

PORTER RANCH
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting

Saturday, March 8, 2008
Baker's Square Restaurant
Granada Hills, California

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Mel Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8:12 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED AGENDA

Mel Mitchell moved to approve the agenda, Sue Hammarlund seconded.

The agenda was approved unanimously

4. MOTION TO APPROVE A REVISION TO THE PRNC BY-LAWS

Mel Mitchell moved to approve changes to Article XIII to the PRNC bylaws as requested by DONE. Paula Cracium seconded.

During the discussion of the proposed changes (See attached). Mel said that the proposal was requested and the wording was approved by DONE. Paul Drogichen said he was concerned about some of the wording that seemed unclear about age requirements for Board Membership, other than the Youth position. Paul was concerned that if a large number of Board members were under 18, it could be difficult to get a quorum of members that could legally sign a contract. Ron Nagai agreed with Paul's concern. Mel Mitchell said he understood the concern, but PRNC is under deadline pressure from DONE to get the By-laws changed and the suggested and approved the language. Pat Pope suggested that this is a moot point since so few teenagers get involved with Neighborhood Council, except those looking to show leadership for college entrance. Youth Representative Ali Dabirian agreed that Neighborhood Council is not something that most 16 to 18 year old students would be interested in except for rounding out there pre-college résumé. Mel said that changes to the DONE approved By-laws at this time would be a problem. He will note our concerns when the By-law changes are sent to DONE. We can correct this flaw later if necessary.

The By-laws changes were approved unanimously.

5. MOTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRNC AND MOORE BUSINESS RESULTS FOR PUBIC REALTIONS FOR SIX MONTHS.

Paula Cracium moved, and Chris Cooper seconded a motion to have Moore Business results continue our PR efforts with the local media and our gated communities for another six months.

Wendy Moore presented to the Board stories coordinated through her firm about PRNC in several local North Valley newspapers. She also has been working hard to have PRNC articles included in several of the local HOA newsletters.

The Board members expressed happiness with Wendy's efforts. Paul Drogichen said that the Outreach budget may not have enough money allocated for Moore Business Results and the upcoming election. Paul said that funding would have to come from Outreach in order for DONE to pay the bill. There was a discussion among the Committee chair people about how to re-allocate the remaining funds in FY 2007/2008 to cover our expenses. Ron suggested that it was not the best business practice to make the committees that have been prudent with their funds cough up money at the end of every year.

The six month extension for Moore Business Results was approved unanimously.

6. MOTION TO APPOINT JIM SAVITZ AS THE PRNC REPERESNTITIVE TO THE DWP OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Pat Pope moved to appoint Jim Savitz to the DWP oversight Committee. Mel Mitchell seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously.

7. OPEN DISCUSSION

Wendy Moore said that the next meeting on the design of the new school will be on Wednesday, April 2 at Germain Street School. She will be working to get the word out.

Ron Nagai asked that Board Members look and take pictures of community gateways in the area for input toward making a new Porter Ranch Gateway.

Mel asked if anyone had ideas for a guest speaker for upcoming Board meetings.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.