

APPROVED
Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)
General Public Board Meeting
Tuesday, 13 September 2016
Calahan Elementary School Auditorium
18722 Knapp Street, Northridge 91324

Call to Order & Roll Call

- President Peter Lasky called the meeting to order at 6.22PM and welcomed over eighteen stakeholders, along with the twelve board members. Lloyd Dent performed the roll call.

Here (12)	Lloyd Dent, Hrug DerManuelian, Bill Fox, Tom Johnson, Peter Lasky, Mikkie Loi, John Mah, Colleen Pick, Brent Robinson, Freddie Rymond, Michelle Wells, and Glen Wilson
-----------	--

1. Pledge of Allegiance

- Peter Lasky led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Reports and Presentations by Public Officials

- Jessie Strobel, Field Deputy for Councilmember Englander, addressed the NWNC
 - Thanks to Peter Lasky for hosting the President's round table.
 - Friday, September 9, Councilman Englander submitted a motion (co-authored by Councilman Bob Blumenfeld) asking the LADWP to report to the City Council within thirty days on the Aliso Canyon Reliability Winter Action Plan released by the California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, the California Independent System Operator, and the LADWP on its efforts to mitigate the potential effects of a natural gas shortage in the winter.
 - Councilman Englander also co-authored a motion with Councilmember Jose Huizar asking the city to support California State Senate Bill 1036 which would make it a crime to possess, sell, transport or manufacture synthetic cannabinoid compounds, such as spice.
 - Saturday, October 1, CD12 will host a drive-in movie, Grease, at Shadow Ranch Park, 22633 Vanowen Street, West Hills. The gates open at 4.30PM, with free food from Wendy's. The movie begins at sunset.
 - A stakeholder asked about the proposed date for the city council hearing on Aliso Canyon; a date has not yet been scheduled.
 - Lloyd Dent asked about a potential leak near Aliso Canyon. District Director Ron Rubine would have more information on that.

3. General Public Comments on Non Agenda Items

- Max Reyes, Assistant Director of Community Relations for CSUN thanked NWNC, Northridge Sparkle, and Councilman Englander for their support, including having booths, at the September 10th "Day of Service" event at CSUN. Over 300-attendees (mostly students) volunteered for the community that morning.
- The CSUN academic year started a few weeks ago with 40,000 students; this increases 1% every year. In addition, there is now an increase in parking fees, as these fees are not state funded. The additional cost is going towards construction, bus service, and shuttle vans.
- Saturday, October 15, beginning at 9.30AM, CSUN will host (along with Univision) the largest Spanish speaking education fair in Southern California. College preparation and financial aid will be discussed, as well as many activities for children.
- Stakeholder Don Larson mentioned that there was a recent emergency on campus, whereupon the campus lost water access. Max was away from campus that day, and was unfamiliar with the cause.

- Stakeholder Doris Dent mentioned that [after 36-years] County Supervisor Michael Antonovich is retiring; Sunday, September 18, Doris and her husband Lloyd will host a fundraising event at their home for Darrell Park, who hopes to succeed Mr. Antonovich in the 5th supervisorial district.
 - Alexandra from Clean Water Watch mentioned that fracking was performed at Aliso Canyon two years ago. Since then, everything the Southern California Gas Company (SCGC) said has been a lie (including health risks to the community, blackouts, etc.). This past weekend, people smelled gas, which resulted in headaches, rashes, bloody noses, etc. Later this week, her team will meet with Mayor Garcetti. As people are continuing to become sick, she would like NWNC to write a letter to Governor Brown requesting that Aliso Canyon be permanently shut down.
 - Jane Fowler from Granada Hills supports clean air throughout the valley. She (and many of her neighbors) has been affected by the gas leak, including headaches, nausea, and hair loss.
 - Corinne Ho, president of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council, spoke about the Congress of Neighborhood Councils, to be held at City Hall on Saturday, September 24. Board members and stakeholders are welcome to join this congress, which will include forty workshops and unlimited networking opportunities. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.
4. Guest Speaker: Henry Stern, Democratic candidate for the 27th Senate District
- Henry is a resident of Canoga Park, and served as lead attorney on the Aliso Canyon project. If elected, he will be the youngest senator in Sacramento who will represent over 900,000 people. After serving in the senate for twelve-years, Senator Pavley “terms out” this year. In his duties on Senator Pavley’s staff, he does a great deal of work in public safety and education; he also teaches at UCLA.
 - He does not like the animosity in the national election, and Henry refuses to bad-mouth his opponent.
 - Henry is very proud that he has the support of local law enforcement. He is disappointed that thieves frequently receive merely a slap on the wrist.
 - Sempra Energy and the SCGC used merely 50% of the gas from Aliso Canyon; this enabled them to keep the market hedged. He would like the moratorium to stay in place, but he will not support a complete shutdown of Aliso Canyon. He would like to see additional transitions to clean energy.
 - He would also like to create a West Valley Advisory Council in Sacramento. The valley is often treated as the “red-headed stepchild”.
 - Lloyd Dent asked if Henry’s environmental background is in alignment with Fran Pavley’s opinion. Henry responded that his style is more nuts and bolts while always watching the bottom line. In addition, Henry is more technologically in-tune than Senator Pavley.
 - Senator Pavley has a very strong record regarding women’s health issues, including passing legislation where a woman can receive birth control for a year, rather than month-to-month.
 - Henry feels that there are not enough teachers talking and sharing their knowledge. He would like to see less top-town teacher guidelines. A stakeholder mentioned that his wife is a teacher, and they regret “common core”. Henry is a big proponent of internship, possibly at age fifteen. These kids could learn culinary arts, plumbing, automobile mechanics, etc. rather than having them focus on high scores on their SAT. In addition, he would like a restriction on the many out-of-state kids who receive preferential scholarships to the state universities.
 - Brent Robinson asked about economic empowerment; many people in their 30s cannot afford homes. 50% of home mortgages must have a co-signer, and 25% of homes are being redeveloped, with money coming from outside California (including China and Russia).
5. Motion to confirm the Presidential Appointment of David Uranga to the At-Large 4 Seat ending in 2018
- David was a previous board member; however, his teaching responsibilities required him to cutback on his volunteer activities. He pledged to again work very hard for NWNC.

- Peter Lasky made a motion for David Uranga to occupy the At Large 4 seat on the NWNC Board; John Mah seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
6. Administration of the Oath of Office to David Uranga by Jessie Strobel
- Jessie administered the oath of office to David Uranga.
7. President Peter Lasky Comments:
- A. Civility
 - Thanks to all board members for the civility and kindness they have shown.
 - B. Consent Calendar Error
 - Peter again apologized for the error in the July meeting's consent calendar. Going forward, only board members can withdraw an item from the consent calendar.
 - C. Meeting with Urban Forestry Division, 8/31/2016
 - Debbie Penman, Don Larson, and Peter met with the Urban Forestry Division on Wednesday, August 31. We can now save the trees along the Tampa Median. Urban Forestry will pay the water bills and change the hardware to replace the drip system irrigation. We also must test the valves; hopefully, we can do this by the end of September. Don Larson reached out to the valve-testers today, but there is merely one person doing sprinklers for all of Los Angeles.
 - D. Board and PLUZ Committee Opportunities Waiting List
 - For the first time in many years, NWNC is at full capacity; perhaps we can now have a waiting list for the board in the event of a resignation. If anyone is interested in serving on a committee, please reach out to a board member.
 - E. Congress of Neighborhood Councils
 - We hope to have a very strong presence at the congress on Saturday, September 24.
8. Consideration of a motion to approve the CLEAN STREETS GRANT PROJECT in partnership with NENC, NSNC, Valley Homeless Mission, CD12, Northridge Chamber of Commerce and CSUN on behalf of the Northridge Sparkle application for the project to train Homeless individuals to maintain our GREAT STREET RESEDA BOULEVARD under the direction of Northridge Sparkle and the SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MISSION
- Don Larson from Northridge Sparkle mentioned that this is mainly a symbolic training program; He will perform the training along Reseda Boulevard, between Parthenia and Plummer Streets.
 - Hrug asked if there was a funding request; the funding request has already been processed.
 - In addition, there is a \$10k grant to Northridge Sparkle and the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission. The mission is working to get the homeless to work and training (it is not a good idea for individual citizens to go up to homeless individuals and encourage them to work). The mission has a shower project here in the west valley that engages the individuals. This is where they learn about this training opportunity.
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to support this Clean Streets Grant Project (along with the other organizations); Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
9. Motion to create a funding line of up to \$1,800 from the Community Improvement Projects Budget, Category #300 (CIP) for a CPR and First Aid training class to be held at Calahan Elementary School in early November
- The Safety Committee proposes CPR Training (not first aid) for stakeholders and guests at 10AM on Saturday, November 5 at the Calahan School, 18722 Knapp Street. The instructors will come from the American Heart Association.
 - There must be a minimum of twenty-attendees, with a maximum of fifty.
 - This class will be free to NWNC stakeholders who do not require certification; the tuition for non-stakeholders is \$25 for adults and \$10 for teenagers (12-18). Their CPR certification is valid for two years.

- This \$1,800 will be for snacks, instructors, and certificates; the actual cost is anticipated to be closer to \$1,500.
- If this is successful, it may be replicated.
- Peter Lasky made a motion for this [up to] \$1,800 expenditure from CIP; Michelle Wells seconded the motion, and it passed.

Yes (11)	Lloyd Dent, Hrug DerManuelian, Bill Fox, Tom Johnson, Peter Lasky, Mikkie Loi, John Mah, Colleen Pick, Freddie Rymond, Michelle Wells, and Glen Wilson
Absent (2)	Brent Robinson and David Uranga

10. Consideration of a Motion by the Planning, Land Use & Zoning Committee that there be no objection to the granting of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application ZA-2016-2616-CUB allowing Tomo Sushi to serve beer and wine for on-site consumption with the City Planning Department setting the hours such alcoholic beverages could be served.
 - Tomo Sushi was granted their original CUP in 2006. This 8-year license expired in 2014, but the owners did not realize that the permit expired.
 - The liquor license from the state of California remains valid, yet the city of Los Angeles requires the renewal of this CUP.
 - Michelle asked how Tomo Sushi intends to advertise that they will sell alcohol. They do not do any advertisement, as the alcohol is served with food. Alcohol is merely 10% of their sales.
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to support Tomo Sushi’s CUP; Hrug DerManuelian and Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

11. Motion to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee approving the NPG (Neighborhood Purpose Grant) for the North Valley YMCA for \$1,000 for Thanksgiving food baskets to feed needy families. Our grant will be used to feed families within Northridge West Boundaries. We will be allowed to place promotional literature making the recipients aware that these baskets came from a grant of the NWNC. The funding will come from the Budget Category #400, Neighborhood Purpose Grants.
 - Jane Stanton, Executive Director of the YMCA addressed the NWNC. The YMCA hopes to raise \$40k to donate 3,500 baskets to needy families from Pacoima to Chatsworth. 3,000 baskets were distributed in 2015.
 - Stakeholder Mike immediately donated a check to Jane, and encouraged everyone to write a check to her this evening.
 - The baskets contain the following:
 - Turkey (or gift card) from WalMart
 - Produce (carrots, potatoes, oranges, and apples)
 - Canned Goods
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to support this \$1,000 expenditure to support the YMCA’s Thanksgiving food baskets; Tom Johnson and Brent Robinson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and motion to approve a contribution of \$500 to the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Planning Workshop on 11/10/2016 and their annual mixer on 3/09/17, funding to come from the Outreach Budget Category #200
 - John Mah made a motion to support this \$500 expenditure to support VANC’s Planning Workshop on Thursday, November 10, as well as their annual mixer on Thursday, March 9, 2017; Michelle Wells seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

13. Discussion and motion to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee for a funding line of \$50 to pay for registering our domain name with Net.fronts.com. This is the same company that we used last year and the price remains the same.
 - This is usually merely \$12.99, but this \$50 covers the cost.

- Peter Lasky made a motion to support this [up to] \$50 expenditure; Freddie Rymond seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

14. Consent Calendar:

A. Motion to approve the August 2016 Minutes

- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve the August minutes; John Mah seconded the motion, and it passed.

Yes (10)	Lloyd Dent, Bill Fox, Peter Lasky, Mikkie Loi, John Mah, Colleen Pick, Brent Robinson, Freddie Rymond, Michelle Wells, and Glen Wilson
Abstain (3)	Hrug DerManuelian, Tom Johnson, and David Uranga

B. Motion to approve Northridge Sparkle as the guest speaker for November 2016 meeting

- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item; Freddie Rymond seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

C. Motion to approve Shea Homes, builder of the newest condo/town home project in Northridge West, as a guest speaker for the December 2016 meeting

- The Shea Homes people did a presentation to Northridge Vision. Peter Lasky was intrigued, visited the property, and invited them to an NWNC meeting.
- This is the new development between Lowe’s and Sears, on the property formerly occupied by Teledyne. The models are open and available for viewing.
- Michelle asked that they speak before December. The scheduled move-in of 25-homes is January 2017. This new development may impact the community, especially the schools. She feels the developers were very vague about their impact on the community. Michelle wonders how many new students will move into this development. They advertise that students will go to Calahan and Nobel schools. If there are 25-students coming to Calahan School, she will not have chairs for them.
- Stakeholder Bryan added that the October meeting would be held on Yom Kipper and asked that the meeting be rescheduled.
- Brent, Lloyd, and Michelle asked that the Shea Homes representatives appear at the October meeting, along with candidate Christy Smith, who has already been scheduled for that meeting. Shea Homes is not available for the November meeting.
- Hrug asked if there was a time limit for these speaking engagements; Peter replied that there is usually a 20-minute limit.
- Michelle will take the action to reach out to Shea Homes [again] regarding when they can come to a meeting of the NWNC. The last time she called, someone from Shea hung up on Michelle (although she is the principal of a school that is listed all over their marketing literature).
- Michelle added that all the impacted schools are charter schools. These students, even those who reside outside of Northridge, cannot be evicted. Northridge residents may be bussed to out-of-area schools.
- Peter Lasky made a motion that a Shea Homes representative appear as a guest speaker at the December NWNC meeting; there was no second, and no vote.
- Tom Johnson made a motion that we table the motion that a Shea Homes representative appear at the October or December meeting; Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed

Yes (11)	Lloyd Dent, Hrug DerManuelian, Bill Fox, Tom Johnson, Mikkie Loi, John Mah, Colleen Pick, Brent Robinson, Freddie Rymond, Michelle Wells, and Glen Wilson
Abstain (1)	Peter Lasky
No (1)	David Uranga

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

- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve the August MER; Brent Robinson and Michelle Wells seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Date	Item	Category	Vendor	Amount
August 4	Storage	Operations	Golden State Storage	\$ 103.50
August 11	Pizza for General Meeting	Outreach	Pizza Hut	60.76
August 18	Renewal Hosting for Northridge.org	Outreach	2CO*ICDSOFT	96.00
August 19	Neoprene Masks	CIP	Harbor Freight Tools	49.03
August 19	Advertising	Outreach	Decision Publications	315.00
August 19	Office Space/Storage	Operations	Decision Publications	150.00
August 22	Minute Taker	Operations	Apple One	115.50
August 26	Business Cards	Outreach	Print Firm	284.27
August 26	Repair Power Unit	CIP	Marco's Hardware & Garden	25.15
August 29	Communications/Website	Outreach	Moore Business Results	234.84
			TOTAL	<u>\$1,434.05</u>

16. Comments by Budget Reps

- Glen was unable to attend the budget rep meetings and had no news to report.

17. Comments by Northridge Vision Rep

- Peter attended the meeting whereupon Shea Homes made a presentation; he invited a representative of Shea Homes to attend an NWNC meeting.

18. Comments by Committee Chairs

- Bill Fox from the Safety Committee mentioned that the CPR class was scheduled for Saturday, November 5; thanks to Mikkie Loi and Michelle Wells for making this happen. In addition, Neighborhood Watch signs have been purchased and installed. Please contact us if you would like the addresses of the new signs.
- John Mah mentioned that the Land Use Committee met in August to discuss Tomo Sushi (which was discussed earlier this evening in agenda item 10). Chick-Fil-A has filed paperwork to move into the location currently occupied by Coco's Restaurant (at the northwest corner of Reseda and Devonshire Boulevards); however, their application had many errors. Peter reiterated that if anyone is interested in serving on the Land Use Committee, please contact John or himself.
- Brent mentioned that the Outreach Committee had great attendance at the "Matador's Day of Service" on Saturday, September 10. Matty the Matador and President Dianne Harrison visited the NWNC booth. NWNC received a record 105 sign-ups from the students; four people signed up to be on the Clean-Up Committee.
- The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's education records are not always accurate. Apparently, they do not believe that Michelle Wells has completed her Ethics Training. Michelle will resubmit her training evidence.

19. Comments by Board members on non-agenda items

- There were no comments.

20. Adjournment

- Peter Lasky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM; Brent Robinson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

These minutes were approved during the meeting of Tuesday, October 11, 2016