



Northridge West Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 6:15 PM

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AGENDA

Note: The agenda along with supporting materials on our website:

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1. Meeting call to order; roll call and determination of quorum (7 members)
2. Pledge of Allegiance (Northridge Christian Church Board of Directors)
3. Comments by Board Members of non-Agenda items
4. Comments by Stakeholders on non-Agenda items
5. Presentation of the NWNC Certificate of Acknowledgement to Northridge Christian Church and Elder Ric Say
6. Comments by Public Officials
7. Updates from Senior Lead Officer and LAPD Devonshire Area Community Advisory Board
8. Presentation of plans for the Trebeck Center (formerly Skateland) - Speaker Laura Harwood, *Sr. Director of Programs at Hope of the Valley Rescue Center*
9. Presidential Comments

Business Items (voting):

10. Discussion and possible motion to share feedback with City officials about the impact on Northridge West of homelessness, RV parking, addiction, and mental illness. We have received several recent inquiries about these concerns. The purpose of this discussion is to provide feedback to our City Leaders and to discuss possible tangible solutions that will help NW to be a healthier and happier community.
11. Discussion and possible motion to create a CIP to BONC re: BONC's Social Media Policy. Proposed Motion: "Whereas the proposed BONC Social Media Policy is a direct overreach in power and scope of limiting the ability of Neighborhood Councils to effectively communicate with their constituency; it requires onerous and unenforceable clauses; is overly complicated when existing rules cover many of the issues outlined, and it unlawfully limits individual free speech rights of board members; Therefore, the Northridge West Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed BONC Social Media Policy." **Next BONC Meetings are May 17th and June 1st.**
12. Discussion and possible motion to write a CIS in opposition to the proposed Municipal Bank of Los Angeles MBLA to the Economic and Jobs Development Committee and the City Councilmember, [Council File: 19-1235](#). "The City's efforts to explore and advance a Municipal (public) Bank of Los Angeles raises numerous concerns, including but not limited to the potential for public funds to be used to financially support a political policy agenda, political bias in lending, and concerns about who would oversee this bank. In addition, a public bank



would merge two distinct institutions – government and financial institutions – causing a lack of checks and balances and a massive overreach of government. Moreover, the ability to respond to concerns would be cumbersome and slow because they would be addressed through a lengthy democratic process instead of a nimble and responsive private banking business. There is only one public bank in all of the US, as of today, perhaps for a reason – it is a bad idea. In addition, the voter in LA already rejected Measure B (to create a Public Bank) in 2018, opposing this idea with 58% of the vote.”

13. Discussion and possible motion to send a letter re: West Valley Animal Shelter’s selection of a new General Manager. Proposed letter to Mayor Garcetti, Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero, the Mayor’s East Valley Area Representative, Caroline Menjivar and West Valley Area Representative, Vahid Khorsand. “The Northridge West Neighborhood Council, on behalf of our Stakeholders and in agreement with The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, requests that Mayor Garcetti, prior to selecting a new Animal Services Department General Manager, meet via Zoom with Stakeholder representatives: Animal Rescue Organizations, Animal Services Department Volunteers, Animal Welfare Groups, and Neighborhood Councils. This meeting would enable Stakeholder participation and input to assure that the Mayor is fully advised as to the qualifications needed and making an informed choice for the General Manager position.”
14. Discussion and Motion to support the resolutions authored by Councilman Koretz for CF in opposition to SB 9 and SB 10 (California State bills) that relate to housing, zoning and public land use and how it could impact our neighborhoods.
15. Discussion and possible motion to hire Your Way Tree Trimming and/ or Urban Forestry.
16. Discussion and motion to approve the April 2021 Monthly Expense Report.
17. Discussion and motion to approve the April 2021 GBM Minutes.
18. Discussion and motion to remove Josue Toscano as Alternate Signer. Discussion and possible motion to approve a new Alternate Signer.
19. Motion to approve a Certificate of Acknowledgement for Beckford Charter Elementary School’s PTA for outstanding efforts to support parents, students and teachers during reopening.
20. Motion to approve a Certificate of Acknowledgement for Beckford Charter Elementary School’s Teachers, Staff, Janitors and Admin for being one of the first schools to reopen in LAUSD.
21. Motion to approve a Certificate of Acknowledgement for Principal Michelle Wells, from Calahan Street Elementary School for her efforts to support the NWNC by hosting meetings on campus and providing extra support for our public meetings.

Non-Business Items (non-voting):

22. Update on the NWNC Election and feedback from the election process
23. Update on the Tampa Median Project permits, funding and timeline.

Reports and Announcements:

24. Report by Budget Advocate
25. Reports by NWNC Committees
26. Announcements by Board members
27. Adjournment