

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

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

- President Peter Lasky called the meeting to order at 6.20PM and welcomed 28 stakeholders, along with eleven board members. John Mah performed the roll call.

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

- Peter Lasky led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Guest Speaker Alin Sahagian, Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecutor Program

- Ms. Sahagian was unable to attend this evening’s meeting.

3. Comments from Public Officials

- Jessie Strobel, Field Deputy for Councilmen Mitch Englander addressed the NWNC:
 - At the end of February, the valley’s LAPD non-emergency lines were not working properly. As Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, Councilman Englander submitted a motion to report on the reason for the non-functioning telephone lines, the best practices available, ways to correct, as well as requesting a report on daily police deployment.
 - Proposition 218, passed by the California voters in November 1996, concerns local street issues. The area near 9248 Vanalden Avenue is being subdivided and may receive a new streetlight. This new streetlight will be installed following a vote of residents within a 100’ radius.
 - The Annual Making Movies that Matter Youth Short Film Festival is off and running for hundreds of young film makers from thirty-one elementary, middle school, high school, and college campuses throughout the San Fernando Valley, alongside the Devonshire PALS Youth Community Center, New Horizons (which deals with the developmentally disabled), and the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission. Participants will be using the themes of social action and civic engagement to guide their creative process in one of four categories: Public service, documentary, live action, and animation. They will receive mentoring from the Cal Arts Community Arts Program. Local Apple stores are donating editing training to the students and staff. The final event will be held on Wednesday, May 24, at the CSUN Performing Arts Center. This event is free but tickets will be required.
 - Jessie did not have new information on the Sober Living Home on Los Alimos Street.
 - Jessie reported that SoCalGas offered an inadequate settlement to the people affected by the natural gas leak at Aliso Canyon.
- Field representative Armine Sargsyan from Assemblyman Matthew Dababneh reported on the following assembly bills:
 - AB858 Establishes the California Financial Literacy Initiative as a program for improving financial literacy by offering instructional materials for teachers and parents.
 - AB1255 Requires the DMV to develop a digital mobile driver’s license application for smart phone use.
 - AB1542 Adds a new crime for conspiring with an attacker to videotape a violent felony (also known as Jordan’s Law).

- AB1421 Requires a study of the noise and vibration levels produced by trains in residential areas.
- Assemblyman Dababneh will host a community meeting on Thursday, March 30, from 5.30 to 7PM at the Westfield Topanga Community Center, 21710 VanOwen Street, Canoga Park

4. Comments from stakeholders on non-agenda items

- Alice Fleming resides on Melvyn Avenue, just south of Devonshire Street; two years ago, there was a yellow sign on her gate informing her that she was responsible for the trees along Devonshire Street. Once a month, she sweeps the pine needles and debris from Devonshire. She is worried that she could be sued if someone trips on Devonshire Street. She recently attended a meeting with Assemblyman Matt Dababneh at the Kaiser Facility. He recommended that Alice talk with Kevin Keller, Mayor Garcetti's Deputy Director for City Planning. Kevin referred her to Colin Crews, Councilman Englander's Field Deputy and liaison for the Bureau of Street Services.
- Kathleen Edwards spoke as a representative of homeowners regarding the new sober living home on Los Alimos Street, located 600' from Beckford Elementary School. This home is now open, and their manager is a convicted murderer. The men living there are newly released felons, many with gang affiliation. Kathleen urges everyone to appear at the town hall meeting on Thursday, March 30.
- Doris Dent spoke as one of fourteen elected delegates to the California state party to elect electors. In February, she attended a town hall meeting with Assemblyman Matt Dababneh and Congressman Brad Sherman. She has previously worked with State Senator Henry Stern and his efforts to shut down Aliso Canyon via SB57.

5. Presidential Comments

- a. Thursday, March 30, beginning at 6PM, there will be a public safety town hall meeting concerning unlicensed sober living and group housing in our neighborhood. Speakers will include representatives from the LAPD Devonshire Community Relations Office, Assemblyman Matt Dababneh, Supervisor Kathryn Barger, and Assemblyman Acosta, as well as Councilman Englander and Deputy City Attorney Bill Larsen.
- b. 9AM, Wednesday morning, March 15, will be the ground breaking of the new drip system installation along Tampa Avenue, just south of the 118. This effort, strongly supported by the NWNC, has received certificates from the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, Assemblyman Matt Dababneh, as well as Congressman Brad Sherman.
- c. We urge everyone to share the flyer concerning the March 30 town hall meeting to discuss the new sober living center [along Los Alimos Street] with friends and neighbors.
- d. The April NWNC meeting will be changed from the 11th to the 18th due to the Calahan School's spring vacation closure.

6. Motion to consider the recommendation of the Executive Committee to remove Brent Robinson as VP of Outreach and Communications pursuant to the recommendation of the Executive Committee under Article VI, Section 4 Officer Terms- of the NWNC Bylaws which states: "The officers shall serve two (2) year terms and serve at the pleasure of the Board."

- It was reported that the position of Vice President, Outreach is very critical, and Brent has not performed the mandatory tasks. He has not held Outreach Committee meetings, returned calls, or emails. He has not participated in traditional outreach activities and has missed four meetings since May 2016.
- Tom Johnson expressed concern if Brent had been offered the opportunity to improve this situation.
- Brent replied that Peter Lasky sent him an inappropriate email, requesting his resignation. Brent has lived in Northridge for 27-years, and cares deeply about the community. There is no definition in the

by-laws of the job description for the Outreach Vice President position, and the current positions are ambiguous.

- Lloyd Dent feels that Brent has not had the opportunity to see all the concerns in writing, and suggests that this voting be postponed until the April meeting.
- Hrug asked if this action was posted in the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting. It was posted, yet Brent had a conflict that made his attendance impossible.
- A stakeholder expressed disappointment that Brent had not called Outreach Committee meetings.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to remove Brent Robinson as Vice President, Outreach; Freddie Rymond seconded the motion, but there was no vote
- Lloyd Dent made a motion to postpone a vote on Brent Robinson’s removal until the April meeting; Tom Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (7)	Dent, DerManuelian, Fox, Johnson, Pick, Rymond, and Wells
No (3)	Lasky, Mah, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Robinson
Absent (2)	Loi and Uranga

7. Vote by the board on the petition filed by Stakeholder Brian Reff pursuant to Article V, Section 9: Removal-for excessive absences at meetings. Under Article V, Section 9: removal "A board member may be removed from office by submission of a written petition from any Board member or Stakeholder to the board Secretary which includes: (1) The identify of the Board member to be removed; and (2) The description, in detail of the reason for removal, (the reason for removal must be a substantive issue)

- Due to the vagueness of our removal policy, the city attorney recommended tabling this agenda item.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to table Brian Reff’s petition for removal due to excessive absences; Tom Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (10)	Dent, DerManuelian, Fox, Johnson, Lasky, Mah, Pick, Rymond, Wells, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Robinson
Absent (2)	Loi and Uranga

8. Motion to support the DONE/MED Budget Proposal-NCEPA motion passed on January 28, 2017 with inclusion of \$192,000 in the 2017-2018-city budget for four staff and related expenses. A copy of the full motion of this agenda item is as follows: "The City of Los Angeles has been making great progress in disaster preparedness at the level of city departments and agencies. It is now time to begin the process of training large numbers of city residents so as to have a city, which will be able to deal with any disaster that may befall us. Therefore, the Northridge West Neighborhood Council supports the inclusion of \$192,000 as a multi-departmental budget item in the 2017-18-city budget to cover the cost of four staff and related expenses. Two staff members for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and two for the Emergency Management Department, who will work on preparing disaster preparedness plan which will lead to pre-placement of supplies for first responders and training of individual at the neighborhood level."

- Peter Lasky made a motion to support this \$192k expenditure; Tom Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (10)	Dent, DerManuelian, Fox, Johnson, Lasky, Mah, Robinson, Rymond, Wells, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Pick
Absent (2)	Loi and Uranga

9. Motion to consider the recommendation to approve \$300 for the purchase of signage to place on the Tampa Median showing that the drip system was provided by NWN. Signs will be Corplast Yard signs with an H frame. Funds to come from 50% Outreach and 50% Beautification

- The plan is to put the signs near the traffic signals, where people will be more likely to see them.
- Michelle expressed concern about the flimsiness of the signs, for fear they will fall over very easily. Peter replied that these signs are not meant to stay forever. They will be up for just a few months as an inexpensive Outreach and Beautification expenditure for NWNC.
- Jason Hector recommended making the font larger (especially the website reference) and lowering the city logo.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to support these eighteen 2x3' signs for \$300, with the city seal and NWNC logo lowered; Tom Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

10. Motion to consider the recommendations of the Bylaws committee to make the following changes to our bylaws

- a. Article V, Governing Board, Section 1: Composition- would change composition to two classes At-Large and Open at Large. We would eliminate General Business Representative, Faith Based, Renter, Senior, and Homeowner. The intent of this change will be to make it easier to attract the best members from our community. The total board seats would remain the same thirteen with the make up being twelve At-Large and 1 Open at large.
- b. Article V, Governing Board, Section 7: Absences, we would remove “unless such absences are “excused absences” as defined in the NWNC Standing rules.” This change is recommended because we have no standing rules.
- c. Article VI Officers, Section 4: Officer Terms- Officer terms would change to one-year terms from two-year terms
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to table this agenda item, as there may be other changes to the by-laws (per his conversation with the city attorney); John Mah seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

11. Motion to approve the Minutes from the February 14, 2017 meeting

- Mikkie Loi, via email, had a one-word correction to the previous minutes; speaker Jay Beeber is from the North Hills West Neighborhood Council.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve the corrected minutes; Michelle Wells seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (10)	Dent, DerManuelian, Fox, Lasky, Mah, Pick, Robinson, Rymond, Wells, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Johnson
Absent (2)	Loi and Uranga

12. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Cost Report (MER) for February 2017

Date	Item	Category	Vendor	Amount
Feb 15	Food for 2/14 General Meeting	Operations	Maria’s Italian Kitchen	\$125.01
Feb 16	Advertising	Outreach	Decision Publications	315.00
Feb 16	Website	Outreach	Moore Business Results	200.00
Feb 17	Minute Taker	Operations	Apple One	80.85
			TOTAL	<u>\$720.86</u>

- Treasurer Glen Wilson reported that neighborhood councils have 19-days less than previous years to spend their money; the money must be dedicated by June 11.
- A stakeholder requested that the acronyms be spelled out.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (10)	Dent, DerManuelian, Fox, Johnson, Lasky, Mah, Pick, Rymond, Wells, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Robinson
Absent (2)	Loi and Uranga

13. Committee Reports

- Glen Wilson hopes that the Budget/Finance, Beautification, and By-Laws Committees can all meet on the same evening.
- Brian Reff mentioned that NWNC, along with the Northridge East and Northridge South Neighborhood Councils, would meet with the CSUN Parking Committee. A key concern is the area east of Yolanda Avenue between Nordhoff and Plummer Streets.
- Tom Johnson reported that Debbie Penman would like to organize a special Tampa Median clean up on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22.

14. Budget Representative Report

- There was no report.

15. Northridge Vision Report

- Glen Wilson reported that he and Peter Lasky attended a Northridge Vision meeting. Someone will install colorfully painted plastic horses throughout the city, with one being positioned within a corral near Stereo One at 8901 Reseda Boulevard.

16. Liaisons Reports

- There were no reports.

17. Comments or Suggestions by Board Members

- Bill Fox relayed that Councilman Englander reported that Mayor Garcetti recently agreed to help fund the community plan updates. This was in response to Measure S, which failed at the ballot. All 35 community plans throughout Los Angeles will be updated every six-years. If anyone has any input on this issue, please speak up.

18. Adjournment

- Peter Lasky adjourned the meeting at 8.19PM.

**Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC) – SPECIAL MEETING #1
Tuesday, 14 March 2017**

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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

1. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- There were no public comments.

2. Discussion and motion to approve \$300 for the rental of chairs for the Sober Living, Group Home Town Hall Meeting to be held at the Northridge Park Gym from 6-8 P.M on March 30, 2017. Funds to come from #200 Outreach

- The quantity of required chairs will be determined a few days before the event, depending upon the feedback from the community.

- Peter Lasky hopes that NWNC will not have to use the full \$300, as there are several other neighborhood councils in the area who will be represented.
- Hrug DerManuelian made a motion to spend up to \$300 for chair rental for the March 30 Sober Living Group Home Town Hall Meeting; Brent Robinson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3. Adjournment

- Peter Lasky adjourned the meeting at 8.19PM.

**Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC) – SPECIAL MEETING #2
Tuesday, 14 March 2017**

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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

1. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- There were no public comments.

2. Motion to approve partnering with Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council’s (PRNC) Earth Day Event to be held April 22. As a partner, we will not be responsible for funding, equipment, or people.

- In order to get the permit for the park, Lori Kelman and Jason Hector from PRNC’s Outreach and Beautification Committees reported that PRNC would need to partner with NWNC.
- The Earth Day clean up will begin at 9AM starting nearing the intersection of Wilbur and Tampa Avenues, and Sesnon Boulevard.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve partnering with the PRNC’s Earth Day Event on April 22; Michelle Wells seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3. Adjournment

- Peter Lasky adjourned the meeting at 8.19PM.