

APPROVED
Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)
General Public Board Meeting
Tuesday, 10 January 2017
Calahan Elementary School Auditorium
18722 Knapp Street, Northridge 91324

Call to Order & Roll Call

- President Peter Lasky called the meeting to order at 6.30PM and welcomed nineteen stakeholders, along with seven (eventually nine) board members. Lloyd Dent performed the roll call.

Here (9)	Lloyd Dent, Bill Fox, Peter Lasky, Mikkie Loi, John Mah, Colleen Pick, Brent Robinson, David Uranga, and Glen Wilson
Absent (4)	Hrug DerManuelian, Tom Johnson, Freddie Rymond, and Michelle Wells

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, reported the following:
 - The City Council just came back into session this week. One of the issues they will address is the decriminalization, regulations, and protection of sidewalk vendors. These vendors provide economic opportunities for immigrants and cultural experiences for everyone. However, Los Angeles cannot have a “one size fits all” policy. There are proposals for regulations and restrictions similar to the ones businesses must abide by, such as restriction to commercial and industrial zones.
 - The annual Homeless Count will be held Tuesday, January 24, beginning at 6PM, based out of the Living Praise Christian Center, 9200 Owensmouth Avenue, Chatsworth. If interested in volunteering, please reach out to Ron Rubine at 828.882.1212.

3. General Public Comments on Non Agenda Items

- No one volunteered for this agenda item.

4. Opponents of Measure S Goes too Far.

- The opposing side was given an opportunity to address the NWNC, but they did not respond.
- Mark Edwards from the Coalition Protecting LA and Jobs addressed the NWNC; they oppose measure S because it goes too far. The worst part is the two-year housing ban that would be permitted under Measure S.
- Currently, LA has insufficient housing for the homeless; these individuals must move to Palmdale for their housing options.
- Vacancy is merely 2.4%, with people paying more than 50% of their wages on rent.
- Most of the current construction, which Measure S bans, is constructed on vacant or parking lots; few houses are destroyed for new developments.
- This whole thing was started in Hollywood, via the Palladium project, which could be 24-story and 40-story buildings. As this is a Hollywood problem, why should the entire city have to deal with it?
- Mayor Garcetti, United Way, LAPD, and LAFD endorse the No on Measure S initiative.
- For additional information, please visit their website at goestoofar.com.
- The election is Tuesday, March 7, with vote by mail beginning Monday, February 6.

5. Presidents Comments

- An asphalt repair truck will soon visit Northridge. We are allowed to submit fifteen addresses for pothole, sidewalk, and street repairs. Please contact Glen Wilson if you know of an area that needs repair.
- We are waiting to hear back from HUD concerning the potential fraud at the Sober Living Home. There is also a concern that people have started to move into this house. In the meantime, the Public Safety Committee will reach out to the LAPD, City Attorney, and legislators to further discuss this issue.

6. Motion to approve a new budget for fiscal year 2016/17 reflecting an increase of \$5,000 voted by the Los Angeles City Council

- Peter Lasky reviewed the budget adjustments and made a motion to amend the budget to reflect this additional \$5k; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

	Category	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Change
Operations 100	Education Retreat	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$100
	Office Rent	1,800	750	-1,050
	Miscellaneous	2,852	7,410	4,558
Community Improvement 200	Reseda Median Maintenance	1,400	0	-1,400
	Operation Clean Sweep	501	1,000	499
	Clean Sweep Signage	499	492	-7
NPG 400	Miscellaneous	1,700	4,000	2,300
	Total Net Change	8,852	13,852	5,000

7. Motion to approve a reimbursement of \$87.11 to board member Mikkie Loi for refreshments purchased by her for the December 13 Holiday Mixer.

- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item; Colleen Pick seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

8. Motion to approve board-members or stakeholders who would like to be a liaison for four positions:

- a. Film (to meet Thursday, January 26 at 6PM at the City Hall Public Works Room)
 - b. Purposeful Aging (to meet Tuesday, January 31 at 6PM at the City Hall Public Works Room)
 - c. Animal Services
 - d. Public Works; Glen Wilson will continue as this liaison
- A stakeholder in a blue parka will follow-up with Peter Lasky regarding a liaison opportunity

9. Motion to approve a letter of support drafted by Vice-President of Administration John Mah in support of the motion approved at the December 13, 2016 meeting supporting the position letter written by Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) calling for closure of the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Field. The letter will be sent to the people and agencies mentioned in the Porter Ranch letter except for those termed out.

- John Mah reviewed the one-page letter addressed to Governor Brown, stating that NWNC stands with the PRNC.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and approval of the recommendation by the Planning and Land Use Committee that there be no objection to case #ZA-2016-3686-SPR-2V filed by SP Heights/Senior Partners Portfolio LLC, for
- a. A zoning variance for 48 assisted living units/beds not permitted in an area zoned C2-1 and
 - b. A site plan review because the proposed project will result in more than 50,000 square feet of non-residential floor space.
 - Tom Stemnock addressed the NWNC.
 - This will be a 380,000 square foot senior housing project, at market rate, for 240-residential-units and 48-assisted-living-units. This project, to be located on the south side of Prairie Street, between Corbin and Shirley Avenue (behind the Garden Department of Lowe’s), may take six or seven years to complete. Floor plans are available upon request.
 - The developers are requesting a zoning variance to allow assisted living units in this zone.
 - As people now live longer, assisted living and memory care centers will become more desirable.
 - Colleen expressed concern about the 78-parking spaces; this may be insufficient for the nursing staff, caregivers and residents. In addition, visitors and employees may park along Prairie Street.
 - John Mah mentioned that the Planning and Land Use committee supports this project.
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
11. Discussion and approval of the Planning and Land Use Committee that there be no objection to a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) if Chick-Fil-A modifies its site plan to allow for a designated pedestrian walkway on the west-side of the restaurant building so that pedestrians can walk from the rows of marked parking spaces safely to the main entrance.
- Jonathan Larter, a land use consultant with Chick-Fil-A, addressed the NWNC.
 - As this property abuts the residential Hiawatha Street, this CUP will require a commercial corner CUP to allow for drive-through. 60% of their sales are via the drive through, and this Chick-Fil-A will permit approximately sixteen cars in the queue at any time.
 - There was concern about backup of the drive-through line, especially during their busiest time, which is 11AM to 1.30PM. This will be resolved by the employee’s using the iPad ordering system (which saves at least a minute), as well as traffic guidance.
 - There was a concern regarding the turning radius into drive-through; they tested this, and it is accessible.
 - Coco’s has thirteen parking spaces; Chick-Fil-A will have parking for nine vehicles, including two handicapped parking spaces, with one for van-accessible parking.
 - They have also requested an extension of hours, from 5AM until midnight, Monday through Saturday (Chick-Fil-As are closed on Sundays).
 - This new building will be 49% of the size of the current Coco’s (from 6,300 to 3,200 square feet).
 - They are also requesting a living green wall in lieu of window glazing. Otherwise, pedestrians would look at the back of a refrigerator.
 - Colleen Pick made a motion to approve this agenda item; Brent Robinson seconded the motion, and it passed.

Yes (8)	Fox, Lasky, Loi, Mah, Pick, Robinson, Uranga, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Dent
Absent (4)	DerManuelian, Johnson, Rymond, and Wells

12. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Meeting.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item; Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed.

Yes (6)	Dent, Fox, Lasky, Loi, Pick, and Wilson
Abstain (3)	Mah, Robinson, and Uranga
Absent (4)	DerManuelian, Johnson, Rymond, and Wells

13. Motion to approve the Treasurers Report for December 2016

- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item; John Mah seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

Date	Item	Category	Vendor	Amount
Dec 2	Storage	Operations	Golden State Storage	\$ 103.50
Dec	Northridge Sparkle Flagpole	NPG	Valley Economic Alliance	1,500.00
Dec 5	Brisket, Chicken, Beans, etc.	Outreach	Dickie's BBQ Pit	490.50
Dec 8	Advertising	Outreach	Decision Publications	315.00
Dec 8	Website	Outreach	Moore Business Results	200.00
Dec 12	Repair Gas/Oil Blower	CIP	Marco's Hardware & Garden	28.22
Dec 12	Minute Taker	Operations	Apple One	80.85
Dec 13	Party Ice	Outreach	Vons	13.06
Dec 14	Meeting Room Rental	Operations	LAUSD	295.48
			TOTAL	<u><u>\$3,026.61</u></u>

14. Reports by Liaisons

- a. Budget Representatives No report
- b. Northridge Vision No report
- c. Homeless Rep No report

15. Reports by Committee Chairs

- Glen Wilson reported that the Beautification Committee usually meets every Thursday morning, 8AM to 11AM. However, they have not had a recent clean up due to rain. Colleen Pick praised them, and requested they gather pine needles and leaves to avoid clogging the storm drains.
- Brent Robinson had no report from the Outreach Committee.
- Bill Fox reported that he and Peter Lasky are coordinating, along with various agencies, a special Public Safety meeting to discuss the sober living home.

16. Comments by Board Members on non-agenda items.

- Mikkie Loi reported that the 10th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 10AM to 2PM at Fire Station 87, 10124 Balboa Boulevard; online registration will begin Saturday, July 1.
- Brent Robinson reported that LAPD's Devonshire Division officer Heather Monroe was killed in an off-duty car crash on Sunday, January 1. Her funeral is 11AM, Thursday, January 12 at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills.
- Glen Wilson reported that the LADWP is giving away free trees at their Customer Service Center locations at 4030 Crenshaw Boulevard and 6550 Van Nuys Boulevard.

17. Motion for adjournment

- Peter Lasky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8PM; John Mah seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED DURING THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2017