September monthly meeting agenda Ana Haase Reed will be scheduled to present information on the proposed CA High Speed Train project.
Mr. Johnson suggested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.
- w. Motion by Glen Wilson and Chair of NWNC Bylaws Committee: need volunteers for NWNC Bylaws Committee for August and September 2010 (the DONE cut-off date for NC Bylaws changes is September 30th) and in the future.
Mr. Johnson suggested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

13. Report on Meetings

A report is available from Mr. Wilson regarding the below Meetings.

- a. NE/W Vision Committee – Steve Harris/Glen Wilson
Meets third Wednesdays each month at 2:00 p.m. maybe at the NWNC Office.
Stakeholder Steve Harris explained the Committee’s mission; they’ll next meet August 17th. See www.NorthridgeVision.org.
- b. LA DWP MOU or DWP Committee – Glen Wilson
Meets first Saturdays each month at 8:45 a.m. with location to be determined.
- c. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) – Glen Wilson
Meets second Thursdays each month at 6:30 p.m. at Sherman Oaks Hospital. There will be no VANC September meeting.
- d. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – Glen Wilson
Meets first Saturdays each month at 10:00 a.m. with location to be determined.
- e. Valley Vote – Jerry (Glen Wilson was not at July meeting)
Meets third Mondays each month at 6:30 p.m. at Galpin Ford, except in August.
- f. BONC meetings - Glen Wilson
Regarding Neighborhood Councils and future DONE NC Bylaws changes.
Mr. Wilson reported that the next Meeting will be September 14th.
- g. Oakridge Estate Park Advisory Board - Steve Harris
Meets fourth Thursdays each month 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Fire Station 87 at 10124 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills in the Community Room.
- h. North Valley Disaster Preparedness Team – Tom Johnson
Meets third Wednesdays each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Northridge CD 12 Office.
- i. PlanCheckNC
Meets second Saturdays each month at the Historic Downtown Outreach Center, 114 W. 5th St., Los Angeles, CA 90013, except in August.

14. Board Member Comments

There was discussion regarding increasing the effectiveness of clean-up efforts.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Johnson declared and it was agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:12 p.m.

16. Take new photo of NWNC members for website

No photo was taken.