

APPROVED
NWNC Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, 11 July 2017
Calahan Elementary School Auditorium
18722 Knapp Street, Northridge 91324

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- President Peter Lasky called the meeting to order at 7.35PM and welcomed nine stakeholders, along with nine board members.

Here (9)	Lloyd Dent, Bill Fox, Jenni Heckscher, Peter Lasky, Mikkie Loi, Jon Manuel, Colleen Pick, Brent Robinson, and Glen Wilson
Absent (4)	Cynthia Contreas-Wood, Hrug DerManuelian, Tom Johnson, and Freddie Rymond

2. Comments from stakeholders on non-agenda items

- There were no comments.

3. Discussion and motion to ratify the bylaws passed by the board at the April 26 Meeting with changes mandated by Bureau of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to bring definitions, language, and policies in line with current DONE and BONC

- DONE and BONC had changes to the submitted NWNC by-laws, including a committee that now has three (rather than five) members.
- A line was removed as it was a duplicate of a previous line.
- There was a concern regarding of someone over age sixteen serving on the NWNC Board as a resident, worker, or property owner; those within the NWNC boundaries, here to attend religious services, are ineligible.
- Brent Robinson reiterated Gibson Nyambura’s proposed language regarding an open At-Large representative opportunity; any stakeholder over age sixteen, who affiliates with **affirms** a potential educational, non-profit, and/or religious organization, shall be eligible. Colleen Pick requested to simplify that as any stakeholder who is at least sixteen years of age, who lives or works within the boundaries of the NWNC.
- Peter reiterated that this is recommended, but not mandated language.
- Stakeholder Bryan requested that acceptable documentation, as stated within the bylaws, should be clearly spelled out.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve Gibson Nyambura’s proposed language, that an open at-large position is open to any stakeholder, over age sixteen, who affiliates with **affirms** a potential educational, non-profit, or religious organization, with a friendly amendment by Brent Robinson to grammatically include “the”, “within”, “NWNC”, and “boundaries”; Bill Fox and Glen Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Aye (8)	Dent, Fox, Lasky, Loi, Manuel, Pick, Robinson, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Heckscher
Absent (4)	Contreas-Wood, DerManuelian, Johnson, and Rymond

4. Election of new Executive Committee Officers, President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Outreach, and other officers of the board, Secretary and Treasurer. The election will be conducted by DONE or their authorized representatives.

- Per the by-laws, Gibson Nyambura from DONE led the election of officers.

- Jon Manuel nominated Peter Lasky to serve as President, Peter accepted.
- Brent Robinson nominated Colleen Pick to serve as President, Colleen declined.
- Peter Lasky thanked Jon Manuel for the nomination; in the next year, he hopes to lead NWNC in standing rules and develop executive board.
- There was no additional comments from the board or public.
- An election was held, and Peter Lasky was unanimously re-elected President of the NWNC.

- Brent Robinson nominated Jon Manuel to serve as Vice President of Administration, Jon declined.
- Peter Lasky nominated Glen Wilson to serve as Vice President of Administration, Glen accepted.
- Brent Robinson nominated Jenni Heckscher to serve as Vice President of Administration, Jenni declined.
- Glen Wilson mentioned that (prior to becoming treasurer) he had experience as the Vice President.
- A stakeholder in a yellow shirt mentioned that Glen’s experience will be invaluable in dealing with the City Clerk’s office.
- An election was held, and Glen Wilson was unanimously elected Vice President of Administration of the NWNC.

- Peter Lasky nominated Jon Manuel to serve as Vice President of Outreach and Communications, Jon accepted
- Brent Robinson nominated himself to serve as Vice President of Outreach and Communications, and he accepted.
- Brent Robinson nominated Colleen Pick to serve as Vice President of Outreach and Communications, Colleen declined
- Brent Robinson mentioned that he would like to continue as Vice President of Outreach and Communications.
- Jon Manuel works in the entertainment industry, and feels that Outreach and Communications is an area what can be improved. He would like regular meetings, a comprehensive media strategy, outreach to other neighborhood councils and DONE, schools, the mall, farmer’s market, little league, etc.
- An election was held, and Jon Manuel was elected Vice President of Outreach and Communications of the NWNC.

Jon (7)	Dent, Heckscher, Lasky, Loi, Manuel, Pick, and Wilson
Brent (2)	Fox and Robinson
Absent (4)	Conteas-Wood, DerManuelian, Johnson, and Rymond

- Peter Lasky nominated Colleen Pick to serve as Secretary, Colleen accepted.
- Brent Robinson nominated Mikkie Loi to serve as Secretary, Mikkie declined.
- An election was held, and Colleen Pick was unanimously elected Secretary of the NWNC.

- Peter Lasky nominated Jenni Heckscher to serve as Treasurer, Jenni accepted.
- Brent Robinson nominated Mikkie Loi to serve as Treasurer, Mikkie declined.
- Brent asked if there was a concern regarding having a husband and wife serve on the Executive Committee; Peter Lasky replied that there was no conflict. Jon Manuel added that the Treasurer is not a member of the Executive Committee. A stakeholder clarified that the Executive Committee has merely three members, the President and the two Vice Presidents.
- An election was held, and Jenni Heckscher was unanimously elected Treasurer of the NWNC.

5. Adjournment

- Peter Lasky made a motion to adjourn at 8.20PM; there was no second yet it was unanimous.