

APPROVED
 Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)
 General Public Board Meeting
 Tuesday, 9 October 2018
 Northridge Christian Church
 18901 Chatsworth Street, Northridge 91326

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

- President Pam Bolin called the meeting to order at 6.30PM, welcomed eight stakeholders, seven board members, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Here (7)	Pamela Bolin, Lloyd Dent, Greg Kromhout, Gail Lapaz, Peter Lasky, Matt McPherson, and Glen Wilson
Absent (2)	Alma Fernandez and Bill Fox

2. Comments by Public Officials

- Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Field Deputy for CD12 who serves as the community liaison to the LAPD and LAFD and works closely with the Department of Building and Safety mentioned the following:
 - Wednesday, October 3, Councilman Englander introduced a motion directing the LA Department of Animal Services to develop alternatives for coyote management including a program for the trap and release of wild coyotes discovered near populated areas. These past few months, CD12 received numerous complaints of coyote sightings in parks, open spaces, and in neighborhoods endangering children and domestic pets. Trap and release is the most effective, humane way to address the challenges of wild coyotes in our communities. In addition, Matt’s dog was recently bitten by a coyote. Coyotes used to be afraid of people, and would run away; now they have gotten used to us and are no longer scared. Peter wondered where the coyotes will be released, and if a resolution from the NWNC would be helpful. The release location is not yet determined (possibly the Santa Susana area between Chatsworth and Simi Valley). A resolution may not be necessary, as this appears to have the support of the city council.
 - Saturday, October 20, CD12 will sponsor the movie “The Sandlot” at the Shadow Ranch Recreation Center, 22633 Vanowen Street, West Hills. This will be like a drive-in, whereupon you listen to the movie via your car radio. The gates open at 5.30PM, with the movie starting at 6PM; Wendy’s will provide food. Please RSVP to Councilman Englander’s office at 818-882-1212 or email councilman.english@lacity.org.
- Jose Galdamez from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) reported the following:
 - The NWNC’s candidate filing period is January 19 through February 19, with the election on Saturday, May 4th at a yet to be determined location. The Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC) is already using the park, which is NWNC’s first choice. Peter wondered if both the NWNC and NENC could share the park’s voting location. Additional election information is available at the city clerk’s website.
 - Thursday, October 18, 6.30PM to 8.30PM DONE will sponsor a neighborhood council workshop [to discuss outreach, elections, etc.] at the North Hollywood Recreation Center. Another workshop will be on Tuesday, October 23, at a yet to be determined location.
 - DONE will sponsor live Ethics Training on Monday, October 22, 6PM to 9PM at the Mission Hills Community Police Station, 11121 Sepulveda Boulevard.
 - Jose shared some population data from the Census Tract’s American Community Survey.

- Glenn Bailey mentioned that the agenda for this NWNC meeting was emailed to folks on the mailing list, but it was mis-labeled NENC.
3. Guest Speaker, Rafael De La Rosa – CSUN Assistant Director of Government and Community Relations with brief updates on events happening on campus and share some resource material for the community
- Francisca Vega, Associate Vice President for Government and Community Relations joined Rafael and reported that one of their key priorities is transportation. When founded in 1958, CSUN was a commuter school; however, they have expanded to over 40,000 students. Since Measure M passed in 2017, they have been working with Metro and the staff, students, and faculty of CSUN to do a survey to determine what percentile use mass transit. Measure M provides \$180m for this feasibility study survey [and its subsequent results] on behalf of the North Valley Transportation Authority. They also hope to expand the transit hub along Darby Avenue.
 - CSUN is considering expanding bus ridership. Currently, the last campus bus is at 9.25PM, yet classes can go until 10.50PM.
 - In addition, CSUN has another developer working on the new hotel at the south end of campus. Originally, the hotel was going to have 150 rooms and three stories; the statistics of the new hotel is unknown. However, the orange grove will remain.
 - They are also seeking a new restaurant on campus to host meetings and special events. Francisca and Peter hope this restaurant will offer free parking.
 - Wednesday, October 10, CSUN will host Accessing LA at the Plaza del Sol/Student Union; this free event will inform people how to do business with the city. That evening, LAPD Chief Moore will attend this event. Although this is open to the public, free parking will not be available.
 - Saturday, October 13 is the 60th anniversary of the CSUN campus. This event will be open to alumni and the community with plenty of free parking.
 - Saturday, October 20, CSUN will host an education fair for parents of children going on to college. Financial issues will be among the topics to be discussed. They expect over 10,000 attendees.
 - Every September, CSUN hosts the Matador Day of Service Beautification Project with students doing various volunteer tasks around campus. In 2019, CSUN looks forward to expanding this day of service beyond the campus to throughout Northridge.
 - Pam mentioned that she receives multiple emails from CSUN students looking for volunteer opportunities. Regretfully, the NWNC does not have a quick-enough turn-around to satisfy their needs and urges the students to reach out to the university's administration.
4. Comments from stakeholders on non-agenda items
- Doris Dent reported that a screening of the documentary “Blowout: Who’s Next?” narrated by actor and activist James Cromwell (who may be there in person) will be shown Tuesday night, October 23, beginning at 7PM at the Winnetka Pacific Theatres, 9201 Winnetka Avenue. Admission will be \$15. The viewing marks the three-year anniversary of the worst gas blowout in US history at the SoCalGas Aliso Canyon Storage Facility. This documentary explores the connections between Aliso Canyon, Eight Mile, Alabama and Dimock, Pennsylvania. All three communities find commonality in the wreckage of their community’s health, air and water.
 - Mikkie Loi from the LAPD’s Community Relations Office mentioned that Friday, October 12 is the annual Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID) all-you-can-eat pasta dinner at

St. Nicholas Church, 9501 Balboa Boulevard from 5PM to 8PM. Admission is \$10 and there will also be a silent auction.

- In addition, the following are the scheduled Neighborhood Watch Meetings:
 - Thursday, October 18 at the Garden Christian Fellowship, 20745 Nordhoff Street (just east of DeSoto Avenue); Jenny Portillo from CD3/Councilman Blumenfield's office will talk about homelessness and Officer Parker will discuss crime statistics
 - Tuesday, October 23, at Granada Hills High School, 10535 Zelzah Avenue.
 - Thursday, October 25 at St John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Avenue (at Lassen Street). Representatives of the Valley Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement (HOPE) Team will speak.
- The LAPD, led by Sergeant Andrew Kukla, has put together an enforcement task force to combat illegal street racing; their first weekend resulted in sixteen impounds and eight arrests. After impound, the LAPD requires that the heavily modified racers be returned to its original specifications. If anyone has any tips on apprehending illegal street racers, please email the LAPD.
- For other concerns, please contact Mikkie.
- John Pelzer urges folks to vote yes on Proposition 10 to support the Affordable Housing Act. This proposition allows local government to coordinate rent control within their area.
- Glenn Bailey from the NENC reported the following:
 - The NENC will host the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) at their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 17, at the Northridge Women's Club, 18401 Lassen Street. The SCAQMD will do a presentation on their health study. They invited the county health department, but it unknown if they will be able to attend.
 - Glenn has reached out to Christopher Garcia from the city clerk's office (who is coordinating the elections). The multi-purpose room at the Northridge Park is too small to host two neighborhood council elections. However, if available, the large gym could host both the NENC and NWNC elections on Saturday, May 4.
 - Thanks to all who attended the annual Congress of Neighborhood Councils on Saturday, September 22. They had over 1,100 online registrations, and several people attended without pre-registering. The 2019 Congress will be held on Saturday, September 28.
 - The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Election Forum, moderated by KNBC's Doug Kriegel, will be held on Thursday, October 11; the registration deadline if Monday, October 8. Pre-registration is required, as the forum is held on the secure CBS studio lot in Studio City. NWNC's name is already on the program. Many of the propositions, as shown on the November 6th ballot, will be discussed.

5. Presidential comments

- Pam thanked all who attend our monthly meetings and everyone who volunteered at the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on Saturday, September 29.
- She reminded everyone that all Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG) must go through a protocol, including a vote by the NWNC board and then approval by DONE. However, not all NPGs get approved.

6. Discussion and motion to approve CPR/1st Aid training class up to \$1,500 on Saturday which maybe on November 3, 2018 with location site including refreshments and cost of Red Cross cards from Outreach funds

- Pam hoped to host this training (conducted by the American Heart Association) at the Nobel School and make it available to everyone in the community. The NWNC will pay the \$30/person fee.
- Stakeholder Brian liked the motion, but recommended postponing this as the requested date is merely three-weeks away.
- Mikkie mentioned that when she organized CPR training two years ago, they had two-month notice and trained fifty-people (forty teachers and ten community members). Peter Lasky suggested having the training at the Callahan School, as the teachers who received the NWNC-sponsored training two years ago will need to renew their training. In addition, the NWNC received a special discount for the 2016 teacher training.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this outreach expenditure (with the date and location to be determined); Matt McPherson seconded the motion, yet there was no vote.
- Peter Lasky made a motion to table this agenda item; Lloyd Dent seconded the motion, and it passed:

Aye (6)	Dent, Kromhout, Lapaz, Lasky, McPherson, and Wilson
No (1)	Bolin
Absent (2)	Fernandez and Fox

7. Discussion and motion to approve one or two Office Depot Black Tripod Easels, Easel Bags, and Bungee Cords for less than \$200 via the LA City NWNC Card discount
 - Pam Bolin made a motion to approve this expenditure; Peter Lasky seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
8. Discussion and motion to approve one USA Flag with stand for up to \$100 for NWNC meetings
 - Glen will bring this to each meeting.
 - Greg recommended purchasing this flag at OSH’s going out of business sale.
 - Matt McPherson made a motion to approve this expenditure; Greg Kromhout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
9. Discussion and motion to approve NWNC Outreach items like First Aid Kits, Pens, and other items for NWNC to give out at meetings and events for up to \$500 from Outreach funds
 - Matt hopes to have an Outreach meeting [prior to the next NWNC meeting] to discuss these purchases from the SOS Survival Products Store, 15705 Strathern Street, Van Nuys. It is hoped that they could adhere NWNC stickers to the first aid kits, etc. Pam recommends purchasing whistles. Peter added that the NWNC magnets work on many stainless steel refrigerators (including his own).
 - Matt McPherson made a motion to approve this outreach expenditure; Gail Lapaz seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
10. Discussion and motion to approve the September minutes
 - Agenda item 11 showed two board members absent, yet merely one was shown as the tally (this has since been corrected).
 - Gail Lapaz made a motion to approve the September minutes; Peter Lasky seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
11. Discussion and motion to approve the September 2018 Monthly Expense Report (MER)
 - The following General Operations Expenditures were incurred in September:

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
September 2	Golden State Storage	Credit Card Transaction (one month)	\$ 114.50

September 4	Moore Business Results	Communications Services	250.00
September 4	Apple One Employment	Minute Taker	103.95
September 4	Decision Publications	Advertising	315.00
September 10	Western Bagel	Credit Card Transaction	165.00
September 12	Golden State Storage	Credit Card Transaction (six months)	633.00
		Total	<u>\$1,581.45</u>

- Matt McPherson made a motion to approve this MER; Peter Lasky seconded the motion, and it passed:

Aye (6)	Bolin, Dent, Lapaz, Lasky, McPherson, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Kromhout
Absent (2)	Fernandez and Fox

12. Reports by Liaisons and NC Budget Advocate Reports

- Homelessness Liaison Gail reported that the next homeless workshop would be held on Saturday, October 13 at LAFD’s Station 87 at 10108 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills. They will discuss safe parking, housing, etc. and tours of a supportive housing facility on Winnetka Avenue will be available. Oftentimes, it takes something very severe to get people’s attention regarding the plight of the homeless. Pasadena is dealing with a severe flea epidemic that many are blaming on the homeless.

13. Reports by committee chairs

- Lloyd mentioned that the Land Use Committee has had no action.
- Glen reported that after the outreach material are purchased, he would focus his efforts on the election meetings.
- Matt reported that the September 29th Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair was awesome, but we should be better prepared next year. He entered 167 of the 230 collected email addresses into a database, yet the other 63 emails were illegible.

14. Comments by board members on non-related issues to this meeting

- Greg mentioned that he was going to speak about the Metro hearings; however, he will first check with the Planning Department regarding rezoning and public hearings. Woodland Hills and Tarzana (but not Northridge) may be affected by rezoning.
- Pam reported that she saw an online video concerning the 50-acre Bloom Park of Porter Ranch. This park will include tennis courts, basketball courts, and an outdoor pavilion for community events. This park is named after Mitchell Englander’s mother and sister, Linda and Natalie Bloom, who died very young.
- Peter attended a Friends of Oakridge Estate meeting a few weeks ago. This park is progressing very slowly; they are three-years behind in planning. Without a plan, the house is crumbling and the new oak trees are dying.
- Lloyd recently took his granddaughter to the Arboretum at Cal State Fullerton, and he hopes that CSUN does not destroy their comparative orange grove.
- Glen reminded everyone of the SOLID Pasta Dinner on Friday, October 12.

15. Adjournment

- Pam Bolin adjourned the meeting at 8.31PM.