

**APPROVED**  
**Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)**  
**General Board Meeting (GBM)**  
**Tuesday, 11 May 2021**  
**Via Zoom**

1. Meeting Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and Determination of a Quorum
  - President Abby Bailes called the meeting to order at 6.18PM, welcomed over thirteen attendees, and [eventually] all eleven board members.
  - A quorum was declared via the following roll call:  
Here (11) Payman Bahman, Abigail Bailes, Yi Ding, Kathleen Edwards, Bill Fox, Jennifer Krowne, Peter Lasky, Joel Lowell, Lucio Padilla, Josue Toscano, and Glen Wilson
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Northridge Christian Church Board of Directors
  - Four gentlemen from the Northridge Christian Church Board of Directors led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. If anyone has a video of their group leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please reach out to Abby.
3. Comments by Board Members of non-Agenda items
  - Kathleen regretted that this meeting was not announced on Next Door.
4. Comments by Stakeholders on non-Agenda items
  - Glenn Bailey reported that the Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) would begin at 6.30PM with guest speaker Kevin James, President of the Board of Public Works who previously led FilmLA.
  - The Sustainability Alliance would meet this Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6.30PM (this was postponed due to Mother's Day).
  - Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) will conduct on-boarding training for new board members.
  - Angelica Robinson announced that Rick of Rick's Automotive recently passed away. As Rick was a pillar of the community, she wanted to make certain that everyone knew and that this was noted.
  - Gail Lapaz offered to help distribute a flyer, alongside Abby Bailes, for people who may need work in their yards.
5. Presentation of the NWNC Certificate of Acknowledgement to the Northridge Christian Church and Elder Ric Say
  - Abby showed a photograph of Elder Ric Say and three fellow board members accepting their Certificate of Acknowledgement. This has also been posted on the church's and NWNC websites.
6. Comments by Public Officials
  - Andrew Krowne from the Aliso Canyon Health Research Study Community Advisory Group (CAG) reported that they are getting into a period of not much activity. The CAG publicly came out with a vote of no confidence with the Department of Public Health (DPH) study.

- The Chatsworth, Porter Ranch, Granada Hills North, and Granada Hills South Neighborhood Councils recently submitted votes of no confidence. Andrew hopes that the NWNC could submit a similar vote during their June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Regretfully, it was discussed that the NWNC's Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Adriana Cabrera from DONE was not available to attend this NWNC meeting.
- Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Field Deputy for CD12, liaison to LAPD, LAFD, and other public safety groups reported the following:
  - The LAPD's street racing task force will do enforcement scattered throughout the northwest valley. They will patrol multiple intersections, rather than merely one intersection for five consecutive nights.
  - The CD12 spring citrus collection will resume on Tuesdays from 10AM to noon through June. If you have extra fruit from your backyard trees, please drop it by the CD12 office at 9207 Oakdale Avenue. This fresh fruit will be passed along to the CSUN Food Bank, the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission, and other needy institutions.
  - Abby asked who the best person would be to contact regarding homelessness; Matt advised people to contact CD12's District Director Colin Crews at colin.crews@lacity.org.
  - Patty Glueck from the Aliso Canyon Health Research Study CAG asked when the Aliso Canyon resolution would come before the city council; a few weeks ago, John Lee told her it would be early May. Matt did not know; he said he would have someone get back in touch with the NWNC. Fellow CAG member Andrew Krowne urged that this motion get calendared as soon as possible and asked that Ron Rubine from CD12 report this information to the CAG ASAP. After the meeting, this issue did come before, and was unanimously approved by, the city council on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

7. Updates from Senior Lead Officer (SLO) and LAPD Devonshire Area Community Advisory Board

- SLO Zamora reported the following recent crimes in the community:
  - Two grand theft autos
  - Four thefts
  - Three aggravated assaults
- She has received calls regarding the homeless encampments. The LAPD is no longer in the business of handling homelessness issues; they will only get involved when a crime is committed.
- She asked that folks please not call the LAPD for trash build-up; please make a service request by calling 311. The city's Sanitation Department used to visit homeless campsites five-days a week, that has been reduced to one-day per week. The clean-up crew cannot automatically go and pick-up what appears to be trash; these are the actual possessions of the homeless. They can only toss things that are a biohazard.
- It often takes three weeks to clear a homeless person's campsite; the Sanitation Department visits once a week for three weeks to confirm that a homeless person may have moved onto an available housing opportunity and is no longer a resident of that campsite.
- Jason Hector from the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) asked if the LAPD could do outreach regarding the trespassing by homeless individuals; this is especially chaotic at the intersection of Balboa Boulevard and Devonshire Street. A Trespass Authorization Form is available for businesses; please reach out to Zamora for this form. This grants business owners permission to have a trespasser arrested.

- Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> all the area SLOs will meet with the Chamber of Commerce; hopefully, the LAPD can provide additional information to business leaders.
  - Kathleen asked what a business could do about a disruptive person throwing things around. SLO Zamora replied that they are a customer if they are buying something. However, if they are not buying anything, then they are trespassing and subject to arrest by the LAPD.
  - Gail expressed concern that she did not hear about any specific LAPD issues at Wilbur Avenue and Kenya Street. That area recently had someone yelling in the street; that person has been referred to his family as well as to counseling. SLO Zamora referred her to SLO Parker who oversees that area. Officer Parker's area has less crime, with merely a grand theft auto, burglary from a vehicle, and a home burglary.
  - Kathleen added that the NWN's geographic area has three SLOs.
  - Gail also asked why this meeting was not on "Chat". She added that this is not against DONE regulations nor is it a violation of the Brown Act. Abby has reached out to NEA Adriana regarding this issue but has not yet heard back.
  - Jorge Jimenez asked if the LAPD could do anything about recreational vehicles; SLO Zamora reported that the LAPD was powerless regarding RVs.
  - Randy Sanchez added that the LAPD could issue a citation for using a generator. However, when they go before the judge, they claim that they must have the generator for air conditioning and food refrigeration.
  - Andrew Krowne reported that there was a suspicious person hanging around a school. This person asked people to pray with him; he called them demons when they walked away. The LAPD knows where this person lives, but he has not broken any laws. When SLO Zamora heard of this guy, she immediately advised the area schools to keep an eye out for him. The LAPD impounded his car and alerted his father and sister. However, it is not illegal to be mentally handicapped.
  - Andrew Krowne asked if Mayor Garcetti's people would go to Sacramento to acquire extra funding for the LAPD; SLO Zamora did not know. Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey responded that the Budget Advocates met with the LAPD, their protective league, and Mayor Garcetti's office; they do not go to Sacramento.
  - Kathleen asked if there was any news on the firebombing of the LAPD station at 21501 Schoenborn Street. SLO Zamora replied that no one was injured, and the suspect was arrested.
  - Kathleen added that she heard that there were five crimes against Asian American/Pacific Islanders. There was a total of eight such crimes citywide.
  - Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 3PM, the LAPD will host "Coffee with a Cop" at the Pillar's Café, 19700 Rinaldi Street
  - The Valley Traffic Division Safety meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6.30PM. The Zoom link is posted on several social media platforms.
  - SLO Zamora's next Basic Car Meeting will be Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.
  - For additional information, please email SLO Zamora at 35947@lapd.online.
8. Presentation of plans for the Trebek Center (formerly Skateland) - Speaker Laura Harwood, Senior Director of Programs at Hope of the Valley Rescue Center
- Amanda Laughton-Romero from the Hope of the Valley Rescue Center reported that they are turning the former Skateland (at 18140 Parthenia Street) into bridge housing. This facility was purchased for \$7m with a \$2m down payment. It will contain 107 beds, onsite supportive services, a library, job training, therapy, computers, mental health services, as well as outdoor space. Hope of the Valley also operates successful shelters in Van Nuys and North Hollywood.

- Mr. Trebek and his family made a very generous donation to support this shelter.
- Construction will begin in June, with a planned opening in December.
- The Trebek Center will not be able to accept walk-ins. But if you see someone on the street, please refer them to the LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) at <https://www.lahsa.org>; the LAHSA social worker will refer them to the Trebek Center.
- Besides the Hope of the Valley Thrift Shop at 18167 Chatsworth Street, Glenn Bailey asked about funding sources to operate the shelter. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council has already submitted Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG); additional NPGs may come from the three Northridge neighborhood councils.
- Gail asked if this Trebek Center would have safe parking onsite; there are no such plans. Hope of the Valley operates a safe parking facility in Palmdale. Kathleen added that <https://www.safeparkingla.org> provides a list of safe parking facilities.

9. Presidential Comments

- With Mother's Day and Memorial Day, Abby reported that we have plenty to celebrate in May.
- The NWNC also has plenty to celebrate, as Payman recently got married and Josue has a new baby boy.
- She congratulated new board members who will start in July. In June, the NWNC will do a grand recognition.
- CD12 has partnered with the VFW for a Hometown Heroes Banner Program. Local residents will be honored with banners hung from streetlights throughout the northwest valley. Please reach out to Councilman Lee's office by Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to honor someone with a banner.

10. Discussion and possible motion to share feedback with City officials about the impact on Northridge West of homelessness, RV parking, addiction, and mental illness. We have received several recent inquiries about these concerns. The purpose of this discussion is to provide feedback to our City Leaders and to discuss possible tangible solutions that will help Northridge West to be a healthier and happier community.

- Abby stated that the focus should be on solutions.
- Jason thought it was most important to communicate with stakeholders; he suggested generating an FAQ for the NWNC website.
- Gail expressed concern about the insufficient safe parking spaces; there are merely fourteen in Northridge and twenty in Canoga Park. The West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness (WVNAH) uses churches and other resources. Kathleen added that the WVNAH is not stakeholder friendly. When stakeholders attend their meetings, they are called names.
- Abigail Bailes made a motion to move the homelessness issues to the Government Affairs Committee (as the NWNC lacks a Homelessness Committee); Peter Lasky seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and possible motion to create a CIP to Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) re: BONC's Social Media Policy. Proposed Motion: "Whereas the proposed BONC Social Media Policy is a direct overreach in power and scope of limiting the ability of Neighborhood Councils to effectively communicate with their constituency; it requires onerous and unenforceable clauses; is overly complicated when existing rules cover many of the issues outlined, and it unlawfully limits individual free speech rights of board members; Therefore, the NWNC opposes the proposed BONC Social Media Policy." The next BONC Meetings are May 17<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Glenn Bailey added that individual's input could help this process.

- Jason wondered about the recommended solution. This motion is not specific; perhaps it should mention a specific paragraph, such as 9.1.
- Kathleen Edwards made a motion to approve this agenda item; Abigail Bailes seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Abigail Bailes amended the motion to include a Community Impact Statement (CIS), recommendations, specific paragraph numbers, and comments; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Abby will share these voting results with BONC before their next meeting on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

12. Discussion and possible motion to write a CIS in opposition to the proposed Municipal Bank of Los Angeles (MBLA) to the Economic and Jobs Development Committee and the City Councilmember, Council File: 19-1235. “The City’s effort to explore and advance a Municipal [public] Bank of Los Angeles raises numerous concerns, including but not limited to the potential for public funds to be used to financially support a political policy agenda, political bias in lending, and concerns about who would oversee this bank. In addition, a public bank would merge two distinct institutions – government and financial institutions – causing a lack of checks and balances and a massive overreach of government. Moreover, the ability to respond to concerns would be cumbersome and slow because they would be addressed through a lengthy democratic process instead of a nimble and responsive private banking business. There is only one public bank in all of the USA, as of today, perhaps for a reason – it is a bad idea. In addition, the voters in LA already rejected Measure B (to create a Public Bank) in 2018, opposing this idea with 58% of the vote.”

- Jason and another leading opponent of this MBLA attended a recent meeting of the Government Affairs Committee whereupon this was discussed.
- Peter added the following commentary:
  - The motion does not state that as of March 4, 2021, sixteen new bills to form public banks in the USA have been introduced into eight states. That one public bank, the Bank of North Dakota [as of 2019] recorded its 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of record profits.
  - What is interesting about the rejection of Measure B is that the volunteer organizing committee had only four months and limited funding to tell their story and were up against the well-financed California Banking Association, which had far greater resources. That the measure could get 44% approval on short notice is impressive.
  - In hearing the motion, you might think that this is a weird radical idea. This is not true. As of 2012, state banks globally controlled up to 25% of total banking assets. In Germany, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the public banking system controls 40% of total banking assets. If this is working in other places, shouldn’t we at least be getting full information before we oppose it?
  - A public bank would merge two distinct institutions, government, and finance.
  - The merger of government with private industry in various enterprises is not unusual. There are numerous examples. On the federal level, we have Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, and Sallie Mae in the lending business and the Tennessee Valley Authority supplying energy to millions of people. On the state level, the State Compensation Insurance Fund is one of the states largest worker’s compensation insurance providers. At the local level, we have county and municipal golf courses. When public entities take on markets that private enterprises do not, we all benefit. Private enterprises can target markets that they can best serve and profit from, and the community benefits with [often] lower priced alternatives when public entities bring additional choices to us that private businesses have no interest in.
  - The motion states the reason for opposition without mentioning what a public bank is.
  - A public bank is a state or municipally owned financial institution. Its purpose is to:

- Reduce the costs of government services and infrastructure,
  - Protect and aid local banks, and
  - Offer banking services to people and entities underserved by private-sector banking.
- This does not mean that a Public Bank of LA would take on any or all of the aforementioned roles. The specifics of what it might do, and the problems brought up in the motion, should be thoroughly examined and reviewed before we voice our opinion.
  - Why could a LA Public Bank make sense? COVID-19 has devastated the economy. As of March 2021, nearly 10,000,000 jobs were lost, 100,000 businesses closed permanently. The Fed poured out trillions of dollars in relief but the funds in many cases did not trickle down to the real economy. They floated up, dramatically increasing the wealth gap. By October 2020, the top 1% of the U.S. population held 30.4% of all household wealth. A local private bank could keep our assets here and give loans to small local businesses and public projects that have limited access to capital.
  - Public banks do not need to charge high interest rates the way private banks must in the service of shareholders; this could lower the cost of interest on public projects and those endeavors a public bank was directed to support.
  - Agenda item 10 tonight dealt with the issue of homelessness. One of the big causes of homelessness is a shortage of available apartments for rent. By having lower cost loans for public housing, we could reduce the cost of building. Lower costs would mean that more housing could be built, which could help ease some of the problems with homelessness.
  - The issues raised by the committee are concerning. It is not enough that public banks have had success elsewhere; it is not enough that the city council has good intentions.
  - There are potential benefits but there is also risk. For that reason, Peter moved to amend the motion from opposition to non-support until the city council can bring full and complete details of how the public bank would work, be free of political bias and influence, and a risk assessment of its chances of success.
- Abby does not want the city of LA to go any further down this road. She is opposed to risky loans; this could easily become political and problematic.
  - Brian Cathcart asked if anyone has seen the charter of this new public bank? This would support Northridge with low interest loans as an alternative to payday loans. He did not see why the NWNC would oppose this. Opponents are assuming that the seed money is coming from stakeholders; it could come from other investors. These loans could be merely 1.25%.
  - Kathleen Edwards made a motion to write a CIS to oppose the Municipal Bank of LA as appeared in this agenda item; Abigail Bailes seconded this motion, and it passed.  
Aye (6) Bahman, Bailes, Edwards, Fox, Padilla, and Wilson  
No (3) Ding, Lasky, and Lowell  
Abstain (2) Krowne and Toscano
  - Yi Ding made a motion to amend this CIS to include language about a notice to reconsider if there was transparency and a lack of corruption; Peter Lasky seconded this motion, yet it did not pass.  
Aye (4) Lasky, Lowell, Toscano, and Wilson  
No (7) Bahman, Bailes, Ding, Edwards, Fox, Krowne, and Padilla

13. Discussion and possible motion to send a letter re: West Valley Animal Shelter’s selection of a new General Manager. Proposed letter to Mayor Garcetti, Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero, the Mayor’s East Valley Area Representative, Caroline Menjivar and West Valley Area Representative, Vahid Khorsand. “The Northridge West Neighborhood Council, on behalf of our Stakeholders and in agreement with The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, requests that Mayor Garcetti, prior

to selecting a new Animal Services Department General Manager, meet via Zoom with Stakeholder representatives: Animal Rescue Organizations, Animal Services Department Volunteers, Animal Welfare Groups, and Neighborhood Councils. This meeting would enable Stakeholder participation and input to assure that the Mayor is fully advised as to the qualifications needed and making an informed choice for the General Manager position.”

- Heather Michaels from the Encino Neighborhood Council reported that the Congress of Neighborhood Councils is strongly embracing this and all animal issues.
- Glen Wilson reported that this issue unanimously passed the VANC, as issues related to the Animal Services Department are very important.
- Kathleen Edwards made a motion to approve this letter as stated in the agenda; Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

14. Discussion and Motion to support the resolutions authored by Councilman Koretz for Council Files in opposition to [California State bills] SB9 and SB10 that relate to housing, zoning, and public land use and how it could impact our neighborhoods.

- Perhaps in June, representatives of the NWNC might discuss SB9 (which provides for the creation of accessory dwelling units by local ordinance) and SB10 (which authorizes a local government to zone any parcel for up to ten units if the parcel is located in a transit-rich or jobs-rich area) with staff members from Representatives Jesse Gabriel, Suzette Martinez Valladares, and State Senator Henry Stern.
- Kathleen Edwards made a motion to postpone this discussion regarding SB9 and SB10; Peter Lasky seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

15. Discussion and possible motion to hire Your Way Tree Trimming and/or the Urban Forestry Department (UFD)

- Peter mentioned that he has two quotes from Your Way Tree Trimming, reflecting six and seven line items. Your Way Tree Trimming’s invoice is for \$7,600; the UFD invoice is for \$5,600.
- Joel mentioned that each project in FY2020-21 must be under \$5k (to avoid a contract). The NWNC could probably eventually hire both Your Way Tree Trimming and the UFD for all the extensive work that needs to be done.
- Jason reported that the PRNC used Your Way Tree Trimming for \$9k and was very pleased with the results. If the NWNC focuses on Chatsworth Street, and does not work on the Tampa Avenue medians, that will place the invoice beneath \$5k. He added that if the NWNC submits the paperwork to the city by June 1<sup>st</sup>, it should be upon the city clerk’s office to issue a check by the end of the fiscal year.
- Abby mentioned that if the expenditures stay beneath \$5k (each), the NWNC will not have to deal with a contract.
- Glen Wilson added that this agenda item does not clarify a dollar amount. The NWNC may have to call a special meeting, with the agenda stating up to a specific dollar amount. This agenda item was tabled for a special meeting. It was later determined that a special meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6.15PM for further discussion [and [possible] approval up to \$5k] for this issue.
- Andrew Krowne mentioned that there is an overhanging oak tree on Tampa Avenue that ought to be trimmed; he hoped that task would be prioritized. He also asked if a 503c3 non-profit had been considered for this tree-trimming project. Abby answered that the NWNC considered that option, but no non-profit stepped forward.

16. Discussion and motion to approve the April 2021 Monthly Expense Report

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
April 2	Golden State Storage	Storage Facility	\$ 124.50
April 6	Epperhart Communications	Candidate Voter Guide and Registration Booklet	600.00
April 6	C&M Printing		1,144.50
April 6	C&M Printing		2,450.76
April 9	AppleOne Employment	Minutes	204.80
		Total	\$4,524.56

- Abigail Bailes made a motion to approve the monthly expense report; Peter Lasky seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

17. Discussion and motion to approve the April 2021 GBM Minutes

- There was minor deletion in the draft of chapter 15; this was immediately corrected.
- Abigail Bailes made a motion to approve the corrected April minutes; Lucio Padilla seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (8) Bailes, Ding, Fox, Krowne, Lasky, Lowell, Toscano, and Wilson

Abstain (3) Bahman, Edwards, and Padilla

18. Discussion and motion to remove Josue Toscano as Alternate Signer. Discussion and possible motion to approve a new Alternate Signer.

- Abigail Bailes made a motion to remove Josue Toscano as alternate signer; Joel Lowell and Lucio Padilla seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

19. Motion to approve a Certificate of Acknowledgement for Beckford Charter Elementary School's PTA for outstanding efforts to support parents, students, and teachers during reopening.

- Jennifer reported that Beckford was one of the first schools to re-open, with LAUSD Superintendent Austin Beutner attending for their reopening.
- Abigail Bailes made a motion to approve this agenda item; Jennifer Krowne seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

20. Motion to approve a Certificate of Acknowledgement for Beckford Charter Elementary School's Teachers, Staff, Janitors and Admin for being one of the first schools to reopen in LAUSD.

- Abigail Bailes made a motion to approve this agenda item; Jennifer Krowne seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

21. Motion to approve a Certificate of Acknowledgement for Principal Michelle Wells, from Calahan Street Elementary School, for her efforts to support the NWNC by hosting meetings on campus and providing extra support for our public meetings.

- Mikkie Loi from the LAPD Devonshire Area Community Advisory Board proposed this agenda item. Mikkie served on the NWNC with Principal Michelle Wells and Gail.
- Gail did not believe that Michelle deserved this honor. Gail and Michelle served on the NWNC together, and Gail thought that Michelle left the NWNC due to a conflict of interest. Then, the NWNC had to leave the Calahan School in May 2018. However, the NWNC meetings departed Calahan due to an attendee [who threatened many board members and stakeholders] at those meetings. As these are public meetings, Michelle was powerless to exclude that menacing person.



- Peter corrected Gail by stating that Michelle was not kicked off the NWNC due to a conflict of interest. The NWNC approved an NPG, which was then rejected by the city attorney. Peter then read a statement regarding Michelle:
  - Michelle Wells, Principal of Calahan Elementary, has gone above and beyond the call of duty in supporting the NWNC.
  - As our landlord, she was not required to attend meetings; nonetheless she did on numerous occasions and assisted us with the audio visual and sound system, helping to make our meetings more efficient and professional.
  - She supported our committee meetings after we lost our meeting room at the Matador Credit Union.
  - We had the facilities rented until 9PM; she was accommodating when our meetings ran late. We did our best to clean up after ourselves when [in pre-pandemic days] we served food. Michelle would help us clean up and, if her custodian left for the night, would help us move the fold up cafeteria tables and push them back into the wall.
  - Michelle took on the extra added time and responsibility by joining the NWNC as our at-large board member and served as our Education Committee Chair.
  - Because of Michelle's concerns, we were able to work with the developer of the town home development next to the mall to work on problems of mutual concern.
  - We are pleased and delighted to present to Michelle Wells the NWNC Certificate of Appreciation.
- Abigail Bailes made a motion to approve this agenda item; Kathleen Edwards and Bill Fox seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

22. Update on the NWNC Election and feedback from the election process

- Jason thanked the NWNC for their mailers.
- Glenn Bailey mentioned that the city clerk's office published a ballot drop box address as 18300 Lemarsh Street, whereas it should have stated the Northridge Aquatic Center at 10058 Reseda Boulevard. This was eventually corrected after the Election Day. He has since filed an election challenge, including requesting [after the fact] signage and an apology.
- The NWNC election included a rare tie. Glenn added that, per the election handbook, the city clerk would contact the two tied candidates (Jorge Jimenez and Sonny Liampetchakul) to witness the breaking of this tie.

23. Update on the Tampa Median Project permits, funding, and timeline

- Abby and Joel recently met with the city clerk's office who rejected the Tampa Median approved plan [including Darlene Kerns's NWNC-approved metal sculpture project]
- As an alternative, DONE suggested presenting this task to CD12. The NWNC must vote [possibly in June] to transfer \$15k to CD12, ask them to hire Darlene, and take on this project with their funds. CD12 has paid staffers to handle this (as opposed to the voluntary NWNC). The entire city council would also have to approve this NWNC transfer of \$15k to CD12.
- Kathleen thanked Abby for all the work that she has done on this project.

24. Report by Budget Advocate

- Advocate Glenn Bailey reported the following:
  - Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Mayor Garcetti presented his proposed budget to the city council. The council's Budget and Finance Committee will scrupulously review the budget through Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be public meetings through Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Then, the full city

council will start deliberating. During this time, there will be a great deal of news coverage of these budget discussions and approvals.

- This fiscal year includes 210 budget memos submitted in early May in conjunction with the Budget and Finance Committee's deliberation of Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget. These memos are viewable at <https://cao.lacity.org/budgetmemos.htm>
- The neighborhood councils are set to receive their annual \$32k allocation and rollover [up to] \$10k. However, this is not a done deal until the city council signs off on this.
- This year's annual Budget Day will be Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Once the new NWNC board is seated, Glenn requested that the two budget representatives be chosen as part of the July agenda.

#### 25. Reports by NWNC Committees

- Gail reported that there would be a WVNAH meeting on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4PM. Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7PM a Homelessness Committee will host a workshop.

#### 26. Announcements by Board members

- Abby thanked Sonny Liampetchakul, Joel, and Kathleen for the successful shredding event.
- Kathleen suggested to Ding and the Outreach Committee that they post a way for stakeholders to file online comments with the city clerk's office. Apparently, many stakeholders do not realize they can file their comments directly with the city clerk's office and the city council.

#### 27. Adjournment

- Abigail adjourned the meeting at 9.23PM.