NORTHRIDGE WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, 6:15 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:20 p.m. by NWNC President Janis Kraft.

a) **Roll Call:** Quorum established of 7 board members: Present: Janis Kraft, Kathleen Edwards, Nathan Lichtman, Sam Dulys, Nicolas Haddad, Krystal Sims and Jeff Diamond. Absent: None.
b) Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Glenn Bailey reminded everyone that VANC meets this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom and will be focusing on issues re: Van Nuys Airport.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Janis announced the resignation of NWNC board member Kevin Herzberg who is traveling a lot and can't make it to the meetings.
- Empower LA is doing a Brown Bag Lunch on Wednesday, September 9, 12 p.m. -1pm, discussing "Leveraging the City of Los Angeles Transit Public Services Announcement Program (PSA)." On Wednesday, October 14, 12 noon to 1pm the topic will be "Planning Community Clean-Ups to Increase Neighborhood Engagement."
- Janis thanked everyone who participated in National Night Out.
- She announced that everyone has updated their trainings to vote tonight.
- She asked Nathan for an update on the post office box for NWNC.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Motions to Approve three candidates to the NWNC board:

1. (**Kraft/Edwards) moved to approve Lopsie Schwartz for the At Large Rep. seat expiring 2029. The motion carried unanimously.** Ms. Schwartz spoke about moving to Northridge West with her husband. She serves on a few non-profit boards and would like to get more involved in beautification, education, and learning how the government works.
2. **(Kraft/Edwards) moved to approve David Uranga for the At Large Rep. seat expiring 2027. The motion carried unanimously.** David is a former NWNC board member. He is a political scientist and spoke about his involvement with political candidates and Land Use. David is also a property owner in Northridge
3. **(Kraft/Edwards) moved to approve Peter Lasky for the At Large Rep. seat expiring 2027.** Peter Lasky is a former executive board member having served as president three times. He started the first Homelessness Committee for Northridge West. He's interested in working with the Council Offices on policy concerning homelessness.

The three new board members then were added to the quorum bringing the count to ten. (Current vacant seats include 2 At-Large Representatives expiring 2027 and 1 Community Interest Stakeholder Representative, expiring 2029.)

a) **Nominations and selection of 2026-2027 NWNC Executive Officers: President: (Lichtman/Sims) moved to nominate Janis Kraft as president. The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.**

b) **Vice President of Administration: (Kraft/Lichtman) moved to nominated Kathleen Edwards for the position of Vice President of Administration. The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.**

c) **Vice President of Outreach: (Edwards/Lichtman) moved to nominate Lopsie Schwartz as VP of Outreach. The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.**

d) **Secretary: (Schwartz/Lasky to appoint Sam Duly as Secretary effective October 6, 2026. The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.**

e) **Treasurer: (Kraft/Dulys) to appoint David Uranga as Treasurer effective October 6, 2026. The motion carried unanimously: 10-0-0.**

f) The following positions were voted on one month ago and will remain the same: 2nd signer: Kathleen Edward, alternate signer: Janis Kraft), 1st card holder: Nathan Lichtman, 2nd card holder: Janis Kraft.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS

a) **Approval of June 9, 2026 General Board meeting minutes. (Kraft/Dulys) moved to approve the June 9, 2026 NWNC board meeting minutes. The vote carried: 6-0-0-4 (Abstaining: Edwards, Schwartz, Uranga, Lasky)**
(There was no meeting in July due to lack of quorum).

b) **Approval of August 12, 2026 Special Board Meeting minutes. (Kraft/Lichtman) moved to approve the August 12, 2026 Special Board Meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously: 7-0-0-3 (Abstaining: Schwartz, Uranga, Lasky)**

c) **Approval of June, July & August 2026 MERs (No July MER due to credit card theft; no MER for August yet). Treasurer Sam Dulys reviewed the expenses for June's MER. (Kraft/Edward moved approval of the June MER. The motion carried: 7-0-0-3 (Ineligible: Schwartz, Uranga, Lasky).**

d) **Motion to approve amending the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget to add $2,076.13 in rollover funds from the fiscal year 2025-2026. (Kraft/Edwards) moved approval of the rollover fund being added to the 2026/2027 budget. The motion carried: 7-0-0-3 (ineligible: Schwartz, Uranga, Lasky)**

e) **Motion to approve amending the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget to allocate $2,076.13 from fiscal the year 2025-2026 rollover funds to the Community Improvement Projects (CIP) category. (Kraft/Lichtman) moved to amend the 2026/2027 fiscal year budget to move the rollover funds to the CIP.**

(Edwards/Dulys) amended the motion to move the rollover funds to the NPG category. The motion carried: 7-1-0 (Diamond opposed, Schwartz, Uranga and Lasky ineligible.)

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Janis announced that the 2026 Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods, the annual conference for the Neighborhood Council system, will take place on Saturday, September 26 from 8am-5pm at City Hall. The event is free and open to the public. https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/ Registration is now open.
- Per the Bylaws, Article V, Section 7: Absences - "Any NWNC Board Member who misses three (3) regularly scheduled consecutive Neighborhood Council Governing Board

Meetings {GBMs} or, optionally, four (4) total Governing Board Meetings during any twelve (12) month period, shall be automatically removed from the Board."

VII. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

a) Public Safety LAPD Devonshire Division. (non-emergency number 1 877-ASK LAPD). No report.

b) CD 12 City Council Representative: No report.

c) Other Government Departments/Agencies: No report.

d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: No report.

e) Budget Advocate, www.budgetadvocates.org: No report.

Julia Estrada, representing Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo, spoke about AB1715 which concerns utilities and AB2319, post production tax credits.

VIII. FUNDING MOTIONS (This motion was taken before the addition of the three new board members).

a) **Motion to approve an NPG for the YMCA Thanksgiving Baskets for up to $5,000: (Kraft/Lichtman) moved to allocated $2,500 for the NPG to fund the YMCA Thanksgiving baskets.**
Interim Executive Director Junaid Rasul explained that this NPG grant is to be used to support the annual YMCA Thanksgiving Basket's Program to purchase needed food items to distribute meals to low-income families and individuals in the NWNC community through Nobel, Calahan, and Darby schools. Each meal provided to families contains a Happy Thanksgiving flyer listing generous supporters who make this program possible.

(Edward/Sims) moved to amend the motion to approve an NPG for $5,000.00 to the YMCA for the Thanksgiving baskets.

(Kraft/Dulys) then moved to amend the NPG grant to $3,000. The motion to amend was approved: 6-1-0. (Edwards opposed).

The amended motion then carried unanimously: 7-0-0.

b) Motion to review, discuss and vote to approve up to $500 for an NPG application submitted by OneGeneration for their 3rd. Annual Fall Senior Center Health Fair on Friday, November 6th from 9am to 12noon. The Fair will be at the Robert M. Wilkinson Senior Center at 8956 Vanalden St. in Northridge. This is a free event that has welcomed more than 300 attendees, providing an opportunity for older adults, adults with disabilities, family caregivers and community members to connect with local vendors and organizations that offering support, services and lunch, etc. NWNC can also have a booth at the event if any board members would like to volunteer. **Due to the lateness of the meeting, this motion was tabled for a Special meeting, to come.**

c) Motion to review, discuss and vote to approve up to a $2000 NPG request application as requested from SOLID to purchase new furniture for record's room

for the Devonshire LAPD. **Due to the lateness of the meeting, this motion was tabled.**

d) Motion to approve hiring Sheryl Akerblom to do NWNC bookkeeping through At Work Personnel Services at an amount not to exceed $200 per month. **Due to the lateness of the meeting, this motion was tabled.**

e) Update: We have been in board discussions regarding Limekiln Canyon with the following Motion: Discussion, motion and vote to approve up to $2500 in CIP account for deadwood and brush removal at Limekiln Canyon. Funds must be kept in CF account established by CD12 for matching purposes. Jeff Diamond has been in contact with Rec and Parks and they are looking into the clean-up of the area, including the gully, being their responsibility. We will table the CF as Rec and Parks said they will follow-up with Jeff in late September. **Due to the lateness of the meeting, this motion was tabled.**

f) Discussion, motion and vote to approve up to $300 for paper, and printing flyers for the 9/29 Alzheimer's Community Forum. (Kraft/Lichtman) moved to approve spending up to $300.00 for printing flyers for the Alzheimer's Community Forum. **The motion carried unanimously: 7-0-0-3 (ineligible: Schwartz, Uranga, Lasky)**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Janis reported on the following event:

a) "Impact of Alzheimer's and Dementia in the Community" with the Alzheimer's Association and partnership with the Valley Alliance of NCs (VANC) virtual session to be held September 29. 2026, 7:00 p.m. REGISTER AT: 800-272-3900 OR https://alz-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ge7gZhJZRC6xI-Hs18s7vw#/registration

b) Motion and possible vote to name 3 NC Homelessness Liaisons to attend quarterly meetings held through DONE. Nicolas Haddad, Peter Lasky and Jeff Diamond were appointed.

c) Discussion and selection of NWNhC Committee Members and Committee Chairs. Tabled

X. NWNC Committee Reports

a) Executive Committee (Janis Kraft spoke about the 2026 La Congress of NC, on Saturday, Sept 26 at City Hall, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.
b) Public Safety (Jeff Diamond)
c) Government Affairs ()
d) Planning and Land Use (Sam Dulys)
e) Elections (Janis Kraft).
f) Homelessness (Nathan Lichtman)
g) Beautification (Sam Dulys)
h) Budget (Sam Dulys)
i) Outreach (Nathan Lichtman)
j) Education (Krystal Sims)

XI. ADJOURNMENT (Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm

-Minutes by Pat Kramer, AtWork-