

APPROVED
Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)
General Public Board Meeting
Tuesday, 14 February 2017
Calahan Elementary School Auditorium
18722 Knapp Street, Northridge 91324

Call to Order and Roll Call

- President Peter Lasky called the meeting to order and welcomed ten stakeholders, along with nine board members. John Mah performed the roll call.

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

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:
 - Councilman Englander recently voted no on street vending as well as to decriminalize street vending.
 - Tuesday, January 31, Councilman Englander submitted a motion to the City Council directing the LADWP to immediately report to the City Council on its efforts to implement clean energy storage projects within the city. Additionally, the motion asks LADWP to report on the feasibility of partnering with local investor-owned and municipal-owned utilities to implement clean energy storage projects.
 - Wednesday, February 8, Councilman Englander submitted a motion requesting that the LADWP report to the City Council in thirty days on options to reduce the City's reliance on natural gas usage and storage near local communities. This motion was unanimously approved.
 - In addition, Councilman Englander voted yes on a resolution to shut down Aliso Canyon.
 - The City Council unanimously approved an ordinance based on Councilman Englander's motion to provide all full-time city employees who are activated as members of the National Guard, Naval Militia, or any reserve component of the armed forces, to receive the difference between their city and military salary, and ensure that they continue to receive their medical, dental and life insurance benefits for the duration of their military assignment.
 - Thursday, February 16, 6-8PM, there will be a Great Streets networking event along Reseda Boulevard, between Parthenia and Plummer Streets.
 - Thanks to the 50+ attendees of the CD12 Speaker Series at Councilman Englander's office, and a special thanks to Gabriella Karin and Robert Geminder for their insightful dialogue on "The Anatomy of Hate" from the perspective of Holocaust Survivors.

3. General Public Comments on Non Agenda Items

- Glen Bailey, President of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC) reported that they would meet Wednesday, February 15. The agenda includes a presentation on Measure M, as well as a mayoral candidate forum at 8PM. Prior to the NENC meeting, many of the mayoral candidates will attend a neighborhood council meeting in Hollywood.
- The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's (DONE) Gracie Liu attended the February 9 meeting of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC); the following recommendations were discussed:

- Revocation of online voting
 - Elimination of the voting documentation requirement
 - Potentially lower the voting age to 12
 - The results will be submitted to Councilman Herb Wesson.
 - A recent Board of Neighborhood Commissions (BONC) meeting was held in Woodland Hills (not exactly “north” valley). Wednesday, February 22, BONC will have their north valley meeting in Tujunga at 6PM.
 - The VANC will have their annual anniversary mixer on Thursday, March 9 in Studio City. RSVP is required for studio security, as well as to ensure that they have enough food.
 - VANC has recently developed a liaison program for homeless, animals, filming, purposeful aging in place, as well as emergency preparedness; the liaison can be a board member or a stakeholder.
4. Guest Speaker: Jay Beeber, Proponent of Measure S, Yes on S- Preserve LA
- The January NWNC meeting had the No on S side of this debate.
 - Jay Beeber is active with the North Hills West Neighborhood Council (previously with the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council), and is the San Fernando Valley liaison for Yes on S.
 - Jay feels that the city planning system is broken, as the city does not follow the rules that are already in place. In 2005, the city code was amended so that they would not have to update the zoning regulations every five years.
 - There may be areas where zoning should be changed, but 90% of developers get their way. An area near the Beverly Center limits buildings to 45’, a developer wanted to build something over 200’; as a compromise, the zoning regulators permitted the building to be over 100’.
 - Oftentimes, the developer chooses who does their Environmental Impact Report (EIR); hence the EIR’s writer sides with the developer.
 - Yes on S will require that zoning meeting be held on nights and weekends, so that working people can attend.
 - 95% of construction in LA is by right, so it will not affect construction jobs. In addition, it is perfectly legal to build houses on commercial property.
 - Contrary to rumors, Measure S will not restrict homeless housing as passed last November via Proposition HHH.
 - The No on S campaign is funded by the billionaire developers, and supported by Mayor Garcetti, United Way, LAPD, LAFD, and most of the City Council.
 - Yes on S was put forward by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), which has saved millions of lives worldwide. A great many rent controlled housing units have been destroyed. When the AHF patients get kicked out of their rent-controlled housing, it is difficult for them to remain in touch for their medicine. The entire AHF board voted to support S.
 - For additional information, Jay passed around a clipboard and sign-up sheet.
 - For additional information, their website is voteyesonS.org
5. Presidents Comments:
- A. Update on Drip System
- The Los Angeles’s Urban Forestry Department has been working this issue, and they [along with the NWNC] are making progress with this new drip system.
- B. Update on Sober Living House
- Thursday, March 30, at 6PM, at the Northridge Park’s gym on Lemarsh Street, there will be a meeting to discuss the sober living house on Los Alimos Street. Councilman Englander, Bill Larson from the City Attorney’s office, a representative of Assemblyman Dante Acosta’s office, as well as someone from the Probation Department will attend.

- Two people have already moved into the sober living house on Los Alimos Street, and they have already had an incident with the LAPD and paramedics.
 - C. Resignation of Lloyd Dent as Secretary and Chair of the Bylaws Committee and Standing Rules Committee.
 - Sad to report, Lloyd Dent has resigned as Secretary, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, and Standing Rules Committee.
 - D. Thursday, February 23, 6 to 8PM, at Emle’s Restaurant, 9250 Reseda Boulevard, the graduate students of CSUN’s Department of Urban Studies and Planning, alongside Northridge Sparkle, the Northridge Neighborhood Councils, and CD12, will host an open house to get feedback on the best ways to redesign, rebrand, and re-imagine Reseda Boulevard between Nordhoff and Lassen Streets and east to the CSUN campus. Join the community and provide your thoughts on branding, design ideas, and visual preferences to develop a plan to enhance connectivity and build identity between Reseda Boulevard and the CSUN campus. The students would love to hear everyone’s suggestions.
6. Consent Calendar: Motion to approve agenda items 7-9
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, agenda items 7-9; Tom Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 7. Motion for the board to confirm the appointment of David Uranga, as approved by the Executive Committee, as Secretary of the Northridge West Neighborhood Council
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item as part of the Consent Calendar; Tom Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 8. Motion to confirm the appointment of Glen Wilson to be Chair of the Bylaws Committee by President Peter Lasky per Article VI, Section 2,A and Article VII, Section 3, C
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item as part of the Consent Calendar; Tom Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 9. Motion to confirm the appointment of Peter Lasky to the Bylaws Committee Article VII, Section 3, C
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item as part of the Consent Calendar; Tom Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 10. Consideration and vote to approve a funding line of up to \$300 to come from the Operations Budget #100 for the purchase of a) name badges and for board members and b) business cards for David Uranga
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this expenditure of name badges and business cards (used for public network events); John Mah seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 11. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2016 Meeting
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item; William Fox seconded the motion, and it passed.

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

12. Motion to approve the Treasurers report for January 2017
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item; John Mah seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

Date	Item	Category	Vendor	Amount
Jan 3	Storage	Operations	Golden State Storage	\$ 108.50

Jan 4	Minute Taker	Operations	Apple One	115.50
Jan 11	Sandwiches for 1/10 General Meeting	Outreach	Subway	60.00
Jan 11	Advertising	Outreach	Decision Publications	200.00
Jan 11	Website	Outreach	Moore Business Results	200.00
Jan 17	Minute Taker	Outreach	Apple One	138.60
Jan 23	Cookies for Clean Up	CIP	Smart & Final	26.97
Jan 26	Advertising	Outreach	Decision Publications	115.00
Jan 28	Storage	Operations	Golden State Storage	600.50
			TOTAL	<u>\$1,565.07</u>

13. Reports by Liaisons:

A. Budget Representatives

- Saturday, February 25, is the annual budget day; meetings will be held throughout the city. The local valley meeting will be in Van Nuys from 9AM to noon.

B. Northridge Vision Reps

- Land use issues were discussed at the recent meeting, but they are not within the boundaries of NWNC.
- There has been an action to install a plastic horse near the intersection of Rayen Street and Reseda Boulevard.
- They discussed the work on the Tampa Medians.
- They also discussed the sober living/halfway home on Los Alimos Street, near the Bedford Elementary School. This sober living/halfway house does not require a license, as medicine is not dispensed at this facility.
- There was a comparison with a group home that had so many people living there that a few of the residents resided in tents in the back yard. Often, they cannot make it to the bathroom, so they bag their excrement, and toss it over the wall into the neighbor's yard.

C. Homeless Reps

- There was no report.

14. Reports by Committee Chairs

- Michelle Wells is scheduling a meeting of the Education Committee as they have some NPGs to discuss. Members of the Education Committee and interested stakeholders are welcome to reach out to Michelle regarding their availability.
- John Mah reported that the Zoning Department approved a drive-through for Chick-fil-A Restaurant at the corner of Reseda and Devonshire Boulevards.
- Glen Wilson, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee reported that they would meet sometime in the next few months. This meeting may be combined with the Beautification Committee, which Glen also chairs. The Thursday morning clean-ups have not had as many volunteers, with merely three or four attendees.

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

- Peter Lasky urged everyone to grab a "Things to do in the San Fernando Valley" newsletter.

16. Motion for adjournment.

- Peter Lasky made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tom Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.