



PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 2, 2014

at Starbucks, 19759 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch, CA 91326

1. Welcome

President Paula Cracium called the Meeting to order at 10:05 AM

2. Roll Call

President Paula Cracium noted that Secretary Eric Kim was absent. Vice-President Pat Pope volunteered to take minutes.

Present: Paula Cracium, Pat Pope, Sean O'Rourke, Sue Hammerlund, Alex Kim, Cindy Lee, Anthony Park, Becky Leveque, and Ethan Turer. Absent Ashiley Lee, and Eric Nam. 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 (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/PorterRanchNC-Bylaws.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. All 11 of the 11 Board Seats were filled. No Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: 1 stakeholder, Paula Sonkin.

3. MOTION

Mr. Alex Kim seconded by Ms. Cindy Lee: Motion to amend the budget to allocate up to \$4,000 to category 100 Operations – Translation Transcription.

Discussion, Mr. Kim said that many Korean Americans do not come to the PRNC meetings because they do not understand English well. He noted that this is an issue with first generation residents and that subsequent generations generally understand and speak English well. He noted that there might be Porter Ranch stakeholders from other cultures that might also benefit from translation services. He said the cost for translators approved by DONE, with headphones for the residents would be \$395 per meeting. He said that many second generation Koreans can speak both English and Korean well, but could not do simultaneous translation. It would be hard to find a volunteer. The headsets are necessary to avoid disrupting the meeting.

There was a lively discussion on the merits and needs for such services.

Several members objected to having a special meeting for this. Mr. Pat Pope it is unethical to decide on over 10% of the budget at a special meeting and should be taken up at as regular business at a regular PRNC meeting. He noted that Mr. Kim had the same motion on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the PRNC.

President Paula Cracium asked if Mr. Kim would be willing to amend his motion to \$400 for just the next meeting?

Treasurer Sean O'Rourke noted that the PRNC did not budget anything for Translation Services, and the PRNC had budgeted all of its funds for 2014-2015. He asked what other part of the budget would be cut to fund \$4,000 or \$400. Ms. Becky Leveque the money could come from money allocated for LAPD.

Discussion continued on the merits of translations services.

Mr. Alex Kim amended his motion as follows:

Alex Kim – Motion to allocate up to \$400 for Korean Translation for the August 6th Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council meeting. The budget reallocation will come from Community Projects, LAPD.

Mr. Kim demanded that the minutes reflect that Mr. Pope described the motion and Mr. Kim unethical. Mr. Pope did not object, noting that he felt this matter should have been taken up in a regular meeting, with more stakeholders present.

Vote on Mr. Alex Kim's motion as amended:

Yes: Kim, Park, C Lee, Leveque

No: Pope, Turer, O'Rourke, Hammarlund

With 4 yes votes and 4 no votes the motion was tied.

President Paula Cracium then voted yes and the **MOTION PASSED 5 YES, 4 NO.**

President Paula Cracium adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.