



**Northridge West Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting via Zoom Tuesday,
August 10, 2021 @ 6:15 PM**



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AGENDA

Note: The agenda along with supporting materials on our website:
<http://www.northridgewest.org>

1. Meeting called to order at 6:18 pm
2. Roll call and determination of quorum
 - We have quorum with the following in attendance:
Abby Bailes, Janis Kraft, Joel Lowell, Jorge Jimenz, Yi Ding, Jennifer Krowne, Kathleen Edwards, Angelica Robinson, Sonny Liam, Glen Wilson, Lucio Padilla.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
Abby shared a video of some local students from the CYIA for the pledge.
4. Comments by Board Members of non-Agenda items
 - Kathleen made announcement that ballots should arrive within the next 7 days.
5. Comments by Stakeholders on non-Agenda items
 - No Stakeholders presented.
6. Comments by Public Officials
 - Alesandra Gonzalez representing One Generation to provide LADWP rebate programs and financial assistance. On Aug 12th 2-3pm there is a webinar that she invites everyone to. Her email is agonzales@onegeneration.org
 - Will Steele has update from Kathryn Barger's Office: She passed a motion to send a letter to the Public Utilities Commission to oppose SOCAL Gas from expanding its site storage capacity.
 - Covid Update from the Board of Supervisors voted to require County Employees to get vaccinated. They are not currently looking to begin any shutdowns but will be monitoring this to see if there are any drastic changes.

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- A blue-ribbon commission on homelessness is being implemented that will assess existing structures and systems and provide reform recommendations.
7. Updates from Senior Lead Officer and LAPD Devonshire Area Community Advisory Board
- Andrew Krowne representative of the LA County Levensohn Canyon Disaster Health Research Study Community Advisory Group. The group currently is in a state of hold meeting quarterly and there is nothing new to report. No new county actions and no movements on any of the foundational data items that have been discussed.
 - Andrew announced that a few members of the advisory group have started an independent health study effort by way of a Non-profit environmental research inc. This is a pending 501C with the purpose of providing the community with alternative health activities to provide the community with options that the city will not.
 - Andrew additionally received an email that would be in violation of the brown act about potential community business.
8. Presidential Comments
- Abby announced that with Back-to-School time coming up its time for back-to-school shopping and purchasing clothes. We hope they all are learning along the way to respect themselves & others and to have the critical thinking skills and wisdom and courage to know how to act.
9. Reports by NWNC Committees: Beautification, Outreach and Government Affairs
- Jorge shared that the beautification community met for the first time with 3 goals Clean up, Art Installation Projects and Maintenance. They are moving forward to work with the outreach committee to get the word out.
 - Yi presented as the Outreach Chair – Working on finalizing a plan for the beautification projects and trying to prioritize the goals.



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10. Presentation on LA's Sidewalk & Park Vending Program.
(Mitchell Christopher)

- Mitchell with MCG & Associates presented regarding Sidewalk & Park Vending Program. He works with Streets LA regarding permits and managing the sale of food and merchandise. All vendors selling need a permit. These are annual permits and if they do not obtain one, they can be fined \$250-\$1000. There are 2 types of permits: Merchandise permit and Food Permit.
- Mitchell fielded questions and stated that they have been heavily focusing on educating vendors over Covid but they are now starting to enforce and fine vendors that do not have a permit. They are enforcing repeat offenders, so it is important to call and report when you see this.
- There are time restrictions for the parks but not for the streets except for not being within 500ft of certain venues like the Hollywood Bowl.
- Mitchell replied that there is no Zoning stipulations in place for these Vendors. There are, however, certain rules i.e.. 500ft from an entrance, 18" from a curb etc.
- Mitchell will be sharing the slides from tonight's presentation to Abby and provided his email address for any further question. mitchell@mcgassociates.net

Business Items (voting):

11. Motion: Approve the City of LA and DONE Annual Inventory Reports.
Motion by: Abby
Second by: Kathleen
Approved with Quorum 11:0 in favor
12. Consent Calendar Motion: Approve appointment of new Committee Members asfollows:
 - A. Community Outreach Committee Angelica Robinson (Board Members)
Motion by: Abby
Second by: Joel



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B. Education Committee – Abby Bailes (Board Member)

Motion by: Joel

Second by: Abby

C. Bylaws Committee – Abby Bailes

Motion by: Joel

Second by: Abby

Approved with Quorum 11:0 in favor

13. Motion: Create NWNC ADHOC By Laws and Standing Rules Committee through April 2022, with Members Kathleen Edwards, Abby Bailes and Janis Kraft.

Motion by: Abby

Second by: Joel

Approved with Quorum 11:0 in favor

14. Motion: Approve Joel Lowell and Sonny Liampetchakul as NWNC Budget Reps.

- Angelica asked about transparency: What are the reps allowed to share. Joel mentioned that they will generally have a compilation report that they will share once the budget is complete.
- Saturday Aug. 21 9:30am – 12:30 pm for a discussion regarding this position and can register at Budgetadvocates.org is open to all Neighborhood Council Board Members and Stakeholders. At 11:30 there will be a breakout session Board Members to provide input regarding services for their communities.

Motion by: Abby

Second by: Angelica

Approved with Quorum 11:0 in favor

15. Motion: Approve NWNC Board Retreat via Zoom on Thursday September 23, 2021.

Motion by: Abby

Second by: Jennifer

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16.Motion: Approve letter to create Council File to consider a vote of “no confidence in LA

County District Attorney George Gascon,” Motion passed from Government Affairs Committee 5:0 (1.07)

- Joel expressed that he thinks this effort is a little premature. He does not believe that the current correctional system does not work. We need to improve the system and give Gascon time to implement change.
- Jason stated that is turning into a political discussion instead of relating back to Northwest and the community which is what the NC is for. He would like to discuss more about the cleaning of the streets, traffic accidents etc.
- Kathleen mentioned stakeholders in the area are mostly opposed to what Gascon is doing. We need to represent our stakeholders and their opinions.
- Jennifer stated that she does not believe it Political when stating if Gascon is doing a good job or not. Recently on the local level with the family in Porter Ranch whose mother that died and they are very concerned that the teenager that caused the accident with get off without paying a penalty. This is what is happening when clearing out the jails.
- Jennifer shared the draft letter to be presented.
- Jorge asked if there were statistics that could be shared to see the track record to be able to evaluate.
- Abby stated that her online states suggest murder is up 36% in LA County and Crime is up 25% which is not necessarily Northridge but crimes in Northridge are generally trending up. We do not get a say in the “No Confidence” the letter is just to ask the City to open the file and weigh in.
- Jason supports the letter and believes it’s a good idea and maybe doing a Town Hall to get a little more feedback.



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- Brain Allen with the Granada Hills North NHC and a Budget Advocate we are recognizing an extreme increase in crime. Violent crime is up over 46% and rising. Why is it up and the police not able to control crime. Once these offenders are booked, they are released. There is no bail and then there doesn't appear to be any follow-through. The possibility of them coming to trial is very minimal.
- Matthew Hernandez – Public Safety Deputy Statistical data is something to look at. Gascon is under watch and the LA Times will likely have a study that will come out. They do have an entire unit to keeping data and it will be accessible to the public.

Motion by: Abby

Second by: Jennifer

Approved with Quorum 6 Yes:1 No:4 Abstain

17. Motion: Approve Letter and CIS re: DONE's Proposed Code of Conduct Amendment dated 7/19/21 and the Draft Workplace Equity Policy. CIS - Approve, if amended. Two Info Sessions on this are scheduled: Draft 8/30 at 6 PM and 9/11 at 1 PM.

Motion by: Abby

Second by: Kathleen

Approved with Quorum 11:0

18. Motion: Approve up to \$200 to order new badges for Board Members.

Motion by: Abby

Second by: Jennifer

Approved with Quorum 10:0

19. Discussion and motion to approve the June and July 2021 Monthly Expense Report and reconciliation report.

- June Expense Report

Motion by: Joel

Second by: Jennifer

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- July Expense Report

Motion by: Joel

Second by: Jennifer

Approved with Quorum 10:0

20. Discussion and motion to approve the June and July 2021 GBM Minutes.

Motion by: Abby

Second by: Jennifer

Approved with Quorum 11:0

Non-Business Items (non-voting):

21. Discussion about cleanliness in Northridge and an update on the City enforcement of clean up.

- LA City council starting enforcing clean up again and should start happening in the next 30 days or so regarding the homeless encampments.
- Sonny mentioned that when there is a street that needs to be cleaned that you to present it to the City and then wait for an approval.

22. Finalize the NWNC Board Member and Committee Member Rosters.

- No additions to add, will approve at next meeting.

23. Update on NC Congress on 9/25/2021 - a virtual meeting for NC Board Members.

NWNC is working to submit a video. (Outreach)

- Yi received a video from Sonny and is currently working on preparing something by the 15th.

24. Update on 2020 Census and Redistricting Communities of Interest meetings

- The law was changed so that there is a community input part. The 2020 Census data is scheduled to be distributed in the next week or so.

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Reports and Announcements:

25. Report by Budget

Advocate

- Joel mentioned that the link for the Budget Day registration is now available at budgetadvocates.org you will see the link to register for the Budget Day which is the 21st

26. Announcements

by Board members

- Abby mentioned that there will be a short one item meeting at 8:45 so for those that want to be in the meeting to stay on and use the same zoom link.

27. Adjournment

Motion by: Joel

Second by: Abby

Approved with

Quorum 11:0

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:31pm