

Minutes for the June 10, 2014 Board Meeting of the Northridge West Neighborhood Council

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM in the auditorium of Calahan Elementary School located at 18722 Knapp St. in Northridge, CA 91324.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led.

Roll Call

NWNC Board members present: Tom Johnson (president), Pamela Bolin (VP of Outreach), John Mah (secretary), Glen Wilson (treasurer), Pamela Gentry, Steven Koch, Daniel Luna, David Uranga, and Matthew Vallecilla.

NWNC Board members not present: Peter Lasky (VP of administration) and Freddie Rymond.

With 9 members present, there was a quorum

Reports by Public Officials

Jessie Levine, field deputy to 12th District Councilman Mitch Englander, gave an update of activities in the councilman's office. There is money for tree trimming and funds for the Devonshire police league as well as the library and for graffiti removal. Reseda Boulevard was selected as a Los Angeles City "Great Street." The Senior Dance was a "great success."

Max Reyes, the West Valley area representative for the Mayor's Office, introduced himself and invited members of the audience to contact him.

Board member Matthew Vallecilla in his capacity as representative for Congressman Brad Sherman, spoke about developments in the congressman's district such as the 405 carpool lane opening on May 23rd. He invited members of the audience to contact the congressman's office regarding "federal matters." There are staff members who handle matters for constituents.

Presentation by Matt Crawford, Director of Budget from the Mayor's Office

Mr. Crawford spoke for approximately 20 minutes. This was his first appearance at a neighborhood council meeting.

Last week Mayor Garcetti signed his first city budget of his administration. The office worked on it for 9 months. The Mayor appeared at 5 town hall meetings to speak about the budget.

The \$8 billion budget was based on 4 core principles: 1) a prosperous city, 2) safety, 3) livability, and 4) public safety.

The Mayor negotiated a reduction in the business tax which will reduce business tax revenue by \$45 million but will spur business growth.

Mr. Crawford spoke about the use of metrics to measure performance and the use of city resources by the different departments.

At the end of his presentation, Mr. Crawford answered questions from the audience.

General Public Comments

Glenn Bailey, a member of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council, distributed a flyer for an appearance by Kevin James, president of the L.A. Board of Public Works, at the NENC monthly meeting on June 18, 2014. Mr. James will speak about the function of the Board of Public Works.

Stakeholder Brian Reff spoke about the recent Chatsworth bike tour. He said it was a successful outreach event and the NWNC should have had a booth at it. Mr. Reff further remarked that the new NWNC brochure did not mention Operation Clean Sweep which is one of NWNC's significant programs. He recommended that any future brochure be submitted to the board for approval before it is printed.

Motion to Approve the Minutes for the May 13, 2014 Meeting

There was disagreement over the accuracy of several statements in the May 13, 2014 Minutes.

Motion and Vote: A motion to have Glen Wilson listen to the audio recording of the May 13, 2014 minutes to resolve the accuracy of the statements was **passed** with 7 yeses and 2 abstentions.

Motions to Approve Committee Chairs

Motion and Vote: A motion to approve Matthew Vallecilla as chair of the Ad Hoc Standing Rules Committee **passed** by unanimous vote.

Motion and Vote: A motion to approve Pamela Gentry as chair of the Business Committee **passed** by unanimous vote.

Motion and Vote: A motion to approve Pamela Gentry as chair of the Government Affairs Committee **passed** by unanimous vote.

Motion and Vote: A motion to approve David Uranga as chair of the Education Committee **passed** by unanimous vote.

President's Comments

Mr. Johnson made several announcements:

- A) Executive Committee meetings would be held on the fourth Thursday of each month.
- B) Committee chairs should hold meetings of their committees each month.
- C) A "Night at the Movies" events sponsored by the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council brought out 600 people.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Glen Wilson briefly discussed the 3 treasurer's reports he distributed to the board.

Motion and Vote: A motion to approve the May, 2014 monthly expenditure report **passed** by unanimous vote.

Motion to Approve the NWNC 2014-2015 Budget and Strategic Plan for Submission to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Treasurer Glen Wilson withdrew this motion.

Motion to Reduce the Number of Physical Posting of NWNC Meeting Notices to a Single Location at the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce instead of Six Locations, as Allowed by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Motion and Vote: **passed** by unanimous vote.

Motion to Fund up to \$500 for the Planning and Land Use Management Committee

Motion and Vote: After some discussion regarding how the funds would be spent, the motion **failed** by a vote of 3 yeses, 2 noes, and 4 abstentions.

Motion to Fund up to \$750 for the Elections Committee

Councilmember David Uranga explained how the \$750 for the Elections Committee would be spent. It would be for a candidate's forum this fall and to hire a college professor to review the results of the local November 2014 election.

Motion and Vote: An amended motion to fund up to \$750 for the Election Committee subject to review and approval of costs by the board was **passed** by unanimous vote.

Motion to Approve a 4 Hour NWNC Board Retreat with DONE Treating during the Second or Third Week of July

Motion and Vote: **passed** by unanimous vote.

Motion to Fund Up to \$1,000 for the 2014 Disaster Preparedness Fair

Motion and Vote: **passed** by unanimous

Committee Reports

The chairs of the Outreach, PLUM, Education, Public Safety, and Ah Hoc Standing Rules committees gave updates.

The Outreach Committee is awaiting funding for reusable grocery bags with the NWNC logo. Polo shirts and T-shirts bearing the NWNC logo are pending.

The Planning and Land Use Management Committee announced that the developer of the project on Nordhoff St. near Shirley Ave. may appear at a monthly meeting.

The Public Safety Committee is supporting the Basic CAR program at Calahan School.

The Ad Hoc Standing Rules Committee is working with the Bylaws Committee to establish a new absence policy for councilmembers.

Adjournment at 8:46 PM

John Mah, Secretary

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