

PORTER RANCH
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Unadopted Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Shepherd of the Hills Church

Porter Ranch, California

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mel Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM and welcomed everyone who took the time to come.

2. **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called. Board members present: Bright Aregs, Chris Cooper, Paul Drogichen, Sue Hammarlund, Becky Leveque, Mel Mitchell, Ron Nagai, Ali Dabirian, and Pat Pope. Vas Singh and Paula Cracium were excused.

3. **MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED AGENDA**

Chris Cooper moved to approve the agenda. Sue Hammarlund seconded. The agenda was approved.

4. **MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 11, 2007, OCTOBER 7, 2007 AND OCTOBER 22, 2007 MINUTES**

Pat Pope moved to approve the previous minutes, Ron Nagai seconded. The previous minutes were approved.

5. **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED AT NOVEMBER 13, 2007 MEETING**

Paul Drogichen provided copies of the Treasurer's Report as a spreadsheet and discussed expenditures, including the children's play area covering approved by the Board at a previous meeting. Mr. Drogichen stated that expenditures for outreach purposes has exceeded the amount budgeted for this purpose, and that approximately \$15,000 of the allotted \$25,000 yearly budget for outreach. There was further discussion about appropriate action to be taken regarding this issue, which will be discussed at the January 2008 meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by consensus of the Board.

6. **DISCUSSION/MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE PRNC GO-GREEN! COMMITTEE AS A PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

The Go-Green! Committee was approved by consensus of the Board. Chris Cooper volunteered to serve as chair. The Committee's activities will be discussed further at a later meeting.

7. **DISCUSSION/MOTION TO APPROVE THE LADWP OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE LETTER OF RESOLUTION NOT TO RECOMMEND THE RATE INCREASES AT THIS TIME**

Mel Mitchell reported that the LADWP Neighborhood Council Oversight Committee has asked the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils to review the proposed rate increases for the purpose of taking a position on the increases and stated that the Oversight Committee has expressed opposition to the proposed LADWP rate increases. Pat Pope provided further detail on the Oversight Committee's deliberations with regard to this issue.

Bright Aregs moved to support the Oversight Committee's letter of resolution; seconded by Chris Cooper.

The discussion that followed touched upon attendees' reasons for supporting the Committee's resolution, including comments from stakeholders.

VOTE: 6 in favor; no one opposed; 2 abstentions.

8. **MOTION TO MODIFY THE PRNC BY-LAWS TO CHANGE THE FIVE DESIGNATED POSTING LOCATIONS**

Tabled.

9. **INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PHARMACY IN PORTER RANCH, "PORTER RANCH PHARMACY" BY PHILIP W. BANKS, PHARM.D.**

Philip Banks was not present at the meeting; this item was not discussed.

10. **PRESENTATION ABOUT HOW PORTER RANCH RESIDENTS CAN ASSIST IN MOVING BLOOD SUPPLY LEVELS OUT OF THE "DANGER ZONE" BY SCOTT A. HAYMAN, COMMUNITY OUTREACH VOLUNTEER, BLOOD SERVICES, WOODLAND HILLS DONOR CENTER**

Scott Hayman discussed in detail the benefits to the community and to stakeholders of voluntary blood donation, encouraged everyone present to donate blood, and discussed the current shortage of available blood supply. Mr. Hayman provided contact information (1-800-Save Life) for volunteers to make a reservation to give blood.

11. **ADJOURN TO GENERAL MEETING/OPEN DISCUSSION**

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Mel Mitchell introduced Megan Cottier, Field Deputy for Councilman Greig Smith. Ms. Cottier reported that Councilman Smith recently introduced legislation to provide oversight of the proposed LADWP rate increases, referred to the Councilman's recent clean-up efforts and invited stakeholders to attend the Councilman's upcoming community holiday party, to take place on Saturday, December 8, 2007, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at the Chatsworth Metro Depot train station, in conjunction with the Metro Holiday Express.

Mel Mitchell discussed Councilman Greig Smith's opposition to the project. Mr. Mitchell provided an introduction for Hilary Norton-Orozco, representing the Palmer Group, who offered detailed information regarding the Palmer Group's proposed Las Lomas project. Ms. Norton-Orozco stated that the only action being considered by the Los Angeles City Council, with reference to the proposed Las Lomas project, is a Supplemental Fee Agreement to cover the cost of the requisite studies for this controversial project. R. J. Comer, Richard Thompson and Michael Meyer discussed various aspects of the proposed community, and emphasized the benefits of the proposed community; there was considerable discussion of the project, which included categorical opposition expressed by stakeholders, a Sierra Club representative, and municipal officials. Megan Cottier referred attendees to a white paper published by Councilman Smith in opposition to the proposed development.

The issue will be reviewed and discussed by the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council Board at a later meeting.

See the attached for some of the Pros & Cons of the Las Lomas project.

The meeting was adjourned by common consent.