

Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)
General Public Board Meeting
Tuesday, 8 January 2019
Northridge Christian Church (NCC)
18901 Chatsworth Street, Northridge 91326

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

- President Pam Bolin called the meeting to order at 6.33PM, welcomed ten stakeholders, all nine board members, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Here (9)	Pamela Bolin, Lloyd Dent, Alma Fernandez, Bill Fox, Greg Kromhout, Gail Lapaz, Peter Lasky, Matt McPherson, and Glen Wilson
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2. Comments by Public Officials

- Jose Galdamez from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) reported the following:
 - Nominations for the NWNC election will open on Saturday, January 19.
 - DONE and the city are seeking nominations for the Vanguard awards; these will be presented to city employees who go above and beyond their job duties. Please feel free to nominate any of your favorite city employee(s).
 - There will be a neighborhood council candidate workshop from 10AM to noon on Saturday, January 19, at the Marvin Braude Building, 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Nuys. This informational session will instruct potential candidates how to prepare their candidacy and what to expect in the campaign and subsequent neighborhood council leadership. This will be followed, from 1PM to 3PM, with a workshop to encourage women to run for council seats.
 - Thursday, January 31, beginning at 6.30PM at the Marvin Braude Center, DONE will co-sponsor a public hearing regarding the restaurant beverage program ordinance. In response to a request by the City Council, the Department of City Planning is proposing this ordinance to shorten processing times and lower costs for certain sit-down restaurants to be able to serve alcoholic beverages.
- Matt Hernandez from CD12 was unable to attend this evening's NWNC meeting.

3. Comments from stakeholders on non-agenda items

- Mikkie Loi reported the following:
 - The Thursday, January 17 Neighborhood Watch meeting, beginning at 7PM at the Garden Church, 20745 Nordhoff Street, Chatsworth, will feature Officer Parker discussing crime statistics and prevention.
 - Officer Patti Peteque's Neighborhood Watch meeting at the Calahan Street Elementary School, 18722 Knapp Street, has moved from the last Wednesday to the last Tuesday of each month.
 - City Attorney Mike Feuer will host a THRIVE event at the Temple Ramat Zion, 17655 Devonshire Street, on Sunday, January 13, 2PM to 3PM. Along with a panel of medical and aging professionals, they will discuss how to stay healthy, active, and productive for many years to come.
- Patty Glueck reported the following:

- Dr. Nordella is launching an Aliso Canyon Medical Surveillance Study (ACMSS) including Benzene exposure blood testing. Please visit one of the two Primex lab stations to have blood drawn if you think the So Cal Gas Aliso Canyon Storage Facility Blowout affected you or your family's health. The facilities are at 10515 Balboa Boulevard, Suite 215, Granada Hills and 16742 Stagg Street, Suite 120, Van Nuys. When you visit, please tell the staff that you are there for the blood draw for the ACMSS. Fasting is not required. Patients may request a copy of their lab results from the Van Nuys facility. No personal information will be shared or released.
- Patty and others have requested that the South Coast Air Quality Management District establish a community town hall to discuss Aliso Canyon; this could be similar to the town hall hosted by the NWNC in March.
- She looks forward to a neighborhood council candidate forum immediately prior to the May 4th election.
- Jane Fowler from Granada Hills is involved with Food and Water Watch and urges the city to stop investing in fossil fuels.
 - The LADWP recently held a meeting whereupon they discussed spending \$6B to rebuild three gas power plants (in Long Beach, Hawthorne, and Wilmington). This could result in additional smog and increase the risk of cancer. She would prefer that the city move towards 100% renewable energy.
 - Jane had a sample letter that the NWNC could use as a template to address to Mayor Garcetti. This was not agendized, but may be discussed at a future NWNC meeting.
- Glenn Bailey, President of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC) mentioned that Thursday, January 17 would be the 25-year anniversary of the earthquake.
 - That evening, the NENC and CSUN's Department of Geological Sciences will co-sponsor a Disaster Preparedness Town Hall at the Northridge Women's Club, 18401 Lassen Street. There will be multiple exhibitors around the room (including SOS Products of Van Nuys, the LAFD's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program, etc.) beginning at 6.30PM, with the program beginning at 7PM, including Bill Hopkins from the Valley Disaster Preparedness Foundation, expert geologists, etc.
- Lloyd and Doris Dent are running to be delegates for California's Democratic Convention, representing the 45th Assembly District. If elected, they will help vote for the new party chair and other leadership.
 - The election for registered democrats will be Sunday, January 13 at the Organization of Istanbul Armenians, 19726 Sherman Way, Winnetka. Doors will open at 11.30AM, with speeches beginning at noon, followed by registration and voting from 12.30PM to 2.30PM.
 - As an attorney, Lloyd has always been concerned about low-paid employees who are taken advantage of, particularly regarding worker's compensation. This concern stemmed from Lloyd's maternal grandfather's death from black lung disease (while his mom was still in high school) after working in coalmines
- NWNC President Pam Bolin is running to represent the city council's 12th district.
 - She has a passion for this community that she loves.
 - She is a very good listener and avid reader. Her day job allows her to support people, and she looks forward to continuing that support.

- We taxpayers pay a great deal for street repair; to support this, she frequently takes photographs of potholes, and submits them to the city via the 311 app.
 - A stakeholder had a concern that he had brought to Councilman Englander's office for ten years without success. She reached out to Pam, and it was handled within a week.
 - The CD12 Election Day for this non-party affiliated position will be Tuesday, June 4.
 - Lloyd asked how many candidates are running, it is estimated that there will be over twenty candidates (they must file their petition by Tuesday, March 4). There will be a run-off if no one acquires 50% of the vote.
4. Guest Speaker for California Earthquake Authority (CEA), Civic and Community Group Liaison Mark Toohey
- Thousand Oaks resident Mark is the Southern California liaison for the CEA. Linda Foster [from Castro Valley], the Northern California liaison, joined him.
 - He looks forward to also presenting at the Disaster Preparedness Town Hall on Thursday, January 17.
 - Mark has over 25-years of community affairs and government relations experience with Farmer's Insurance. He recently retired and joined CEA a year ago. He addresses various civic groups (chambers of commerce, Kiwanis, etc.) throughout California.
 - Most Californians reside within thirty-miles of a fault.
 - Although earthquakes should not surprise us, less than 9% of Californians have quake insurance. Basic homeowner's insurance does not include quake coverage.
 - In addition, there is a 99% chance of a 6.7 (or greater) quake in the next thirty years.
 - CEA does not sell insurance; they are a publicly managed, privately financed not-for-profit residential earthquake insurer. They are not a part of the state's budget.
 - A common myth is that the government will bail someone out of the big quake. However, the maximum will be \$33k.
 - For an estimate of what insurance will cost, there is a premium calculator at the CEA website at <https://www.earthquakeauthority.com/California-Earthquake-Insurance-Policies/Earthquake-Insurance-Premium-Calculator>
 - 25-years ago, that quake caused \$20B in residential damage; today, that would cause over \$35B in damage.
 - Currently, CEA has \$16B in reserves. However, in the event of a major earthquake, if they cannot pay, they may go bankrupt.
 - Repair costs could double if a home lacks retrofitting. This is frequently the case for houses on a raised (as opposed to slab) foundation and/or built prior to 1979. Additional information can be found at earthquakebracebolt.com.
 - Greg attempted to register for the brace and bolt program, but his house was ineligible because of his zip code.
 - Pam mentioned that she is happy that she has CEA coverage via Mercury.
 - A stakeholder expressed concern regarding the faults in California, the eligible cash, and that the policyholders take the risk. He wondered if payments would be pro-rated, or is it those who are first in line get the money. The funds will be pro-rated.
 - Lloyd mentioned the similarity between earthquake coverage and worker's compensation.
 - Glenn Bailey mentioned that much of the damage of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake was caused by fire. The CEA would not cover fire damage. They also do not cover swimming pools.
5. Presidential comments

- Pam was glad that everyone had a good time at the NWNC’s December meeting; she had a scheduling conflict with her company’s holiday party.
6. Discussion and motion to approve up to \$500 funding for Community Connection ad; a joint ad for February with the NENC to promote and solicit board election candidates
 - NWNC’s elections administrator, Nora, was unable to attend tonight’s meeting.
 - The candidate registration will be Saturday, January 19 through Tuesday, February 19.
 - This half-page ad in the Community Connection, for up to \$500, will be shared with the NENC.
 - Lloyd Dent made a motion to approve this expenditure; Peter Lasky seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 7. Discussion and motion to approve NWNC Election location which may be NCC, Noble Middle School, or other locations
 - The pastor of NCC will have a meeting with the city clerk’s office to determine if this is an approved facility for the election. Just in case this NCC is not approved, this motion will provide the option of a back-up location.
 - If the teacher’s strike continues until May 4, schools will be not available.
 - Peter Lasky made a motion to approve a [yet to be determined] location; Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 8. Discussion and motion to approve up to \$300 for Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils March 14th Anniversary mixer at the CBS Studios, 4024 Radford Street, Studio City. Vendor: JCS Catering Company
 - Glenn Bailey mentioned that “Best of” awards would be presented at this mixer. To be considered, the NWNC should think of something they do to encourage other neighborhood councils to live up to NWNC’s high standards.
 - Lloyd Dent made a motion to approve this expenditure; Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 9. Discussion and motion to approve the December 2018 minutes
 - Greg Kromhout made a motion to approve the December minutes; Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (8)	Dent, Fernandez, Fox, Kromhout, Lapaz, Lasky, McPherson, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Bolin

10. Discussion and motion to approve the November 2018 Monthly Expense Report (MER)

- The following General Operations Expenditures were incurred in November:

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
November 13	Mailbox World	Credit Card Transaction	\$120.00
November 13	Decision Publications	Advertising in Community Connection	315.00
November 13	Apple One Employment	Minute Taker	40.43
November 13	Apple One Employment	Minute Taker	115.50
November 13	Moore Business Results	Communications Services	200.00
		Total	<u>\$790.93</u>

- The Decision Publications expense of \$315 included \$250 for the advertisement and \$65 for the proofreader.

- Alma Fernandez made a motion to approve this MER; Gail Lapaz seconded the motion, and it passed:

Aye (8)	Bolin, Dent, Fernandez, Fox, Lapaz, Lasky, McPherson, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Kromhout

11. Discussion and motion to approve the December 2018 MER

- The following General Operations Expenditures were incurred in December:

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
December 6	Smart and Final	Credit Card Transaction	\$ 15.38
December 6	Stonefire Grill	Credit Card Transaction	368.17
December 11	Moore Business Results	Communications Services	200.00
December 11	Decision Publications	Advertising	315.00
December 11	Apple One Employment	Minute Taker	138.60
December 12	Corner Bakery	Credit Card Transaction	110.10
		Total	<u>\$1,147.25</u>

- Pam Bolin made a motion to approve this MER; Gail Lapaz seconded the motion, and it passed:

Aye (8)	Bolin, Dent, Fernandez, Fox, Lapaz, Lasky, McPherson, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Kromhout

12. Reports by Liaisons and NC Budget Advocate Reports

- Gail mentioned that there would be a Homeless Connect Day on Thursday, January 17 at the Freedom Church, 9200 Owensmouth Avenue, Chatsworth. LA Family Housing and CD12 have organized this event (to be held in English and Spanish) whereupon the homeless will be brought to the church via buses and vans. They could use additional volunteers. Nick from Los Toros Mexican Restaurant at 21743 Devonshire Street will donate the lunches. CD12 calls this Spa-2, as this is their second homeless connect day event, with haircuts, showers, etc.
- Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey explained that the advocates are 36 individuals from throughout the city (three from each of the twelve regions). They recently distributed a city services report card survey. Regretfully, this closed on Saturday, January 5, with merely 1,000 people (of the city's 4M residents) participating in the survey.
- The city's annual Budget Day will be Saturday, June 29, at downtown's city hall. Neighborhood council board members and stakeholders are welcome. Each neighborhood council must elect two budget representatives by that date. Otherwise, the default budget representatives will be the president and treasurer.

13. Reports by committee chairs

- Matt is working on the Facebook outreach; he needs to separate his private Facebook page from the NWNC site.
- He added that if a board member's term is valid until 2021, please reach back to Matt with how you would like your name to appear on your business cards.
- The Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee (PLUZC) met on Thursday, January 3. However, the applicant from the Las Dunas Restaurant at 9350 Corbin Avenue did not appear. The PLUZC may meet again at the end of January; it is hoped that someone from Las Dunas will appear at that meeting.

14. NWNC Election will be on Saturday, May 4 from 10AM to 2PM and the NWNC candidate filing period is January 19 to February 19. NWNC Election Chair is Glen Wilson with any updates plus Q/A
 - Glen mentioned that the location of the election has not yet been determined.
 - Matt recommended a committee meeting to review the mailing.
 - As a location has not yet been finalized, the mailer may include the statement “see the city clerk’s or the NWNC’s website for the exact election location”.

15. The Bureau of Street Services scheduled a Small Asphalt Repairs (SAR) truck for the NWNC District to perform small asphalt repairs on January 24. NWNC can submit up to fifteen nominations for consideration. Please email your location(s) to Glen Wilson at gwilson@northridgewest.org by January 9 to be on NWNC Small Asphalt Repairs list.
 - Pam mentioned that she sent an email blast to the NWNC email list to inform people of this upcoming SAR truck.

16. Comments by board members on non-related issues to this meeting
 - Pam spoke with Jason Hector from the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC); they are working together to get the California Oak trees along Tampa Avenue (between Chatsworth Street and the 118 Freeway) trimmed. Stakeholder Mike added that these California oak trees are protected and cannot be trimmed.
 - Matt mentioned that the Oakridge Estate Park (across from the Outback Steakhouse) is now open and is very nice.
 - Lloyd was very impressed by Governor Newsom’s first day. He saw a copy of the letter that Governor Newsom sent to the president and congressional leaders advocating for medical care for everyone.
 - Peter Lasky voiced his concerns at a Homelessness Solutions meeting. The voters passed Propositions H (county) and HHH (city) to build 10,000 permanent supportive housing units (PSHU). The costs are so varied, that we would be lucky if we can do 2,500 to 3,000 homes. He added that Salt Lake City reduced homeless by 91% by using PSHU, and San Diego houses people for merely \$40-\$60/day.
 - Gail added that the families (rather than individuals) are the majority of the new homeless. It is a shame that homelessness support programs are not as well implemented as they should be.
 - Gail regrets that the NWNC does not hold executive board meetings. A stakeholder suggested holding the executive committee meeting immediately prior to a monthly NWNC meeting. However, Peter interjected that this would be a violation of state law, as the agenda must be completed and posted three-days prior to the monthly NWNC meetings.

17. Adjournment
 - Pam adjourned the meeting at 8.29PM.