

DRAFT MINUTES
Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)
General Board Meeting (GBM) via Zoom
Tuesday, 10 May 2022

- I. Meeting Call to Order and Board Roll Call
 - Vice President Kathleen Edwards called the meeting to order at 6.17PM, welcomed over eight attendees, and [eventually] all twelve board members.
 - A quorum was declared via the following roll call:
 - Here (12) Abigail Bailes, Brian Cathcart, Yi Ding, Kathleen Edwards, Jorge Jimenez, Janis Kraft, Jennifer Krowne, Sonny Liampetchakul, Joel Lowell, Lucio Padilla, Angelica Robinson, and Glen Wilson
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - Bill Fox led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. General Public Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the board's subject matter jurisdiction
 - Patty Glueck provided an update on state senate bill 1486, introduced by Henry Stern, which calls for the closure of the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility by 2027. This has already passed the Policy Committee. The Appropriations Committee will hear this bill on Monday, May 16th. It is hoped that this will be on Governor Newsom's desk by July. Patty stressed that it is important that this bill pass for the sake of all of our health. She wondered why CD12 has not yet introduced a resolution of support for SB1486 before the city council.
 - Mel Wilson has lived in Northridge for over forty years and is now running for mayor.
 - He is a CSUN alumni and former professional football player with the NFL.
 - He has worked with Mayors Bradley, Riordan, and Villaraigosa by serving on the LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board. He worked hard to improve the lives of Angelenos, especially those living near proposed transit corridors, including the green line, LAX/Crenshaw Line and the East Valley Light Rail Transit Project.
 - He also served on the LA Fire Commission where he worked to hire over five hundred paramedics.
 - Although 41% of the city's residents are from the valley, he is the only mayoral candidate from this area. His family has attended the Chatsworth Foursquare Church for nearly forty years, and his children attended Calahan Elementary, Nobel Charter Middle School, and Granada Hills Charter High School.
 - He has invested in Northridge real estate and strives to make housing affordable for all.
 - One of Mel's first actions as mayor will be to hire over 350 mental health professionals to help solve the city's homelessness.
 - For additional information, please visit his website at <https://www.mel4mayor.com>
 - Patricia LoPresti expressed interest in discussing the proposed date for the historical cultural monument and NWNC ice cream social at the Oakridge Estate Park and Mansion. This will be further discussed during the outreach portion of agenda item XIII.

- Glenn Bailey from the Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC) reminded everyone that the monthly Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) meeting would be held on Thursday, May 12th at 6.30PM.
- Glenn was recently appointed to the hybrid/in-person working group established by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). Their goal is to move Zoom meetings to in-person meetings.
- He has also served on the city clerk's neighborhood council 2023 elections working group; they have one more meeting to discuss outreach. In support of 2023 elections, the NWNC will soon receive an election worksheet. He asked that the NWNC complete this questionnaire, vote, and submit this information by the end of July. Among the items to be determined will be requested hours to vote, 1st and 2nd choice for polling place, foreign language ballots (besides English, Spanish, Mandarin, and Korean), etc.
- David Brown reported that the LAFD would celebrate Fire Service Day with an open house at all neighborhood fire stations on Saturday, May 14th beginning at 10AM. The varied activities will include fire/life safety information and demonstrations. The event at Station 88 in Sherman Oaks will honor Ms. Linda Pruett, co-founder of the Southern California Preparedness Foundation.

IV. Announcements

- Jennifer reported that she, alongside her husband Andrew, are circulating a petition which has already received over 600-signatures to stop the mall apartment project. They hoped to have a meeting on Thursday, May 5th to discuss this, but that meeting was postponed:
- There are many huge developments coming to the northwest valley; many people do not know about them until after they are built. This includes:
 - Home Depot of Granada Hills, at the site of the former Regency Theatres at Balboa Boulevard and Devonshire Street
 - Chatsworth Mega Apartments
 - Northridge Apartments, at the site of the US Bank at Shirley Avenue and Plummer Street
- One of Joel's neighbors near Hadley Avenue and LeMarsh Street mentioned that their community requires a new neighborhood watch sign. Their current sign may have been purchased at Home Depot and could be ineligible for a replacement NWNC sign.

V. Certificates of Acknowledgement

- A Certificate of Acknowledgement was presented to Bill Fox for his many years of service to the NWNC and Northridge community.
- Bill replied that it has been an honor being a part of the NWNC, which does such great work. He has been sick, but hopes to be better by June.

VI. Presidential Comments

- This agenda item was tabled, as Abby was feeling under the weather.

VII. Government Reports

a. Public Safety

- LAPD Senior Lead officer (SLO) Sandra Zamora reported the following:
 - This has been a busy week for the LAPD, including the Saturday, April 30th pancake breakfast and open house at their Devonshire station.

- Monday, May 1st, she was in Sacramento for the Police Officer’s Memorial on the steps of the state capital. While there, she received an honor from Assemblywoman Suzette Valladares for being a female Hispanic police officer.
- The city is preparing for over two hundred dignitaries (including President Biden) visiting during the first week of June. Traffic [especially near downtown] will be impacted. The LAPD has cancelled all requests for time off that week.
- The week of May 1st through 7th, there was no major crime near the Northridge Mall. However a vehicle was stolen near DeSoto Avenue.
- There are been new posted signs in the parks. An individual cannot be within 500’ of the park overnight. It is recommended that people call the LAPD to report a problem with potential unhoused individuals spending the night at the parks. The city’s Sanitation Department and CD12’s District Director Colin Crews are overwhelmed by these service calls to clean up the parks.
- The owners of the former Tilted Kilt are being forced [by the courts] to clean up their building at 19626 Nordhoff Street; this building is currently covered with graffiti.
- Wednesday, May 11th, Sandra will chalk cars parked along the streets in her district. These vehicles will be towed on Friday, May 13th if they remain at their current location.
- The valley has a big problem with street takeovers. Officers have had to visit emergency rooms after laser points were aimed at them.
- John and Michelle Hales mentioned that they were recently stopped at a sobriety checkpoint. They witnessed many people turning around before the checkpoint. Sandra reported that the Valley Traffic Division coordinates these DIU checkpoints and she has nothing to do with them.
- Sandra briefly mentioned the following upcoming activities:

Date	Event	Location
Saturdays	FISH of the West Valley Food Pantry	Congregational Church of Chatsworth, 20440 Lassen Street
Tuesday May 17 th	Tip-a-Cop Fundraiser for Special Olympics	Claim Jumper, 9429 Tampa Avenue
Saturday May 21 st	St. Baldrick’s Foundation Head Shaving for Childhood Cancer	20065 West Rinaldi Street
Monday May 23	PALS Charity Golf Tournament	Porter Ranch Country Club, 9216 Singing Hills Drive

- She urged those requesting additional information to please download the LAPD’s Devonshire mobile app and/or follow her on Twitter.

b. CD12 City Council Representative

- Public Safety Deputy Matt Hernandez was unavailable to attend this evening’s meeting.

c. Other Government Departments/Agencies

- Field Representative Alberto Vargas from Assemblyman Jesse Gabriel’s office reported that the current eviction moratorium could be extended through Thursday, June 30th.
- There are many bills currently with the Appropriations Committee that will come before the full assembly in the next few days.
- The following two bills may be heard on Wednesday, May 11th:
 - AB1961 would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to create an online database of affordable housing listings and applications.

- AB2284 would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to allocate funds to school districts to purchase standards-aligned instructional materials in media and digital literacy for kindergarten through 12th grade, as well as for professional development.

d. DONE

- The NWNC’s Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Joel Gonzalez reported:
 - The neighborhood council funding training (mandatory for treasurers, credit card holders, and signers) will be conducted on Thursday, May 19th. Additional information can be found at <https://clerk.lacity.org/clerk-services/nc-funding>
 - Brown Act Training will also be conducted on Tuesday, May 31st.
 - As we near the end of the fiscal year, Joel presented the following deadlines

Date	Last Day to
Friday May 20 th	Request an Event
Wednesday June 1 st	Submit a Check Request
Monday June 20 th	Process a Bank Card Transaction

- The 2022/23 Administrative Packet (including the budget worksheet(s)) is ready to be downloaded, completed, and submitted to the city clerk’s website on Friday, July 1st (but not before).

e. Budget Advocate

- Advocate Glenn Bailey reported the following:
 - Saturday, April 30th the advocates hosted a town hall with very good attendance. Attendees included Mayor Garcetti’s deputy, the city’s deputy Chief Administrative Officer, and LA Watchdog [and fellow budget advocate] Jack Humphreville from CityWatch. This meeting [and its slides] can be viewed at <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/town-halls>
 - The advocate’s 133-page White Paper can be found online at https://f03c84ee-65be-4a16-ae70-9c34cf139817.usrfiles.com/ugd/f03c84_5e08d3_cb959042ec93fad66bb6c27853.pdf
 - The 2022 virtual Budget Day, with the theme “Which Way LA”, will be Saturday, June 18th beginning at 9.30AM. At 11.30AM, the advocates will meet with their respective regions to discuss city services, etc. Areas one (northeast valley) and two (northwest valley) will meet together to discuss the north valley.
 - The following weekend (Saturday, June 25th) the advocates will meet [individually by region] to discuss elections for their two-year terms. Budget advocates must have experience serving as a neighborhood council’s budget representative.
 - John and Michelle Hales asked for a brief description of the white paper. Glenn replied that the advocates started working on this report in September, soon after Mayor Garcetti submitted his wish list. The final white paper is the result of multiple meetings with the city departments. There is a four-page overview, followed by an introduction of the advocates, a table of contents, recommendations from over 28-city departments, and a synopsis, followed by recommendations and a summary from the city council.

f. Aliso Canyon Gas Leak Update on Health Study and Lawsuit

- Andrew Krowne, a member of the Aliso Canyon Health Research Study Community Advisory Group (CAG) asked when was the last time the NWNC received any type of communication

from the Department of Public Health (DPH). If it feels like a long time, you are not mistaken. The last CAG meeting, to provide public input to the DPH, was 28 June 2021. For almost a year, the community's voice has been silenced.

- The CAG has been together for over two years. They have been the advocates for a patient-centric clinical health study, yet the DPH has ignored them. The first study from the DPH was the Goals and Priorities draft, which acts as the over simplified direction of the health study. This Goals and Priorities document only mentioned the word "clinical" once, in very benign terms; the reader may not be able to internalize just how important it is. This document was unanimously rejected by the CAG, several area neighborhood councils, and over 400 written community responses and hundreds more through the DPH conducted survey. Specifically, this was rejected because it lacked a mandatory clinical approach. This outpouring of community input meant nothing to DPH, who in the 300+ page RFP did not emphasize clinical evaluations. In fact, no logical person could read the RFP and come away thinking that clinical evaluations is
 - What the community demands or
 - The only real option.
- At this point, only "to study pathways" exists. There must be an environmental risk assessment, model, or a clinical study to examine the people. It is widely known that the California Center of Science and Technology looked at the air monitoring data [from the 2015 blowout] and determined it is unusable for any kind of modeling. The CAG also lacks the list of over 200 chemicals exposed to the community from the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility. How can anyone prepare a model when you do not know the variables and you do not have any valid data to begin with?
- The CAG has met multiple times with Supervisor Kuehl's staff; they have told us that the supervisor refuses to pursue obtaining the chemical list.
- The only viable path is clinical evaluations. The National Institute of Health (NIH)'s federally run health study of the Deepwater Horizon disaster [from April 2010] is the gold standard health study. This study focuses on long-term clinical evaluations. A study like what we are demanding has been in existence for years. The study outline, testing, and questionnaires are all available to the DPH. Yet they will not embrace the need for a clinical study.
- If you wanted a study to look at you and track changes in your body over time, to give you any hope at knowing what kind of sickness or disease you or your family might experience, the County's health study will not provide that for you.
- The CAG has exhausted all of the options it has to affect change related to the health study. We have worked harder and more fervently than the County would have wanted to protect area residents, and yet we have been ignored and rejected.
- What do we do now? Sulk and take another harm? Heck no! There is an alternative! Andrew and fellow CAG members, Craig Galanti and Brian Allen, formed Environmental Health Research (EHR), Inc. This is a non-profit whose mission is to conduct the patient-centric clinically based health study this community deserves.
- EHR recently partnered with the CSUN's Health Equity Research and Education (HERE) Center and Food and Water Watch; they are now closing in on finalizing the study design. The implementation will come down to grant funding, which we are also working on. They will return to the NWNC in July with a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for outreach to stakeholders discussing what has transpired and what options are available.
- Northridge was one of the hardest hit communities from the worst methane and poly-toxin exposure in the history of the United States. As we are hurdling past the cancer latency

period, we expect that serious illnesses are likely to increase. We are looking forward to getting started as soon as possible.

- The May 5th deadline to get involved with the lawsuit has come and gone. It is unknown if this will be extended. Those in the class action lawsuit [but not in the civil lawsuit] had their chance to opt in to their settlement. We believe the payout was approximately \$700/person. There are no other updates at this time.
- Patty added that many of the atmospheric tests were conducted within people's homes.

VIII. NWNC Committee Reports

- Ding, Brian, and Angelica from the Outreach Committee are working on the Oakridge Park Estates Historical Monument project, including an Ice Cream Social. This may be the weekend of June 25th and 26th. Pat LoPresti from the Friends of the Oakridge Estate confirmed that those dates are available. She urged the NWNC to schedule ASAP.
- If this is held on Sunday, June 26th, Kathleen expressed concern about paying overtime to the Department of Recreation and Parks (DRP) employees.
- A poll was conducted and eight of the twelve NWNC board members were available to help volunteer for this outreach activity at the end of June:
Brian Cathcart Jorge Jimenez Joel Lowell (possibly Sunday morning)
Yi Ding Janis Kraft Lucio Padilla
Kathleen Edwards Sonny Liampetchakul Glen Wilson
- Patty added that the mansion is not organized nor scheduled by the Friends of Oakridge. This ten-acre park and mansion belong to the city's DRP, who must schedule the opening of the mansion. CD12's Field Deputy Myrka Martinez works alongside the DRP and the Friends of Oakridge.
- On behalf of the Public Safety Committee, Kathleen reminded everyone that the NWNC voted unanimously in April to approve a Community Impact Statement (CIP) for up to \$2,500 for twenty neighborhood watch signs. However, the NWNC can no longer use Outreach funds for this expenditure and they can no longer use the previous vendor.
- The NWNC must apply for a permit from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for each individual sign. Kathleen needs to get the address for each sign from the area SLOs (as they can best determine the highest crime areas). She added that the city seems to make it very difficult to serve the stakeholders. Wednesday, May 11th Kathleen will meet with the SLOs to discuss potential addresses for the signs.
- Alternatively, a non-profit could submit an NPG to the NWNC. This way, the NWNC would not have to provide the twenty individual addresses.
- Joel added that the NWNC received an invoice, but they have not yet received any signs.
- John Hales asked if Kathleen could provide him with the cost of each of these DOT permits; Kathleen did not know the cost.
- Sonny added that these permits could take a week to acquire.
- Stakeholder Joy mentioned that she acquired NWNC neighborhood watch signage approximately sixteen years ago. Kathleen appreciated and shared in Joy's frustration, as these neighborhood watch signs were also requested in 2018, 2019, and 2020.

IX. New Business

- a. Motion per By Laws to accept the resignation of Ding Yi from Board of NWNC.
 - Jennifer, Jorge, and John Hales thanked Ding, appreciated all that she has done for the community, and were sad to see her go.

- Ding reported that her family is moving to Chatsworth, yet she will continue to work at CSUN.
 - Kathleen Edwards made a motion to accept Yi Ding’s resignation; Jorge Jimenez seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- b. Election to fill vacancy in VP Outreach position (conducted by DONE).
- This VP Outreach position is good for a month, as the NWNC will conduct elections in July.
 - However, there were no nominees for this position, and this agenda item was tabled.
- c. Discussion and possible motion to move/revise budgeted dollar amounts in funding categories for the 2021-22 Budget.

- Treasurer Joel reviewed the following budgetary transfers:

Category	Original Budget	Revised	Change
Office/Operational Expenditures			
Host Reseller Group (website)	\$ 20	\$ 20	
2co.com ICDSOFT (web service)	100	100	
USPS PO Box Rental	220	220	
Golden State Storage	1,500	1,500	
Mailroom (web hosting)	3,000	3,000	
Apple One (minutes)	2,160	2,160	
Meeting Meals/Snacks	1,600	0	(1,600)
Board Retreat	500	0	(500)
Miscellaneous	900	900	
Subtotal	\$10,000	\$7,900	(\$2,100)
Outreach Projects	7,000	1,100	(5,900)
NPGs	5,000	23,000	18,000
CIPs	10,000	10,000	
Total	\$32,000	\$42,000	\$10,000

- Joel Lowell made a motion to revise the 2021-22 budget; Jennifer Krowne seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- d. Discussion and possible motion to fund an NPG request for up to \$5,000 from Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID) to renovate and refurbish an LAPD Devonshire Division trailer.
- Nancy Morgan from SOLID mentioned a trailer at the LAPD’s Devonshire Station that was donated several years ago and is currently used by the officers as their office space.
 - This trailer is in very poor condition with holes in the floor and desks that are falling apart with inoperable drawers.
 - Regretfully, there is no place for visitors [including the deputy chief and representatives from CD12] to sit.
 - Sandra mentioned that prior to its donation to the LAPD, this trailer was a homeless shelter. At the time, it was heavily tagged and had to be re-painted.
 - Two other trailers at the LAPD’s Devonshire Station are used by training and the gang/narcotics units.
 - Whereas a new trailer could cost several hundreds of thousand of dollars, the budget to repair this trailer could be merely \$72k.

- This refurbished trailer will also allow for additional SLO stations. Sandra reported that the Office Depot [which has a contract with the city] already visited, took measurements, and presented an estimate of \$48k for new furniture.
- Joel asked where SOLID would get the other \$67k. Nancy reported that they are getting money from other neighborhood councils and SOLID will contribute from their fundraising activities at the recent pancake breakfast. SOLID may also host a fundraising pasta dinner in October. They are also considering hosting a carnival.
- Angelica reminded everyone that in September 2020, the NWNC granted \$3,500 to SOLID for Plexiglas for the Devonshire station’s lobby to allow for social distancing during the COVID pandemic.
- Brian added that there seemed to be an ongoing need for SOLID funding for LAPD improvements. Nancy replied that the city has been cutting back their support for the LAPD. Sandra added that the city does not maintain this trailer. SOLID takes care of air conditioning, lights, etc. Their shredder no longer works. If papers must be shredded, officers must take them to the main building for destruction.
- Electronic devices, including telephones and computers, are provided by and maintained by the city.
- Glenn Bailey checked with the city clerk’s website’s dashboard and reported that NPG funds for SOLID, from other area neighborhood councils, include:

Chatsworth	\$1,500
Northridge East	5,000
Northridge South	5,000
Porter Ranch	3,000
Total	<u>\$14,500</u>

- John Hales, Pat LoPresti, and Abby Bailes support this NPG. Unless people stand in the officer’s shoes, it is difficult to understand what the LAPD is going through.
- Sandra added that if anyone requires further evidence, please reach out to her for a tour.
- Abby Bailes made a motion to approve this \$5k NPG for SOLID to repair this LAPD trailer; Kathleen Edwards seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

e. Discussion and possible motion Re: Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Motion to Re-Fund the LAPD.

- Kathleen presented a motion from VANC encouraging “the city council and mayor pass a 2022-23 budget which increases LAPD staffing significantly with a goal of reaching pre-pandemic staffing levels in the very near future. We support Chief Moore’s proposed staffing level increase for 2022-23”.
- Kathleen Edwards made a motion to approve this VANC motion to re-fund the LAPD; Jorge Jimenez seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (10)	Bailes, Cathcart, Edwards, Jimenez, Kraft, Krowne, Liampetchakul, Lowell, Padilla, and Wilson
No (1)	Robinson
Resigned (1)	Ding

f. Discussion and possible motion to participate in outreach at the Big Sunday Spring Clean Up June 11-12, 2022. Possible motion to spend up to \$1,000 on outreach and food.

- Stakeholder Deborah Tucker reported that this spring clean-up project has been going on for six years. The LA Sanitation Department provides the bins, which would normally cost

hundreds of dollars. These bins are delivered on Friday, picked up on Monday, and locked after 7PM. She added that they receive voluntary support from a Cheer non-profit group.

- Saturday and Sunday, CD12 will provide breakfast for all participants. Deborah and her team are now seeking someone to provide lunch.
- Kathleen asked about the required permits; Deborah replied that CD12’s Field Deputy Myrka Martinez coordinated that activity.
- As this is not coordinated by a non-profit, the NWNC may be unable to fund a lunch for this event. However, per the neighborhood council funding guidelines “... when conducting outreach activities sponsored by another organization, it is reasonable and acceptable for a neighborhood council to provide commercially pre-packaged snacks, i.e., cookies, candy, small bags of chips, water, coffee, etc...”
- Ding supports this event and may be able to connect Deborah to some volunteers. Abby and Jennifer may also be available to volunteer at this event.
- Jorge Jimenez made a motion to support this activity with \$200 of outreach funds [for snack or whatever is allowed] provided that the NWNC receives the mandatory permits; Lucio Padilla seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

g. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April 2022 NWNC.

- Treasurer Joel reviewed the following non-major expenditures from April:

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
February 16	Kathleen Edwards	Ice Cream Social	\$ 10.90
March 29	Apple One	Minute Taking	211.20
April 2	Golden State Storage	Storage Facility	128.50
April 8	Apple One	Minute Taking	307.20
		Total	<u><u>\$657.80</u></u>

- Kathleen Edwards made a motion to approve this April MER; Joel Lowell seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

h. Approval of Monthly GBM Minutes for April 2022 NWNC Meeting Minutes.

- This agenda item was tabled until June.

X. Adjournment

- Kathleen adjourned the meeting at 9.26PM.