



Northridge West Neighborhood Council

General Board Meeting

6:15 pm

Tuesday, September 8, 2020



Executive Officers

Rana Sharif, President
Abigail Bailes, VP of Administration
Kelly Sooter, VP of Outreach and Communication
Yi Ding, Secretary
Joel Lowell, Treasurer

Board Members

Gail Lapaz, Peter Lasky
Bill Fox, Jennifer Krowne,
Josue Toscano, Kathleen Edwards
Glen Wilson

AGENDA

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- I. Meeting call to order; Pledge of Allegiance; roll call and determination of quorum (3 mins)
- II. Comments by **Public Officials**
- III. Comment by **Senior Lead Officers**
- IV. Comments by **Stakeholders** on non-Agenda items
- V. Presidential Comments
- VI. Update from the **Devonshire Area Community-Police Advisory Board** (5 mins, Mikkie Loi)

Business Items (voting):

- VII. Discussion and possible motion to approve an **NPG for S.O.L.I.D of \$3,500.00** for necessary improvements to Devonshire Division Lobby needed for safety due to Covid-19 (Lori Luszczak and Kathleen Edwards).
- VIII. Discussion and possible motion to approve the appointment of a new board member to fill the At-Large 1 vacancy (term ends 2021).
- IX. Discussion and possible motion to fund additional weed abatement and trash clean up in NWNC areas by working with LA Conservation Corps, West Valley Alliance, or other. Discussion about posting LA City Ordinance #182778 on the NWNC website and possible outreach efforts, such as brochures or postcards, that would inform homeowners in our area about their responsibility to maintain and clean up areas that back up to public sidewalks and streets. (Abby Bailes)
- X. Discussion and possible motion to approve a resolution for Civil Discourse. (Abby Bailes)
 - A. Government Affairs Committee suggestion: "The NWNC Board affirms the rights of all members and stakeholders to speak freely, without fear of attack. We do not support the actions of individuals or organizations that would use social media or other means to target or name call members of our NWNC Board or stakeholders. We resolve that the NWNC will be a place for respectful and civil discourse."
- XI. Discussion and possible motion regarding NWNC's position on issues concerning the West Valley Animal Shelter. (Kathleen Edward)
 - A. Public Safety Committee suggestion: That the Board agree to write either a CIS or letter of "stakeholder support," on this issue and it be recommended by the Board to the LA Animal Services Commission, Mayor Garcetti, and the City Council, to express the overwhelming stakeholder consensus that the West Valley Animal Shelter remain as such, and plea for their recognition that this shelter is a vital and safety necessity to all animals and residents in the greater Valley area.
- XII. Discussion and motion to approve the **August 11, 2020 GBM Minutes**
- XIII. Discussion and motion to approve the **August 2020 Monthly Expense Report**

Non-Business Items (non-voting):

- I. Discussion and update presentation from the Department of Public Health regarding the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study. (Cristina Vega)



- II. Discussion and update regarding the August 27th ECM recommendation below. (Rana Sharif)
 - A. Executive Committee recommendation: Discussion and possible motion to submit a letter to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission and the Mayor of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti requesting a statement clarifying whether or not there are any ethics issues concerning Councilmember John Lee.
- III. Discussion and update regarding City Clerk's review of Northridge Beautification Foundation's NPGs. (Rana Sharif and Kelly Sooter)
- IV. Discussion and update from the Beautification Committee's review of key priorities for the year. (Kelly Sooter)
- V. Discussion and update regarding West Valley Alliance on Homelessness upcoming Town Hall. (Gail Lapaz)
- VI. Discussion and update regarding Education Committee's LAUSD District 3 Board Town Hall (Yi Ding)
- VII. Discussion and update regarding 2020-2021 elections. (Gail Lapaz)
- VIII. Discussion and update regarding resources and support for those facing housing insecurity and people/families on the verge of homelessness. (Gail Lapaz)

Reports and Announcements:

- IX. Report by Budget Advocate
- X. Reports by Committees
- XI. Announcements by Board Members
- XII. Adjournment