

APPROVED
Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)
General Public Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2015 – 6.30PM
Calahan Elementary School Auditorium
18722 Knapp Street, Northridge 91324

1. Call to Order
 - President Tom Johnson called the meeting to order at 6.35.
2. Roll call
 - Secretary John Mah called a roll call. Seven members of the board, along with over eleven stakeholders were in attendance; a quorum was declared.

Here (7)	Tom Johnson, Peter Lasky, John Mah, Debbie Penman, Colleen Pick, David Uranga, and Glen Wilson
Absent (4)	Pamela Gentry, Steven Koch, Alex Orozco, and Freddie Rymond

3. Flag Ceremony
 - Tom Johnson held the flag and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Reports & Presentations by Public Officials
 - a. CD 12 - Jonathan Coto
 - There are no legislative updates as the city council is on summer break
 - Saturday, July 18, Councilman Englander presents Movies Under the Stars “Paddington”. The movie starts at sundown at Shadow Ranch Park, 22633 Van Owen Street, West Hills. The movie, popcorn, and face painting are all +2301free.
 - Thursday, July 23, at 8:15AM, Councilman Englander will participate in the Special Olympics Torch Run at Ride One Therapeutic Horsemanship Facility, 10860 Topanga Canyon Boulevard, in preparation for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.
 - Thursday, July 30, will be the Reseda Boulevard Great Streets Art Walk and Scavenger Hunt along Reseda Boulevard, between Parthenia and Nordhoff Streets, 6 to 8:30PM; the NWNC is welcome to have a booth.
 - Tuesday, August 4, Councilman Englander presents Movies Under the Stars “Big Hero 6” as part of a “National Night Out” event. The free movie starts at sundown at Northridge Park, 18300 LeMarsh Street. Popcorn and face painting will also be free.
 - b. LAPD Officer John Parker
 - Officer Marcus Smith reviewed crime prevention and mentioned that burglaries are up 18% this year. This has been the number one problem in Northridge for the past five years.
 - Burglaries are happening Monday-Friday, 10AM to 2PM. A thief knocks on the front door, if there is no noise from inside, they assume the house is vacant and rob the house via the back entrance. If you are at home, always respond with a “What do you want!” or “Hey, I’m here!”
 - Thieves are usually in-and-out of the house in three to five minutes. By the time the alarm company alerts LAPD, the thieves are already gone.
 - Have documentation of your valuables. Keep a list of the serial number of your computers, televisions, etc. Engrave your initials (or last four digits of your social security number) on small items such as rings.
 - It is very important that neighbors look out for neighbors. If you seen anyone who is not recognizable knocking on a neighbor’s door - call 911 anyway. Tom asked how we could develop a neighborhood

watch community. Officer Smith mentioned there is no training program or official protocol, merely word of mouth.

- Thieves will occasionally park their car in the driveway, and make people think they belong there. Take photos of any suspicious car.
- Pay attention to detail. Notice footwear, clothing, etc. Recently, a lady was a very good witness to a potential thief. By her description, that person was easily identified and is now locked away for 18 years.
- Officer Smith likes a camera with a motion detector with a link to your cellular telephone.
- A stakeholder suggested ring.com; when the doorbell rings, a video feed is sent to your cellular telephone.

5. Special Guest Speaker – LAPD – Janine Angeles

- Ms. Angeles was unable to attend tonight’s meeting.

6. General Public Comments on Non-Agenda items.

- As follow-on to Officer Smith’s discussion, Stakeholder Jim is one of sixty members of the Devonshire Surveillance Team (DST). They have police radios and look out for bad guys. In their 22-years, they have made over 5,000 felony arrests. They are always looking for a few new members. Tuesday, July 28, 11AM to 9PM, DST will hold a fundraising event at California Pizza Kitchen (CPK), 9301 Tampa Avenue (north end of the Northridge Mall). You must have a flyer to participate. Show the flyer to your server, and CPK will donate 20% of your bill to DST. Email Jim at DSTJims@aol.com for additional information.
- Chester Kido from Donna Avenue was concerned about overhanging trees and limbs on his street; he showed photographs to the NWNC. As the trees are on city property, Chester called the city, but they said they could do nothing about it. Tom Johnson asked Glen Wilson to add this to the agenda of the Beautification Committee.
- Francesca Vega from CSUN spoke about a potential 10,000-seat Multi-Purpose Event Center on campus. She also had multiple copies of the 2015/16 schedule for the 1,700-seat Performing Arts Center.
- July 21-24, CSUN will host 500 delegates from Venezuela, Cambodia, Malta, Azerbaijan, and other countries for the upcoming Special Olympics World Games. Friday morning, July 24, there will be a big send-off at CSUN; among the special dignitaries will be President Harrison and CSUN’s mascot, Matty the Matador. Free parking on campus will be available, and light refreshments will be served.
- Saturday, August 29, CSUN is coordinating a large-scale community clean up; incoming freshmen will be dispatched throughout the community to do beautification.
- Mikkie Loi of the Southern California Preparedness Foundation reminds everyone that the 8th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair will be held Saturday, October 3, 10AM to 2PM at the LAFD Station #87, 10124 Balboa Boulevard. Online registration is now available at <http://www.valleydisasterfair.com/>
- This year’s speakers include:
 - Recently retired renowned Caltech seismologist, Dr. Kate Hutton
 - LAFD Captain/Paramedic Stacy Gerlich, Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) Program Administrator/Manager, currently assigned to the Catastrophic Planning section of Homeland Security
 - Jill Barnes, LAUSD Office of Emergency Services, School Operations
 - Tim Kneeland, wilderness survival expert and trainer
- There is no charge for attendance, and a free earthquake preparedness kit will be distributed to each family.
- Advance online registration is not mandatory, but you will receive a welcome email, and it will facilitate check-in. Tom Johnson mentioned that check-in, prior to online registration, was a little chaotic.

7. President Johnson's comments
 - a. NWNC Appointment - Budget Representatives – David Uranga and Glen Wilson
 - Tom made a recommendation for David Uranga and Glen Wilson serve as budget representatives; this will be further discussed at the August meeting.
 - b. Sensational Awareness
 - This was briefly discussed during Officer Smith's presentation.
8. Discussion and motion to approve June NWNC meeting minutes
 - A correction was entered regarding the last page, budget representatives was shown as budget advocates.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes; David Uranga and Peter Lasky seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and motion to approve Treasurer's monthly expense report for June 2015

- The following expenses were incurred in June 2015:

Date	Item	Category	Vendor	Amount
June 10	Pizza	Outreach	Maria's Italian Kitchen	\$ 61.82
June 10	Water, Ice, Salsa, Soda, Chips, Plates	Outreach	Smart and Final	63.97
June 10	NWNC Stylus Pens	Outreach	Innovative Promotion	193.70
June 11	Sandwich Platter	Outreach	Subway	60.00
June 15	NWNC Pocket Flashlights	Outreach	Brown and Bigelow	267.73
June 18	Chips	Outreach	Smart and Final	12.69
June 18	Thanksgiving Food Baskets	NPG	North Valley YMCA	1,000.00
June 18	Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair	NPG	Southern California Preparedness	750.00
June 18	Help Repair Two LAPD Devonshire Trailers	NPG	Devonshire is SOLID	500.00
June 18	Senior Dinner and Dance	NPG	Kiwanis Club of Northridge	500.00
June 18	PALS Teen Council and Programming	NPG	LAPD Devonshire	500.00
June 18	Website Maintenance	Outreach	Aaron Devandry	250.00
June 18	Office/Storage Space – June 2015	Operations	Decision Publications	150.00
June 18	Advertising – June 2015	Outreach	Decision Publications	315.00
June 18	Reseda Boulevd Maintenance – May 2015	CIP	American Heritage Landscape	200.00
June 19	Website Maintenance – June 2015	Outreach	Aaron Devandry	250.00
June 22	Pepperoni Pizzas and Crazy Bread for Meeting	Outreach	Little Caesars	13.61
June 25	Neighborhood Watch Signs	Outreach	Hightech and Banners	1,491.10
June 26	Migration of New Webmaster	Outreach	Moore Business Results	4,900.00
June 29	Counter Check Fee – LA Congress/Budget Adv	Operations	Union Bank	1.00
June 30	Minute Taker for May 12 Meeting	Operations	Apple One	138.60
			TOTAL	<u>\$11,619.22</u>

- Tom Johnson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Monthly Expense Report for June 2015; Peter Lasky seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and motion to approve a \$750 funding line for monthly NWNC board and committee meetings.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this expenditure for refreshments, etc.; David Uranga seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
11. Discussion and motion to approve funding line of up to \$200 for purchase of prize wheel for outreach events.
 - Peter Lasky mentioned that they have difficulty attracting people to the NWNC booth during Outreach events. This spinning prize wheel will increase traffic to the booth, help attendees win a prize, and perhaps encourage people to serve on a committee.

- Glen Wilson made a motion to approve this expenditure; Peter Lasky seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
12. Discussion and Motion to fund up to \$1,000 for beautification refreshments.
- Someone asked if this was for the entire year; the reply was affirmative. These refreshments will attract people from the community to want to participate in activities such as beautification, clean up, and perhaps eventually serving on the NWNC.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this expenditure; Glen Wilson seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
13. Discussion and Motion to fund up to \$1,000 for beautification equipment, supplies and repairs of existing NWNC equipment
- Debbie explained that this is to maintain our current equipment, including blowers and chainsaws.
 - Tom Johnson made a motion to approve this expenditure; Glen Wilson seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
14. General Public Comments
- Mikkie Loi mentioned that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting would be held Thursday, July 16 (3rd Thursday) at Sunburst Park Mobile Home Estates, 21001 Plummer Street. This month's guest speaker will be CERT instructor Susan Jensen, reviewing one-hand CPR.
 - It was mentioned that Don Larson recently rode his bicycle 1,000 miles round-trip to New Mexico. He hoped to make it to Florida, but was hindered by wicked storms throughout Texas. This would have delayed him by a week, so he turned around and came home.
 - Don Larson mentioned that he recently joined the Neighborhood Justice Program, run by City Attorney Mike Feuer's office. They need community people to serve as judges on misdemeanor issues (such as purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol by a minor, petty theft, vandalism, etc.).
15. Comments by Committee Chairs
- Glen Wilson – Finance Committee - Attended Thursday's Valley NC meeting – they are considering using QuickBooks. DONE is also considering making so you only have to scan a copy of the invoice for submittal.
 - Glen Wilson – Beautification Committee – They need more volunteers for Thursdays.
 - Colleen Pick – VANC Committee – They had a big cheese from LADWP speak about the rate increase at their meeting. Monday, July 20, at 6:30PM, they will have a meeting at Galpin Ford to discuss what they can do about the LADWP rate increase. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.
 - Debbie Penman – Beautification Committee – If anyone in the community has any projects that need help or funds, please let her or Glen know.
 - David Uranga – Land Use Committee – Has been attending other land use committees to gauge NWNC activities.
 - David Uranga – Elections Process – Full procedures have not yet been distributed.
 - John Mah – Nothing to add.
 - Peter Lasky – Tampa Medium Improvement Committee – One of the stakeholders asked what they could do to improve the six medians between Devonshire Street and the 118. Currently, there is merely dirt and dying trees. Should we create an open-air art gallery on those medians? A stakeholder expressed concern that it could create lookie loos and a possible crash. Mikkie Loi suggested collaborating with the CSUN arts group. Peter added that they are collaborating with the Museum of the San Fernando Valley.
16. Comments by Budget Representatives
- David Uranga is excited to be a part of the city budget.
 - Glen Wilson mentioned that the budget advocates helped each neighborhood council get an extra \$5k (37K to \$42k) for their annual budget.
17. Comments by NWNC Board Members

- Glen Wilson mentioned that the Bureau of Street Surfaces needs a list of sidewalks and streets that require attention.
- Glen Wilson requested an executive meeting prior to July 26th.
- Colleen Pick reminds everyone that there will be a meeting next Monday, July 20, at 6:30PM, at Galpin Ford to discuss what they can do about the LADWP rate increase. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

18. Adjournment

- At 8:06PM, Tom Johnson made a motion to adjourn; Debbie Penman seconded this motion and the motion passed unanimously.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED DURING THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2015.