

Northridge West Neighborhood Council
Joint ECM and Whole Board Meeting
7:15pm
Thursday, September 24, 2020
Minutes

- I. Meeting call to order
 - A. 7:17pm
 - B. Attendees: Rana Sharif, Kelly Sooter, Abby Bailes, Joel Lowell, Yi Ding, Bill Fox
 - C. No other stakeholders were present.
- II. Comments by stakeholders on non-agenda items
- III. Approval of May and August ECM minutes
 - A. Kelly motioned. Abby seconded. Rana asked for a vote by showing hands and the minutes were approved.
- IV. Presidential comments

Non-Business Items (non-voting):

- V. Discussion and update regarding City Clerk's review of Northridge Beautification Foundation's NPGs (Kelly and Rana)
 - A. Kelly explained the investigation and findings which are detailed in the [letter to the City](#): "After a close and thorough review of the information you provided us with and when cross-referenced with the information posted by NBF and Clean Streets, Clean Starts to their Facebook pages, we feel there are factual discrepancies that suggest the work delineated in the NPGs was never completed in the Northridge West area." She also shared that the City clarified that NPGs were considered as grants.
 - B. Rana and Kelly shared that we need to be more cautious with NPG processes going forward, especially given the limited amount of budget we have. The best practices would be to include any requirement of submitting proof of completion of projects to be in the BAC. Otherwise, there is no legitimacy for NC or the City to check progress of NPG projects.
 - C. Bill asked about the case with the Utility Box Art Project. Kelly and Rana explained this was a different case as 11&11 had a contract with the City and reiterated the importance of holding grantees accountable. Bill agreed.
 - D. Rana reiterated the importance of adding more requirements in the vetting process such as the completion form and updates etc.
- VI. Discussion and update regarding previous mailbox closure (Joel)
 - A. Joel has not got a response from Glen and Kelly will reach out to Glen to coordinate the closure

- VII. Discussion and update regarding the LAUSD Board District 3 Town Hall (Ding)
 - A. Ding shared there would be a dry-run the next Monday. There are currently 30 RSVPs. The planning committee is soliciting more questions from students. Abby confirmed that she had received the information from Beckford. Kelly said she would push more outreach efforts in social media and eblast.
- VIII. Discussion and update regarding Aliso Canyon Town Hall
- IX. Discussion and update regarding Community Awards (Rana)
 - A. Rana shared we would be honoring community members who had been making masks for our community through the Councilman's office and she had been working with Gail on this.
- X. Discussion and update regarding CPRA (Rana)
 - A. Rana shared that we were currently under a review of the California Public Records Act.
 - B. There are many items to reply to the request, but Rana has yet to hear back about the next steps.
- XI. Discussion and update from Beautification Committee (Kelly)
 - A. The Clean Streets program: Kelly contacted the Councilman's Office which spent 75 thousand dollars for three months (July-October) in CD12. We would need to allocate additional funds. The Councilman's Office would match funds (maximum \$5,200/day) for potential cleaning project for Tampa Median. They suggested two potential partners: LA Alliance which is challenged due to referrals; [Clean and Green from LA Conservation Corps](#). The Committee has not made any decision to allocate funds.
- XII. Discussion and update regarding the West Valley Animal Shelter CIS
 - A. Abby will follow up with Kathleen and if no more amendment, will submit the CIS with the approved language right away.
- XIII. Discussion and update regarding LA City Plan (Kelly)
 - A. [Northridge Community Plan](#)
 - B. We were recommended to reach out to John Lee to realign the boundaries to match the boundaries of NCs
 - C. The item will be brought to the General Board Meeting and the board could see if any committee is interested in taking on this task.

Business Items (voting):

- XIV. Discussion and possible motion to acknowledge the reimbursement payment from Joel Lowell for erroneous purchase on NWNC credit card.
 - A. Joel's wife accidentally use the NWNC credit card when using Joel's Amazon account but Joel has since reimbursed the erroneous purchase. We do need a BAC to be able to clear the MER to be approved at the GBM.

Rana will call for a special meeting on September 29 at 4:30pm to vote on this.

XV. Discussion and possible action to update S.O.L.I.D. NPG motion previously passed at the September 8th GBM to including but not limited to request for project completion.

A. Rana asked for the specific requirements to request a project completion form. Joel suggested for a date while Kelly and Abby pointed out the construction might be impacted by other factors so suggested to request for the forms to be submitted 30 days after completion. Joel suggested monthly update of status and Kelly suggested a confirmation of start.

B. Rana synthesized the suggestions to request monthly update of status throughout the process and a project completion form 30 days after completion. Abby suggested we not ask for burdensome paperwork and Kelly agreed. Bill commented that S.O.L.I.D. will respond and Ding added that it was for all organizations. Kelly and Joel agreed it is important to have standardized language and policy. Rana agreed with Bill that S.O.L.I.D. is an established organization and it is okay to start with what we have now but in the future, modify to have more standardized policy for all organizations in the future.

C. Joel suggested to discuss at GBM if the board should include the potential policy that grantees who do not fulfill the project completion form requirement will not be eligible to receive NPG consideration.

D. Rana made a motion. Ding seconded. Rana asked for a show of hands and motion passed unanimously.

XVI. Discussion and possible motion to re-submit for Board consideration the August GBM minutes to accurately reflect the changes to the minutes as the Board was only notified of such changes after the meeting.

A. Rana commented that in order to accurately vote on minutes and to avoid misleading misinformation, it is recommended to re-submit for Board consideration the August GBM minutes. Kelly added that she hoped in the future if there are any changes, the changes in the minutes could be tracked and sent to the whole board. Kelly asked if Abby was okay with the minutes that seemed to simplify her statements and Abby said it was okay. Rana commented that organizations and attendees were misrepresented so it would be important to look at this again and vote again. Kelly felt that information was manipulated and hoped that board members trust each other and misrepresenting information is inappropriate. Rana agreed that there was flagrant misinformation and it is important to accurately reflect the meeting.

B. Joel motioned. Ding seconded. Rana asked for a show of hands and motion passed unanimously.

XVII. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (NWNC Neighborhood Council) request that the City Council create a new Council File based upon the results of the recent DONE [\(survey\)](#) to develop and support alternatives to armed crisis response and AB-2054 Emergency services: community response: grant program. [\(Assembly Bill\)](#). This would include revamping the City of Los Angeles 911 system. The 911 system should have a call option so that there are three options: Option 1 police, Option 2 fire/EMS, and Option 3 Community Assistance Liaison Team. Option 3 would be created to meet the demands for an alternative to arm crisis response for homelessness, domestic violence, neighbor disputes, and other quality of life issues (tabled from August General Board Meeting; subsequently agendized at Joint Public Safety/Government Affairs Meeting-no recommendation).

A. Rana started off the discussion by emphasizing that this is for a Council File which is important opportunity for stakeholders to offer feedback.

B. Abby asked this was a state or a city issue and the appropriate agency we should address. Abby also suggested to see if there are other similar Council Files have a more concise motion. Rana clarified that the 9/11LAPD was a City of Los Angeles issue and she did not see one from the last 2-3 months. Abby said she would look more to see if there are any similar Council Files. Rana asked if there was a hesitation to do so and why so (jurisdiction, etc.). Abby said she did not have any hesitation to ask the City to do this but did not want to send the City to the wrong direction. Rana responded that it would be useful to register the responses from our stakeholders. Abby asked if based on the results of the DONE survey, there is any specific recommendation to support one option or not. Rana said the survey was to get more feedback about these options but she was not clear about if they City was asking for specific recommendations and use the survey to mobilize this issue forward. Rana would love to follow up on this. Kelly commented that at the time the survey was conducted and the City did not have the results but now we could use it. Rana would follow up about the use of the data.

C. Abby suggested to propose more concise and uncontroversial language such as it would be great to take out the source of the motion: the City Council create a new Council File to explore alternates to armed crisis for the City of Los Angeles 911 system. Alternates may include options for police, fire/EMS, and Community Assistance Liaison Team.

D. Kelly motioned. Abby seconded. Rana asked for a show of hands and motion passed unanimously.

- XVIII. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (NWNC Neighborhood Council) request that the City Council create a new Council File to provide transparency for the reallocated \$150M that was defunded from the Los Angeles Police Department. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (NWNC Neighborhood Council) wants the process to be transparent and the Neighborhood Councils that represent the areas of the city that are underrepresented and areas with People of Color be afforded the opportunity to weigh in on where those funds are allocated and how they are spent for the benefit of the community that are underserved (tabled from August General Board Meeting; subsequently agendized at Joint Public Safety/Government Affairs Meeting-no recommendation).
- A. Abby suggested to simplify the language without identifying the specific communities. After some discussions, the language would be “the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (NWNC Neighborhood Council) request that the City Council create a new Council File to offer transparency for the reallocated \$150M that was defunded from the Los Angeles Police Department.”
 - B. Abby motioned. Ding seconded. Rana asked for a show of hands and motion passed unanimously.

Announcements/GBM Preparation

- XIX. Discussion and motion to approve the **September 8, 2020 GBM Minutes**
- XX. Discussion and motion to approve the **September 2020 Monthly Expense Report** (pending posting)
- XXI. Committee Chair check-ins and possible recommendations for the September General Board Meeting
 - A. Joel asked for some missing invoices of ongoing expenses, such as Apple One. Rana asked Kelly to ask Glen about this when following up about the mailbox and asked Joel to follow up with Apple One directly.
- XXII. Additional recommendations for the September General Board Meeting
 - A. Ding shared the idea of reaching out to low-income families. Kelly gave an update about YMCA Thanksgiving basket and her ongoing outreach efforts to Perfect Strangers which she hadn't heard back from.
- XXIII. Adjournment
 - A. 8:46pm