

APPROVED  
 Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)  
 General Public Board Meeting  
 Tuesday, 14 May 2019  
 Northridge Christian Church (NCC)  
 18901 Chatsworth Street, Northridge 91326

1. Meeting Call to Order
  - Jose Galdamez from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) called the meeting to order at 6.27PM.
2. Welcome to all stakeholders and Pledge of Allegiance
  - Jose welcomed over twenty-three stakeholders, ten board members, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Recognition of, and comments from, Outgoing Board Member which is Matt McPherson
  - Matt was unable to attend tonight's meeting; he was thanked [in absentia] for all that they did.
4. Seating of New Board Members
  - Jose administered the oath of office to Jennifer Krowne and Kelley Sooter and they took their seats at the head table.
5. Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint Stakeholders to Community Interest Stakeholders (CIS) Seats (2021 and 2023) and At-Large Seats (2021)
  - Josue "Josh" Toscano was interested in filling the CIS seats valid until 2023. He was born in Lakeview Terrace and attended the Nobel Middle School. His experience in social networking and accounting could make him as asset to the NWNC.
  - Kathleen Edwards was interested in the other CIS seat valid until 2021. She grew up in the San Fernando Valley and moved to Northridge in 1998. She is retired, having worked on the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program in Beverly Hills, as well as with homeless fire victims in Tennessee. She has also worked with Erin Brockovich and Attorney Ed Masry in their arguments against Pacific Gas and Electric.
  - Peter Lasky made a motion for Josue Toscano to take the CIS seat, valid until 2023; Pam Bolin seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
  - Peter Lasky made a motion for Kathleen Edwards to take the CIS seat, valid until 2021; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
  - Jose administered the oath of office to Josue and Kathleen and they took their seats at the head table.
6. Election of new officers
  - Bill Fox made a motion for Peter Lasky to serve as president of the NWNC; Pam Bolin seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
  - Peter Lasky made a motion for Alma Fernandez to serve as Vice President, Administration of the NWNC; Rana Sharif seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Dent, Edwards, Fernandez, Fox, Krowne, Lapaz, Lasky, Sharif, Sooter, Toscano, and Wilson
No (1)	Bolin

- Peter Lasky made a motion for Rana Sharif to serve as Vice President, Outreach; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Bolin, Dent, Edwards, Fernandez, Fox, Krowne, Lapaz, Lasky, Sharif, Sooter, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Toscano

- Glen Wilson made a motion to serve as Treasurer; Pam Bolin seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Pam Bolin made a motion for Kelly Sooter to serve as Secretary; Peter Lasky seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

7. Motion to Approve NWNC Card Holder and NWNC Second Signer

- Glen Wilson made a motion to be the bank card holder and Peter Lasky to be the second signer; Rana Sharif seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

8. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

- A silent roll call was performed which determined that a quorum, with 100% of the board in attendance, was seated.

Here (12)	Pamela Bolin	Alma Fernandez	Gail Lapaz	Kelly Sooter
	Lloyd Dent	Bill Fox	Peter Lasky	Josue Toscano
	Kathleen Edwards	Jennifer Krowne	Rana Sharif	Glen Wilson

9. Comments by Public Officials

- Danni Wang, Communications Director for Assemblywoman Christy Smith, thanked and congratulated the new NWNC board.
  - Saturday, April 20, Ms. Smith hosted “Coffee and Conversation” at the Porter Ranch Starbucks. This event was very well attended and she looks forward to hosting additional networking opportunities.
  - Saturday, May 18, State Assembly Speaker Anthony Renden will co-host a meeting with Ms. Smith and constituents at the Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard; mental health, small businesses, and other topics will be discussed.
  - Assemblywoman Smith currently has thirteen bills going through committees, including bills related to extending homeowner’s protection, college affordability, and mental health. She hopes to address more accountability and transparency regarding where money is spent.
  - Please reach out to Danni for anything related to state agencies, outreach, or communications assistance.
  - In response to Lloyd’s question, Ms. Smith chairs the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management, and sits on the following Select Committees:
    - Career Technical Education and Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce
    - Early Childhood Development
    - Jobs and Innovation in the San Fernando Valley
    - Veteran Employment and Education
    - Youth Mental Health
- Jose Galdamez from DONE reported the following:
  - DONE will conduct Leadership Academy Workshops on the "10 Things to Know as a Neighborhood Council Board Member" and facilitate panel discussions on how to run a

meeting, bylaws, asset mapping survey, communications, etc. The scheduled workshops are as follows:

Wednesday, May 15, 6PM to 9PM	City Hall	Downtown LA
Saturday, May 25, 9.30AM to 12.30PM	Amelia Earhart Library	North Hollywood
Tuesday, May 28, 6PM to 9PM	Sunland-Tujunga Library	Sunland-Tujunga
Wednesday, May 29, 6PM to 9PM	Marvin Braude Center	Van Nuys
Saturday, June 8, 9AM to 12PM	18111 Sherman Way	Reseda
Monday, June 10, 6PM to 9PM	CDF 11 Westchester Field Office	Westchester Playa
Wednesday, June 12, 6PM to 9PM	Harbor Gateway Library	Harbor City
Saturday, June 15, 9AM to 12PM	Rancho San Pedro Community Ctr	San Pedro
Tuesday, June 18, 6PM to 9PM	Watts Senior Center	Watts
Saturday, June 22, 9AM to 12PM	All People’s Community Center	South Central
Sunday, June 23, 9AM to 12PM	Mar Vista Family Center	Mar Vista

- DONE’s annual six-week Civic Youth Leadership Program will begin on Monday, June 17. This program, designed for ages 14 to 24, educates, engages, and empowers young people to take active roles in their community and speak up on issues that matter. Those interested should apply at <http://empowerla.org/civicyouth/cyla/> by May 31<sup>st</sup> and email [civicyouth@empowerla.org](mailto:civicyouth@empowerla.org) with any questions.
- There are several upcoming funding cut-off dates, including Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, which will be the last day to use the DONE-issued bank card.
- In response to a question from Pam, the NWNC can modify their bylaws every two years during an eleven-month window, starting May 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.
- Stakeholder Andrew Krowne mentioned that a few stakeholders were turned away from voting on Saturday, May 4 at the Nobel School. The poll workers did not accept their student IDs or report cards as proof of voter edibility. The potential voters were also not offered provisional ballots. Although an inconvenience, this issue did not have any affect on the outcome of the election.

10. Comments from stakeholders on non-agenda items

- Patty Glueck from Porter Ranch reported the following:
  - The federal Clean Air Act is for facilities that emit air pollutants which are subject to renewal every five years and require Title V Permits. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) received a request for a Title V Permit renewal from SoCal Gas for their Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility. SCAQMD has already received public comments on the proposed renewal of this permit. The agency will hold a public information meeting on Wednesday, May 29, beginning at 6PM, at CSUN to provide an update on the proposed permit’s renewal, comments received, and discuss next steps.
  - At 1PM on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be an Aliso Canyon meeting at the Reagan State Office Building, 300 South Spring Street.
- Mikkie Loi mentioned that Tuesday, May 21 from noon until 3PM, the LAPD’s Devonshire Division will host a Community Engagement Day at the Porter Ranch Town Center, 19719 Rinaldi Street (near Baja Fresh). Police officers will be available for conversations pertaining to crime prevention.
- The LAPD’s Devonshire Division has an app, downloadable as “LAPD Devonshire”. Folks are urged to connect with them on social media, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Nextdoor.

- Glenn Bailey from the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) mentioned that VANC represents the 34 neighborhood councils in the valley.
  - He thanked the NWNC for supporting the mixer on Thursday, March 14 and congratulated them on receiving a special award.
  - The LADWP will provide the sound system for the next mixer, scheduled for Thursday evening, November 14.
  - VANC’s monthly meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at the Sherman Oaks Hospital, 4929 Van Nuys Boulevard.
  - In support of the monthly VANC meetings, Glenn provides a list of new council files. These are also posted on the VANC’s website.

11. Presidential comments.

- Former President Pam briefly reviewed the process for Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG) and stressed the importance of submitting completed forms in a timely manner.
- Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2 will be the Salute to Recreation Festival at the Northridge Park, 18300 Lemarsh Street. There will be carnival rides, a senior dance and dinner (Friday night) and fireworks (Saturday night).

12. Discussion and motion to approve up to \$400 for portable PA speaker system plus have Dave Brown come and set up a speaker system and recommendations as to what would be good and what we should avoid regarding a speaker system. Funds from Office Supply Budget

- David Brown, a member of the North Hills West Neighborhood Council, has multiple technical degrees, including electrical engineering and physics. He has done A/V assignments around the world for various musicians.
- David recommends three microphones [for the board to share] and one [on a stand] for the stakeholders, along with power amplifiers. This could cost a few thousand dollars.
- Lloyd mentioned that he would prefer something portable. Gail replied that the minister offered to permit NWNC storage here at the church.
- Bill Fox made a motion to table this agenda item; Rana Sharif seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (10)	Dent, Edwards, Fernandez, Fox, Krowne, Lasky, Sharif, Sooter, Toscano, and Wilson
Abstain (2)	Bolin and Lapaz

- David may return to a future NWNC meeting with samples of proposed audio equipment.

13. Discussion and motion to approve NPG for \$500 to North Valley YMCA for 2019 Senior Dance May 31

- Although there was no one here from the YMCA, Glenn Bailey mentioned that the NWNC would be the fifth neighborhood council to contribute to this dinner/dance.
- Pam Bolin made a motion to approve this agenda item; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (9)	Bolin, Edwards, Fernandez, Fox, Lapaz, Lasky, Sharif, Toscano, and Wilson
Abstain (2)	Dent and Krowne
Ineligible (1)	Sooter

14. Discussion and motion to nominate Lloyd Dent as Outstanding NWNC Senior person for 2019 Senior Dance May 31

- Rana Sharif made a motion to approve this agenda item; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Bolin, Edwards, Fernandez, Fox, Krowne, Lapaz,
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	Lasky, Sharif, Sooter, Toscano, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Dent

15. Discussion and motion to approve a \$2,500 NPG for a bronze plaque for the Oakridge Estate Park with funds going to Northridge Beautification Foundation for the Oakridge Estate Park provided that recognition of both Neighborhood Council's (NWNC and NENC) is visible on the plaque
- Currently, people walk into the Oakridge Estate Park and merely see statues of horses, tractors, and the Barbara Stanwyck/Jack Oakie mansion.
  - Patricia LoPresti from the Friends of Oakridge reported that the NENC has appropriated \$2,500 towards a plaque at the park.
  - Prior to the plaque's installation, Patricia will process a six-page application, including making certain that it is covered with anti-graffiti material and that the stakeholders have the opportunity to review the artwork. This will be followed by the signage's approval from CD12 and the city's Planning and Parks and Recreation Departments. The city requests that someone take on the responsibility of the maintenance of this plaque. This entire process may take four or five months.
  - Patricia is working with an insured fabricator in Tarzana who has a great deal of experience generating these plaques.
  - Andrew Krowne asked why the increase in the estimate. Last month, the request was for \$2,000. At that time, the estimate was \$4,000; this has now increased to \$4,700.
  - Glen Wilson mentioned that he has not yet received the NPG. Patricia offered to read the NPG; this was unnecessary.
  - Peter Lasky expressed concern that the roof and wallpaper are deteriorating. Patricia reported that Councilman Smith has Quimby funds available for the Oakridge Estate's roof and interior repairs.
  - Rana Sharif made a motion to approve this agenda item; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (11)	Bolin, Dent, Edwards, Fernandez, Fox, Krowne, Lapaz, Lasky, Sharif, Toscano, and Wilson
Ineligible (1)	Sooter

16. Discussion and motion to approve \$620 for a board retreat with training and a speaker from Empower LA. This retreat is to be held tentatively Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. This is geared to all board members. Location to be determined. Funds from Office Expense
- Pam Bolin made a motion to approve this agenda item, with the retreat to possibly be held from 2PM until 4PM on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>; Glen Wilson seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (10)	Bolin, Dent, Edwards, Fernandez, Fox, Krowne, Lasky, Sharif, Toscano, and Wilson
Ineligible (1)	Sooter
Abstain (1)	Lapaz

17. Discussion, presentation and motion to approve \$5,000 NPG on six-week program on cleaning and improving in areas to be determined with funds going to Northridge Beautification Foundation (NBF). SFV homeless folks receive gift cards for roughly three hours of work a day, twice a week. The program runs three hours a week/twice a week for six to ten individuals. This is modified if there are fewer participants. All participants must sign in to ensure accountability and transparency.
- The NBF's Clean Streets/Clean Starts Program started along Reseda Boulevard in Northridge to assist the homeless and beautify Northridge. This program has since been requested throughout the San Fernando Valley to help improve communities and alleviate homelessness.

- Don Larson works with five to fifteen homeless individuals who clean the parks, paint the hydrants, and other tasks that are not handled by the city. Realtor Chris Williams also helps with street clean-up activities.
- The NBF receives funding via NPGs from all the area’s neighborhood councils.
- Gail expressed concern about \$5,000 calculates to \$23/hour. Don replied that the homeless receive \$30/day in the form of a grocery gift card (which cannot be used for alcohol, cigarettes, or lottery tickets). If there is money leftover, he extends this service to another week, or banks the money for future endeavors.
- Bill Fox made a motion to approve this agenda item; Rana Sharif seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (8)	Dent, Edwards, Fernandez, Fox, Lapaz, Lasky, Sharif, and Wilson
Abstain (2)	Krowne and Toscano
No (1)	Bolin
Ineligible (1)	Sooter

18. Discussion, presentation and motion to approve \$4,000 NPG to be used to maintain the topiary installed in 2018 by trimming, weeding, and watering as necessary to fund Northridge Beautification Foundation.

- Kelly mentioned that this was extensively discussed on Next Door. Many criticized Don because they felt the topiary did not look like horses. Don owns horses and he knows what they look like.
- Rana and Lloyd asked about the maintenance, watering, and the length of this financial commitment. Don replied that NWNC might need to contribute money for this upkeep for the next few years.
- Kathleen asked how long the topiary would take to grow; this may take three years. Don may add moss to fill in the horse’s chest cavity to expedite matters.
- Councilman Krekorian has asked Don to extend his topiary activities into his district, including North Hollywood and along Sepulveda Boulevard.
- Bill Fox made a motion to approve this agenda item; Peter Lasky seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (9)	Edwards, Fernandez, Fox, Krowne, Lapaz, Lasky, Sharif, Toscano, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Dent
No (1)	Bolin
Ineligible (1)	Sooter

19. Discussion and motion to revised the NWNC budget for 2018-19 with changes on allocation to cover the expense of the second mailer and including other budgetary changes. Motion items will change allocations on revised NWNC Budget for 2018-19

- Prior to this meeting, there was approximately \$15,024 leftover from the annual \$42,000 budget.
- The following unspent amounts can be transferred to NPGs:

<b>From</b>	
Elections	\$776.50
Community Improvement Projects	1,800.00
Outreach	<u>3,800.00</u>
Total	<u><u>\$6,376.50</u></u>

- These newly transferred NPG funds will be used to support Northridge Beautification Foundation and the Senior Dinner/Dance of May 31.

- Bill Fox made a motion to approve this agenda item; Peter Lasky seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (9)	Dent, Fernandez, Fox, Krowne, Lapaz, Lasky, Sharif, Toscano, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Edwards
Absent (1)	Bolin
Ineligible (1)	Sooter

20. Discussion and motion to approve the March 2019 Monthly Expense Report (MER)

- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (9)	Dent, Fernandez, Fox, Krowne, Lapaz, Lasky, Sharif, Sooter, and Wilson
Abstain (2)	Edwards and Toscano
Absent (1)	Bolin

21. Discussion and motion to approve the April 2019 MER

- The April MER was as follows:

Date	Vendor	Category	Amount
March 21	Moore Business Results	General Operations	\$ 200.00
April 2	Moore Business Results	General Operations	200.00
April 3	Decision Publications	General Operations	315.00
April 4	Apple One	General Operations	138.61
April 4	C&M Printing	General Operations	4,290.05
April 8	Stonefire Grill	General Operations	159.84
April 8	Nobel Middle School PTSA	NPG	500.00
		Total	<u>\$5,803.50</u>

- Peter Lasky made a motion to approve this agenda item; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (9)	Dent, Fernandez, Fox, Krowne, Lapaz, Lasky, Sharif, Sooter, and Wilson
Abstain (2)	Edwards and Toscano
Absent (1)	Bolin

22. Discussion and motion to approve the March 2019 minutes

- Alma Fernandez made a motion to approve this agenda item; Gail Lapaz seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (9)	Dent, Fernandez, Fox, Krowne, Lapaz, Lasky, Sharif, Sooter, and Wilson
Abstain (2)	Edwards and Toscano
Absent (1)	Bolin

23. Discussion and motion to approve the April 2019 minutes

- Stakeholder Andrew Krowne mentioned that as there was no quorum at the April meeting, there could be no voting or minutes, and hence this agenda item was waived.

24. Discussion and motion to approve that the NWNC agrees to participate in the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study Community Advisory Group (CAG) by nominating one representative and one alternate to sit on the CAG <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/healthResearch/>

- Craig Galanti from Porter Ranch has worked closely with Andrew Krowne and Dr. Nordella for over three years. Craig strongly recommended that Andrew represent the NWNC at the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Study CAG.
- Kelly Sooter made a motion for Andrew Krowne to represent the NWNC at the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study CAG, with Lloyd Dent as an alternate; Rana Sharif seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (10)	Dent, Fernandez, Fox, Krowne, Lapaz, Lasky, Sharif, Sooter, Toscano, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Edwards
Absent (1)	Bolin

25. Reports by Liaisons and NC Budget Advocate Reports

- Homelessness Liaison Gail requested that this be agendized earlier in the meeting.
- The Hope of the Valley provides the following on an annual basis:

Nutritious Meals	244,000
Medical and Mental Health Referrals	750
Nights of Safe Shelter	48,200
Showers	91,650

- Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, the Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission will hold their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Bishop Alemany Alumni Hall. Martin Sheen and a few Kardashians may be there. Regina may discuss this at NWNC’s June meeting.
- All but four area neighborhood councils joined the West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness (WVNAH). The WVNAH will meet on Saturday, June 1, at 1PM at the One Generation Center, 17400 Victory Boulevard, Reseda. The next generation of flyers will include a reference to the NWNC. These meetings are for vendors (such as missions, etc.) rather than for homeless attendees.
- Councilman Blumenfield hopes to establish multiple safe overnight parking areas in his west valley district.

26. Update NWNC Committee Chairs and Committee member’s comments

- Lloyd mentioned that the Land Use Committee does not have any current applications.

27. Comments by board members on non-related issues to this meeting and suggestions for NWNC June 11<sup>th</sup> agenda

- Bill mentioned that a friend works for a Chatsworth computer company; they had multiple homeless people on their property. They reached out to Colin Crews of CD12 and the area was cleared within a day.
- Gail asked that Regina from Hope of the Valley be placed on the June agenda.
- Jose and Peter debated how many board members could vote at an Executive Committee meeting; this may be a contradiction of the recently amended NWNC Bylaws and the Brown Act.
- Andrew Krowne mentioned that three board members should not decide who appears on the agenda. Any stakeholder who wants to be on the agenda should be given that opportunity. Many people appeared on the April agenda, but their issues were not heard for lack of a quorum.

28. Adjournment

- Peter adjourned the meeting at 9PM.