

## **Northridge West Neighborhood Council**

### **Executive Committee and Joint Whole Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, Feb 2, 2021 @ 8:00 PM**

1. Meeting called to Order at 8:03 PM.
2. There were no general public comments on non-Agenda items.
3. Update on open NWNC Executive Officer Secretary position. Executive Board will rotate secretary duties until this job is filled. Peter Lasky will take notes at the March 2021 ECM.
4. Dave Brown from North Hills has provided Emergency Prep kits available to NWNC.
5. Discussion of a drive through shredding event in possible partnership with Granada Hills North and CD 12. There was a discuss of possible advertising flyers/promotion distribution. Joel stated that there is about \$1,100 in encumbered funds with C&M printing and that later in April would be better. Dates available are 4/17 and 4/24. Peter asked about flyers in storage. Ding said that she has about 100 older NWNC flyers and will check them out before next GBM. Abby suggested that we could also pass out hand branded sanitizers. The event should have 2-3 volunteers from NC, no cost to NC, and will be located at office on Oakdale. The ECM recommended that April 17<sup>th</sup> would be preferred to allow for NC election materials to be shared with the public in advance of the NC election day on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The motion will go to the GBM.
6. Update on candidate applications, meeting with DONE, and outreach for NWNC. Ding and Abby met with DONE and Beltran about outreach. DONE shared a contact from West Hills with a template for a Candidate Voter Guide. Ding is working on a draft for NWNC candidates that was discussed at Outreach and Elections meeting. The motion will go to the GBM. Deadline for candidates to file in 2/9, complete information will be released later in the month. Ding also discussed a possible candidate forum for Q&A at the upcoming GBM.
7. "Call in User 1" was asked to identify himself, but he did not. He said there are 36 broken links on the NWNC website. He said it is "troublesome," and asked if we want him to file a grievance. Ding thanked the caller for the information and said that she would work with the webmaster to resolve.
8. Discussion of the proposed voter guide continued and Ding shared a sample voter guide from West Hills NC. Ding is working on draft and costs later this week.
9. Discussion of Northridge Dialysis LLC request for public hearing waiver for building solar panels and shade in parking lot was discussed at the PLUZ meeting and will be heard at the next GBM. Abby stated that the drive through coffee shop at the south west corner of Reseda Blvd and Devonshire Street item was not discussed because representative did not show up.
10. The maintenance flyer distribution was completed. Flyers went to the areas requested with a few exceptions. Peter has followed up with Andres from the distribution company. There are some leftover flyers.
11. Abby provided an update on the NPGs and Tampa Topiary project, including a discussion

of options. Abby said that the NWNC Board has attempted to follow up on the NPG that was approved by an earlier NWNC Board. The City has issued its final response to that request. The City thanked the NWNC for its due diligence in following up and found that they were satisfied that the terms of the NPG were fulfilled and no further action by the City will be taken. The NWNC's vision for this beautification project was clearly not met and the Board knows that some community members are dissatisfied. Abby thanked Peter and Randy Sanchez for the background information they provided. The topiary area is city property that we do not have jurisdiction over. Metal statue proposals are beautiful but expensive and past statues at this location were stolen in the past. Making modification into the existing topiaries. We do not want to repeat the same mistakes, therefore Abby recommended that we leave the topiaries as they are and do not spend more money on these. Abby read the City's response. Joel asked about the concrete on the median. Can anything be successfully replanted. Peter said that the bids from landscape companies did not reveal an issue with replanting. Randy Sanchez still thinks that someone needs to come again to check the concrete. He agreed mostly with Abby's comments. His main goal is to get the board to make a decision. The current plants will not grow and the result does not look good so he suggests that the topiaries be removed. Ding wondered about the cost to remove the topiaries. Abby would not want to pay to remove them. Peter said that removal estimates were about \$2000-3000, but he thinks we could get it done for less and we could also ask Don Larsen to take them back with City approval.

12. Jan ECM Minutes were not available in time for approval and will be reviewed at the next ECM.
13. Committee and Liaison Updates. Ding wants to make a motion from Education Committee for Utility Boz education lessons. This will be discussed further and at the GBM.
14. "Call in User 1" was asked to identify himself several more times. He said that the Outreach Committee should look at problems with the email links on the website. Randy Sanchez said that he has had problems with the email link from the website as well.
15. Glen Wilson mentioned the 3 motions from the Outreach meeting. Abby asked if they could be put in writing. Ding reviewed the motions for candidate forum, voter guide and utility box curriculum. Abby said that she has those motions.
16. **Meeting was Adjourned at 8:39 PM**