

## *“Unity in Our Community”*



### Northridge West Neighborhood Council

Joint Executive & Whole Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

**Craft Room - Northridge Recreation Center**  
18300 Lemarsh St, Northridge CA 91324

#### **Executive Officers**

Peter Lasky, President

Alma Fernandez, VP of Administration

Rana Sharif, VP of Outreach & Communication

Kelly Sooter, Secretary

Glen Wilson, Treasurer

#### **Board Members**

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 by President Peter Lasky at 12:02pm
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Roll Call: Peter Lasky, Rana Sharif, Kelly Sooter, Kathleen Edwards, Glen Wilson (Board Members); Mikkie Loi, Joe Kozul (Stakeholders)
4. Comments by Stakeholders on Non-Agenda Items within the jurisdiction of the committee
  - Joe Kozul provided a handout and stats regarding the Nordhoff BRT project. [Link](#)
  - Mikkie Loi asked for confirmation that Capt Burns from Devonshire Police Division would speak at our August GBM. The Board confirmed that she would be on the agenda for 20 minutes.
5. Presidential Comments
  - Peter Lasky recapped 2 meetings regarding the Tampa Topiary concerns (Nextdoor). The first meeting included Peter Lasky, Bill Fox, Kelly Sooter, Randy Sanchez and Edie Lundeen. The meeting discussed the project, cost, process and potential improvements to the structures. The second meeting included the same people and Don Larson. The objective of this meeting was to discuss what, if any, changes could be made to the actual structures. Don provided insight on the way the horses were built, what can be expected over time as the horses take shape from the plants, and he agreed to make some adjustments to the existing topiaries themselves including putting in a more permanent wire mesh manes and tails along with some modifications to the horse head and ears. The meetings were very positive with a shared intention of doing what is best for the community. Randy and Edie have both agreed to participate with the Beautification Committee and Don Larson on the

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6. ITEM 1 - Approval of June 20, 2019 Joint Executive Committee Minutes
  - The minutes were approved unanimously: (3 Yay) Peter Lasky, Rana Sharif, Kelly Sooter
7. ITEM 2 – Debrief of CD12 debate/townhall
  - The group agreed that the CD12 townhall was very successful: Good format, facilitator did a professional job guiding the discussion; NWNC was well represented both with signage and board participation; cost was well below budget at \$75.00.
  - The one suggestion for improvement was to allow stakeholders to ask questions directly vs filing out cards. Per Rana, they were given a Debate / Townhall Guidance sheet from EmpowerLA that mandated stakeholder questions be handled via cards.
8. ITEM 3 – Discussion and recommendations of sound and speaker system for board general meetings. It was unanimously approved to include Dave Brown’s Sound System proposal of \$1,550.00 for review and approval at the August General Board Meeting
  - Peter Lasky got a second bid for the sound system from Hollywood Sound System for \$2,051.66. The bid includes a mixer (Dave’s did not) as well as a 1 hour set up / training session.
9. ITEM 4 – Discussion of MTA proposal of BRT
  - It was agreed that we would try to get LA Metro (Karen Swift) to speak at our August or September General Board Meeting. Rana Sharif will reach out to her to get availability. It was also agreed that our stakeholders should have an opportunity to speak at the meeting. Joe Kozul agreed to work with SAVESFF.com to put together a counter opinion working with Jay Beeber. Each side would be given 10 minutes which includes stakeholder questions.

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- The North San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor project will be voted on by LA Metro on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.
10. ITEM 5 – Suggestion for Guest Speakers for General Board Meetings
- Agreed that Capt. Burns will be the speaker at the August GBM
  - As per above, we are trying to get LA Metro to speak at either the August or September meeting along with the counter opinion from SAVESFF.com
  - Rana & Kelly to put together a list of potential speakers through the end of the year.
11. ITEM 6 – Discussion of logistics of Board Retreat
- Kelly Sooter will email the Board with 2 options for the Board Retreat facility: Northridge Christian Church (5:30 – 8:30) vs Macaroni Grill (1:00 – 4:00). Based on feedback we will finalize details. Additionally, Kelly Sooter will send an email to the Board asking them to think about goals, priorities, and Committee Chair Statements in preparation for the Retreat.
12. ITEM 7 - Discussion of Impact Statements
- The committee discussed the value of CIS and the role they play in NWNC. This will be a topic at the Board Retreat in August.
13. ITEM 8 - Discussion on Study of Neighborhood Council effectiveness
- Kelly Sooter reviewed the study and the highlights will be discussed at the Board Retreat.
14. ITEM 9 – Discussion and suggestions for General Board Meeting refreshments and flyer posting; distribution of business cards and name tags.
- Peter Lasky will handle food for the August GBM.
  - Kelly Sooter will create the GBM flyer for distribution on the website, social platforms and posted at local businesses. Rana Sharif will help in distributing them

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via NWNC social platforms and local business community boards.

- Glen Wilson will distribute business cards and badges.
15. ITEM 10 – Discussion and possible motion regarding the Congress of Neighborhood Councils expense
- The motion passed unanimously: 4 (Yay): Peter Lasky, Rana Sharif, Kelly Sooter, Glen Wilson
  - Rana, Alma, Kelly, Peter, Kathleen and Glen plan to attend.
  - Peter Lasky to invite stakeholders to attend at the August GBM.
16. ITEM 12 – Discussion of and suggestions of Items for August General Board Meeting Agenda
- A. Review and approve purchase of a sound system for meetings from Dave Brown Audio for \$1,550.
  - B. Potential Guest Speakers: Karen Swift from LA Metro and Joe Kozul from SAVE SFV.
  - C. Confirmed Guest Speaker: Capt. Burns from Devonshire Division.
  - D. CD 12 Recap
  - E. National Night Out Recap
  - F. Recommendation by Executive Committee to have the Public Safety Committee review and recommend if there is an opportunity to utilize the Emergency Preparedness Plan and Manual shared with us by North Hills Neighborhood Council. (Potential give away to stakeholders, use at Disaster Preparedness Fair Oct. 12th, etc.) Peter Lasky to ask at the GBM if anyone is interested in participating in the Valley Disaster Preparedness Committee? (Glen to provide date & time of meetings)
  - G. Discussion and Approval of Abby for Education Committee.
  - H. Discussion and Approval of Jacob Fernandez for Homeless Committee.

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- I. Notification to stakeholders that they can attend and sign up for workshops at the Congress of Neighborhood Councils.
  - J. Set Beautification Committee meeting between August 20<sup>th</sup> – August 30<sup>th</sup>
    - a. Read the Adopt a Median guidelines.
    - b. Kick off meeting to set objectives / direction.
    - c. Solicit stakeholder’s point of view.
    - d. Requested recap from Don Larson for 2018 NPG and 2019 NPG: Clean Street Clean Starts
17. Treasurer Report
- Any August / Sept expenses we should be considering prior to GBMs
    - ⇒ Glen Wilson to provide dates/ info for each including:
      - NC Budget Advocate (\$250)
      - NC Awards (\$500)
      - Thanksgiving baskets
18. Comments by Board Members on non-agenda items
- Glen to provide updated contact list.
  - Kathleen asked if board members could use complete name of committees, organizations when we talk vs acronyms which would be helpful for stakeholders.
19. Adjournment 1:42