

APPROVED
Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)
General Public Board Meeting
Tuesday, 8 March 2016 – 7PM
Calahan Elementary School Auditorium
18722 Knapp Street, Northridge 91324

1. Call to Order

- Following the Candidate Forum, President Tom Johnson called the meeting to order at 7.04PM.

2. Roll call

- A roll call was performed; eleven members of the board, along with over twenty-three stakeholders were in attendance; a quorum was declared.

Here (11)	Bill Fox, Hayk Gasparian, Tom Johnson, Steven Koch, Peter Lasky, John Mah, Debbie Penman, Colleen Pick, Brent Robinson, Freddie Rymond, and Glen Wilson
Absent (1)	Pamela Gentry

3. Flag Ceremony

- A girl scout led us in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Reports/Presentations by Public Officials

- Senior Lead Officers (SLO) John Parker and Patty Peteque, the new SLO for base car area 67 (replacing recently promoted officer Mario) addressed the NWNC. Patty’s territory is the area between Roscoe Boulevard and Lassen Street, and White Oak to Tampa Avenues.
 - Since last year, there has been an increase in motor vehicle burglary; 22-cars have been stolen thus far this year, as opposed to merely 7 in this time in 2015. The police have received reports of such robberies in the parking lots of Northridge Fashion Center, as well as the Kohls/Targets parking lot on Corbin. When parking, please be aware of your surroundings.
 - Many of the stolen cars are taken to a chop shop on Parthenia, just east of Reseda Boulevard. There is a demand for Mercedes Benz’s mirrors, as well as catalytic converters.
 - One of the causes of this increased car theft and narcotics activity is a spike in gang activity.
 - If you notice an increase in graffiti in your neighborhood, please report it to the LAPD, as well as the West Valley Alliance at 818-832-9999.
 - The Devonshire Area Basic Car Monthly Watch Meeting will be held on March 17 (3rd Thursday) beginning at 7PM at the Garden Christian Fellowship, 20745 Nordhoff Street, Chatsworth (just east of DeSoto).
 - Officers Parker and Peteque distributed two information sheets; one with the Devonshire Area LAPD numbers, the other with resources for transitional housing resources, meals, showers, and food pantries.
 - City Attorney Mike Feuer supports the “good neighbor laws” which allows officials to give out the equivalent of traffic tickets for nuisance infractions, such as barking dogs and loud music.
 - Debbie Penman mentioned there was some police activity in her neighborhood midday Monday, March 7; officers Parker and Peteque mentioned that there was narcotics active resulting in arrests.
 - Councilman Englanders office and the LAPD is concerned about homeless encampments. Please reach out to 311 to clean up these areas and remove excessive bulky items. Tom Johnson mentioned that someone recently dumped a shed and furniture in the alley behind Plummer Street. Debbie Penman mentioned the telephone number for bulky item pick-up, as an alternative to 311, call 800-773-2489.
 - Two weeks ago, kids from the Los Alamitos community came to Northridge to clean up the area. Saturday, April 9, there will be clean up activities near Aliso Canyon.
- CD12 Jonathan Coto

- Wednesday, March 23, Councilman Englander will host a dialogue with neighborhood council leadership entitled “Conversation with the Councils”; street services will be a key topic; RSVP to Colin Crews at CD12.
- The Southern California Gas Leak at Aliso Canyon has officially been capped, completely shut, and is no longer in use; evacuated residents have until Friday, March 18 to return home.
- The LA County Health Department will continue to test the air. If you have any issues, please reach out to Councilman Englander’s office.
- May 22 is the 11th Annual Citrus Sunday; flyers will be distributed in April. Last year, over 13,000 lbs of backyard citrus fruit was collected and distributed to food pantries.
- Friday, June 3, the Kiwanis’s will sponsor a senior dance.
- Saturday/Sunday, June 4-5, will be the Hawaiian Festival at Northridge Park; CD12 is working with the Parks and Recreation Department regarding this event.
- Brent Robinson asked if there were any updates regarding additional air purifiers; contrary to what Jonathan hoped to acquire, the gas company has not replied to the new requests. Tom Johnson mentioned that the filters are back-ordered, and if anyone requested a filter prior to the sealing of the well – the gas company would honor their request. Leftover air filters will be donated to schools and charitable organizations.
- Jonathan mentioned that Erich King at CD12 is coordinating the homeless issue, particularly the campsites near Winnetka and Mason Avenues; please reach out to Erich with your concerns.

5. General Public Comments on Non-Agenda items.

- Stakeholder Theresa supports the disclosure of who is funding political ads.
- Patrea Patrick is very concerned about the Aliso Canyon disaster, including the falsification of valve documents. She is also very concerned about the crumbling of the electric grid and recommends the “Lights Out” book by Ted Koppel. Ms. Patrick is running for congress, and requests that people visit her website at <http://www.patreapattick.com>
- Mickie Loi, a volunteer with the LAPD’s Devonshire Division mentioned that Coffee with the Captain would be at 10AM Wednesday, March 16, at Starbucks at Balboa and Devonshire (just east of Ralph’s).
- Thursday, March 31, at 6.30PM, the LAPD will host their Community Goals Town Hall Meeting at the Garden Christian Fellowship, 20745 Nordhoff Street, Chatsworth. The specifics have not yet been officially publicized.

6. President Tom Johnson Comments

- March 10-12, 10AM to 6PM, the LA County Health Department will conduct a survey by going house-to-house in Porter Ranch. If you want your voice heard, please call or email them. They hope to get feedback from the community.

7. Motion to approve Presidential appointment of NWNC Board Member Brent Robinson as interim NWNC Vice President of Outreach.

- Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this agenda item, as Brent has the characteristics to take on this responsibility; Peter Lasky seconded this motion and it passed unanimously with no opposition.

8. Discussion and Motion to Approve February 2016 minutes.

- Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this agenda item; John Mah seconded this motion and it passed unanimously with no opposition.

9. Discussion and Motion to Approve February 2016, Monthly Expense Report.

Date	Item	Category	Vendor	Amount
Feb 1	Map for 2 nd Postcard Mailing	Election	C&M Printing	135.00

Feb 1	40 Copies at FedEx Office	Operations	Peter Lasky	29.58
Feb 3	Storage Rental	Operations	Golden State Storage	55.50
Feb 8	Sodas and CRV	Outreach	Smart & Final	14.00
Feb 8	March-June 2015 Meeting Location	Operations	LAUSD	393.48
Feb 10	July-October 2015 Meeting Location	Operations	LAUSD	393.48
Feb 10	Chicken/Steak Fajitas	Outreach	Baja Fresh	141.68
Feb 11	Minute Taker	Operations	Apple One	103.95
Feb 19	VANC Mixer	Operations	JCS Catering	250.00
Feb 19	Communications Services	Outreach	Moore Business Results	490.28
			TOTAL	<u>\$2,006.95</u>

- Following a brief review of these charges, Tom Johnson made a motion to approve the February MER; Brent Robinson seconded this motion and it passed unanimously with no opposition.

10. Discussion and motion to approve an \$850 Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for participation in the 9th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair.
 - This event will be Saturday, October 1, 10AM to 2PM; last year's event saw over 2,000 attendees.
 - There is a lot to learn at these fairs, including never use your pool water for drinking; there are too many chemicals. Also, after an earthquake, you are on your own; hospitals get priority over residences.
 - Friday, March 18, the Hollywood Neighborhood Council will show a movie regarding disaster preparedness; Patrea Patrick offered to show this movie to the Northridge community.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this agenda item; Steven Koch seconded this motion and it passed unanimously with no opposition.

11. Discussion and motion to approve a \$300 NPG in support of Devonshire Community Police Station's CPAB Officer Appreciation Day event held on May 25, 2016. Funds will go to SOLID.
 - Wednesday, May 25, all Devonshire-based LAPD officers will have a formal inspection; after the inspection, they will be served lunch.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this agenda item; Steven Koch seconded this motion and it passed unanimously with no opposition.

12. Discussion and motion to approve a \$500 NPG in support of the North Valley YMCA Healthy Kids Day held on April 30, 2016.
 - Debbie Penman mentioned that the YMCA is a private organization and felt that this amount is excessive (more than what the LAPD is getting).
 - Peter Lasky mentioned that this YMCA event is open to all community members; it is not restricted to YMCA members.
 - Stakeholder Brian mentioned that this is like a miniature health fair.
 - Steven Koch asked if other neighborhood councils are supporting this; Tom Johnson mentioned that Holly Rasey, YMCA Director of Development, would reach out to the other neighborhood councils for contributions.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this agenda item; Peter Lasky seconded this motion, yet it was superseded.
 - John Mah made a motion to table this agenda item pending the appearance of a representative of the North Valley YMCA; Peter Lasky seconded this motion and it passed unanimously with no opposition.

13. Discussion and approval by the Board for a resolution to allow up to five board members to write Community Impact Statements on Council Files before the L A City Council. Wording to appear as follows: *Whereas, a Community Impact Statement is an official statement adopted by a Neighborhood Council on issues pending before the City Council, its committees, or City commissions, whereas, up to five board members can be authorized through a board resolution to write and submit Community Impact Statements through the City*

Clerk's online web system at <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/cis>."

- The wording of this resolution is based on an online template.
- Steven Koch requested clarification of "up to five"; John Mah explained that the five would be the officers/executive board of the NWNC (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and outreach coordinator).
- Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this agenda item; Debbie Penman seconded this motion and it passed unanimously with no opposition.

14. Consideration of a request by Gen Korean BBQ 10151 Reseda Blvd Northridge for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption. Case #ZA-2016-0423-CUB

- Valerie Sacks from Liquor License Specialists introduced two gentlemen (the owner and manager) from the Gen Korean BBQ.
- This restaurant opened in December, and is located in the same shopping center as CVS and Suit Outlet.
- This request is for merely beer and wine (no hard liquor) in their 262-seat full-service restaurant, which is open from 10AM until 11PM. Many of their other restaurants already serve beer and wine.
- A stakeholder was concerned about the insufficient parking; Ms. Sacks replied that the synergy of the community is that people come to that area for more than one purpose. The owner mentioned that that is a concern of the landlord. The restaurant does not have the authority to restrict a portion of the parking lot to the restaurant's patrons (as CVS currently has a few spaces marked for a limited time).
- The next step is to receive a hearing date; once they have their hearing, the restaurant owners will make certain that everything is in alignment.
- Stakeholder Brian requested a show of hands as to how many board members knew what a CUP is. Five hands were shown.
- Bill Fox asked if the nearby Korean restaurant, Shik Do Rak, also serves beer and wine; the response was affirmative.
- Steven Koch mentioned that it would have been nice if the restaurant sent out a notice to residents within a 500' radius; someone replied that those notices are sent by the city, not the restaurant.
- Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this agenda item, adding that these businesses create jobs and are good for the community; John Mah seconded this motion and it passed unanimously with no opposition.

15. Committee Reports by Committee Chairs, Northridge Vision Rep and Budget Reps

- Glen Wilson mentioned that not much is happening with the Beautification Committee; the Thursday clean ups are on-hold until further notice. Tom Johnson may attempt to organize a Saturday clean up.
- Steven Koch mentioned that there was a Public Safety meeting the previous Friday, March 4; among the discussed topics were: the lack of traffic enforcement near Topeka and Noble Schools, the homeless, and a proposed group home.
- Peter Lasky mentioned that if anyone wanted to see photographs or discuss the Tampa medians, please see him and sign the support letter.
- Debbie Penman mentioned that they hope to remove dying trees along Tampa Avenue. The previously approved landscape company (American Heritage) had not yet gotten in touch with her; hence, she had another company give an updated quotation. Jonathan Coto mentioned that he submitted a request to the Urban Forestry Group.

16. Adjournment

- Tom Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 8:39PM; Brent Robinson seconded this motion and it passed unanimously with no opposition.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED DURING THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, 10 MAY 2016