

**PORTER RANCH**  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 11, 2008  
Shepherd of the Hills Church  
Porter Ranch, California

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

President Mel Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Pat Pope, Secretary, called the roll. Board members present: Ron Nagai, Ali Dabirian, Vasdev Singh, Mel Mitchell, Pat Pope, Sue Hammarlund, Bright Aregs, Becky Leveque, Paula Cracium, and Chris Cooper.

(Taken out of order) Mel Mitchell introduced Melvin Cañas, the new DONE Project Coordinator, replacing Manuel Durazo, who has taken a position with LAPD. Mr. Cañas provide a brief description of his qualifications, background and experience, and provided copies of a flyer for an event sponsored by DONE to be held on February 23, 2008, a NC Valley Training Day, which he encouraged Board members and stakeholders to attend. Mr. Cañas described the Mayor's Budget Survey process, explained the importance of Board members completing the survey either in person or online, and handed out copies of the survey. Mr. Cañas referred to a provision of the Plan that provided an opportunity for stakeholders to evaluate the Neighborhood Council system, distributed copies of the survey to be completed by stakeholders and encouraged stakeholders to contact him with any questions.

**3. MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED AGENDA**

The proposed Agenda was approved by consensus.

**4. MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 4, 2007 AND JANUARY 8, 2008 MINUTES**

Pat Pope moved to approve Minutes for November and December 2007 as well as January 2008; seconded by Becky Leveque.

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.**

**5. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED**

Paul Drogichen provided an update on PRNC expenditures, and referred to the Treasurer's Report, copies of which were provided at the meeting.

**Paul Drogichen moved to accept the monthly Treasurer's Report; seconded by Ron Nagai.**

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.**

**6. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REVISED PRNC BUDGET AS PRESENTED AT THE JANUARY 8, 2008 MEETING**

Paul Drogichen explained the reason for revisions to the PRNC annual budget; this issue was discussed at the January 2008 PRNC Board meeting.

**Paul Drogichen moved to accept the revised budget; seconded by Vasdev Singh.**

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.**

**7. MOTION TO REIMBURSE MEL MITCHELL THE AMOUNT OF \$35.00 FOR THE COST OF ATTENDING THE CHATSWORTH/PORTER RANCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREAKFAST MEETING ON FEBRUARY 1, 2008**

Paul Drogichen noted the need to reimburse Mel Mitchell for the unexpected cost to attend the referenced Breakfast meeting. Mr. Mitchell reported that the new Porter Ranch school was discussed, and noted the value of having attended the breakfast meeting.

**Paul Drogichen moved to reimburse Mel Mitchell \$35 for the cost to attend the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting; seconded by Sue Hammarlund.**

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed (Mel Mitchell abstained).**

**8. DISCUSSION—POSTING OF “NO OVERNIGHT PARKING” SIGNS ON BRAEMORE ROAD BY PALISADES PARK.**

(Taken out of order) Mel Mitchell introduced Mike Dobry. Mr. Dobry provided an update on community safety issues, and indicated that “No Parking” signs have been requested to be installed on Braemore, between Tampa and Reseda, and then introduced Officer Sean Reinhardt. Officer Reinhardt explained how the signage will enhance safety and helps discourage criminal activity in the park and discussed the activities of the Volunteer Surveillance Team. Responding to Mel Mitchell, Officer Reinhardt referred to stakeholders' power to make things happen with the city. Officer Reinhardt answered Becky Leveque's question by stating that the entire park area is closed at sundown.

Jim Dillinger, representing Councilman Greig Smith, provided detail on how an overnight parking district (OPD) is created, on the implications of the creation of an OPD and discussed how the request for an OPD can be made. There was discussion about conformity of requests from stakeholders and from the PRNC about extending the area for the new signs to be posted. Becky Leveque will follow up. Responding to Pat Pope's question, Mr. Dillinger discussed the City's efforts to respond to stakeholder reports of abandoned vehicles and sign trailers.

Sue Hammarlund asked about a stop sign at Wal-Mart on Rinaldi; Dave Hassan from S&S stated that there is a proposed modification of the signs at that intersection. Mike Dobry provided a report of the Volunteer Services Team's activities to curtail criminal activities and graffiti. Officer Reinhart provided business cards and encouraged stakeholders to contact him with questions.

## **9. DISCUSSION—PRNC COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **a. Elections Committee—PRNC Elections in 2008**

Mel Mitchell announced that there are six Board seats open for election in June 2008 and that a Coordinator from the City Clerk's office will be present at the next meeting to provide a report on the new procedures. Mr. Mitchell also reported that vote by mail will be allowed.

### **b. Land Use—New cell towers planned for Porter Ranch**

Mel Mitchell announced that two new Verizon cell towers are due to be installed, in the northern areas of Porter Ranch. Mr. Mitchell stated that the installations are firm and due to take place fairly soon. Pat Pope stated that the installations look to be inconspicuous.

### **c. Go Green—Status Report**

Tabled

### **d. Neighborhood Enhancement—Status Report**

Tabled

### **e. Outreach—Status Report**

Tabled

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f. Beautification—Status Report

Tabled

g. Education—Status Report

Tabled

h. Police/Fire/Safety—Status Report

Tabled

i. Budget & Finance—Status Report

Tabled

**General Meeting**

Speaker/Discussion, Mr. Al Grazioli, LAUSD Valley Region Development Manager, “Project Update of New Porter Ranch School”

Mel Mitchell referred to plans set long ago for one, and possibly two, schools in the Porter Ranch area. Mr. Mitchell introduced Al Graziola. Mr. Graziola expressed appreciation for support from the Porter Ranch Development Company and from the community. Mr. Graziola discussed proposed plans and announced a pre-design community meeting to take place on February 26, at Germain St. Elementary School that will allow the community to provide feedback. Another meeting will take place approximately one month later at which time a schematic design will be presented. Discussion regarding the design development stage is proposed to take place two months later. Mr. Graziola encouraged stakeholders to weigh in. Irv Cohen asked if LAUSD has done an independent geological study has been done regarding run-off and seismic activity. Mr. Graziola stated that an independent verification has been done regarding seismic activity as well as from the Porter Ranch Development Company. Mr. Graziola answered questions from stakeholders regarding uncertainty, site configuration, school configuration, architectural style, timing, plans for the adjacent property, community facilities, access, how demographics will affect school assignments, budget concerns, school administration, project milestone, and green construction. Becky Leveque explained the rationale for the span school. Joseph Piña from LAUSD Community Outreach emphasized the importance of community involvement in this process. Mel Mitchell expressed thanks for the presentation and information provided.

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**Adjournment:**

The meeting concluded at about 8:50 PM