



Northridge West Neighborhood Council

Joint Beautification Committee and
Whole NWNC Board Meeting Minutes



Monday, February 24th 2020 from 6:30PM to 7:30PM
Arts & Crafts Room –
Northridge Recreation Center
18300 Lemarsh St, Northridge, CA 91324

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Alma Fernandez, VP of Administration
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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 Called to order at 6:33pm. Meeting attendees included board members Kelly Sooter, Peter Lasky, Gail Lapaz, and stakeholders Randy Sanchez, Alfonso Henry, and Yasmine Guillen. (Glen Wilson arrived late. – did not confirm time.)
2. Public Comments on non-agenda items.
 - Alfonso Henry is a CSUN student who was attending for his journalism class
 - Yasmine Guillen is a stakeholder who has attended a Public Safety Committee meeting and the last General Board Meeting.
 - Randy Sanchez was attending to speak on the Tampa topiaries.
3. Update on Utility Box Art project
 - KS updated the Committee members on the utility boxes including
 - Joint meeting between CD12, NWNC (KS), 11:11 and PRNC (JH & DB)
 - Ron Rubine from CD12 agreed to process paperwork to access DCA funding of \$8,000 for the utility box project to be split \$4,000 NWC, \$4,000 PRNC
 - 11:11 set a meeting with DCA to review the project and next steps. (Meeting is between DCA and 11:11 as they are the 2 parties accessing funds)
4. Consideration of possible changes to the Tampa Median
 - RS presented a redesign of the horse topiary to be more on model
 - RS met with a wrought iron vendor who could make the changes to the topiaries based on RS drawings.
 - RS felt that they could remove the head and make the same model for 3 heads, 3 manes and 3 tails and then adjust by horse when they attach.
 - RS felt that D Larson was capable of making the changes if we could come to resolution on his outstanding NPGs.
 - ⇒ *Need to determine whether to have D Larson handle or hire a wrought iron vendor, which will cost \$.*
 - ⇒ *PL will reach out to Melvin Canas, NC Funding Manager, to get update on D Laron / NBF claim and discuss potential resolution as it relates to the topiary NPG*
 - RS met with multiple nurseries to get input on current plants being used (boxwood) and potential alternatives.
 - Per RS, both landscape nurseries said that the boxwood **won't grow to the height of the frames** and recommended Creeping Fig or Myrtle. These are faster growing plants typically used for larger topiary projects. (see attached notes from RS)
 - ⇒ RS has requested that this topic be added to the NWNC General Board Meeting for full board review. Need to determine next steps and timing (April GBM ?)
5. Reseda median and potential next steps.
 - The Committee discussed where the median is on Reseda so that someone can assess the damage. (KS could not locate it.)



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6. Update on NWNC Project List for Don Larson and NBF
 - PL reached out to Melvin Canas previously to get status update. Mr. Canas hopes to have input next week. PL to follow up.

7. LA Litter project
 - KS handed out the LA Litter flyer for April 25th participation. KS can not attend since it conflicts with the CATS 5k/10k run that NWNC approved to support.
 - GW to determine if he will take point or bring up at the March GBM to see if there are any board members / stakeholders that would like to lead.

8. Discussion and recommendations for Beautification items to be on NWNC March 10th, 2020 general agenda.
 - Weed wacker quotes for repair of \$81 and \$65.
9. Suggestions by Board Members on non-agenda items
 - GL recommended creating a mural on the concrete wall in front of Oakridge Estates. She is going to reach out to Andrea Alvarado.
 - KS posted the Tree Planting on Nextdoor and got 2 responses which were directed more at the types of trees than location for planting. Both responders cited concerns about the dead trees on the Tampa median and the bark beetles. There was a need for 1 tree on Reseda which had been removed previously and currently has a bird of paradise planted in its place.
 - ⇒ PL to follow up with Steve Duprey to notify him of status

10. Adjournment at 7:54pm