



Northridge West Neighborhood Council

Public Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Beckford Elementary School in Auditorium
19130 Tulsa Street, Northridge, CA 91326

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<p>Gerry Malais <i>President</i> – At-Large-1 (2012)</p> <p>Glen Wilson <i>VP Administration</i> - Community/Faith Based (2014)</p> <p>Juativa Spurlock <i>VP Outreach & Communication</i> – Homeowner - 2 (2014)</p> <p>Craig Michayluk <i>Secretary</i> - Homeowner– 1 (2012)</p> <p>Tom Johnson <i>Treasurer</i> - General Business-1(2014)</p> <p>Freddie Rymond Open-At-Large (2012)</p>	<p>Pamela Bolin At-Large-2 (2014)</p> <p>Jerry Bloom Senior-1 (2012)</p> <p>Ken Futernick Senior-2 (2012)</p> <p>Don Ward At-Large-3 (2012)</p> <p>Vacant Renter (2012)</p> <p>Chris Williams General Business-2 (2012)</p> <p>Robert Graf At-Large-4 (2012)</p>
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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 NWNC Agenda is posted for public review at the following Northridge locations below and posted on NWNC website www.NorthridgeWest.org

Northridge Fashion Center (Information Desk)
The Discovery Shop 9719 Reseda Blvd.
Beckford Avenue Elementary School 19130 Tulsa St.
Albertsons Market 18555 Devonshire St.
Gelson’s Market 19500 Plummer St.
Shell Service Station 8900 Corbin Ave. (was Alliance)
North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce 9401 Reseda Blvd.

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BASIC NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING RULES

ALL MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT AND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER. 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, 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 Gerry Malais at (702) 285-9353 or via email at: gmalais@northridgewest.org.

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.

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: Gerry Malais at (702) 285-9353 or email gmalais@northridgewest.org. Events and Calendar Postings should be sent to Glen Wilson and email to vpadmin@northridgewest.org. **For information about the Council, and Your Community see our website: www.NorthridgeWest.org.** If you want something put on the agenda, make sure the request is submitted in writing and email it to gmalais@northridgewest.org, vpadmin@northridgewest.org and one of NWNC Committee chairs that item are about on their committee agenda prior about two weeks or more before next month so it will be on that NWNC Committee agenda.

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.

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1. **Call to order** (2 minutes)
2. **Flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance** - Cub Scout 911 (3 minutes)
3. **Roll call** (2 minutes)
4. **Acceptance of Minutes** – (5 minutes)
Motion on General Board Meeting of Oct. 11, 2011.
5. **Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Devonshire Division** – Senior Lead Officer Ignacio Morillo (2 minutes)
6. **CD12 Councilman Mitchell Englander's Representative** – Semee Park (3 Minutes)
7. **CSUN Captain Fred Fernandez of Parking and Transportation will address CSUN parking** (10 Minutes)
8. **Guest Speakers**
 - a. **Scott Mottram LAFD Assistant Fire Chief for San Fernando Valley, West Los Angeles and Hollywood areas with Q/A** (30 Minutes)
9. **Other Public Officials not listed** (3 minutes each)
10. **Public Comments:** Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's Jurisdiction and this is a **"NO Discussion Period"**. *Limited to 2 minutes per speaker (Total time is 15 minutes)
11. **President's Report** – Malais (4 minutes)
Reminder that all board members that motions are required to be submitted one week in advance otherwise they will go on the next month's agenda.
12. **VP of Administration Report** - Wilson (4 minutes)
 - a. **Ethics & Open Government training required of all board members every two years.** You can do it online at DONE website www.empowerla.org then click on "NC Ethics Training.", wait for the next NC Ethics Training or contact the Department's Help Line at (213) 485-1360 for hard copy of NC Ethics Training with quiz send by mail. **Went new NWNC Bylaws are approved by DONE then board members can be taken off the NWNC board for not taking the Ethics & Open Government training within 60 days after expiring certificate or started on board.**
 - b. **NWNC Committee chairs please have your NWNC Committee meetings more than one week ahead of NWNC General Meeting so that you can make cut off for your NWNC Committee agenda items be on next regular NWNC General Meeting agenda for second Tuesday of month meeting.**

- c. **NWNC Committee meetings can be list on NWNC calendar if I know about week ahead with the date, time and location of your next NWNC Committee meetings will be.**

13. Treasurer's Report and Budget & Finance Committee Report: (Johnson)

Motion: NWNC Oct. 2011 Budget Report. NWNC 2011/2012 Budget update.

14. Old Business (2 minutes each)

- a. **Motion: NWNC support of matching funds from other NCs, up to \$300 per NC, for Northridge Vision Launch Event on Northridge Vision Report for food and refreshments.** The date has been moved to Jan. 2012 with time from 6pm to 8pm, venue and location to be determined later. **(Outreach - Spurlock)**
Tabled from NWNC Sept. 13, 2011 and Oct. 11, 2011 meetings.
- b. **Motion to Reconsider a portion of the matter from "NWNC Tue. Oct. 11, 2011 item motion #15d to fund a garden project similar to the Porter Ranch Corner but at the northwest corner of Wilbur Avenue and Lassen Street now that the owner has provided permission. Project cost on October's agenda was NTE \$3,200. (Beautification - Williams)" The reason for reconsideration is smaller scope of project that NWNC is funding for which now the cost total is only up to \$445 including cost for drought tolerant plants up to \$400 and a sprinkler valve cost up to \$45 to repair the water system. The new amended motion is below will be only voting on funding up to \$445 only. (Reconsideration by Wilson for Beautification)**
- c. **Motion amended for garden project at the northwest corner of Wilbur Avenue and Lassen Street which now will only cost up to total of \$445 including up to \$400 for drought tolerant plants and up to \$45 for a sprinkler valve. Funds to be spent on 20-30 plants and repair the current water system. Funding from Unallocated Community Improvement. Unallocated Community Improvement balance is \$7,140 assuming item is approved, so new balance is \$6,695. Beautification (Williams)**
(Motion by Wilson for Beautification because of Reconsideration motion item #14b.)

15. New Business (2 minutes each)

- a. **Motion - Funding of \$600 for web master expenses for October, November, and December 2010. Cost at \$200 per month. (Johnson, Budget Committee Chair)**
- b. **Motion - Funding of \$800 for web master expenses for July, August, September, and October 2011. Cost at \$200 per month. Funds are to be drawn from Web Maintenance \$2,940.00, balance =\$1540 after the two separate motions. (Johnson, Budget Committee Chair)**
- c. **Discussion to have an Outreach Ad Hoc sub-committee to discuss ITT issues. (Outreach – Spurlock)**
- d. **Motion to approve up to \$3,000 out of NWNC Education funds on chairs for Nobel Middle School Orchestra room. Presentation by Nobel Middle School teacher Anthony Espinosa and with some of the parents. Funding from Unallocated Neighborhood Purpose Grants - Education funds. Unallocated Neighborhood Purpose Grants - Education funds old balance is \$5,231 assuming item is approved then the new balance is \$2,231. Education (Futernick)**
- e. **NWNC board to approve a resolution on Oakridge Estate Plan Quiet Zone Amendment Request.**

TITLE: Oakridge Estate Plan Quiet Zone Amendment Request

AUTHOR: Don Ward, Chair Planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee

REFERRED TO: Northridge West Neighborhood Council by Planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee

“WHEREAS The Oakridge Estate preliminary plans propose a “quiet zone” along the south end of the park adjacent to residential housing; and

WHEREAS constituents have expressed concerns the areas to the west side of the proposed plans are also adjacent to residential areas; and

WHEREAS the west side of the park is adjacent to a wash that can serve as an echo chamber that can amplify and distribute sound; be it

RESOLVED that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council urges Oakridge Estate planners to provide for a quiet zone along the western border of the park equal in size and effectiveness as the southern border; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council urges Oakridge Estate planners to accomplish a quiet zone without the use of barriers that would attract graffiti or vandalism; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council urges Oakridge Estate planners to investigate a public access pedestrian / ADA compliant entrance to the proposed park on the south end using public easement available between areas labeled watershed demonstration area and quiet zone.”

f. NWNC to approve a Sidewalk Ordinance Resolution by Planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee.

TITLE: Sidewalk Ordinance Resolution

AUTHOR: Don Ward, Chair Planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee

REFERRED TO: Northridge West Neighborhood Council by Planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee

“WHEREAS Wednesday, Oct. 19, a joint meeting of the Public Works and Budget and Finance Committees discussed a “Point-Of-Sale” sidewalk ordinance which calls for property owners to accept responsibility for sidewalk repair; and

WHEREAS Los Angeles city has accepted responsibility for the sidewalks for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS the sidewalks are part of the public right of way and a significant component of the transportation system; be it

RESOLVED that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council urges the city of Los Angeles to continue to with current policy and accept responsibility to maintain the public right of way; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council urges the city of Los Angeles to work in conjunction with LADOT to better apply for federal Safe Routes to School grants to improve and repair sidewalk infrastructure; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council urges the city of Los Angeles to investigate and exhaust all options including seeking Federal ADA program grants to assist sidewalk infrastructure improvement and repair.”

g. NWNC SUPPORTS THE VALLEY-WESTSIDE RAIL TUNNEL FOR THE I-405 CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT RESOLUTION.

TITLE: SUPPORT THE VALLEY-WESTSIDE RAIL TUNNEL FOR THE I-405 CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT

AUTHOR: Valley Transit Coalition

REFERRED TO: Northridge West Neighborhood Council by Planning Land Use and Zoning Committee

(This motion is modeled after ones passed by the neighborhood council in Arleta, Northridge South, Panorama City, Reseda, and Sylmar.)

"WHEREAS the I-405 Freeway has the highest amount of average annual daily traffic (374,000 trips) of any highway in the nation (Source: U.S. Department of Transportation);

WHEREAS congestion on the I-405 Freeway takes a heavy toll on commuters, with 580,000 hours of delay for vehicles passing Getty Center Drive (Source: Caltrans);

WHEREAS San Fernando Valley stakeholders need a fast and reliable alternative to getting stuck in traffic on the I-405 Freeway;

WHEREAS currently there is no effective alternative corridor or transit line for the Sepulveda Pass for people going to and from the San Fernando Valley and the Westside, as shown by pleas from elected officials to "stay home" while the I-405 Freeway was closed in July 2011;

WHEREAS the Metro Red Line subway has reduced the growth of congestion on the 101 Freeway between the San Fernando Valley and downtown by carrying over 144,000 passengers daily (Source: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, "Metro");

WHEREAS other regions of the County, such as the Westside, South Central LA, and the San Gabriel Valley, are lobbying hard to get more funds and to push their transit projects forward;

WHEREAS Measure R has set aside \$1 billion for a transit project to connect the San Fernando Valley with the Westside, plus additional funds to connect the north and south San Fernando Valley;

WHEREAS the federal government has provided a 60% match in funding for another Measure R rail transit project;

WHEREAS Metro has yet to define the type of project, such as rail, bus, or toll lane / auto toll tunnel;

WHEREAS the I-405 Transit Project is the final project in the Measure R timeline; be it therefore resolved that,

1. The Northridge West Neighborhood Council supports the development of a contiguous rail transit line from Sylmar Metrolink and Mission College to the Expo Line, and eventually to LAX as the plan for the 405 Corridor;

2. The Measure R Sepulveda Pass and Van Nuys transit projects should be studied together, rather than as two disjointed projects;

3. Further, the Northridge West Neighborhood Council supports a rail tunnel from Sherman Oaks to UCLA and Westwood as the mode of transit, versus the use of project funds for busways or conversion of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to toll lanes for this project;

4. Finally, the Northridge West Neighborhood Council calls upon the Mayor, the City Council, the County Board of Supervisors, legislators, Members of Congress, and Metro to take action to accelerate the timeline and obtain federal matching funds for this project so that San Fernando Valley stakeholders can enjoy its benefits as soon as possible."

j. Motion to approve funding up to for residential signs for total up to \$845.

- a. **Up to \$445 on Redwood for residential signs to suffice for remainder of this fiscal year for the volunteer sign maker.** Labor is free. Wood needed for Volunteer, Jo Phillips, to continue making

signs. Jo confirmed wood shop class will continue next semester. This wood is for various signs such as Chateau Highlands, Devonshire Country Estates, Baton Rouge Estates, etc.

- b. Up to \$400 for the big Wilbur/Lassen sign (3 planks of rough-cut redwood 2" x 12" x 18 feet = \$400 including tax) for Scottish Terrace Estates sign to be made by a volunteer, Jo Phillips.** All labor is free of charge. Chris Williams already purchased the MDF material to make the letters for this sign. Jo Phillips already obtained the template letters in the same style as the Porter Ranch sign so she can route the letters.

Funding from Unallocated Community Improvement funds. Unallocated Community Improvement fund balance is \$6,695 assuming all of above items is approved, so new balance is \$5,850.

Beautification (Williams)

- h. Motion for up to \$500 for Planter mix so volunteers can use for the remainder of this fiscal year for tree and garden plantings.** Funding from Unallocated Community Improvement funds. Unallocated Community Improvement fund balance is \$5,850 assuming all of above item is approved, so new balance is \$5,350. Beautification (Williams)

- m. Motion for up to \$800 for Plants and trees for the volunteers to install into Reseda Blvd. planters and tree wells that are within the NWNC area.** LA City announced plans to remove these planters unless someone promises to maintain each planter. Clean Sweep Volunteers could maintain the planters thru this fiscal year and then NWNC should pay a contractor to do this work next year. Recurring work is water, remove trash and weeds.
Funding from Unallocated Community Improvement funds. Unallocated Community Improvement fund balance is \$5,350 assuming all of above item is approved, so new balance is \$4,450. Beautification (Williams)

16. Committee Reports: (2 minutes each)

NWNC Committee Chairperson's will select the committee members and went to have their NWNC Committee meetings. Items for NWNC Agendas now come from NWNC Committee Chairs.

- i. Beautification – Chris Williams
- j. Bylaws – Robert Graf
- k. Community Outreach – Juativa Spurlock
- d. Education – Ken Futernick
- e. Elections – Gerry Malais
- f. Executive – Gerry Malais
- g. Government Affairs –Glen Wilson
- h. Grievance – Craig Michayluk
- i. Planning / Land Use / Zoning – Don Ward

16. Report on Meetings: Most meetings are listed on NWNC website with date and time of the meetings. (2 minutes each)

- a. Oakridge Estate Park Advisory Board (Oakie House) - Steve Harris**
Meets the fourth Thursday of every odd numbered month at 3PM at Fire Station #87 10124 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA. between Devonshire and Mayall Street.
No meeting for Nov. 2011 but next meeting is for Jan. 2012 only will be on Thursday Jan. 5, 2012 from 3PM to 5PM.
- b. Northridge Vision – Glen Wilson**
Meets the three Wednesday of month at 2PM at Fire Station #87 10124 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA.
- c. LA DWP MOU or DWP Committee – Glen Wilson**
- d. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – Glen Wilson**
- e. 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.

17. **Board Member Comments - Comments from the Board on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction.** *Limited to 2 minutes per board member.*
18. **Request for items to be placed on the agenda must be made in writing and emailed to the NWNC Committee chair that the item is about, copy to NWNC President gmalais@northridgewest.org and a copy to NWNC VP of Administration vpadmin@northridgewest.org about two weeks or more prior to the first of the month of next NWNC general meeting so the NWNC Committee chair can put your agenda item on their NWNC Committee's agenda.**
19. **Adjournment**
20. **Upcoming Events**
 - a. **Note residents throughout Los Angeles and Orange County have organized a "Southern California Smart Meter Public Forum" on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Glendale Moose Lodge, 357 West Arden Avenue, Glendale 91203. For more information, contact Burbank Action at 818-641-5042, e-mail BurbankAction@aol.com or website www.BurbankAction.com for this event and flyer's of event. For more info, go to: www.BurbankAction.com , www.StopOCSmartMeters.com , www.StopSmartMeters.org , www.EMFSafetyNetwork.org , www.SmartMeterDangers.org , www.ThePeoplesInitiative.org , and www.eon3EMFblog.net .**
 - b. **"NC Election Task Force" is having special meeting Nov. 12, 2011 at 114W 5th St., Los Angeles, CA at 1PM on NC Elections options for 2012. Note is after NC Plan Check meeting from 10AM to 1PM at same location.**



