



# Northridge West Neighborhood Council

## Public Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Beckford Elementary School

PTA Room #24

19130 Tulsa Street, Northridge, CA 91326

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<b>Tom Johnson</b> <i>President</i> – General Business-1(2014)	<b>Gerry Malais</b> At-Large-1 (2012)
<b>Glen Wilson</b> <i>VP Administration</i> - Community/Faith Based (2014)	<b>Jerry Bloom</b> Senior-1 (2012)
<b>Juativa Spurlock</b> <i>VP Communication &amp; Outreach</i> – Homeowner - 2 (2014)	<b>Ken Futernick</b> Senior-2 (2012)
<b>Pamela Bolin</b> <i>Treasurer</i> – At-Large-2 (2014)	<b>Don Ward</b> At-Large-3 (2012)
<b>Freddie Rymond</b> Open-At-Large (2012)	<b>Vacant</b> Renter (2012)
<b>Craig Michayluk</b> Homeowner– 1 (2012)	<b>Chris Williams</b> General Business-2 (2012)
	<b>Robert Graf</b> At-Large-4 (2012)

**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS:** The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived or additionally restricted by the presiding officer of the Board.

The Agenda is posted for public review at the following Northridge locations: Northridge Fashion Center (Information Desk); The Discovery Shop, 9719 Reseda Blvd.; Beckford Avenue Elementary School, 19130 Tulsa Ave.; Albertsons Market, 18555 Devonshire St.; Gelson’s Market, 19500 Plummer St.; Alliance Service Station 8900 Corbin Ave.; and the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, 9401 Reseda Blvd. Also, posted on NWNC website [www.NorthridgeWest.org](http://www.NorthridgeWest.org)

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## **BASIC NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING RULES**

**ALL MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.** The basic council rules listed here are contained either in that act, the governing bylaws of this Council or in rules adopted by the Governing Board.

All Neighborhood Council meeting locations shall be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**DEFINITION OF STAKEHOLDER:** [Bylaws Article 3 (G)] STAKEHOLDER shall mean all persons who live, work, or own property in the neighborhood and also those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm the factual basis for it. The affirmation may require verification of said stake. Furthermore, each stakeholder class within the NWNC's boundaries has the ability to vote and run for office on the board. The geographic area of this council is from the 118 - Simi Valley Freeway south to Nordhoff and Reseda west to Corbin with the centerline of each street as the boundary. (Bylaws Article 5)

**AGENDAS** – Unless otherwise posted, the Northridge West Neighborhood Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Beckford Avenue Elementary School Auditorium. The agendas for Neighborhood Council meetings contain a brief general description of those items to be considered at the meetings.

Items on the "Consent Agenda" may be voted on as a group unless a councilmember or stakeholder wishes to be heard on that item. In the event a councilmember or stakeholder wishes to be heard on an item, it will be called special and heard under the "Public Hearing" section of the agenda.

The presence of at least seven Council members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Council may consider an item not on the agenda only if it is determined by a two-thirds vote of the existing council that the need for action arose after the posting of an Agenda.

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at: 9401 Reseda Blvd. Ste. 100, Northridge, CA 91324, at our website by clicking on the following link: [www.northridgewest.org](http://www.northridgewest.org), or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Thomas Johnson at (818) 599-3435 or via email at: [johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com)

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND TIME LIMITS** – Council members requesting to address the Council will be recognized by the Council President in the order requested. A motion calling the "previous question" may be introduced by any member during a Council debate. If adopted, this motion will terminate debate and the Chair will instruct the Secretary to call the roll on the matter.

Other Board Rules will be put in place and this section will be updated as necessary.

### **Agenda Posting Locations:**

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Alliance Service Station 8900 Corbin Ave.
North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce 9401 Reseda Blvd.

The Council is always looking for volunteers to organize speakers, educate our stakeholders on new property developments, and discuss community issues. If you are interested in volunteering on a Committee, please contact: Tom Johnson (818) 599-3435 **OR email us at:** [johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com). Events and Calendar Postings should be sent to [johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com). **For information about the Council, and Your Community see our website:** [www.NorthridgeWest.org](http://www.NorthridgeWest.org). If you want something put on the agenda, make sure the request is submitted in writing to the board prior to the first of the month.

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- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance - Cub Scout 911**
- 3. Roll call**
- 4. President to issue Oath of Office to new NWNC board member Freddie Rymond**
- 5. Acceptance of Minutes – General Board Meeting of Feb. 8, 2011**
- 6. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Devonshire Division – Interim Senior Lead Officer Ignacio Morillo**
- 7. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Amelia Herrera-Robles**
- 8. CD12 Councilman Greig Smith's Representative – Seme Park**
- 9. Guest Speakers – CSUN Brittny McCarthy Director, Government & Community Relations**
- 10. Treasurer's Report and Budget & Finance Committee Report – Bolin - Review of NWNC budget and breakdown of expenditures**
- 11. President's Report (Reseda median - update) and Executive Meeting Report – Johnson**
- 12. Other Public Officials**
  - a. Oakridge Estate Park Advisory Board (Oakie House) - Steve Harris** (Meets the fourth Thursday of every other month. Next meeting will be Thursday, March 24, 2011 @ 3PM at Fire Station #87 at 10124 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills, CA)
  - b. Northridge Vision - Steve Harris** (Meets the third Wednesday each month **2PM** at Fire Station #87 at 10124 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills, CA)
- 13. Discussion and possible action items.**
  - a. Motion: NWNC to fund printing copies of updated NWNC Survey forms for NWNC Outreach up to \$250. Don Ward & Juativa Spurlock looking into possibility of including survey on web site (Wilson/Spurlock)**
  - b. Motion: I am requesting that 3 estimates be obtained for purchases over \$400.00 and the approval of all the board members prior to the purchase of any outreach equipment, tools or supplies. This will take place only if there is other suppliers that manufacturer or sell the same product with a possible price variance. (Bolin)**

- c. I am requesting that we review the expenditure of R. Kellogg receiving \$45.00 to attend our meeting and to write articles totaling \$130.00 a month. I believe that Mr. Johnson's outreach articles are comparable to Ms. Kellogg's. There is no fee for Mr. Johnson's outreach articles. (Bolin)
- d. Motion: I would like to make a revision to the December 14, 2010 meeting. According to the Approved budget September 5, 2010 the board voted on \$1300.00 for a minute taker and approved \$1500.00 at the December 14, 2010 meeting. The total amount should be \$2800, not \$2700 stated in the minutes for December 14, 2010. (Bolin)
- e. Motion: Discussion and update on low bidder for mowing Tampa from Plummer to Lassen was about \$400 per month for once a month service, and the council approved that funding a couple of months ago. Note for analysis at the general meeting from original 3-bids or if Bailey's give permission to mow there so we if want to expand the area to Devonshire on west side. (Bolin)

In addition, I would like to discuss alternative ideas such as more long-term goals. It would cost the stakeholders \$400.00 once a month to fund cleaning Tampa, to equal \$4800.00 a year. After 5 years this would total \$24,000.00. I would like to invest in long-term projects, such as pavers. Invest \$7,000 to \$10,000 a year, after 5 years we could fund another project. We would not have to continue investing \$400.00 a month for an endless project. The mowing of Tampa could be a temporary fix until we fund a long-term fix. (Bolin)

- f. Motion: Fund up to \$2,000.00 for banners and signs for NWNC Outreach events: Possible examples "Another NWNC project completed", "Another NWNC project funded with your tax dollars", "Come & join us improve Northridge", " NWNC at Work", "Volunteers Welcome", Volunteer your time & join the fun NWNC" (Spurlock)
  - a. Portion of the above funds are to be used for materials and supplies to make signs such as Scottish Terrace & Baton Rouge Estates (Examples) identifying the various developments within NWNC boundaries (Johnson)
- g. Motion: To fund up to \$950 to purchase approximately 2000 "NWNC Did You Know Flyers" and NWNC T-Shirts. Flyers will be placed amongst local businesses such as restaurants, coffee shops, AAA, etc. facilities in an effort to inform stakeholders about NWNC while the T-shirts will be used for NWNC Outreach Events. Note spent \$408.27 on 9/30/2010 for 48 NWNC T-Shirts. Reallocate funds from Outreach to cover T-Shirts. (Johnson/Spurlock)
- h. Motion to fund up to \$800 for a joint NWNC/PRNC town hall meeting at Noble Middle School 9950 Tampa Ave, Northridge on March 15, 2011 (Tentative – pending LADOT/LAUSD availability/approval) from 6:30PM to 8:30PM to review and vote on the LADOT Wilbur Ave road diet re-striping plan (Johnson)
- i. Motion to fund up to \$2500 for Tools/equipment (edger, trimmer, rakes, shovels, brooms, etc.), materials for repairing signs, and /or repairing equipment, etc. that are essential to the needs of NWNC Thursday and Saturday Operation Clean Sweeps efforts (Johnson)
- j. I am proposing each board member be assigned to doing the board resolutions past and present. The board resolutions will be assigned in alphabetical order and rotated amongst the board members starting with Robert Graf, Craig Michayluk, Freddie Rymond, Juativa Spurlock, Don Ward and Chris Williams. With six board members doing the board resolutions, this would calculate to twice a year per board member. A template will be sent out for everyone's convenience. (Bolin)

- k. **Motion and discussion: Fund up to \$6,000 to purchase, secure permits, install, service (including first month service of \$500 per month – serviced once a week) up to 10 new galvanized trash cans. The new trash cans will be installed along Tampa Ave south of the #118 Freeway to Plummer Street plus one new trash can to be installed along Devonshire Street at Vanalden Street NE corner (Johnson)**
- l. **Motion to approve the revised NWNC Bylaws in accordance with the BONC Bylaws Template (Mandatory Bylaws Table of Contents). (Wilson and chair of NWNC Bylaws Committee)**
- m. **Motion to amend the current NWNC Bylaws to make changes and/or add to update on revised NWNC Bylaws in accordance with the BONC Bylaws Template which NWNC Bylaws does not for BONC Bylaws Template have on current NWNC Bylaws.**

**Current NWNC Amending Bylaws are: “ARTICLE X AMENDING BYLAWS**

One of the Council Members or a stakeholder may propose amendments to these Bylaws during the public comment period of a Council meeting.

- A. A proposal to amend these bylaws must be formalized in writing and submitted to the Secretary, or person responsible for preparing the agenda for the next regular meeting.
- B. The proposed amendment will be noticed on the agenda for public discussion and a vote at the next Council meeting.
- C. Any amendment or adjustment to these Bylaws requires a 2/3 vote of the Council Members present. Thereafter, and within 14 days after a vote recommending amendment or adjustment to amend the Bylaws, an Application to Change or Adjust Bylaws shall be submitted to DONE along with a copy of the existing Bylaws for review and approval by DONE all in accordance with Article V (3) of the Plan. No amendment shall be valid, final, or effective until approved by DONE.” **(Wilson)**
- n. **Discuss the possibility of council making an amendment to the February 2010 meeting in which the board approved the installation of the proposed cell tower @ the church on Wilbur & Chatsworth with presentation by Patti & Candice**
- o. **Secure NWNC preference of a date/time/location for an official NWNC Board Member Re-Treat with DONE for training NWNC board members with funding of up to \$800. Note Board Retreat/Training is on NWNC 2010/2011 Budget for \$800.**
- p. **Who to nominate for (Name) to be the NWNC Senior of the Year whose formal recognition will be at the Senior Diner Dance? (Wilson)**

**14. Public Comments** - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s jurisdiction \* Limited to 2 minutes per speaker\*

**15. Committee Reports and Report on Meetings**  
**Committee Reports:**

- a. Ad hoc Wilbur Avenue Committee – Phillips/Ward

- b. Update on NWNC CPR/1st. Aid events – Johnson – March 26, 2011 @ Calahan Elementary School 18722 Knapp Street Northridge, CA 91324
- c. Planning / Land Use / Zoning – Johnson
- d. Education – Ken Futernick – Update on Invent for Life
- e. Elections – No report
- f. Grievance – No Report
- g. Community Outreach – Spurlock
- h. Beautification – Williams - housing tract signs
- i. Bylaws – Wilson – see motions on NWNC Bylaws Table of Contents

**Report on Meetings:**

**Most are listed on NWNC website with date and time of the meetings.**

- a. LA DWP MOU and/or DWP Committee – Glen Wilson  
Meets the first Saturday of month at 8:45 a.m. at Hollywood Community Center 6501 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, 90028
- b. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – Glen Wilson  
Meets the first Saturday of month at 10:00 a.m. at Hollywood Community Center 6501 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028
- c. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) – Glen Wilson  
Meets the second Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. at Sherman Oaks Hospital.
- d. Valley Vote – Glen Wilson  
Meets the third Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. at Galpin Ford.
- e. BONC Meetings- Glen Wilson – All about NCs and DONE  
See NWNC website for date/time/location on BONC meetings.
- f. **Valley Heritage Festival (Northridge Hawaiian Festival)** Outreach meetings with updates for **Valley Heritage Festival** on June 4 & 5, 2011. - Glen Wilson
- g. North Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair Committee – Glen Wilson  
Next meeting is March 16, 2011 at 4-6PM at Fire Station #87

**16. Board Member Comments - Comments from the Board on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction.**

17. Request for items to be placed on the agenda must be made in writing to the NWNC President [president@northridgewest.org](mailto:president@northridgewest.org) and a copy to NWNC VP of Admin. [vpadmin@northridgewest.org](mailto:vpadmin@northridgewest.org) prior to the first of the month of next NWNC meeting.

**18. Adjournment**

**18. Upcoming Events**

- a. VANC 8th Anniversary Party Thursday, March 10, 2011 5:30 p.m. at CBS Studios, Studio City. Reservations are required.

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Process for Reconsideration – The Board may reconsider and amend actions listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: 1) make a Motion to Reconsider and, if approved, 2) hear the matter and take an action. If the Motion to Reconsider is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: 1) a Motion to Reconsider on the described matter and, 2) a Proposed] Action should the Motion to Reconsider be approved. A Motion-to-Reconsider can only be made by a Board Member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action. If a Motion-to-Reconsider is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board Member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall be in compliance with the Brown Act.

