

General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 10, 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 6:13 p.m. and explained procedures.

2. Roll Call

Board Members introduced themselves: Mel Mitchell (President), Paula Cracium (Vice-President), Maha Batta (Treasurer), Ali Dabirian (Secretary), Bright Aregs, Sue Hammarlund, Becky Leveque, Pat Pope, Dick Rippey and Vas Singh.

Ten of the 11 Board Members were present and no Board seats were vacant at this time. A quorum is seven, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Also attending: approximately 30 Stakeholders and guests.

Board Members absent: Mandhata Chauhan.

3. Secretary, Ali Dabirian

MOTION (by Mr. Dabirian, seconded by Mr. Pope): to approve the Minutes of the PRNC July 6, 2010 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous hand vote.

4. Treasurer, Maha Batta

Ms. Batta distributed and reviewed the "Treasurer's Report" dated August 10, 2010" and the "DRAFT PRNC 2010 Actual versus Budget YTD [FIRST DRAFT] Corrected." Approval of the Treasurer's Report was POSTPONED to the September 7, 2010 General Board Meeting.

5. Discussion and Motion - to approve the PRNC Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (see attached Draft Budget).

Ms. Batta reviewed proposed revised Budget allocations. There was discussion regarding utilizing new Internet technology to save money; the Board will consider competitive bids. Ms. Leveque commented on the success of the coyote article. Stakeholders believed that PRNC public relations needs improvement, especially for the money spent. Board Members explained how that money is spent. Mr. Aregs would like the PRNC to fund some type of monument in Porter Ranch. The "Community Beautification" category used to be titled "Tree/Sidewalk Maintenance." Some of the budgeted "Emergency Response" funds were used for the Chatsworth train wreck and Sesnon Fire responses.

6. **Motion** [see below], Sue Hammarlund

MOTION (by Ms. Hammarlund, seconded by Mr. Rippey): The PRNC approves the expenditure of \$750.00 for buying emergency supplies for the North Valley Preparedness Committee for the next Earthquake Fair.

DISCUSSION: This allocation would come from the “Valley Events” Budget category.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

7. **Motion** [see below], Dick Rippey - to approve an expenditure of \$300 to \$3000 to have the City of Los Angeles officially recognize Porter Ranch as a community.
Mr. Rippey requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

8. **Motion** [see below].

MOTION (by Mr. Pope, seconded by Ms. Leveque): The PRNC will submit a letter to the City in support of the completion of the proposed bicycle lane on Rinaldi St. from Tampa Ave. to Mason Ave.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

Mr. Pope had to leave at this time.

9. **Update**, Bright Aregs - status of proposed Cell Tower Regulation/Ordinance in the City of Los Angeles.

Mr. Aregs stated that he will get the current status of the proposed City Ordinance and provide an update at a future meeting.

10. **Community speakers**

A Porter Valley Country Club representative said that grass is being taken out in non-play areas and water is being conserved. Stakeholders expressed concern regarding construction trucks driving through their neighborhoods in the early morning and a dumpster being filled with sand. There'll be a public hearing around September. A Bark Beetle infestation is killing pine trees.

Jim Savitz of the DWP announced that an “Integrated Resource Plan” is available and they'll present at the next PRNC General Meeting.

Stakeholder Dave Hassan announced an Open House at the Oakie House on Devonshire St. and described the property, which was owned by actor Jack Oakie. An Oakie House restoration committee meets on the fourth Thursday every month at Fire Station 87 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

MOTION (by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Dabirian): The PRNC ADJOURNS this Meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

Mr. Mitchell **ADJOURNED** the Meeting at 9:08 p.m.