

APPROVED

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

Tuesday, 8 August 2023

Northridge Christian Church • 18901 Chatsworth Street, Northridge 91326

I. Call to Order and Board Roll Call

- President Jorge Jiménez called the meeting to order at 6.31PM and welcomed eleven board members and at least sixteen stakeholders.
- A quorum was declared via the following roll call:
 - Here (11) Zaven Atashian, Aaminah Babatunde-Bea, Brian Cathcart, Kathleen Edwards, Jorge Jiménez, Janis Kraft, Joel Lowell, Brian Morgan, Angelica Robinson, Larry Whitman, and Glen Wilson
 - Absent (1) Greg Wood

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Veteran Jorge led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. General Public Comment

- Cheri Derohanian, co-chair of the Fall Family Fun Day at the Museum of the San Fernando Valley announced that they would host their free Fall Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 10th, 11AM to 4PM. There will be food trucks, entertainment, artists, games, a petting zoo, and free parking. For additional information, please visit their website at <https://themuseumsfnow.org>
- Glenn Bailey reported that the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), representing the valley's thirty-four neighborhood councils 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 guest speaker will be Mayor Karen Bass. September's guest speaker will be Ted Ross, the general manager of the city's Information Technology Agency, who will discuss how neighborhood councils can use technology, including the 311 app.
- In addition, the citywide Neighborhood Council Coalition meets via Zoom on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10AM.

IV. Guest Speaker – Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo

a. Legislative Update

- Pilar reported that there has been a great deal of talk about the largest state budget ever and a concern that there could be a deficit. Thankfully, there will be no increase in taxes and no major cuts. Last year, California had a huge surplus that we have never had before. Do not anticipate having those extra funds again. However, funding will continue for childcare, education, and mental health.
- She was able to secure \$20m in investments to her district (one of the most of any district), including the following:

\$6m	To CSUN for basic needs for new lower-income students who are struggling to make ends meet, including housing, clothing, food, etc.
\$400k	For a childcare resource center.
\$200k	For infrastructure for the seniors in her district. These approved funds cannot be used for ongoing programming, such as office equipment and staff.
\$136k	For a health care clinic which can use these funds for their vans, etc.

- Additional funds also became available for:

- The Penny Lane Transitional Housing Center for kids coming out of the foster care system.
- The LAUSD for infrastructure improvements to schools in the valley
- Improved mobile command units
- Pilar is excited to chair the Military and Veterans Committee which grants her the ability to coordinate their housing crisis. She also chairs the Select Committee on Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure.
- She also serves on the following committees:
 - Emergency Management (dealing with fire safety, earthquakes, floods, etc.).
 - Public Employment and Retirement
 - Utilities and Energy
 - Water, Parks, and Wildlife
 - Select Committee on LA County Homelessness
 - Select Committee on Mental Health Accessibility within Non-English-Speaking Communities
 - Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions
 - Select Committee on Social Housing
- Eleven of her committee's bills made it through the senate; they are now with the Appropriations Committee through August.
- Governor Newsom has already signed off on one of Pilar's bills; this dealt with people with disabilities and elder abuse.
- Homelessness, housing, health care, and public safety, and streamlining red tape remain her top priorities and are the focus of many of her bills. Currently, there are four different sets of requirements and paperwork to acquire an ID (necessary for a job, housing, school enrollment, etc.). One of Pilar's bills will streamline this down to merely one form, making it much easier to acquire this mandatory ID.
- Among her bills concerning healthcare, one bill moving forward expands healthcare for moms and newborns for a year (rather than merely three or six months). This bill will also allow for an electronic signature, rather than processing all that paper.
- Other bills concern restrictions on artificial turf and stateside standards for concealed carry permits.
- Pilar's district office in Santa Clarita is here to support and engage the constituents from Chatsworth to North Hills, and northward to Valencia and Castaic. This office can be reached at 661-286-1565 and is staffed by the area's new representative, Ivanka.

b. Q&A

- A stakeholder expressed concern about Aliso Canyon. There should be air monitoring around this site, yet that has not occurred. Pilar replied that this is a key issue that she is working with alongside Congressman Sherman and State Senator Henry Stern.
- She explained that So Cal Gas has requested to expand their storage facilities in Aliso Canyon, as they purchased this gas at a very high price. As her career has been in public health, Pilar does not support this expanded storage request. Public comment on this issue is open until Monday, August 14th.

V. Certificate of Acknowledgement

- a. Award Mr. Joseph Cooper with Certificate of Acknowledgement for his contributions to the success of NWNC's Ice Cream Social.

- Jorge, Kathleen, and Janis mentioned that the band was one of the highlights at the May 20th Salute to the Community Ice Cream Social at the Oakridge Estate Park. Kids transitioning to Granada Hills Charter High School (GHCHS) and their parents learned that the GHCHS’s music programs are available for them.

VI. Meet NWNC Board Candidate and Possible Motion to Elect

- a. Community Stakeholder Arshia Malekzadeh applied to fill the vacant at-large seat and will speak to his interest for joining the board and answer questions from board members and stakeholders, for board election consideration.
 - Arshia was born at Northridge Hospital, and attended Northridge public schools, including the Robert Frost Middle School; he now lives near the Northridge Fashion Center.
 - His passion is community service and education, and he currently teaches psychology at the College of the Canyons.
 - In response to someone’s question, he has not yet attended NWNC meetings, but he served as a youth director with the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council.
 - He has served on multiple educational organizations, including as an executive board member of the
 - Men of Color Action Network (which provides an active support network that advocates for, provides resources to, and cultivates a community for diverse male students, faculty, staff, and administrators of color at California community colleges) and the
 - Rising Scholars Network of California Community Colleges.
 - Arshia has many contacts at GHCHS, CSUN, and other colleges. He looks forward to joining the Education Committee. He is a very social person, with the ability to just go out and talk with people.
 - In addition to education, he is concerned about street racing and donuts near the Northridge Fashion Center.
 - Someone asked how he heard of this position; Arshia replied that he visited the NWNC website. However, he visited too late to be considered for the May election.
 - Before passing away due to COVID two years ago, Arshia’s dad told him he foresaw his son running for government one day; this opportunity with the NWNC would be the start of that journey.
 - Jorge Jiménez made a motion for Arshia to join the NWNC; Angelica Robinson seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - Pilar administered the oath of office to Zaven Atashian, Brian Morgan, and Arshia Malekzadeh

VII. Announcements

- a. September 5th NWNC Executive Board Meeting
 - This meeting will be held here at the Northridge Christian Church beginning at 6.15PM.
- b. September 12th Board Retreat
 - This meeting will be held here at the Northridge Christian Church immediately prior to the 6.15PM GBM. An agenda for this meeting was prepared by:

Abby Bailes	Angelica Robinson
Brian Cathcart	Greg Wood
 - Angelica reviewed the responsibilities given to various board members:

Overview	Jorge Jiménez
Guidelines for NWNC Procedures,	Department of Neighborhood

Social Media, Protocols, etc.	Empowerment (DONE) Representative Thomas Soong, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Joel Gonzalez, and/or Glenn Bailey
Rosenberg's Rules of Order	Greg Wood
How the Neighborhood Council System Works, via a Flow Chart	Kathleen Edwards
NWNC's responsibilities for Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs), Community Impact Statements (CISs), etc.	Abby Bailes
NWNC Budget	Joel Lowell

- c. September 12th NWNC General Board Meeting
 - This meeting will be held here at the Northridge Christian Church beginning at 6.15PM.
- d. Congress of Neighborhood Councils; Save the Date, Saturday, September 23rd
 - All board members are encouraged to attend the Congress of Neighborhood Councils at City Hall; this is an excellent opportunity for training and networking. An email invitation to this event will be forthcoming.
 - Thursday, August 31st, DONE will host a board member meet-and-greet social get together at the Tom Bradley Room at City Hall.
- e. Confirm key holders, equipment is in possession of current board members, Zoom is valid
 - 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. As the NWNC is no longer permitted to host Zoom meetings, Jorge and Joel will check that out and attempt to have this \$53.89 expenditure cancelled.
- f. DONE Training Updates for Board Members
 - Jorge reminded everyone to review the monthly summary of the board member training status.

VIII. Presidential Comments

- a. Vision for Term as New President
 - Jorge thanked Pastor Rick for opening the Northridge Christian Church and permitting the NWNC to use these facilities.
 - Having previously reported to former President Abby, Jorge strongly believes that he is ready to take on this role. He looks forward to building a foundation for future leaders and supporting the NWNC's needs.
 - He recommends that all board members commit an hour per day to this work, while tackling one project at a time.
 - He reminded everyone that at times we will all meet with cynicism and differing opinions. When those happen, he encourages everyone to remember why we chose to join the NWNC. Let our ability guide our tenure.
 - The mission of the NWNC is
 - To provide an inclusive and open forum for public discussion of community issues, and to advise the city on issues concerning city governance, the needs of this neighborhood,

the delivery of city services, and on matters of a citywide nature, as they relate to the Stakeholders of the NWNC;

- To advise the city on issues of interest to the council, including city governance, the needs of the council, the delivery of city services to the council area, and other matters of a city-wide nature;
- To initiate, execute and support projects for the physical, social, and cultural improvement of the council area; and
- To facilitate communication between the city and community stakeholders on issues of concern to the community and/or the stakeholders.

IX. Government Reports

a. Public Safety LAPD Devonshire Division

- The non-emergency number for the LAPD is 1-877-ASK-LAPD.
- Senior Lead Officers (SLO) Sandra Zamora and Sean Taylor were not available this evening; Devonshire community relations volunteer Mikkie Loi reported in her place.
 - Thanks to all who participated in the National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st. Mikkie noticed a great many smiles around the NWNC booth.
 - Regretfully, burglaries have increased, especially north of the 118. They are also spilling over into Granada Hills and Northridge. She urged everyone to harden the target. She recommends acquiring a good security camera, preferably one that can read license plates. Also, know your neighbors and get involved with neighborhood watch. When you go out for the evening, turn on your lights and leave a television or radio on.
 - If you are the victim of a crime, please report this to the LAPD, no matter how minor you feel the crime may be. When you call 911, please be very articulate; their operators only know what you tell them.
 - SLO Efron Corral was recently injured. Kristin Dimich, who can be reached at 40718@lapd.online, is now patrolling his area north of Lassen Street and west of the Limekiln Canyon Wash. One can also reach all the Devonshire SLOs by emailing devonshireslo@lapd.online.
 - Tuesday, August 22nd the LAPD will host the Devonshire Area Retail Zoom meeting beginning at 11AM. The meeting ID is 814 7146 2520, with passcode 212626.

b. CD12 City Council Representative

- Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Field Deputy for CD12, reported that the city council is back from their July recess.
 - Councilman Lee supports the city's goal to expand their Mental Health Evaluation Units. In order to meet this task, the city is aggressively hiring social workers and nurses, who will work four days a week, ten hours a day. They will assist the EMTs, LAPD, and LAFD during their visits to homeless encampments. Currently, there is merely one of these units in Sylmar to serve the entire San Fernando Valley. They hope to expand this to two additional units by the end of 2023. This issue was to be discussed earlier today at city council but will be discussed by council committees during the week of August 14th.
 - Eighteen-months ago, Councilman Lee created a resolution to shut down Aliso Canyon. A few state legislators in Sacramento continue to support the expansion of Aliso Canyon. The city cannot fully shut down Aliso Canyon single-handedly.
 - Argos Scientific recently installed an air quality-monitoring machine at the LAFD station eight at 11351 Tampa Avenue in Porter Ranch.

- CD12 is providing \$40k+ for overtime for a supervisor and four LAPD officers for their anti-street racing task force that operates four-nights a week.
 - The LAPD has noticed that thieves are no longer waiting for people to go on vacation before robbing their homes. The most opportune time is from 4PM to 10PM, when many victims go out to dinner. These criminals also know that there is no zero bail. Thankfully, Northridge does not have a criminal element as bad as Porter Ranch or Granada Hills.
 - Wednesday, July 19th, there was a murder of a 16-year-old gang member at the Granada Hills Recreation Center (GHRC) at Petit Avenue and Chatsworth Street. The non-profit Alliance for Community Empowerment (ACE), which provides gang intervention services, is now patrolling the GHRC. The gang culture is very well organized. The funeral is later this week; this may bring out gang members for possible retaliation.
 - Matt is leaving CD12 to join the LAFD as their Government Affairs Director. His email will remain matthew.hernandez@lacity.org.
- c. Other Government Departments/Agencies
- No one from other government departments/agencies was available to provide a report.
- d. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)
- No one from DONE was available to present a report.
- e. Budget Advocate
- Glenn Bailey reported that the Budget Advocates website is <https://www.budgetadvocates.org>
 - Sunday, August 6th, the August Budget Advocate's report was emailed to all board members. This report can also be found at https://www.budgetadvocates.org/_files/ugd/f03c84_039686fbc5e64ffbbb0bfa7744488804.pdf
 - This report includes the following discussions:
 - The City and the Police Protective League agreed on a new contract that will increase compensation by 21% over the next four years
 - The value of the city's 794,000 properties increased by 5.9% to \$820b.
 - In July, the city issued \$173m of Solid Waste bonds to finance the purchase of replacement and new vehicles and equipment used to collect trash from single-family homes and small apartment buildings. One may see an increase in the fees that appear on one's LADWP bill.
 - The city council approved the Environmental Impact Report for the Zoo's \$650m expansion.
 - Estimates to house the unsheltered and those in interim housing are to be in the range of \$15b to \$20b; this will come from multiple sources.
 - The advocates are monitoring the SAG and WGA strikes; the impact of these Hollywood strikes remains unknown, but it will have a significant impact on the city's economy.
 - Saturday, August 19th, beginning at 9.30AM, the Budget Advocates will host their annual retreat in West LA. This event is primarily for the advocates, but budget representatives and those interested in joining a committee are welcome to attend. This meeting will be hybrid. Attendees can attend in-person or call in via Zoom.

X. Old Business

- a. 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.
 - LAFD Station 70 at 9861 Reseda Boulevard is one of 106 fire stations throughout LA.
 - Currently, medications and equipment sit on the extremely hot floor, hence they degrade and do not last as long as they should. Many of the medications used at the fire station should be kept at 70° to 80°. However, the floor’s temperature often exceeds 100°.
 - A portacooler would also enhance the work environment in Fire Station 70, especially in the summer months. The fitness equipment in this area is unusable in this heat. It prevents the members at the station from working out, allowing for cooling off, and rejuvenation between calls. It also discourages community members from visiting the station. The portacooler would allow for visitors to comfortably spend time at the station to learn about fire prevention and disaster preparedness. It would also help to ensure that the firefighters are “at their best” when their services in the community are required.
 - In addition to using this facility to work out, the station members pay their own “house dues”.
 - This big fan will include a cascade of water running down a radiator and measure 5’ x 5’ x 3’.
 - Jorge Jiménez made a motion to move this agenda item to the beginning of the meeting so that the firefighters may return to their duty station in the event of an emergency; Brian Cathcart seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - Kathleen Edwards made a motion to approve this \$2,982.78 NPG; Angelica Robinson seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (10)	Atashian, Babatunde-Bea, Cathcart, Edwards, Jiménez, Kraft, Lowell, Morgan, Robinson, and Wilson
Ineligible (1)	Whitman
Absent (1)	Wood

- b. Possible motion to spend up to \$1,000 for NWNC branded shirts, nametags, and business cards.

- Janis reviewed these estimated expenditures, including:

Business cards via Vista Print (last purchased in 2021)	\$270
Nametags	130
Shirts (\$30/regular, \$32/extra-large) x8	240
One-Time Set-Up Fee for Shirt Design	70
Total	<u>\$710</u>
- Jorge Jiménez made a motion to approve this agenda item for up to \$1k; Janis Kraft seconded this motion, yet there was no vote.
- Jorge Jiménez made a motion to move this agenda item to the Outreach Committee; Joel Lowell seconded this motion, yet there was no vote.
- Jorge Jiménez made a motion to amend and approve this expenditure as an Outreach expense; Angelica Robinson seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (10)	Atashian, Babatunde-Bea, Cathcart, Edwards, Jiménez, Kraft, Lowell, Morgan, Robinson, and Wilson
Ineligible (2)	Malekzadeh and Whitman
Absent (1)	Wood

XI. NWNC Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee and Government Affairs

- Jorge had no report on this agenda item.
- b. Public Safety
- Kathleen reported that LA has fewer officers than any other major US city. We have 9,000 officers covering 468 square miles, whereas Chicago and New York have additional officers covering fewer square miles.
 - These past three or four years, there have been several accidents and fatalities at the intersection of Tampa Avenue and Chatsworth Street. We have all been anxiously awaiting a left turn signal at this intersection. Today, Kathleen noticed there was a new traffic light at this site, but it is not yet activated.
- c. Planning, Land Use, and Zoning (PLUZ)
- Brian Cathcart reported that certain areas of the northwest valley are not zoned for commercial billboards. However, Metro would like to install digital billboards. This will be discussed at upcoming PLUZ meetings.
 - The PLUZ will also discuss the city's cool streets programs. This cool pavement reduces ambient temperatures by reflecting more sunlight and absorbing less heat. This will help the city reduce the urban/rural temperature differential by at least 1.7° by 2025 and 3° by 2035.
- d. Elections
- Glen Wilson reported that the VANC hosted a post-election wrap-up meeting on Monday, July 31st. A report of this election summary will soon be distributed.
 - The citywide Neighborhood Council Coalition will host a similar meeting on Wednesday, August 30th; all are welcome to attend this virtual Zoom meeting.
- e. Homelessness
- This agenda item was tabled.
- f. Beautification
- There is a concern about heavy branches hanging and falling onto cars, blocking pedestrian access and streetlights. This may be especially prevalent along Geyser Avenue. To alleviate this, Jorge has taken photographs and is working with the city to get approval for tree trimming in residential neighborhoods.
- g. Budget
- Joel reported that most budget issues would be discussed during the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) under agenda item XII.g.
- h. Outreach
- Janis thanked everyone who participated in the Tuesday, August 1st National Night Out. Special thanks were given to those who brought all the NWNC's promotional items from the storage locker.
 - Once the committees are established, Janis and the Outreach Committee will plan activities for FY2023-24.
- i. Planning Committee – Update on Board Retreat Planning
- This issue was already discussed during agenda item VII.b.

XII. New Business

a. Discussion to fill Secretary position

- Jorge and Kathleen mentioned that this is an especially good opportunity for new board members to take on a leadership position. This person would be a member of the Executive Committee and take notes at the monthly Executive Committee meeting. These meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month and usually last less than an hour.
- The five members of the Executive Committee are President Jorge, Treasurer Joel, Vice President Administration Kathleen, Vice President Outreach Janis, and the Secretary TBD. The three voting members are President Jorge, Vice President Administration Kathleen, and Vice President Outreach Janis.
- The Executive Committee decides whether issues should go to a committee or agendaized for the following week's monthly NWNC meeting. A key question the Committee asks is "Is this something that would benefit the stakeholders?"
- No one volunteered, so this agenda item was tabled.

b. Discussion on committee chairmanship and membership assignments

- Jorge Jiménez made a motion for Angelica to serve as Chair of the Homelessness Committee; Brian Cathcart seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Aaminah asked what it means to join a committee. This Homelessness Committee will discuss how homelessness impacts the Northridge area, as well as what services are available to the unhoused.
- Zaven and Brian Morgan expressed interest in also joining this Homelessness Committee.
- Angelica will create an agenda and submit it for approval. Once the agenda and meeting location (usually a coffee shop) are agreed upon and posted three days in advance, the meeting can take place.
- Brian Cathcart will continue to chair the PLUZ Committee; Joel and Arshia will join him on this committee.
- Brian explained that this committee deals with issues regarding land usage, as well as alcohol applications.
- Glen Wilson will continue as Chair of the Elections Committee. He does not foresee any action this year, but perhaps he could prepare orientation material for incoming board members.
- Jorge will continue to Chair the Beautification Committee, which handles art installations, art projects, trees, shrubs, and rights of way. Kathleen and Angelica will join Jorge on this Committee; Janis will step down to focus on other areas.
- As treasurer, Joel is the sole member of the Budget and Finance Committee. Please speak up if anyone wants to participate. As this is a one-person committee, Joel has not conducted any meetings. Larry offered to join Joel on this committee.
- Janis will continue to Chair the Outreach Committee, joined by Angelica and Larry. They will soon meet to discuss upcoming events. Their 2022-23 events included Ice Cream Socials, Emergency Preparedness Fairs, National Night Out, etc. In 2023-24, they may represent the NWNC at the Northridge Mall's Farmer's Market held on Wednesday evenings through October.

- The Outreach Committee works closely with the city’s Recreation and Parks Department and CD12. They interface with the community to get people involved and tell the story of why the NWNC exists.
- The NWNC has not had an Education Committee since Ding departed in early 2023.
- Arshia will Chair this committee.
- This committee collaborates with our local schools, identifying and understanding the needs of the students, teachers, and administrators, to let them know what resources are available to them. Jorge will mentor Arshia as he gets this committee started.
- Kathleen Edwards will continue to Chair the Public Safety Committee; Arshia Malekzadeh and Brian Morgan will join her on this committee.
- The Government Affairs Committee was previously lumped together with the Executive Committee, chaired by the President.
- Jorge will continue as Chair of this Government Affairs Committee.
- This Committee brings CISOs forward, hosts Town Halls, is in tune with the stakeholder’s concerns, and is knowledgeable about the issues that come from the city.
- In summary, the committee chairs and members are as follows:

Committee	Chair	Board Member #1	Board Member #2	Stakeholder(s)
Beautification	Jorge Jiménez	Kathleen Edwards	Angelica Robinson	TBD
Budget and Finance	Joel Lowell	Larry Whitman		TBD
Education	Arshia Malekzadeh	Jorge Jiménez		TBD
Election	Glen Wilson			TBD
Government Affairs	Jorge Jiménez			TBD
Homelessness	Angelica Robinson	Zaven Atashian	Brian Morgan	TBD
Outreach	Janis Kraft	Angelica Robinson	Larry Whitman	TBD
Planning, Land Use and Zoning (PLUZ)	Brian Cathcart	Joel Lowell	Arshia Malekzadeh	TBD
Public Safety	Kathleen Edwards	Arshia Malekzadeh	Brian Morgan	TBD

- c. Possible motion to approve spending up to \$5,000 NPG for Granada Hills Charter Robodex Robotics Club for Equipment, Tools, and Supplies
 - Joel reported that this NPG contained incorrect data; the organization name was shown as merely “Granada Hills”.
 - Jorge Jiménez made a motion to table this agenda item; Brian Cathcart seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- d. Possible motion to approve spending up to \$2,500 NPG for North Family Valley YMCA for food items to support the 2023 Thanksgiving Baskets Food Giveaway
 - Terry Dixon from the North Valley Family YMCA reported that they have conducted this Thanksgiving Baskets Food Giveaway for many years. The collected funds go towards fruits, vegetables, and a gift certificate for a turkey.
 - The YMCA works with the principals at the local elementary schools (Callahan, Topeka, Darby, etc.) to identify the needy families. Sadly, in 2022, they had to turn people away.

- Most of these baskets go to low-income families rather than to the unhoused; the homeless would not have a kitchen to prepare the food.
- Janis recalled working on this distribution project last year and was amazed at how well organized the YMCA was. All the food was distributed and there was nothing leftover in the cupboards.
- Jorge Jiménez made a motion to approve this \$2,500 NPG; Angelica Robinson seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (9)	Atashian, Cathcart, Edwards, Jiménez, Kraft, Lowell, Morgan, Robinson, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Babatunde-Bea
Ineligible (2)	Malekzadeh and Whitman
Absent (1)	Wood

- e. Discussion on LANCC's Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights
- Jorge Jiménez made a motion to table this agenda item; Aminah Babatunde-Bea seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.
- f. Discussion and Update on SB411 meeting rules for NCs
- Glenn Bailey reported that the general assembly would return to service on Monday, August 14th.
 - SB411, which allows for flexibility in the operation of neighborhood councils, recently unanimously passed from the Local Government Policy Committee. While in committee, there were two amendments, including:
 - Having this expire on 1 January 2026 (rather than 1 January 2028) and
 - A neighborhood council must meet in person at least once a year.
 - The author, State Senator Portantino of Pasadena, remains optimistic that this will be successful.
 - There must be at least three readings of SB411 before it can come up for a vote. When it is up for a vote by September 15th, it must pass with a 2/3rds majority to pass and be forwarded to Governor Newsom.
 - While this was in committee, one could upload comments, as a PDF, to the committee. Now that this is past the committee, one should upload as a PDF [or mail] their comments to an individual legislator, such as assemblywoman Schiavo, who supports SB411.
 - SB411 has some opposition by Sacramento lobbyists [who represent associations] and media reporters. Some believe that neighborhood councils should always meet in person, rather than via Zoom. They fear this could restrict transparency and encourage closed-door meetings.

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

Date	Vendor	Category	Description	Amount
July 2	Golden State Storage	Office	Storage Facility	\$153.50
July 7	Amazon	Office	Office Supplies	18.26
July 9	Porto's Bakery	Office	Refreshments	229.60
July 11	Porto's Bakery	Office	Refreshments	69.27
July 11	Smart and Final	Office	Refreshments	6.01
			Total	<u>\$476.64</u>

- Joel reported that the Mail Room sends their invoices in bulk. Zero invoices were received in July and three invoices will be processed in August.

- The NPGs for the Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID), the Vintage Magnet Elementary School (VMES) STEM program, and the Center for Assault Treatment Services (CATS) approved by the NWNC in July were rejected due to an incorrect date. This was immediately corrected and resubmitted.
- The check for the Zoom license was never cashed, and no longer appears on the monthly financials.
- Currently, \$26k remains in the NWNC’s 2023-24 budget. It is hoped that an additional \$6,500 will be rolled over from the previous fiscal year.
- Jorge Jiménez made a motion to approve the July MER; Angelica Robinson seconded this motion, and it passed.

Aye (10)	Atashian, Babatunde-Bea, Cathcart, Edwards, Jiménez, Kraft, Lowell, Morgan, Robinson, and Wilson
Ineligible (2)	Malekzadeh and Whitman
Absent (1)	Wood

h. Approval of NWNC Monthly GBM Minutes for July 2023

- Jorge Jiménez made a motion to approve the July minutes; Angelica Robinson seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

XIII. Adjournment

- Jorge Jiménez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9.39PM; Zaven Atashian seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.