

APPROVED  
Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)  
General Public Board Meeting  
Tuesday, 2 May 2017  
Calahan Elementary School Auditorium  
18722 Knapp Street, Northridge 91324

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

- President Peter Lasky called the meeting to order at 6.48PM and welcomed ten stakeholders, along with eight board members.

Here (8)	Bill Fox, Peter Lasky, Mikki Loi, Jon Manuel, Colleen Pick, Freddie Rymond, Michelle Wells, and Glen Wilson
Absent (4)	Lloyd Dent, Hrug DerManuelian, Tom Johnson, and Brent Robinson

- Peter Lasky led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comments on non-agenda items

- LAPD's Senior Lead Officer (SLO) John Parker introduced Captain Bryan Lium, who was recently promoted to Captain of the Devonshire Division; their primary focus is on the community.
- There has been a spike in grand theft auto and burglaries from vehicles; this has involved 150 cars in the West Valley. Among the suggestions:
  - Never leave valuables in your car
  - Always lock your car doors
  - Never leave your fob device or a spare key in your car
  - Do not leave your unattended car with the motor running
  - Always park in a well-lit area
  - If possible, please park your car in your garage
- An alarm company can install a fuel line switch; if someone attempts to steal your car, the engine will not start.
- The most frequently stolen cars are Honda Civics and Accords from the 1990s.
- The LAPD is attempting to get Clubs donated.
- May 20 is the annual Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID) fundraising pancake breakfast. After breakfast, the Devonshire Division will host station tours beginning at 10AM.
- The LAPD is active on social media; concerned citizens are urged to connect with the LAPD via the following sites:

Facebook	LAPD Devonshire Community Police Station
Twitter	@LAPDDevonshire and @LAPDCaptainLium
Nextdoor.com	
Instagram	17lapddevonshire
E-Policing	<a href="http://www.lapdonline.org">www.lapdonline.org</a>
www.nixle.com	To receive emergency information affecting the Devonshire area neighborhood

- Thursday, May 18, beginning at 7PM, the LAPD's Devonshire Division's basic cars A23 and A81 will host their Neighborhood Watch meeting at St. John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Avenue. The guest speaker will be Kevin Taylor, West Valley Representative for Mayor Garcetti who will discuss the mayor's agenda.

- A stakeholder asked if someone touches or opens your car door without taking anything, is that considered a crime? The response was affirmative.
  - There were no additional public comments.
2. Regarding Neighborhood Council Resolution on Timing of the Neighborhood Council 2020 Elections. A flyer was distributed to all board members to study the choices offered by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the LA City Clerk. Discussion and Motion to consider the choices offered and vote on the Boards preference
- The city clerk needs to modify the election schedule because of conflict with the city elections. DONE distributed four options:
    - Option 1 Conduct the 2018 NC elections as scheduled, extend all terms to 2021, and then conduct an election for all the Board members in 2021, and then the Board would have to re-stagger with two-year and four-year terms.
    - Option 2 Extend the terms ending in 2018 by one-year and conduct their election in 2019. These board seats would then be up for election in 2023, 2027, etc. Then, extend the terms currently ending in 2020 by one-year and conduct their election 2021. These seats would then be up for election in 2025, 2029, etc.
    - Option 3 Extend the terms ending in 2018 by one-year and reduce the terms ending in 2020 by one-year. This will result in a full-board election in 2019, which will then require the seats to be re-staggered with two-year and four-year terms.
    - Option 4 Conduct the 2018 elections as scheduled, and then conduct elections for the entire Board seats in 2019. The Board will then need to re-stagger with two-year and four-year terms.
  - Glen Wilson recommended that NWNC disregard option 4.
  - Someone suggested that NWNC should not bother choosing, and let DONE decide.
  - Jon Manuel recommended option 1, as that seems to be the closest to the current policy.
  - Stakeholder Bryan recommended voting for no change. If board members have their terms extended, they may not wish to serve an extended term, and may resign.
  - Stakeholder Mike recommended writing to Councilman Englander and expressing concern that this undercuts the NC system.
  - Jon Manuel made a motion for Option 1; Michelle Wells seconded the motion, and it passed.
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| Aye (7)    | Lasky, Loi, Manuel, Pick, Rymond, Wells, and Wilson |
| No (1)     | Fox   |
| Absent (4) | Dent, DerManuelian, Johnson, and Robinson           |
3. Discussion and Motion to Approve \$1,000 to fund the LA Congress of Neighborhoods, funding to come from the Operations Budget #100
- Michelle Wells thought it was odd that the city grants thousands of dollars, yet NWNC returns \$1k back to DONE.
  - Peter explained the Congress and its breakfast, breakout sessions, networking opportunities, meeting with city departments, and key dignitaries (including council-members and the mayor). He has attended many of these congresses, feels it is a very good cause, and one walks away with a very good appreciation for the other neighborhood councils, whose formats may be very different than your own.
  - Peter Lasky made a motion to support this agenda item; Freddie Rymond seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Motion to approve \$1,000 for the Neighborhood Council Budget advocates, funding to come from the Operations Budget #100
  - Colleen issued a concern that we hardly have a voice in this neighborhood council process, and recommended that we keep this money to ourselves.
  - Colleen Pick made a motion to support a revised agenda item (\$250 instead of \$1k); Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
  
5. Discussion and motion to approve an expense of up to \$200 for NWNC Expenses for the Hawaiian Festival, June 2-4. The Funding will come from the Outreach Budget
  - This \$200 will be for giveaway stuff, such as candy. It is expected to be less than \$200, as the NWNC does not usually spend that much money on such items.
  - Colleen Pick made a motion to support this agenda item; Bill Fox and Mikkie Loi seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
  
6. Motion to approve the recommendation of the Joint Public Safety and Outreach Committee meeting of April 4, for a funding line up to \$5,000 for the purchase of various Neighborhood Watch Items, such as, but not limited to Street Signs, window decals and Handbooks. The Public Safety Committee will work closely with Devonshire Area SLOs to distribute items according the needs of the newly formed and existing Neighborhood Watch groups as well as in high crime areas within the NWNC Boundaries. The signs will have Northridge West Neighborhood Council printed on them, funding to come from the Outreach Budget #20

<b>Qty</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost Per</b>	<b>Amount</b>
50	Large Street Signs	\$36.20	\$1,810
50	Medium Street Signs	27.00	1,350
20	Window Decals (2,000/Pkg)	62.00	1,240
<b>Total</b>			<b><u>\$4,400</u></b>

- Peter Lasky made a motion to support this agenda item; Freddie Rymond and Michelle Wells seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
  
7. Discussion and motion to approve up to \$1,000 for purchase of various Emergency Preparedness (EP) items to be given out to our stakeholders; examples include EP Prep sample kits with one-quart slider bags or individual items for the spinning wheel, funding to come from the Outreach Budget #200
  - Michelle Wells wondered if this was for the Hawaiian Festival in June or the EP Fair in October; these items will be for both events.
  - Colleen Pick made a motion to support this agenda item; Bill Fox and Freddie Rymond seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
  
8. Discussion and motion to approve a recommendation of the Education Committee for approval of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) carpet cleaner and bench for Calahan Community Charter School of \$2,064.08. Funding to come from the NPG Budget #400
  - The school's janitor presented this NPG to the Education Committee. Principal Michelle Wells recused herself from that portion of the meeting.
  - The school will own this carpet-cleaning machine. They are very picky about what chemicals can be used around children, and the corresponding safe chemicals and cleaning materials have already been procured via the school's budget.
  - Colleen Pick made a motion to support this agenda item; Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (7)

Fox, Lasky, Loi, Manuel, Pick, Rymond, and Wilson

Recused (1)	Wells
Absent (4)	Dent, DerManuelian, Johnson, and Robinson

9. Discussion and motion to approve a recommendation of the Education Committee for the approval of a \$850 NPG for the Southern California Preparedness Foundation for the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair for September 2018. Funding to come from the NPG Budget, #400
- NWNC has participated in this event for many years, and it attracts several thousand attendees. This expenditure will be for the Preparedness Foundation, not for the giveaways at the NWNC booth.
  - Michelle Wells made a motion to support this agenda item; Colleen Pick seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
10. Discussion and motion to approve a recommendation of the Education Committee of \$750 for an NPG for the Northridge Recreation Center (NRC) for supplies for events such the Easter Egg Hunt and the Halloween Festival. Funding to come from the NPG Budget, #400
- It costs the NRC over \$1k for each of these events. Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, the NRC was gracious enough to host the meeting concerning the new Sober Living Home, which resulted in no cost to the NWNC.
  - Peter Lasky made a motion to support this agenda item; Jon Manuel, Freddie Rymond, Michelle Wells, and Glen Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
11. Discussion and motion to approve a recommendation of the Education Committee of \$500 for an NPG for the Valley Relics Museum for support of the Senior Dance. Funding to come from the NPG Budget, #400
- Peter Lasky made a motion to postpone this discussion, and agendize it for the May 9<sup>th</sup> NWNC meeting; no one seconded the motion, yet it passed unanimously.
12. Discussion and motion to approve a recommendation of the Education Committee of a \$1,500 NPG for Friends of the Northridge Library for the purchase of a mobile display. Funding to come from the NPG Budget, #400
- ~~Librarian Marcie Marcy, President of the Friends of the Northridge Library from the Northridge Public Library showed photographs of the desired mobile display case; much of this expense will be for shipping.~~
  - Michelle Wells made a motion to support this agenda item; Bill Fox and Mikkie Loi seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

13. Motion to approve the March 14, 2017 Minutes

- Colleen Pick made a motion to support this agenda item; Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (6)	Fox, Lasky, Pick, Rymond, Wells, and Wilson
Abstain (2)	Loi and Manuel
Absent (4)	Dent, DerManuelian, Johnson, and Robinson

14. Motion to approve the March Treasurers Report

Date	Item	Category	Vendor	Amount
March 6	Cookies for Clean Up	CIP	Mrs. Fields	\$ 15.98
March 6	Reimbursement for 12/13 Meeting	Outreach	Mikkie Loi	87.11
March 14	Advertising	Outreach	Decision Publications	315.00
March 15	Minute Taker	Operations	Apple One	80.85
March 16	Sandwiches for 3/14 Meeting	Outreach	Subway	60.00
March 16	Rent for March-June	Operations	LAUSD	145.48
March 21	Website	Outreach	Moore Business Results	200.00

March 28	Speaker Cards	Operations	Office Depot	3.08
March 30	Pizzas for Joint Beautification/Bylaws/ Executive Committee 3/29 Meeting	Outreach	Little Caesars	15.23
		TOTAL		<u>\$922.73</u>

- Peter Lasky made a motion to support this agenda item; Michelle Wells seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (7)	Fox, Lasky, Loi, Pick, Rymond, Wells, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Manuel
Absent (4)	Dent, DerManuelian, Johnson, and Robinson

15. Motion to approve Liaisons Reports, Budget Representatives, Northridge Vision Reps, Homeless Reps

- Peter Lasky reported that there was discussion during Northridge Vision's April meeting concerning a potential upscale (such as a Hyatt or Marriott) 142-room hotel constructed at the south end of CSUN's campus; Northridge Vision supports this new hotel. Wednesday, May 10, there will be a public meeting at the Orange Grove Bistro (with refreshments and free parking) concerning this new project.

16. Reports by Committee Chairs

- Glen Wilson reported that the Budget and Finance Committee would have a report for the May 9 meeting. All submitted NPGs had accurate paperwork

17. Comments by Committee Chairs on Non-Agenda Items

- Peter showed the award that NWNC received at the DONE Empowerment Dinner for their work on the Tampa Avenue medians. NWNC representatives were not at the award dinner on Thursday, March 30, as that was the same night as the meeting concerning the new sober living home.
- In addition, Peter had a list of opportunities for environmental consultants.

18. Discussion and motion to approve the budget recommendations of the Finance Committee to update the budget to reflect the recommendations of various committees

- This agenda item was postponed until the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

19. Discussion and motion to approve a funding line of up to \$1,000 for the purchase of File of Life, a compact information sheet to keep medical history on hand if paramedics come to a home. It has a magnetic strip and could attach to a refrigerator. It would be imprinted with NWNC, name, logo and website on the front of the document. Funding to come from Outreach Budget, #200

- Bill Fox recently took the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training; at this training, he learned that when emergency workers enter a home, one or more people in the home could be unconscious. This File of Life information sheet will provide the paramedics with critical information, such as medical considerations, allergies, blood type, organ donation, etc.
- Bill Fox made a motion to support this agenda item; Colleen Pick seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

20. Motion for Adjournment

- Peter Lasky made a motion for adjournment at 8.06PM; Bill Fox and Freddie Rymond seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.