

**PORTER RANCH**  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**General Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 19700 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch, CA 91326

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

President Mel Mitchell called the Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and noted the Agenda and a PRNC Projects List.

**2. Roll Call**

Board Members present: Mel Mitchell (President), Paula Cracium (Vice-President), Maha Batta (Treasurer), Ali Dabirian (Secretary), Mandhata Chauhan, Sue Hammarlund, Pat Pope and Dick Rippey. Becky Leveque and Vas Singh arrived later.

Eight of the 11 Board Members were present at this time. A quorum is seven, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Absent: Bright Aregs. Also attending were 15 Stakeholders and Guests.

**3. Secretary, Ali Dabirian - Motion to approve unapproved Minutes.**

**MOTION** (by Mr. Dabirian, seconded by Ms. Cracium): to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2010 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a unanimous hand vote.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Dabirian, seconded by Ms. Hammarlund): to approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2010 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a unanimous hand vote.

**4. Treasurer, Maha Batta.**

Ms. Batta reported that she met with an accountant being considered to work with the PRNC. No rollover money is available and the Purchase Card is not active at this time. Megan Cottier, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-756-8501; Megan.Cottier@LACity.org), clarified that DONE (the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment) “stopped doing Demand Warrants . . . [they’re] moving to a credit card system.” There was extensive discussion regarding the uncertain DONE funds allocation and payment situation, and how it’s affecting and could affect the PRNC budget, allocations and work.

5. **Motion**, Sue Hammarlund – See below Motion.

Ms. Hammarlund explained last year's "Emergency Preparedness Fair." There was extensive discussion and concern expressed regarding allocating funds without having an approved budget.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Hammarlund, seconded by Mr. Rippey): to approve the expenditure of \$750.00 for buying emergency supplies for the North Valley Preparedness Committee for the next earthquake fair, pending budget approval.

**MOTION FAILED** with four in favor and four opposed.

It was agreed to agendaize this for the next [August 10<sup>th</sup>] General Board Meeting.

6. **Community speakers**

Ms. Cottier announced that City Council District [CD] 12's John Bwarie took a job outside the City. She is now the CD12 representative to the PRNC, replacing Semee Park. Today, the City Council approved the new [Valley Region Span K-8 School #2] Joint Use Agreement. Also, a new watering agreement was reached that will change the watering schedule according to your address and the days that watering is allowed; details are being worked out. July 10<sup>th</sup> Movie Night is "Surf's Up" with free food. Mr. Mitchell relayed Ms. Park's note that Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 is the CD12 Service Meeting; they're seeking NC representatives. Mr. Pope volunteered.

Glenn Bailey, Chair, City of Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee (818-453-3407; GlennBaileySFV@yahoo.com), explained a proposed bicycle lane on Rinaldi St. from Tampa Ave. to Mason Ave. that'd complete a gap. East of Corbin Ave. the lane is already in the Bicycle Master Plan. The design is 90% complete; he described the lane's features and progress.

Ms. Leveque arrived at this time.

Mr. Bailey said that Rinaldi is wide enough; it's a matter of striping it. There was discussion regarding design possibilities and progress. Mr. Mitchell agreed for the PRNC to further discuss this.

Diana Shaw, 38th State Assembly District Candidate, introduced herself.

Mr. Singh arrived at this time.

Stakeholder Jeremy encouraged Porter Ranch to have a mixed-use complex like Glendale's Americana. Ms. Cracium and others encouraged viewing plans that are on the www.PRNC.org website for the Town Center West/Aldea property north of Rinaldi St. between Mason Ave. and Porter Ranch Dr. There was discussion regarding the Aldea plan. The Shapell/Porter Ranch Development Company is planning to make changes to Town Center.

Stakeholder Irv Cohen was concerned with ensuring that new [Valley Region Span K-8 School #2] School attendees live in Porter Ranch. He was also concerned that the Tampa Ave. speed limit is too fast at 50 miles per hour.

Ms. Cracium had to leave at this time.

Mr. Cohen believed that the speed limit near the school and library should be 25 miles per hour. He'd also like a bridge to be built across Aliso Canyon as another good emergency access. Finally, he'd like the PRNC to use a microphone system to make it easier for everyone to hear what's said.

#### PRNC Projects and Budget Planning for 2010-2011.

There was discussion regarding projects, including tree well and branch cleaning, and homeowners' responsibility to keep trees trimmed; Ms. Leveque noted that the LAPD Devonshire division can be contacted [818-832-0633; [http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire\\_community\\_police\\_station](http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station)]. Concerns about drag racers on Sesnon Blvd. and other speeding drivers were discussed, including at Killimore and Wilbur Aves.

Mr. Mitchell said that "every Board Member should [be on] a Committee" and Ms. Leveque noted that the Committees are listed on the website as follows: Beautification, Budget & Finance, Education, Go Green, Land Use, Outreach, Police/Fire/Safety, and Transportation. She suggested that Events and DWP Committees be formed. Mr. Pope agreed to be the Beautification Committee Chair. Ms. Hammarlund agreed to research pothole filling and a "Welcome to Porter Ranch" youth art contest and Mr. Chauhan agreed to help. Mr. Rippey volunteered to work on the PRNC database. Mr. Dabirian volunteered to Chair the Go Green Committee.

There was discussion regarding inventorying Porter Ranch parks. Mr. Singh volunteered to recruit and there was discussion regarding potential Meeting speakers. There was extensive discussion regarding Board dynamics and communications. Ms. Hammarlund and Mr. Chauhan volunteered to organize a PRNC retreat. Mr. Chauhan announced that he'll be out of the area on business from mid July to mid-August or September.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Pope, seconded by Mr. Dabirian): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Mitchell **ADJOURNED** the Meeting at 8:13 p.m.