

NWNC's Government Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 @

Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf outdoor patio @ 18705 Devonshire St, Northridge

Attendees: Chairwoman: Abby Bailes; Committee Member: Jennifer Krowne, Other NWNC Board

Members: Peter Lasky, Glen Wilson, Llyod Dent and Bill Fox.

MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:43 PM
2. Comments by Stakeholders on Non-Agenda Items within the jurisdiction of the Committee - NONE
3. Government Affairs Committee Chair Comments: Abby Bailes described the purpose of the Government Affairs (GA) Committee as follows:
 1. Research and report on Legislative Reports, Council Files and other actions of interest to NW in order to achieve tangible results for NW - Access services; Make contacts
 2. Communicate on behalf of our stakeholders to City Hall and CD 12 via CISOs, letters, etc...
 3. Assist other NWNC Committees via Asset Mapping – Identify people and resources in NW that help accomplish goals
4. ITEM 1 - Discussion and approval of statement of purpose for the Government Affairs Committee to be posted on the NWNC website. The draft mission statement was approved by vote of 2:0 as follows: ***The purpose of the Government Affairs Committee is to serve as the liaison to Council District 12 and City Hall on issues that impact NW. The Committee will track Legislative Reports***

and Council Files of interest to NWNC stakeholders and provide a forum for discussion and stakeholder input. The Committee will advise, assist and cooperate with other NWNC Committees to facilitate actions taken by the Board that require government assistance, approval or support. The Committee will discuss, create and deliver Board Approved Community Impact Statements (CISs) for the purpose of advocating for the betterment and well-being of the members of NWNC community.

5. ITEM 2 –Reviewed the Weekly Legislative Reports from LA City Council and discussed of any legislative items that impact the NWNC community. Suggested that items related to housing, homelessness should be tracked and reviewed, as well as the following:
 1. Council File 19-1033, Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC)
 2. Council File 18-0467 NC System Reforms (passed 9/11/2019)
 3. Youth Seat and Youth Vote update needed
6. ITEM 3 – Reviewed How to File CISs and discuss the NWNC designation of Community Impact Statement Filers. Committee Moved to recommend that Abby Bailes be appointed as a new Community Impact Statement Filer. Motion passed 2:0. Need to make sure Glen Wilson and Pam Bolin are still up to date as filers.
7. ITEM 4 - Discussion of Metro BRT Presentation at NWNC’s September Meeting and possible Community Impact Statement (CIS) on behalf of NWNC. The Committee is not ready to ask the NWNC Board to take an official position because we would like to hear from Metro. The Exec Committee should invite Metro again. Discussed that stakeholders can submit letters to the

Council, Metro, John Lee and others to express their position on this issue. This will be reported by the Committee Chair at the next full NWNC Board Meeting.

8. ITEM 5 – Motion to recommend to the Board to add Bill Fox to the Committee was approved 2:0. Discussed that more stakeholders should be invited, recruited to attend future meetings of the Government Affairs Committee
9. ITEM 6 – Discussed items for next Government Affairs meeting included: Housing Council Files, John Lee’s position on the housing development near Topanga and Homelessness “right” to sleep on the street and the action by the 9th circuit court. Youth seat.
10. Set date and time for next Committee meeting was set for every 3rd Wednesday of the month – 10/16/2019 at 7:00 PM at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf
11. Adjourned at 8:19 PM