

APPROVED
Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)
General Public Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2015 – 6.30PM
Calahan Elementary School Auditorium
18722 Knapp Street, Northridge 91324

1. Call to Order
 - President Tom Johnson called the meeting to order at 6.42PM.
2. Roll Call
 - A roll call was performed; seven members of the board, along with over fifteen stakeholders were in attendance; a quorum was declared.

Here (7)	Tom Johnson, Peter Lasky, John Mah, Debbie Penman, Colleen Pick, David Uranga, and Glen Wilson
Absent (3)	Pamela Gentry, Steven Koch, and Freddie Rymond

3. Flag Ceremony
 - President Tom Johnson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Reports/Presentations by Public Officials
 - a. LAPD SLO John Parker
 - Officer Park was unable to attend tonight’s meeting.
 - b. CD12 Jonathan Coto
 - There was a Trick or Treat event along Reseda Boulevard on Halloween, Saturday, October 31, including a cappella group from CSUN. They had a great turnout, and hope to host another event in December.
 - Mid-October, Councilman Englander co-sponsored a bill regarding drones (and other unmanned aircraft). This bill prohibits night flights, usage within five miles of airports, and operators must maintain a visual line of site at all times.
 - Councilman England joined LAPD and Clear Channel to educate drivers and reduce hit-and-run accidents; Clear Channel will donate billboard space regarding this issue.
 - Debbie Penman expressed concern about the overgrowth of trees along Tampa Avenue.
 - Saturday, November 21, Councilman Englander presents “Back to the Future” at Shadow Ranch Park, 22633 Van Owen Street, West Hills. Gates open at 4:30PM, food and fun begins at 4:45, gates close at 5:45PM, and the movie starts at 6PM. You will listen to the movie via your car radio. RSVP to 818-882-1212 or email jonathan.coto@lacity.org.
 - Saturday, November 14, beginning at 7:30AM, there will be a big cleanup along Chatsworth Street and Melvin Avenue.
 - Peter Lasky mentioned that he reached out to the Bureau of Street Services/Public Works regarding the repair of a wall
 - SLO John Parker is coordinating an event on Thursday, November 19, beginning at 6:30PM at the Christian Fellowship Center, 20745 Nordhoff Street, Chatsworth.
5. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
 - Stakeholder Doug asked if NWNC took a position against a development near Brown’s Canyon at the north end of DeSoto Avenue, north of the 118, near Porter Ranch. The developer plans to

construct 188 luxury homes. This would involve moving 7-million cubic yards of dirt and removing 400 trees. This development will require water, and increase pollution, traffic, and damage to roads. Councilman Englander supports this development of \$1m to \$2m homes. The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council and the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley are opposed. This development will be within 6" of the stream, leaving insufficient space for wild animals that use this as a corridor.

- Max Reyes, Assistant Director of Government Relations, and Larry Isrow, Manager of Parking and Transportation for CSUN requested support for increased bus service from the campus's metro center and other areas of Northridge (including the Fashion Center Mall). A new stop will be by the Chase Bank at the southwest corner of Nordhoff Street and Reseda Boulevard. At this time, it is difficult for people to go off-campus. The current DASH service runs every 15-minutes around Nordhoff Street, Sherman Way, Reseda Boulevard and Corbin/Wilbur. The fare is \$.50; seniors pay \$.25.
- CSUN representatives will have a meeting with the Department of Transportation (DOT); after the DOT approves this expenditure, CSUN will request approval from Councilman Englander's office.
- Glenn Bailey from the Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC) added that this was timely, as metro is doing ridership surveys; NENC recently placed this on their agenda.
- Tom Johnson requested a show of hands supporting this transit service; the board unanimously supported this.

- Glenn Bailey distributed a business-card-sized access link to a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/servicereportcard2015>, valid through Monday, December 7. Responses may help get more of city hall's focus.
- Thursday, November 12 is the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) educational workshops at CBS Studios, Studio City. This will include a meeting with City Council President Herb Wesson. A light supper will be served.
- Glenn encourages everyone to watch their emails for discussion regarding the Sustainability Committee. This group will represent Northridge in the Sustainability Alliance, which looks out for economic, social, and environmental health throughout the community.

6. Special Guest Speaker, Los Angeles Community College District Board (LACCCDB) Trustee Andra Hoffman

- Ms. Hoffman has worked for community colleges for twenty-years, she currently works at Glendale College. She won her current position by a very small margin (½%) and is chairwoman of the Legislative Affairs Committee.
- The LACCCDB meets twice a month, starting with a closed session, followed by a public session, then a closed session; any member of the public can place an item on the agenda for these meetings. Their next meeting will be November 18.
- The current budget is the best budget that the colleges have received in several years; they recently hired 160 faculty members, and are looking to hire 240 more in 2015/16.
- While CSUN's enrollment increased, many students dropped out of community colleges to work minimum wage jobs. Remediation math is a key reason for failure.
- President Obama spearheaded an initiative to make community college free to students; 60% of students in Los Angeles go for free via a waiver. President of the LACCCDB, Scott Svonkin, was recently chosen by President Obama to sit on a board to review community colleges.
- Among key legislation affecting community colleges:

- AB288 expands dual enrollment, allowing high school students to get an AA degree at the same time. This offers numerous benefits to families, as it reduces high school drop-out rates, increases the number of students who acquire a degree, shortens the time to completion of educational goals, and the college is free while a student is in high school.
- Governor Brown wanted to filter all adult education into the community college system; however, that backfired.
- Fifteen community colleges in California were chosen to participate in a bachelor program; West Los Angeles College now offers a bachelor degree program in dental hygiene. These programs can only be offered in areas where a nearby university does not offer the same program.
- Proposition 30, “Temporary Taxes to Fund Education”, which increased the sales tax by ¼% for four years, is due to expire at the end of 2016. This also increased personal income tax for those making more than \$250k/year; this is due to expire at the end of 2018.
- Another concern of the LACCDB is textbook affordability. Many students do not purchase their textbooks and drop out. Many students do not learn via online books. A stakeholder added that some college bookstores charged a 40% mark-up on textbooks.
- Glenn Bailey asked about the farm center at Pierce College. Andra Hoffman mentioned that this was not Pierce’s farm. There will be no development on that land at the corner of Victory Boulevard and Desoto Avenue, and it will continue to be used for agricultural programs.
- Tom Johnson asked what can NWNC do support students; Andra replied that students need mentors and advisors.

7. Discussion and Motion to Approve October 2015 Minutes

- Tom Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes for October 2015; John Mah seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

8. Treasurers Report by Glen Wilson

Date	Item	Category	Vendor	Amount
October 5	Candy	Outreach	Smart & Final	\$ 52.29
October 7	Blade and Engine Oil	CIP	Marcos Hardware	23.87
October 15	Mailing MER Reports	Operations	USPS	5.75
October 15	Sandwich Tray	Outreach	Subway	60.00
October 15	Sodas and Ice	Outreach	Vons	24.58
October 21	Domain Renewal	Outreach	Netfronts Inc.	12.99
October 21	Office/Storage	Operations	Decision Publications	150.00
October 21	Advertising	Outreach	Decision Publications	315.00
October 22	Website Maintenance	Outreach	Aaron Devandry	125.00
October 23	Chips and Cupcakes	CIP	Smart & Final	17.26
October 26	Burritos	Outreach	Baja Fresh Mexican Grill	32.69
October 28	Reseda Boulevard Maintenance	CIP	American Heritage Landscape	200.00
			TOTAL	<u>\$1,019.43</u>

9. Discussion and Motion to Approve October 2015, Monthly Expense Report

- Tom Johnson made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s MER for October 2015; David Uranga seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and Motion of Updated NWNC 2015/2016 Budget to Reflect Reallocation of Funds Between Categories

- The original approved 2015/16 budget had \$5k for Elections (category 500). It was suggested to move \$3k to elections to make it \$8k. David Uranga mentioned that this is better than nothing, but it will be insufficient.
- Tom Johnson made a motion to move \$5k from Outreach (category 200, which already has a budget of \$17k) to Elections (category 500); David Uranga seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

11. President Tom Johnson's Comments

- a) Veterans Day November 11th - Appreciation to the Brave Individuals in Uniform who Fight and Fought for our Security and Freedoms
 - Tom Johnson and everyone on NWNC thank our veterans who have placed their lives on the line, as well as the families who supported them. Tom hopes everyone takes time on Wednesday to notice a 10x5' sign on Tampa Avenue and thank our veterans.
- b) Appoint Glen Wilson Co-chairman Chair of CSUN JOINT Ad Hoc Parking Committee
 - A stakeholder said this agenda item should reflect "Co-Chairman" of the CSUN ad hoc parking committee, and the agenda and motion should reference the "Joint" ad hoc parking committee.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to appoint Glen Wilson co-chairman of the CSUN Joint Ad Hoc Parking Committee; it is unknown who seconded this motion yet it passed unanimously.
- c) Appoint Brian Reff to CSUN Ad Hoc Parking Committee
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to appoint Brian Reff to the CSUN Joint Ad Hoc Parking Committee; Debbie Penman seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

12. Motion to Approve Cathy Schoonmaker, Urban-Wildlife Conservation Specialist from the National Park Service and Restoration Trust Speaking About How to Deal with Urban Wildlife (Coyotes, etc.)

- A stakeholder criticized the grammar of this sentence; he felt that it was not a good idea for the December meeting. In addition, NWNC does not usually require a motion for a guest speaker.
- Peter Lasky felt that this topic could attract visitors to this next meeting.
- Following a brief discussion, this item was stricken from the agenda.

13. Motion to Approve a Funding Line of \$1,500 for the Purchase of a Prize Wheel, NWNC Bags, Flags, Pens, Flash Lights to be Used at NWNC Outreach Events to Draw People to our Booth

- During the disaster preparedness fair, NWNC had an excellent location.
- This prize wheel will have giveaways, such as pens, flashlights, flags, bags, etc.
- Tom Johnson made a motion to spend \$1,500 (from Outreach Funds) to purchase these giveaways; David Uranga seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

14. Discussion and Motion to Approve CIS (Community Impact Statement, file #CF 15-0524). The CIS approves NC's Being Allowed to Rollover Funds for the Following Year

- There was talk of making this retroactive back to the previous fiscal year, whereby neighborhood councils could keep money from the 2014/15 fiscal year.
- A stakeholder asked if there was a limit; Councilman Wesson proposed a maximum of \$10k, but nothing was specifically set. The donation portion is no longer an issue.
- Tom Johnson made a motion to support and approve Councilman Wesson's council file/impact statement, yet NWNC will prepare its own template; Peter Lasky seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.
- Tom Johnson used the example of years ago when the NWNC had a balance of over \$100k. With other neighboring councils, they used these funds for big projects, such as Northridge Clean-up

and Tampa Medians.

15. Discussion and Motion to Approve the Election Stipulation Worksheet for DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)
 - David Uranga mentioned that this requires a great deal of organizing, including setting up tables at the mall, Vons, or at the Topeka Elementary School.
 - John Mah and Glen Wilson mentioned that NWNC missed the deadline. However, Glenn Bailey added that DONE has done nothing, so it may not be too late.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to approve the Election Stipulation Worksheet for DONE; David Uranga seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.
16. Discussion and Motion to Approve the NWNC 2015 Self-Assessment for DONE.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to approve the NWNC 2015 Self-Assessment for DONE (including goals, etc.); Glen Wilson seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.
17. Discussion and Motion to Approve Funding Line up to \$3,000 for NWNC Postcard Mailer Informing NWNC Stakeholders of December 8th NWNC Holiday Mixer and 2016 NWNC elections
 - Colleen Picked asked how many households would this be mailed to; the reply was 7,000.
 - The original estimate was \$2,700; hence “up to \$3k” will be sufficient.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this expenditure; David Uranga seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.
18. Discussion and Motion to Approve an Additional \$9,800 to the Funding Line for the Election Committee for the 2016 NC Election
 - As Elections already received \$5k via agenda item #10, this was amended to \$5k.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this expenditure; David Uranga seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.
19. Discussion and Motion to Approve a Funding Line of Up to \$125 per month for a Storage Facility to Store NWNC Files, Tools, Equipment, Promotional Items, etc.
 - Currently, NWNC documentation and equipment are at various residences and offices; this will consolidate everything into one location.
 - There are a few self-storage locations with a 5x10’ facility which may cost \$98/month; if 6-months are paid in advance, NWNC will get a free month. Debbie Penman expressed concern if the 5x10’ facility would be sufficient.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this expenditure; Debbie Penman seconded this motion and it passed.

Yes (6)	Tom Johnson, John Mah, Debbie Penman, Colleen Pick, David Uranga, and Glen Wilson
No (1)	Peter Lasky
Absent (3)	Pamela Gentry, Steven Koch, and Freddie Rymond

20. Discussion and Motion to Approve a Funding Line of \$500 for the Tampa Median Ad-Hoc Committee for Printing, Display Materials, Conversion of Photos to an Approved Format to be Submitted to City Agencies.
 - Peter Lasky and Nicole Bernson (Deputy Chief of Staff for Councilman Englander) are looking for a free service that could convert these files and materials to develop community support.
 - Principal Michelle Wells mentioned that she could handle that project in just a few moments; Peter Lasky and Principal Wells will be in contact.

- Any incurred expense will come from Operations.
- Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this expenditure; Colleen Pick seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

21. Comments by Committee Chairs

- Website: Colleen Pick and Wendy have been working on a survey. Tom Johnson and Peter Lasky learned how to add things to the website; in the future, we will not need to go to Wendy to add things. This was greeted with applause.
- Beautification: Debbie Penman reported that they cleaned up the area at Devonshire Boulevard and Tampa Avenue. If anyone sees anything in the street, please call 311 for cleanup.
- Elections: David Uranga mentioned that the first step was done tonight with approval of postcards, etc. Glenn Bailey added that since NWNC is doing online voting, the registration might start any day now.

22. Comments by Northridge Vision Rep, Glen Wilson

- Symphony Development is the owner and developer of the US Post Office property at 9534 Reseda Boulevard. This building may be replaced with a mixed-use facility with retail, restaurants, parking, and 100+ residential units.
- The post office has five-years remaining on their lease and has no plans to relocate before the lease expiration. They may remain in that new development as a tenant. However, the new building may not have sufficient space for sorting and trucks.
- Tom Johnson has already reached out to Congressman Brad Sherman to discuss the relocation of the post office.

23. Comments by Budget Advocates

- Saturday, October 17 was regional budget day, attended by Mayor Garcetti's staff; the advocates are now working with other city departments to develop a white paper.
- If anyone has any budget requests, please let Glenn Bailey know so they can get that data together.
- The budget advocates hope to get thousands of responses to their survey, at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/servicereportcard2015>

24. Comments by Board Members

- 6:30PM, Thursday, December 3 will be the El Nino Regional Town Hall Meeting at the Granada Hills Recreation Center, 16730 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills.

25. Adjournment

- At 8:48PM, Tom Johnson made a motion to adjourn; Debbie Penman seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

THESE CORRECTED MINUTES WERE APPROVED DURING THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2015.