

APPROVED
Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)
General Board Meeting (GBM) via Zoom
Tuesday, 8 February 2022

I. Meeting Call to Order and Board Roll Call

- President Abby Bailes called the meeting to order at 6.19PM, welcomed over six attendees, and ten board members.
- A quorum was declared via the following roll call:
Here (10) Abigail Bailes, Brian Cathcart, Yi Ding, Kathleen Edwards, Jorge Jimenez, Janis Kraft, Sonny Liampetchakul, Joel Lowell, Angelica Robinson, and Glen Wilson
Absent (3) Bill Fox, Jennifer Krowne, and Lucio Padilla

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Five members of a Christian youth group led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. General Public Comment

- Glenn Bailey reported that the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) would meet Thursday, February 10th at 6.30PM. This month's guest speaker is Christina Holland, Senior Public Relations Specialist from the LADWP. Among the topics to be discussed will be:
 - LADWP water issues
 - Proposed new Code of Conduct from the Bureau of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC)
 - The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's (DONE) Digital Communications Policy
 - Metro's Sepulveda Line
 - Whiteman Airport
 - Land Use Committee Planning and Training
 - CF21-0407 for neighborhood council elections
- Chief Moore from the LAPD postponed his VANC appearance (until Thursday, March 10th) due to the mobilization of the LAPD to focus on the upcoming Super Bowl.

IV. Announcements

- Jorge reported that the Beautification Committee would meet on Thursday, February 17th at 7PM. Sunday, February 20th at 9AM, he will join the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council and Jill Mather (along with the Volunteers Cleaning Communities Organization) for a clean up along Corbin Avenue and Devonshire Street.
- Kathleen mentioned that the Public Safety Committee would meet on Thursday, February 24th. Senior Lead Officer (SLO) John Parker will be the featured speaker, discussing neighborhood watch programs.
- There was discussion about RVs and tents in front of Lowe's and Northridge Toyota along Nordhoff Street. This issue has been brought to CD12, as the unhoused individuals require sanitation facilities and services. There is also a concern that these individuals are trespassing [and using the Jacuzzis] at the nearby apartment and condominium complexes along Shirley Avenue.
- Janis reported that some of the homeless have entered the nearby Lowe's, threatened the employees, and thrown rocks at cars.
- Andrew added that he had sporting equipment stolen from his garage; he will share photographs with Kathleen. He also placed a request via the city's 311 app for lighting repair along Chatsworth Street and Tampa Avenue.
- Kathleen added that the electric traffic signal at Chatsworth Street and Tampa Avenue might be installed very soon.

V. Government Reports

a. Public Safety

- SLO Zamora was not available for this meeting due to all LAPD being on alert for the upcoming Super Bowl.

b. City Council Representative

- Public Safety Deputy Matt Hernandez from CD12 was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

c. Government Departments/Agencies

- Diana Oganessian from Assemblywoman Suzette Valladares office reported on the following two assembly bills (AB):
 - AB1846 would reimburse crime victims for reasonable attorney's fees [up to \$5,000] if a victim hires a private attorney to appear on their behalf at a parole hearing.
 - AB1847 will reduce the costly time commitment that crime victims must give to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation if they wish to participate in parole hearings.
- Saturday, February 26th at 10AM, representatives of Ms. Valladares office and the LAPD's highly trained car seat installation experts will be at the WalMart parking lot at 19821 Rinaldi Street to teach new parents how to install and fit a car seat into their vehicle.
- Ms. Valladares's territory currently covers the area north of Devonshire Street. Due to redistricting later this year, her region will extend to all of Northridge.
- Diana added that each month they honor a "Business of the Month" for their efforts to give back to the community. The February winner is Uncle Ernie's Pizza of Chatsworth. Please reach out to her if you have suggestions for future "business of the month" candidates.
- Stakeholder Andrew Tobbagi expressed concern that the mask mandates may lift in mid-February; however, this may be over-ruled by the county supervisors.
- Janis added that homelessness is a deep concern for Northridge's retail stakeholders.
- Stakeholder Michele Hales mentioned that she recently met a candidate named Pilar. Diana replied that there would be elections in November.
- Diana urged folks to reach out to their Santa Clarita office at 661-286-1565 if anyone has any concerns.
- Field Representative Alberto Vargas from Assemblyman Jesse Gabriel's office reported the following:
 - The very controversial AB1400, which would have brought publicly funded universal health care to California, is now dead after the bill's authors chose not to put it up for a vote. As that bill is now dead for the year, Mr. Gabriel is focusing on housing accountability.
 - Wednesday, February 16th beginning at 5PM, Alberto, Jesse, and LAUSD board member Scott Schmerelson will host a Zoom meeting for those needing additional information on college financial aid and California Dream Act applications. Please reach out to their office at 818-346-4521 for additional information.
 - Sunday, April 3, beginning at 9AM, Assemblyman Gabriel will host the West Valley Day of Service, based out of Pierce College. Over 200 volunteers will support seven or eight service projects throughout the west valley, including a Tarzana Seniors Center, cleaning the Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park at the top of Reseda Boulevard, assembling hygiene kits, etc.

- Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey reported the following:
 - Saturday, January 29th, the Advocates hosted a very successful town hall with DONE’s General Manager, Raquel Beltran, and over a hundred attendees. One can view the video and slide presentation via their website at <http://www.budgetadvocates.org>
 - DONE continues to answer the more than sixty questions that were submitted.
 - A few of the advocate’s reports were completed following various meetings with city department leadership. The advocates hope to have all reports (which help prepare the annual budgetary white paper) by the beginning of March.
 - The next town hall will be Sunday, April 10th beginning at 3PM. This will include a meeting with the city controller candidates (as Ron Galperin has termed out).
 - The 2022 Budget Day will be Saturday, June 18th, beginning with preliminary discussions at 9.30AM. At 11.30AM, the advocates will meet with their respective regions to discuss city services, etc. The following weekend, the advocates will meet to discuss elections for their two-year terms. Previously, these elections were held during Budget Day, but this new schedule is more convenient.

VI. NWNC Committee Reports

- This month’s Planning, Land Use, and Zoning (PLUZ) Committee meeting has been cancelled.
- Kathleen mentioned that the Public Safety Committee would meet on Thursday, February 24th. SLO John Parker will be the featured speaker, discussing neighborhood watch programs. They will also discuss AB1603, which will amend Proposition 47 to reduce the petty theft/shoplifting amount from \$950 to \$400.
- Kathleen added that the By-Laws Committee might have three meetings in February to discuss possible alterations to the NWNC By-Laws. These amendments will be brought to the full NWNC at the March 8th meeting in order to meet the April 1st deadline.
- Jorge reported the Beautification Committee would meet on Thursday, February 17th at 7PM. They will discuss setting a date for the NWNC clean up near Lowe’s and the apartments near Shirley Avenue and Nordhoff Street.

VII. New Business

- a. Update from the January 22nd NWNC Ice Cream Social event and motions for Consent Calendar Voting
 - Abby reported that over sixty people attended this social event at the Oakridge Estate Park, which cost merely \$1,054.37.

Vendor	Item(s)	Cost
FedEx	Flyers	\$ 188.33
Department of Parks and Recreation	Permit	150.00
Smart & Final	Water and Napkins	18.63
All American Softy	Ice Cream	569.28
All American Softy	Tip	77.82
Kathleen Edwards/Vons	Balloons	10.90
Abby Bailes/Walgreens	Poster	39.41
		<u>\$1,054.37</u>

- Jorge thanked everyone who worked on this event.
 - Kathleen hopes that the NWNC could host more of these events. She also recommended a Certificate of Acknowledgement for Mark for his very entertaining video presentation that was shown throughout the event.
1. Motion to reimburse Abby Bailes for the purchase of outreach posters for this event in the amount of \$39.40

- Abby Bailes made a motion to approve this reimbursement; Joel Lowell seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Motion to reimburse Kathleen Edwards for purchase of balloons for this event in the amount of \$10.90
- Abby Bailes made a motion to approve this reimbursement; Joel Lowell seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- b. Discussion and possible motion on the Nobel Middle School Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) request for funding up to \$3k to remove the perimeter of metal cabinets and non-functional sinks from the Parent Center, including demolition work on window wall, cap plumbing and dispose all material. Nobel will complete the work within the 2021-22 fiscal year and provide a completion report.
- First Vice President Ellen Ticzon from the Nobel Middle School PTSA reported that the demolition estimate was \$3,300; they are requesting \$3k from the NWNC; the PTSA will cover the remaining \$300.
 - Brian asked if this was for a new facility. Ellen responded that this was the former Home Economics Center from the 1950s. This facility was recently used for yoga classes. However, it is rusted, dirty, and the sinks are unusable and must be capped. This facility is also available to the general public. They may host NWNC meetings (with the principal's approval). The Nobel Middle School will also provide some sort of recognition to the NWNC.
 - Kathleen suggested reducing this NPG to \$2k. Brian feared that this reduction to \$2k could sabotage the project. If NWNC votes to fund merely \$2k, Ellen will request additional funds from the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council.
 - Treasurer Joel reported that the NWNC budgeted \$7k for NPGs this fiscal year. \$3k has already been spent and \$4k remains available. If this is approved for \$2k, \$2k will remain in the NWNC's NPG budget.
 - Yi Ding a motion to approve this \$3k NPG for demolition; Jorge Jimenez seconded this motion, yet there was no vote.
 - Abby Bailes made a motion to amend the NPG for \$2k for demolition; Joel Lowell seconded this motion, and it passed.

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Abstain (1)	Ding
Absent (3)	Fox, Krowne, and Padilla

- Abby Bailes made a motion to approve the amended \$2k NPG for demolition; Joel Lowell seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- c. Discussion and possible motion on the NPG submitted by Volunteers Cleaning Communities (VCC) for funding up to \$1,500 for tools, equipment, business cards and gas to pay for clean ups in the NWNC area. VCC will complete the work within the 2021-22 fiscal year and provide a completion report.
- Jorge mentioned that the VCC is committed to two clean ups per month. This requested \$1,500 will go towards supplies and outreach.
 - Joel mentioned that this NPG omitted the mandatory IRS determination letter; Jorge will request that document from VCC.
 - Although gas and business cards are operating costs, Sonny, Kathleen, and Glenn Bailey felt that these expenditures should be deleted from the NPG, as they could raise a red flag [and lead to possible rejection] from DONE.
 - Abby Bailes made a motion to approve this \$1,500 NPG, provided that the VCC provide an IRS determination letter and deletes the reference to business cards and gas; Joel Lowell seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

- d. Discussion and motion re: Conditional Use Permit - Beverage for beer and wine consumption at Saigon Brothers located at 9165 Reseda Boulevard
 - This agenda item was tabled as the PLUZ Committee meeting was postponed.
- e. Consent Calendar to submit updated Community Impact Statements (CIS) to BONC on two agenda items for their March 2022 Meeting as follows:
 - These comments from the NWNC called out the first amendment, specifically freedom of speech. However, these CISs are urgent as the BONC may vote on these issues in March.
 1. Motion to submit a CIS to oppose the Draft Digital Communications Policy as currently drafted and submitted to BONC
 - Abby Bailes made a motion to submit a CIS to oppose the Draft Digital Communications Policy as currently drafted and submitted to BONC; Kathleen Edwards seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
 2. Motion to submit a CIS to oppose the amended DONE enforcement policy re: Code of Conduct, as currently drafted and submitted to BONC
 - Abby Bailes made a motion to submit a CIS to oppose the amended DONE enforcement policy/Code of Conduct as currently drafted and submitted to BONC; Kathleen Edwards seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- f. Discussion and motion for a Certificate of Acknowledgement in memory of fallen LAPD Officer, Fernando Arroyos
 - Abby Bailes made a motion to approve this Certificate of Acknowledgement; Jorge Jimenez and Brian Cathcart seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - Kathleen added that Officer Arroyos had no demerits on his record.
- g. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for January 2022 NWNC
 - Joel reviewed these expenditures:

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
January 2	Golden State Storage	Storage Facility	\$128.50
January 12	FedEx Office	Ice Cream Social	188.33
January 21	Valley Permit	Ice Cream Social	150.00
January 22	Smart and Final	Ice Cream Social	18.63
		Total	<u>\$485.46</u>

- Joel Lowell made a motion to approve the January MER; Brian Cathcart seconded this motion, and it passed.

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- Abby asked that stakeholders and board members think about where they would like to see the NWNC spend the remainder of their budgeted funds.
- h. Approval of Monthly GBM Minutes for January 2022
 - Abby Bailes made a motion to approve the January minutes; Joel Lowell seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment

- o Abby adjourned the meeting at 7.50PM.