

APPROVED

Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC) • General Board Meeting (GBM)

Tuesday, 11 July 2023 • 6.15PM

Northridge Christian Church (NCC) • 18901 Chatsworth Street, Northridge 91326

I. Call to Order and Board Roll Call

- President Abby Bailes called the meeting to order at 6.27PM and welcomed twelve board members and at least twenty-five stakeholders.
- A quorum was declared via the following roll call:
 - Here (12) Aaminah Babatunde-Bea, Abigail Bailes, Brian Cathcart, Kathleen Edwards, Jorge Jimenez, Janis Kraft, Jennifer Krowne, Joel Lowell, Angelica Robinson, Larry Whitman, Glen Wilson, and Greg Wood
 - Absent (3) Zaven Atashian, Sonny Liampetchakul, and Brian Morgan

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Veteran Jorge led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. General Public Comment

- David Hyman from the American Political Items Collectors mentioned that they would host an event on Saturday, October 21st at Temple Ahavat Shalom at 18200 Rinaldi Place. Appraisers will be on hand to tell you what your collectibles may be worth.
- Abby reminded folks that when they have such events to publicize, please email the NWNC at board@northridgewest.org for posting on the website.
- Devonshire community relations volunteer Mikkie Loi reported that the Community Emergency Response Team is now meeting again at Fire Station 87, 10124 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills on the 3rd Tuesday at 6.30PM. Please visit <https://www.cert-la.com/> for additional information.
- David Brown from the LA Disaster Preparedness Foundation reported that there is a great deal of information at <https://www.redcross.org/local/california/los-angeles/about-us/our-work/preparesocal.html> to help individuals prepare for our next disaster.
- Glenn Bailey reported that the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), representing the thirty-four neighborhood councils through the valley continues to meet via Zoom on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6.30PM. Meeting announcements and agendas can be found at their website at <https://vanc34.org/>. This month's presentation will be a point/counterpoint discussion of the housing element rezoning from the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's point of view. Mayor Bass will be the special guest at the August 10th meeting.
- Stakeholder Jay Bessenger expressed concern about housing. The LA Housing Department has identified five times the amount of housing that the city actually requires, and Mayor Bass has signed off on this. Thankfully, the people of Northridge and Porter Ranch are more spread out, as opposed to Sherman Oaks where they are atop each other. Perhaps a solution could be to move the homeless into vacant business areas rather than into residential neighborhoods.

IV. Announcements

- a. August 1st NWNC Executive Board Meeting TBD

- This meeting will be postponed, as it creates a scheduling conflict with the National Night Out at the Northridge Park.
 - b. August 8th NWNC General Board Meeting
 - This meeting will be held here at the Northridge Christian Church beginning at 6.15PM.
 - c. Congress of Neighborhood Councils; Save the Date; Saturday, September 23rd
 - All board members are encouraged to attend the Congress of Neighborhood Councils; this is an excellent opportunity for training and networking.
 - d. Return/Exchange of keys, equipment, Zoom, or other NWNC items
 - All outgoing board members are encouraged to turn in any keys, equipment etc.
 - The city has not yet processed the \$53.89 check for the renewal of the Zoom account. Jorge and Joel will check that out and attempt to have this cancelled, as the NWNC is no longer allowed to host Zoom meetings.
 - e. Enrich LA Project Completion Report Received
 - The completion report of the Enrich LA's gardening program, who attended the May 20th Ice Cream Social after receiving a \$1,000 Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) from the NWNC, has been received and will be shared with the community.
 - f. DONE Training Updates for Board Members
 - Abby reminded everyone to review the monthly summary of the board training status. She added that DONE/EmpowerLA sends out several emails each week; please be certain to keep up on reading all these emails.
 - g. Update on SB411 meeting rules for Neighborhood Councils
 - Abby submitted her own comments on the SB411 concerning open meetings and teleconferences. This bill is agendized for the Wednesday, June 12th meeting of the Local Governance Committee. The writer of any comments must be present. The irony is not lost that neighborhood council board members are required to call into a meeting to discuss whether their neighborhood council can host a call-in meeting.
- V. Presidential Comments – Thoughts from Neighborhood Council Meeting with Mayor Karen Bass
 - Abby appreciated recently meeting with Mayor Bass here in the valley. Abby asked her about all the regulations involving safety and crime, and wondered how we could cut the red tape. Mayor Bass replied that the city authorized the hiring of 9,500 LAPD officers, yet merely 9,000 are here. In addition to police officers, there are thousands of job opportunities in the city. Currently, there is insufficient staff at city hall to coordinate events, write checks, etc.
 - In addition, sadly, the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council President Gabriel Khanlian recently resigned after all his frustrations of dealing with the city.
- VI. Presentation of Certificates of Acknowledgement
 - a. Mrs. Lupeann Campos, community volunteer
 - Mrs. Campos from Elite Generators supported the May 20th Ice Cream Social by supplying generators for the Granada Hills Charter High School (GHCHS) Robotics Team and musicians.
 - She served as a shining example of someone who steps in and takes care of things when the city is unable to handle the task.

- b. Mr. Joseph Cooper and the Students who performed at NWNC's Salute to Community event from GHCHS
 - Mr. Cooper will attend the August meeting.
- c. Ms. Andrea Alvarado, community volunteer graffiti removal
 - Ms. Alvarado moved to Northridge in 1994 and has been an active participant in Northridge Sparkle by initiating several clean-up projects along Reseda Boulevard. She was instrumental in the acquisition of several murals and the colorful horse at Stereo 1 at 8901 Reseda Boulevard.
 - The city is supposed to handle graffiti abatement, but they will not go above the ground level. Ms. Alvarado [and her team] use ladders to access the elevated graffiti.
 - Ms. Alvarado also supports the community by publishing the Text in the City newsletters on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/textinthecitynewsletter/>

VII. Old Business

- Treasurer Joel reminded everyone that the NWNC has \$7k budgeted for NPGs. In addition, they may acquire \$6,500 in roll-over funds. However, this agenda references over \$15k in NPG requests.
- Glenn Bailey reminded everyone that the rollover funds are usually released in August. However, last year, the funds were released in December.
- a. Possible motion to approve spending up to \$5,000 for NPG for Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID) for furniture for LAPD Devonshire Division
 - Richard Farra from SOLID mentioned that this year is SOLID's 30th anniversary. In addition to supporting the LAPD, SOLID previously paid for the renovation of the LAPD/Devonshire's roll-call room at 10250 Etiwanda Avenue.
 - Although 25 cadets graduate from the police academy each month, 900 officers are set to retire in 2024. Hence, the LAPD continues to have a staff shortage. The LAPD's Devonshire Division has one of the lowest crime rates in the city and they have not had a new recruit in over two years.
 - In addition to SOLID, the LAPD's Devonshire Station Community Room, within YMCA-donated trailers, hosts 300 volunteers associated with the following teams:

California Emergency Mobile Patrol	Volunteer Bike Patrol
Community Police Advisory Board	Volunteer Community Patrol
Police Activities League Supports	Volunteer Surveillance Team
 - When the LAPD headquarters discovered that the Devonshire Division previously used this space for shooting training, they opened a similar facility in downtown.
 - 67% of SOLID's funding comes from the neighborhood councils. The other 33% comes from donations, the annual pancake breakfast in May, and the annual pasta dinner in October.
 - By renovating this room, they can have the meetings onsite rather than coordinating off-site meetings at churches, schools, etc. Currently, SOLID and the aforementioned patrols and teams must sometimes host their meetings in the roll-call room or the officer's break-room. However, the LAPD requires the roll-call room for their own meetings. If the volunteers use the officer's break-room, where will our police rest and enjoy a meal?
 - Someone asked why the city does not pay for this. Richard replied that the homeless crisis is now getting priority with city spending.

- Glenn Bailey added that the Northridge East Neighborhood Council had a special meeting just before the funding deadline and contributed \$5k to this room.
- Jorge asked about the projected finish date; Richard hopes this task is completed by December 31st.
- Brian Cathcart made a motion to table this SOLID NPG; Joel Lowell seconded this motion, yet it did not pass.

Aye (1) Cathcart
 No (9) Babatunde-Bea, Edwards, Jimenez, Kraft, Lowell, Robinson, Whitman, Wilson, and Wood
 Off (2) Bailes and Krowne
 Absent (3) Atashian, Liampetchakul, and Morgan

- Angelica Robinson made a motion to approve this SOLID NPG for the reduced amount of \$2,000; Brian Cathcart seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (9) Babatunde-Bea, Cathcart, Edwards, Jimenez, Kraft, Lowell, Robinson, Wilson, and Wood
 Ineligible (1) Whitman
 Off (2) Bailes and Krowne
 Absent (3) Atashian, Liampetchakul, and Morgan

- Glenn Bailey reminded the NWNC that the accompanying Board Action Certification must clearly state that this NPG is for \$2k; it cannot state “up to \$2k”.

b. Possible motion to approve spending up to \$5,000 for NPG for Center for Assault Treatment Services (CATS) “Safe Dates” training to prevent dating violence

- Regina D'Aquilla, Program Manager/Forensic Nurse Examiner at CATS reported that they treat over 1,000 victims of sexual assault victims each year. 57% of their victims are under 18-years of age. Those who are not the victims witness the violence on a daily basis. This results in them not knowing how to be a good partner in a healthy relationship.
- Sadly, the youth of today are dealing with more violence than ever. One in four middle and high school girls, and one in seven middle and high school boys are victims. Kids are now dating as young as 13. 83% of parents say they could identify when their kid is in a violent workshop. Actually, it is less than 52% could identify, as it is common for the abuser to pull the victim away from their friends and family.
- CATS works closely with the Boys and Girls Clubs for gang reduction. This two-month program teaches them to keep their eyes out for the red flags and to not be a passive bystander.
- Although they get funding from the city, state, and country, they require additional funding for snacks. Neighborhood councils have also supported their annual Victory for Victims walk/run. CATS annual budget is \$27k, with \$5k coming from a small foundation.
- Greg Wood made a motion to reduce this CATS NPG to \$1,500; Joel Lowell seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (9) Babatunde-Bea, Cathcart, Edwards, Jimenez, Kraft, Lowell, Robinson, Wilson, and Wood
 Ineligible (1) Whitman
 Off (2) Bailes and Krowne
 Absent (3) Atashian, Liampetchakul, and Morgan

- Greg Wood made a motion to approve this CATS NPG for \$1,500; Joel Lowell seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (9) Babatunde-Bea, Cathcart, Edwards, Jimenez, Kraft, Lowell, Robinson, Wilson, and Wood
 Ineligible (1) Whitman
 Off (2) Bailes and Krowne
 Absent (3) Atashian, Liampetchakul, and Morgan

- c. Possible motion to approve spending up to \$2,500 for Friends of Vintage Magnet Elementary School (VMES) STEM program
 - Samantha Trainor addressed the NWNC as a volunteer coach and parent for the Vex Robotics teams at VMES, North Hills.
 - Students Will, Tobin, Micah, and another young man demonstrated their robot that they designed, built, coded, and drove, and proudly displayed their awarded trophy.
 - VMES is a Title-1 school, whereupon most of their kids qualify for a free or reduced lunch. In addition to funding from families and neighborhood councils, the kids raise money by selling t-shirts and Dipping Dots ice cream.
 - A few months ago, four robotics teams from VMES joined 774 other teams for the world championships in Dallas. Registration at this world championship costs \$1,200/team. There are now six teams at VMES; hence it will cost \$7,200. Much of this fundraising will go to those fees. In addition, the Vex Robotics Team requires a storage container for all their equipment.
 - Kathleen Edwards made a motion to approve this Friends of VMES STEM Program NPG for \$2,500; Angelica Robinson seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (8) Babatunde-Bea, Edwards, Jimenez, Kraft, Lowell, Robinson, Wilson, and Wood
 No (1) Cathcart
 Ineligible (1) Whitman
 Off (2) Bailes and Krowne
 Absent (3) Atashian, Liampetchakul, and Morgan

- d. Possible motion to approve spending up to \$2,982.78 for NPG for LA Fire Department Foundation for Fire House #70 for Cool Space 400 fan
 - Jorge Jimenez made a motion to table this agenda item as representatives from the foundation were not available; Brian Cathcart seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- e. Possible motion to spend up to \$1,000 for NWNC branded shirts, name tags and business cards
 - This expenditure could be classified as outreach or office expenditures.
 - The following board members require shirts, which [according to Janis] run small:

Zaven Atashian	Janis Kraft	Larry Whitman
Aaminah Babatunde-Bea	Brian Morgan	Greg Wood
Brian Cathcart		
 - Jorge Jimenez made a motion to table this agenda item; Greg Wood seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- f. Possible motion to spend up to \$500 for a NWNC Board Retreat and Training Meeting, date to be determined
 - Joel mentioned that this is already in the approved FY2023-24 budget.
 - Kathleen suggested having the retreat immediately prior to a monthly board meeting ASAP. August was suggested, but Greg would be out of the area. The second option was to hold the retreat prior to the monthly NWNC meeting of Tuesday, September 12th. Project Coordinator Joel Gonzalez offered to provide expert speakers for this event.
 - Jorge Jimenez made a motion to remove this potential \$500 expenditure from the agenda; Angelica Robinson seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

g. Approval of the NWNC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) from June 2023

Date	Vendor	Category	Description	Amount
May 31	Apple One	Office	Meeting Minutes	\$ 160.00
June 2	Golden State Storage	Office	Storage Facility	153.50
June 9	All American Softy	Outreach	Ice Cream Social	2,037.93
June 11	Amazon	Office	Printing	70.44
June 11	Amazon	Office	Card Stock for Nameplates	8.75
June 13	Porto's Bakery	Office	Refreshments	178.23
June 13	Smart and Final	Office	Refreshments	6.01
June 15	Devonshire SOLID	Outreach	Support at LAPD Station	500.00
June 22	Your Way Tree Service	Community Improvement Project (CIP)	Beautification and Tree Maintenance	5,000.00
			Total	<u>\$8,114.86</u>

- Treasurer Joel reported that the city has not yet processed the \$53.89 check for the renewal of the Zoom account; Jorge and Joel will check that out, and attempt to have this cancelled, as the NWNC is no longer allowed to host Zoom meetings.
- Joel added that there remains \$6,600 in the recently ended FY2022-23 budget; it is hoped that this can be rolled over into the current FY2023-24 budget.
- Jorge Jimenez made a motion to approve the June MER; Joel Lowell seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (9) Babatunde-Bea, Cathcart, Edwards, Jimenez, Kraft, Lowell, Robinson, Wilson, and Wood
 Ineligible (1) Whitman
 Off (2) Bailes and Krowne
 Absent (3) Atashian, Liampetchakul, and Morgan

h. Approval of NWNC Monthly GBM Minutes for May and June 2023

- Jorge Jimenez made a motion to approve the May and June minutes; Brian Cathcart and Joel Lowell seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (9) Babatunde-Bea, Cathcart, Jimenez, Kraft, Lowell, Robinson, Whitman, Wilson, and Wood
 Abstain (1) Edwards
 Off (2) Bailes and Krowne
 Absent (3) Atashian, Liampetchakul, and Morgan

VIII. NWNC Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee and Government Affairs

- Project Coordinator Joel Gonzalez recommended that the NWNC agendize committee chairmanships and membership during the next NWNC meeting on Tuesday, August 8th. He urged board members and stakeholders to speak up if they would like to sit on a committee. Brian and Angelica expressed interest in the Outreach Committee, in addition to their current positions on the Land Use and Planning Committee.

b. Public Safety

- This agenda item was tabled.

c. Planning and Land Use

- Brian expressed concern about housing, as discussed by VANC, Glenn Bailey, and stakeholder Jay Bessenger during agenda item III, General Public Comment.

- d. Elections - Update on the Neighborhood Council Elections affirmation process
 - Glen Wilson mentioned that the election tasks are completed.
 - Glenn Bailey added that VANC would host a post-election wrap-up on Monday, July 31st at 6.30PM via Zoom. He urged the former and current presidents, as well as the election and outreach chairs to attend.

- e. Homelessness
 - This agenda item was tabled, as Sonny was unavailable to present a report.

- f. Beautification
 - Jorge reported that the city-approved vendor, Your Way Tree Service, completed their tree trimming and brush clearance tasks from the 118 down to Devonshire Street. He has since reached out to CD12 to coordinate additional clean-ups.
 - As Jorge joined the trimmers, he noticed how unsafe our streets are with all the overgrowth of trees and shrubs. This is especially hazardous if someone is in a wheelchair.

- g. Budget
 - Treasurer Joel reviewed the year-end budget numbers:

Category	Spent
Office	\$7,000
Outreach	10,500
NPG	4,000
CIP	10,000
Elections	3,000
Total	<u>\$34,500</u>

- h. Outreach – Recap/Feedback from the NWNC’s May 20th Salute to Community Ice Cream Social
 - This agenda item was already discussed at the June meeting.
- IX. Special Order
- a. Installation of newly-elected NWNC Board of Directors
 - Project Coordinator Joel Gonzalez administered the Oath of Office to all board members.

 - b. Election of new NWNC Executive Officers:
 1. President
 - Joel Gonzalez reviewed the job description.
 - Kathleen nominated Jorge.
 - Jorge added that he has big shoes to fill. It is not so much what we are dealing with today, but for the kids and the future.
 - Jorge was unanimously elected as President of the NWNC.

 2. Vice President of Administration
 - Joel Gonzalez reviewed the job description.
 - Abby nominated Kathleen.

- Kathleen mentioned that when she first joined the board, she did not know what to expect with all the rules and regulations. However, now that she is retired from her career, she has more time to dedicate to the tasks at hand.
 - Kathleen was unanimously re-elected as Vice President of Administration of the NWNC.
3. Vice President of Outreach
- Joel Gonzalez reviewed the job description.
 - Kathleen nominated Janis.
 - Janis has enjoyed this opportunity to meet and help people. She looks forward to continuing in this role and letting people know that the NWNC is here to support them.
 - Janis was unanimously re-elected as Vice President of Outreach of the NWNC.
4. Secretary
- Joel Gonzalez reviewed the job description.
 - Brian nominated Angelica, but she turned down the opportunity. The NWNC will be without a secretary until further notice. President Jorge will work with Kristina Smith to make certain that agendas, news, etc. are distributed and posted on the website
5. Treasurer
- Joel Gonzalez reviewed the job description.
 - Jorge nominated Joel.
 - Joel mentioned that for these past few years, he has dealt with the many financial hurdles that the city has thrown at the NWNC.
 - Joel was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer of the NWNC.
- X. Government Reports
- a. Public Safety LAPD Devonshire Division
- The non-emergency number for the LAPD is 1-877-ASK-LAPD.
 - Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Sandra Zamora was not available this evening; Devonshire community relations volunteer Mikkie Loi reported in her place.
 - The LAPD has a new SLO with Sean Taylor taking over Officer Zamora's A81 (south of Devonshire and Lassen Streets, between Tampa Avenue and the Brown's Canyon Wash). Officer Zamora will now support A67; this is the area south of Lassen Street between Tampa and Zelzah Avenues.
 - SLO Zamora's basic car/neighborhood watch meeting will be Tuesday, July 25th at 6PM via Zoom; the ID is 838 9721 1584, with passcode 649125.
 - SLO Taylor's in-person basic car/neighborhood watch meeting will be Wednesday, July 26th at 6PM at the Canoga Park Elks Lodge at 20925 Osborne Street.
 - The LAPD has seen an uptick in grocery store theft. Everyone is reminded to NEVER leave purses, wallets, or cellular phones in their grocery cart.
 - The mall has recently seen three cases of grand theft auto. Shoppers are leaving their keys at checkout counters; thieves grab the keys and click throughout the parking structure, looking to see which car unlocks. They then drive away with someone's car.
 - Tuesday, July 25th at 10AM, the LAPD SLOs will host "Coffee with a Cop" at the Starbucks inside Target at 8840 Corbin Avenue.
 - Tuesday, August 1st will be the annual National Night Out [featuring the movie Wall-E] at the Northridge Park; this will be further discussed during agenda item XI.a.

- b. CD12 City Council Representative
 - Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Field Deputy for CD12 was not available.

- c. Other Government Departments/Agencies
 - Representatives from Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo’s office mentioned that she was recently named as chairwoman of the committee on military and veteran’s affairs. Please reach out to her office at 661.286.1565 if anyone has issues with any state agencies, or needs help with veterans concerns.
 - The assembly was able to pass the budget on time. In addition, Ms. Schiavo was able to help secure the following funding support:
 - \$400k For the Northeast Valley Health Corporation for capital infrastructure
 - \$2m To Kennedy High School in Granada Hills for infrastructure and security upgrades
 - \$6m To CSUN for basic needs for new lower-income students, including housing, clothing, food, etc.
 - \$20m For her district from the federal government
 - \$37m For the California Department of Social Services and a non-profit, which deals with affordable housing for transitioning individuals, including improvements to the Travelodge of Chatsworth to help support Project Roomkey.

 - Chief Brian Wall from the LAFD’s Battalion 15 covers the northwest valley, as far south as Nordhoff Street, and mentioned that the valley saw thirty brush fires this past May. In June, this elevated to over sixty brush fires. People frequently say, “this is the worst fire season”; truly every year it continues to get worse.
 - The LAFD has mandated a brush clearance requirement. The mandatory 100’ brush clearance in 2019 saved hundreds of homes that otherwise could have been lost to that October’s Saddle Ridge Fire. They strongly urge everyone to harden their home to make it less likely to be victimized by fires. Additional information can be found at <https://lafd.org/fire-prevention/brush>
 - CalFire has a “Ready/Set/Go” program, whereupon residents should be prepared to evacuate (with medications, clothing, jewelry, photographs, computer hard drive, etc.) in minutes. Additional information can be found on their website <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/ready-set-go/>
 - Folks were also urged to sign up for the city’s emergency alert system, NotifyLA at <https://emergency.lacity.gov/alerts/notifyla> as well as the Unified Homelessness Response Center (UHRC) at <https://lacity.gov/highlights/unified-homelessness-response-center-aims-confront-homelessness-crisis>. The UHRC creates a central command post to confront LA’s homelessness crisis in real time and bring together resources to help homeless Angelenos get off the streets, get well, and get under a roof.
 - Brian Cathcart expressed concern about Limekiln Canyon, and the possibility of homeless individuals starting fires.
 - A stakeholder expressed concern about handicapped individuals who may require extra help evacuating their homes. Chief Wall urged these people to be in touch with MySafe:LA at <https://www.mysafela.org>. They deliver critical life saving initiatives to students, families, and older adults living in greater LA. He added that firemen are unable to install smoke detectors or distribute fire extinguishers.

- For additional information, please reach out to Chief Wall at brian.wall@lacity.org.

d. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

- Project Coordinator Joel Gonzalez summarized his tasks by stating that he manages eight neighborhood councils.

e. Budget Advocate

- Glenn Bailey reported that the Budget Advocates started in the early 2000s when James Hahn was our mayor. They represent the twelve regions of the city's 99 neighborhood councils and their website is <https://www.budgetadvocates.org>
- For additional information on the city's budget, please visit <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0600>. This is the link to council file 23-0600, which is the city's budget proposal for FY2023-24; there you will find proposed budget requests, resolutions, etc.
- Among the speakers at the June 17th virtual Budget Day were Council President Paul Krekorian, City Controller Kenneth Mejia, and Chair of the Council's Budget and Finance Committee Bob Blumenfield. This event was recorded and can be viewed at <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/budget-day-2023>.
- The June 2024 Budget Day will be in person at City Hall.
- Advocate Glenn Bailey reported that the Budget Advocates July monthly report to the neighborhood councils could be found at https://www.budgetadvocates.org/_files/ugd/f03c84_9fb7f0ed909c46b49bed9337210eff09.pdf

XI. New Business

a. Update and assignments for volunteers to represent NWNC at LAPD's National Night Out, Tuesday, August 1st at Northridge Park

- Kathleen reported that set-up begins at 4.30PM and the actual fun event would begin at 6PM. This event does not require any funds, merely volunteers to show up and represent the NWNC. The LAPD will partner with CD12 for outreach activities. At sundown, they will show the movie, Wall-E.
- Angelica and Jorge offered to retrieve NWNC stuff from the storage facility. Janis, Joel, Larry, and Kathleen will set-up and participate in this event.

b. Discussion of possible agenda items and/or possible creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to plan for NWNC Board Retreat, if approved. Discussion topics for the retreat, such as:

Use of official NWNC email accounts	Working with the City
Brown Act	NPGs
Rosenberg's Rules of Order	By Laws, etc.

- Janis confirmed that she would reach out to Kristina Smith for everyone's inclusion in the NWNC email list.
- Angelica did not believe that an ad hoc committee was necessary; perhaps this could be resolved with an agenda item for the August meeting?
- Jorge Jimenez made a motion to create an ad hoc committee of Abby Bailes, Brian Cathcart, Angelica Robinson, and Greg Wood; Angelica Robinson seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion and possible motion to appoint a Community Impact Statement (CIS) official filer for NWNC, to be set up by DONE with an account
 - Joel Gonzalez reported that a neighborhood council could have up to five filers. He will email the application to Jorge.
 - This agenda item may be re-agendized for the August meeting.

- d. Discussion regarding support and funding for the Budget Advocates
 - Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey reported that this is merely a standard request, similar to financially supporting the Congress of Neighborhood Councils (as the NWNC did in June), using the same form.
 - He added that there could be a potential change of name to a more generic Budget Advocacy Group.
 - If the NWNC wants to contribute funds to the general fund, they could do that tonight. Otherwise, it may be best to postpone this until a future meeting when the funds can be dedicated to the Budget Advocates.
 - Joel Lowell made a motion to table this agenda item for support and funding for the Budget Advocates; Jorge Jimenez seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

- e. Update and possible discussion of CIP proposal for installation of NWNC signage at specific locations
 - A specific location for the signage is not yet known. Currently, there is signage along Devonshire Street as one enters Chatsworth. Perhaps the NWNC could support similar signage welcoming folks to Northridge?
 - Any such signage would have to be done with the NWNC's adjacent neighborhood councils.
 - Jorge Jimenez made a motion to table this agenda item and create an Outreach Sub-Committee for a CIP for additional NWNC signage; Angelica Robinson seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

- f. Discussion about possible guest speakers and topics for future meetings
 - These guest speakers and topics should be decided based upon each meeting's agenda.
 - SOLID's Richard Farra suggested having the new SLO Sean Taylor coming to talk about his new responsibilities.

XII. Adjournment

- President Jorge adjourned the meeting at 10.18PM.