



# Northridge West Neighborhood Council



Joint Beautification Committee and  
whole NWNC Board Meeting Minutes APPROVED  
Monday, January 27th from 6:30PM to 8:30PM

Arts & Crafts Room –  
Northridge Recreation Center  
18300 Lemarsh St, Northridge, CA 91324

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Pamela Bolin, Gail Lapaz

Lloyd Dent, Bill Fox

Jennifer Krowne, Josue Toscano

Kathleen Edwards, Abigail Bailes

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1. Meeting Call to Order at 6:32pm. Attendees included Kelly Sooter, Peter Lasky, Glen Wilson (7:00pm), Gail Lapaz and Mikkie Loi.
2. Public Comments on non-agenda items. None
3. Update on Utility Box Art project
  - Kelly provided an update on the Utility Box art project (attachment) including a comprehensive list of the non-profit and City organizations in the SFValley that have or are doing public art of this kind.
  - There is a meeting scheduled with CD12 on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> to kick off the project.
4. Consideration of possible changes to the Tampa Median (10 minutes).
  - Existing topiary status – agreed to hold on any further changes pending NBF / Don Larson situation
  - Potential additional topiaries – agreed to not move forward with additional topiaries at this time.
  - Other landscaping options for consideration – agreed to table this discussion
5. Update on NWNC Project List for Don Larson and NBF – NWNC is waiting for further response from the EmpowerLA and the City Controller as well as any support / response from NBF and Don Larson.
6. Other potential Beautification projects.
  - Gail mentioned a potential public art project on the wall in front of the Oakridge Estate which currently concrete (against the hillside)
  - Mikkie mentioned the ramp going to the second floor by Super King as a potential location for public art
  - There was discussion regarding the need for better equipment (weed wacker / mower) for the Clean Streets clean up days that we participate in. Peter asked that we first try to get the existing ones repaired, and if the cost is 50% or more than what it would cost to buy new, then we should add it to the agenda for the next General Board Meeting.
  - Glen agreed to move the NWNC materials including table cloths, banners and pop up to the storage unit this month.
7. Tree trimming status update, if any
  - Peter provide background on the Tampa median trees. The request to provide funding is with CD12 and Matthew Vallecilla.
  - Kelly to send Nextdoor post to NWNC stakeholders asking for tree planting suggestions.



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We are allowed 10-15 trees for planting in February.

- Mikkie mentioned concern about trees on Devonshire between Tampa and Tunney that are showing signs of disease. She has reported it to the City.
- 8. Discussion and recommends for Beautification items to be on NWNC February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 general agenda: None
- 9. Adjournment 8:30.