

APPROVED
Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)
General Public Board Meeting
Tuesday, 9 August 2016
Calahan Elementary School Auditorium
18722 Knapp Street, Northridge 91324

While awaiting a quorum, State Senate candidate Steve Fazio addressed the NWNC.

- Mr. Fazio is a moderate republican who resides in Woodland Hills. His greatest concerns are safety, schools, and taxes. Although California has some of the highest taxes, our school quality is inadequate.
- As the owner of Fazio Cleaners, Mr. Fazio is a proven job creator.
- He is the founding president of the Sierra Canyon School Board of Trustees, and has served on the Board of Governors of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.
- As a retired reserve police officer for LAPD and former commission for the city’s fire commission, he has proven to be an advocate for public safety.
- If elected, he would succeed Fran Pavley, who has been in the senate for twelve-years, and has “termed out”. Although a great lady, Fran’s key issue is climate change. Democrats have run Sacramento (with the exception of merely a few years) since 1952.
- A stakeholder asked about Aliso Canyon, which Mr. Fazio is very upset about. Such environmental catastrophes must be investigated.
- Mr. Fazio hopes to modify the three-strikes ruling. We have too many people in jail. County jails were never meant to keep people for longer than a year; many people in county jail are in there for over five years.
- To prevent crime, Mr. Fazio would like to create more enterprises zones within cities. In addition, he would like to expand trade schools, to teach welding, mechanics, etc.
- A stakeholder expressed concern about the California State sales tax. Regretfully, there is waste in the state. However, it appears to be too big an issue to handle. As an example, there are over 50,000 children in foster care, yet foster homes are audited merely every ten years.
- Mr. Fazio will stay around in the back of the room to take individual questions.

Call to Order & Roll Call

- President Peter Lasky called the meeting to order at 6.53PM (following Steve Fazio’s presentation) and welcomed over twenty-five stakeholders, along with the seven board members. Lloyd Dent performed the roll call.

Here (7)	Lloyd Dent, Peter Lasky, Mikkie Loi, John Mah, Colleen Pick, Brent Robinson, and Glen Wilson
Absent (3)	Hrug DerManuelian, Tom Johnson, and Freddie Rymond

1. Pledge of Allegiance
 - Peter Lasky led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Reports and Presentations by Public Officials
 - Jessie Strobel, Field Deputy from Councilmember Englander’s Office addressed the NWNC.
 - Friday, August 5, Councilman Englander presented a motion asking the Department of Recreation and Parks to immediately replace the air conditioning system at the Wilkinson Multipurpose Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden Street. This center will serve as a cooling center for the Northwest San Fernando Valley (which currently does not have one). This cooling center will be vital for our residents who do not have air conditioning at their homes.

- Tuesday, August 2, the National Night Out at the Northridge Park was very successful. There was lots of food, the LAPD was there, they showed the latest Star Wars movie (The Force Awakens), and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.
 - We now have energy reliability issues. Mayor Garcetti's new campaign is "Save Energy LA"; he is asking everyone to reduce energy usage by 5% in August through October. One way to save energy is to not use large appliances in the middle of the day.
3. General Public Comments on Non Agenda Items
 - Former NWNC board member David mentioned that he had to drop off the board due to the demands of his teaching job. However, he remains an advocate for the disabled. Saturday, August 20, 5PM to 8PM the Adult Skills Center will host A Night to Remember Talent Show at Temple Judea, 5429 Lindley Avenue, Tarzana. General seating will be \$15, with VIP Front Row Seating for \$30. David will also mention this to the Northridge East and Northridge South Neighborhood Councils.
 - Chris Sales, former president of the Northridge South Neighborhood Council talked about Northridge Sparkle. They are working with CD12 and the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission (at 8756 Canby Avenue) to have the men from the mission clean Reseda Boulevard. Each of the area neighborhood councils is asked to support Northridge Sparkle's efforts on this project. They are also seeking a grant under Mayor Garcetti's Great Streets Initiative.
 - Michelle Wells, principal here at Calahan School, wondered if the NWNC could sponsor a neighborhood CPR class sometime this year. Perhaps this could be tied in with October's emergency preparedness month? She is willing to offer the school as a training center, free of charge. Mr. Fazio offered to liaise with the LAFD, which offers Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.
 4. Special Guest Speaker, Steve Fazio, Republican Candidate for the 27th Senate District.
 - Mr. Fazio addressed the NWNC earlier in the meeting.
 5. Motion to confirm the Presidential Appointment of Bill Fox to the At-Large 3 Seat by vote of the board.
 - Peter Lasky thanked Bill for "taking one for the team" and made a motion for Bill Fox to occupy the At Large 3 seat on the NWNC Board; John Mah seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 6. Motion to confirm the Presidential Appointment of Michelle Wells to the Open-At-Large Seat by vote of the board.
 - Michelle holds a master's degree from CSUN, as well as three bachelor's degrees (from the University of the Pacific) in History, Political Science, and Russian History.
 - This is Michelle's second full year as principal here at the Calahan School; she has over 25 years experience in the education system as a teacher and mentor.
 - Although Michelle does not reside in Northridge, she is here most of the time, six days a week.
 - Peter Lasky made a motion for Michelle Wells to occupy the At Large Open seat on the NWNC Board; Lloyd Dent seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 7. Administration of Oath of Office to new board members by Jessie Strobel
 - Jessie Strobel administered the oath of office to Bill Fox and Michelle Wells.

8. President Peter Lasky Comments:

- Peter apologized for a mistake in the previous month's consent calendar. Going forward, only board members can withdraw an item from the consent calendar.
- Due to a resignation, the NWNC currently has one available position on the board. This position will be a presidential appointment, and expires in 2018. This is an At Large seat; candidates must be over 16, and reside in Northridge. If interested, please reach out to Peter.
- We also have multiple opportunities on committees; if interested, please contact a board member.

9. Discussion by the board of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$1,500 for Northridge Sparkle. Grant will be used to help pay for a flagpole as part of the renovation of the Southern Entrance to Northridge. This is part of the efforts to revitalize Reseda Boulevard. We are joining with Northridge East, Northridge South NC, the Mayor's Great Streets Initiative, and Northridge Vision

- Don Larson from Northridge Sparkle addressed the NWNC; they are attempting to erect a 30'6" flagpole along Reseda Boulevard, near Parthenia Street. This flagpole will be a gift from Northridge Sparkle to the City of Los Angeles.
- A stakeholder asked who would be responsible if someone drove their car into the flagpole. As the flagpole will belong to the city, that would be between the driver and the city.
- The total cost will be \$8,000 for the flagpole, with \$4,500 coming from the three Northridge neighborhood councils (\$1,500 each), and the other \$3,500 from other sources. Mr. Larson will pay for the flag.
- They will have lights on this USA flag (not a California flag), which will be up 24-hours a day (except in the event of inclement weather). Mr. Larson and his son (a marine) will be responsible for putting the flag up and down, and they will make certain that it never touches the ground.
- Bill Fox made a motion to approve this Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for \$1,500 for this Northridge Sparkle flagpole; John Mah seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Michelle Wells presented her training certificates, indicating that she was eligible to vote on this issue.

10. Discussion and motion to approve a recommendation of the Beautification for a funding line up to \$499 for the purchase of advertising signs for recruiting of new members for Operation Clean Sweep and as outreach to the community. The wording of signs is subject to change but will be in line with samples shown tonight. The funding will come from Category #300 Community Improvement Projects (CIP)

- Stakeholder Ron Wengler addressed the NWNC and showed the five dual-sided signs on orange cones; these were based on the old Burma Shave signs.
- The people who work on this task are mainly seniors; however, they have lost a few volunteers to attrition and injuries.
- A boy scout asked if they could use the boy scouts for this task; Peter replied that these clean-ups are usually on Thursday mornings. Ron replied that they would like to use the boy scouts for the one Saturday per month cleanup.
- Brent asked what sort of outreach has been coordinated with CSUN. Peter replied that Max Reyes from CSUN has offered service credits to students. There are CSUN classes that require community service, for which this would qualify.
- They also recruit volunteers via the Chamber of Commerce's Connection newsletter.
- They have also randomly recruited people, including bicyclists riding by.
- Brent feels that this money would be best spent by directly recruiting to the 50,000 CSUN students, as well as younger people, rather than retirees.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this \$499 CIP expenditure, which will be one set of

five signs, atop pylons; Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed.

Yes (6)	Fox, Lasky, Mah, Pick, Wells, and Wilson
No (3)	Dent, Loi, and Robinson
Absent (3)	DerManuelian, Johnson, and Rymond

11. Consideration of a motion to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Council File #041935S1 to Improve voting the Voting Environment /Poll Worker Training/NC Elections.

- Not all of the neighborhood council elections of earlier this year were well handled. Studio City had a few problems, including an incident with volunteer poll workers. This led to this city council action. Here in Northridge, one of the candidates was asked to leave the school where the election was held. Michelle Wells expressed concern regarding what sort of training the poll workers received. Stakeholder Bryan added that judging by the money spent on this election, and the voter turnout, each vote cost approximately \$150.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to support this CIS to improve voting, poll worker training, and the neighborhood council elections of 2018; Brent Robinson seconded the motion, and it passed.

Yes (7)	Dent, Fox, Lasky, Loi, Robinson, Wells, and Wilson
No (2)	Mah and Pick
Absent (3)	DerManuelian, Johnson, and Rymond

12. Motion for Northridge West Neighborhood Council to be part of the Neighborhood Alliance Sustainability Alliance and to appoint a representative to attend meetings.

- The Sustainability Alliance meets quarterly to discuss various environmental sustainability issues throughout Los Angeles.
- Peter Lasky made a motion for Glen Wilson to serve as NWNC representative for the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance; Colleen Pick and Lloyd Dent seconded the motion, and it passed.

Yes (8)	Dent, Fox, Lasky, Loi, Mah, Pick, Wells, and Wilson
No (1)	Robinson
Absent (3)	DerManuelian, Johnson, and Rymond

13. Discussion and possible action to approve the proposal by current Webmaster Wendy Moore, of Moore Business Results. Her proposal calls for changing her hourly service plan that averaged \$368 a month from November 2015 to April 2016, to a fixed price of \$200 per month. She would no longer write feature articles for us and limits e-blasts to 2 per month but will otherwise provide the same services. Kristina Smith of the Mailroom is offering an alternative plan. Her plan would be offer the same services as Moore Business Results but not make posts to our Twitter Account. Her services are offered at a fixed price of \$100 per month and will include 4 for e-mail blasts per month. Both vendors are DONE and City approved and both handle a number of other Neighborhood Councils and have done so for a number of years.

- Kristina Smith from the Mail Room withdrew her offer for this task.
- Brent Robinson made a motion to accept Wendy Moore’s proposal for a fixed rate of \$200/month; Michelle Wells seconded the motion, and it passed.

Yes (8)	Fox, Lasky, Loi, Mah, Pick, Robinson, Wells, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Dent
Absent (3)	DerManuelian, Johnson, and Rymond

14. Consideration of and motion to approve having an Outreach Booth at the CSUN Day of Service on Saturday September 10th.

- There is no cost associated with this outreach activity, and the hours of operation have not yet

been determined.

- Brent Robinson made a motion to have an NWNC Outreach Booth at the CSUN Day of Service; Michelle Wells seconded the motion, and it passed.

Yes (8)	Fox, Lasky, Loi, Mah, Pick, Robinson, Wells, and Wilson
No (1)	Dent
Absent (3)	DerManuelian, Johnson, and Rymond

15. Motion to approve the July 2016, Minutes.

- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve the July 2016 minutes; Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed.

Yes (8)	Dent, Fox, Lasky, Loi, Mah, Robinson, Wells, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Pick (she was not at the meeting)
Absent (3)	DerManuelian, Johnson, and Rymond

16. Motion to approve minutes of the 7/27/2016 Special Meeting

- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, July 27; Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed.

Yes (7)	Dent, Fox, Lasky, Loi, Mah, Wells, and Wilson
Abstain (2)	Pick and Robinson (they were not at the meeting)
Absent (3)	DerManuelian, Johnson, and Rymond

17. Treasurer’s Report by Glen Wilson and approval of the July 2016 Monthly Expense Report (MER)

- Brent confirmed that all three copies of the Robert’s Rules of Order were delivered to Peter’s house.
- Brent asked about Operation Clean Sweep’s \$1k/year annual budget; he agreed to vote to approve the MER, as long as there is an updated and accurate MER reflecting the \$1k line item budget for Operation Clean Sweep.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve the July MER; Brent Robinson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Date	Item	Category	Vendor	Amount
July 1	Sandwich Platter	Outreach	Subway	\$ 34.00
July 12	LAUSD Rent, July to October	Operations	LAUSD	393.48
July 14	Sandwich Platter	Outreach	Subway	60.00
July 19	Tampa Median Design Drawings	NPG	Museum of the San Fernando Valley	2,000.00
July 21	Advertising	Outreach	Decision Publications	315.00
July 21	Office Space/Storage	Operations	Decision Publications	150.00
July 21	Communications/Website	Outreach	Moore Business Results	231.75
July 28	Reseda Boulevard Maintenance	CIP	American Heritage Landscape	200.00
July 28	Folding Tables and Wagons	NPG	Calahan Community Charter	899.64
July 26	Roberts Rules of Order	Operations	Amazon	26.35
July 26	Roberts Rules of Order	Operations	Amazon	10.11
July 29	Chain Saw Blades Sharpening	CIP	Marco’s Hardware and Garden	25.00
			TOTAL	<u>\$4,345.33</u>

18. Comments by Budget Reps

- Glen Wilson attended the Budget Day on Saturday, July 30. There are two new budget representatives for the city, and three new budget advocates for the northwest San Fernando Valley:
 - Krisna Velasco from the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council
 - Brian Allen from the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

- Fred Youssif from the Northridge South Neighborhood Council

19. Comments by Northridge Vision Rep

- Most of this was previously discussed during agenda item 9 regarding the flagpole.

20. Comments by Committee Chairs

- Bill Fox reported that the Public Safety Committee spoke with LAPD management and officers to remind them of our monthly meeting at the Calahan School, as well as NWNC's willingness to work with them as issues arise.
- The Public Safety Committee also forwarded a stakeholder complaint regarding a food truck (and subsequent noise and trash) to SLO Patti Peteque for investigation.
- Thanks to Glen Wilson for coordinating the "pothole blitz" and submitting a report of fifteen potholes; nine were approved for repair.
- Brent Robinson invited everyone to the Outreach Committee's Strategic Development Planning meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Offices, 9401 Reseda Boulevard.
- Glen Wilson mentioned that we need a new chairperson for the Education Committee; Peter replied that they are already working on that task.
- John Mah mentioned that there is a potential Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the northwest corner of Reseda Boulevard and Devonshire Street.
- Peter Lasky reported that the Tampa Median Committee needs additional information regarding liability and cost.

21. Comments by Board members on non agenda items

- Lloyd Dent expressed concern that it will soon be dark in the parking lot of this Calahan School and asked if we could get lights in the parking area. Principal Michelle Wells replied that this could cost \$25k, which she does not have in her budget. OSHA has twice cited her school. If she continues to be cited, the school board will be required to pay the \$25k. Alternatively, for \$25k, she would have to get rid of a teacher's assistant, which she will not do.
- Mikkie Loi had two events to discuss:
 - Thursday, August 18, 6.30PM, there will be a community meeting with LAPD's Devonshire Division, City Attorney Mike Feuer, and Neighborhood Prosecutor Alin Sahagian at Church Every Day, 17037 Devonshire Street (just west of Balboa Boulevard). They will discuss neighborhood safety, security, quality of life issues, and the services they provide.
 - Saturday, October 1, will be the annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. Online registration is now open for this free event. NWNC will have an Outreach booth.

22. Adjournment

- Peter Lasky adjourned the meeting at 8.15PM.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED DURING THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2016