



PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 9 2011

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.

2. **Roll Call**

Board Members introduced themselves: Mel Mitchell (President), Maha Batta (Treasurer), Ali Dabirian (Secretary), Bright Aregs, Mandhata Chauhan, Sue Hammarlund, Becky Leveque, Pat Pope and Vas Singh.

Nine of the 11 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting. The PRNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven, so the Board could take such votes. No Board seats were vacant. Also attending: 32 Stakeholders and guests. Board Members absent: Paula Cracium (Vice-President) (excused) and Dick Rippey (excused).

Mr. Mitchell announced that the main speaker postponed because "they're not going forward . . . yet" with their Permit application to "sell beer, wine and spirits." There'll be an LADWP speaker at the September 6th Meeting. Also, there'll be a dinner dance honoring retired City Councilman Greig Smith August 27th, 6:00 p.m. at the Airtel Hotel.

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

MOTION (by Mr. Dabirian, seconded by Mr. Pope): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its July 12, 2011 General Board Meeting as written.

DISCUSSION: It was explained that the wording of many corrections to the March 15, 2011 Joint PRNC/NWNC Meeting Minutes is from the Northridge West Neighborhood Council.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with seven in favor and two abstained (Mitchell and Aregs).

4. **Treasurer**, Maha Batta - Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented at the August 9, 2011 meeting.

Ms. Batta reviewed the "[PRNC] Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012" and for "2010-2011." She explained that "DONE has frozen our account . . . we have to vote on it today." She reported there are three outstanding Demand Warrants including

regarding the library and the school and that DONE will take 60-90 days to pay them from last year's budget, not this year's.

MOTION (by Ms. Batta, seconded by Mr. Singh): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves its 2011-2012 Budget pending ratification at its next General Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion regarding the structure and allocation of the funding.

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous hand vote with all nine in favor.

5. **Discussion/Motion** - to allocate funding for the Congress of Neighborhood Councils that will take place at L.A. City Hall on September 24th at 7:30 a.m. The funds would be allocated from the Outreach budget, probably the Events category.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Pope, seconded by Mr. Aregs): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council allocates \$250 in support of the Neighborhood Councils Congress on September 24, 2011.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Hammarlund would "like the money to stay in the community."

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with eight in favor and one abstained (Hammarlund).

6. **Discussion/Motion** - to allocate funding for the 2011-2012 PRNC Planning Retreat.

MOTION (by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Singh): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council will have a 2011-2012 Planning Retreat, the date and location to be determined.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Mitchell explained that the "Retreat "is to discuss projects for the next year." [No funding was allocated.]

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

7. **Committee Reports**

Land Use (Aregs): Mr. Aregs will discuss getting improvements made at Limekiln Canyon Park project with Megan Cottier, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-756-8501; Megan.Cottier@LACity.org). Ms. Leveque said the Holleigh Bernson Park basketball court will be resurfaced to reduce slipping. She also cautioned that coyotes are roaming again starting around 6:00 p.m.; keep small children and pets inside. Also, L.A. "Street Services is not authorizing any street repairs at this time"; there'll be a meeting at the CD12 Office (18917 Nordhoff #18 at the corner with Wilbur Ave.) Friday, August 19th at 11:00 to discuss this; a committee is forming.

DWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee (Chauhan): Mr. Chauhan reported that the Committee discussed proposed rate increases. "The City Council . . . is going to wait until" the Ratepayers Advocate Office is established. Also, the DWP "reinstated the solar incentive program."

8. Community speakers

Presentation and Motion - Case # ZA 2011-1734, Conditional Use Permit / Alcohol (CUB) to permit the sale of beer, wine, and spirits for off-site consumption at the existing WalMart store in Porter Ranch.

Mr. Mitchell reminded that the main speaker postponed.

Stakeholder Dave Hasson asked the PRNC to notify the community regarding discussions and events regarding the new Porter Ranch School, especially regarding School boundaries. Ms. Leveque talked with Donna Smith; "they'll let us know."

Mr. Pope reported about political districts reapportionment. Some of Porter Ranch would be in Howard Berman's Congressional District and some in Brad Sherman's. Porter Ranch is now part of a State Senate District that includes Simi Valley.

An L.A. Fire Dept. official described that local Fire Stations now have a "mini" jaws of life and large chain saws for heavy-duty cutting. The closest Fire Stations are Fire Station 96 at Topanga and Nordhoff and Fire Station 87 at Balboa and Devonshire. There was discussion regarding the deployment, uses and limitations of local Fire Dept. staff and equipment within budget limits. Ms. Leveque recommended noting the Fire Station number of responding equipment to see which Fire Stations are responding to Porter Ranch. The Fire Dept. official said the biggest need for north of the 118 Freeway is a "paramedic ambulance." Mr. Pope and Mr. Aregs will work on this. Firefighter Livesey described how the community can influence Fire Dept. policy. There was discussion that Mulholland Dr. has four Fire Stations with two paramedic ambulances while Porter Ranch has three Fire Stations with no paramedic ambulances.

Ed Headington, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Outreach Committee Chair (EHeadington@ghnnc.org), announced an LAPD Devonshire Division Town Hall Meeting here on September 25th. He also encouraged submitting ideas to have a San Fernando Valley resident fill a Board of Neighborhood Commissioners opening. Mr. Heddington would like to work with the PRNC on outreach.

Mr. Mitchell described local housing development projects.

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

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:47 p.m.