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### **General Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Porter Ranch Community School Multipurpose Room, 12450 Mason Ave., Porter Ranch

#### **1. Welcome -- President Paula Cracium called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.**

a. Reminder to sign in and that it is completely optional and not required for attendance  
Ms. Cracium noted the above.

#### **2. Roll Call – Secretary Pro Tem Michelle Ritchie**

Board Members who were present introduced themselves: Paula Cracium (President), Pat Pope (Vice-President), Eric Nam (Secretary), Armando Nunez II (Treasurer 2) Alex Kim, Cindy Lee, Cheri Derohanian, Susan Hammarlund Becky Leveque and Ashiley Lee. Board member Sean O'Rourke (Treasurer 1) arrived at 6:45 p.m. Board member Eric Nam was absent. The PRNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needed to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven.

Please 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 either by appointment or election. Also in attendance were approximately 20 stakeholders and guests.

#### **3. President's Comments and Updates - President Paula Cracium**

President Paula Cracium informed everyone that there would be a neighborhood council town hall meeting on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Van Nuys City Hall located at 14410 Sylvan Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Van Nuys, CA 91401. The Town Hall will be held by LA City Councilman/Council President Herb Wesson who has put a motion forth to allow neighborhood councils to use rollover funds from the previous fiscal year.

#### **4. Community / Governmental Updates and Announcements**

Colin Crews, CD12 field deputy stated that since the previous DWP Customer Service Day at the CD12 Community Service Center was such a success that Councilman Englander's office would be conducting another one on Friday, May 15, 2015 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm in the CD 12 Community Service Center located at 9207 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth.

Mr. Crews also informed the council that the LAPD would be holding its 22nd Annual S.O.L.I.D. All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 9, 2015 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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at LAPD's Devonshire Division, \$9 per person for the pancake breakfast (kids 3 and under eat free.) All other activities are free. Free Face Painting ~ LAPD Displays ~ Classic Car Show. Location: LAPD Devonshire Station, 10250 Etiwanda Avenue, Northridge, CA 91324. For any questions, call 818-388-7958 or visit [www.soliddevonshire.org](http://www.soliddevonshire.org) Other event happening in CD12 district will be a tree giveaway on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Northridge Park from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and recipients must be residents of Los Angeles County and trees are given away on a first come first serve basis. Mr. Crews also reminded everyone that Citrus Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015. 100% of donations are delivered to local food pantries.

Mike Greenwald, Reserve LAPD Air Support Unit introduced himself and stated that he was there to request funding for an electric flight board for the LAPD Air Support Unit. He started off by stating that 92% of the time that LAPD has a call come in that Air Support is first on scene and they are there to provide support with infrared and night sun. Most air support units can be on scene within five minutes. He advised everyone that if you hear the helicopters overhead stay inside and bring your pets in as well, turn off the inside lights and keep that outdoor lights on. He then began to explain that the LAPD Air Support Unit was requesting \$10,000.00 and that he would be going around to different neighborhood councils seeking funding, and although he was not at the Porter Ranch Neighborhood seeking and specific funding amount he stated that any amount would be welcome. The LAPD Air Support Unit would like to install electronic flight boards on all of its helicopters which would be tied into airport towers, Van Nuys ground maintenance as well as the LAPD Air Support Captain. He thanked the council for their time.

### **17. Presentations: 6:30 pm (approximately)**

#### **Porter Ranch Community School to give a presentation on proposed expansion**

Tamar Galatzan, school board member Council District 3 briefly spoke about the proposed expansion at Porter Ranch Community School in the upcoming years. She stated that the LAUSD would be seeking approval for the expansion by the LAUSD Oversight Committee on Tuesday, May 12, 2015. The new building is expected to connect to the existing middle school building sharing the same corridors and elevators. The project would include nine classrooms, restrooms, administration area, and expansion of the lunch area with shade adjacent to the existing lunch area, and additional staff parking on the opposite end of the grass field from the current on campus parking. She also said that the teacher's union voted for a 10% pay raise and that class size would be reduced in the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade in certain subjects. She also reminded everyone that Castlebay will be celebrating the completion of its new Multipurpose Room with a ribbon cutting. Also showcased at this event will be the benches the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council donated to the school and the new Kitchen Community Garden project, installed on

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Earth Day. The ribbon cutting is set to happen on Friday, May 15, 2015 @ 1:15 p.m. at Castlebay Elementary School.

**5. Motion – President, Paula Cracium: Motion to approve April minutes. Mr. Pope seconded the motion.**

The April 1, 2015 minutes were approved as amended.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of seven of the nine eligible voters present with six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Derohanian, Hammarlund, Kim, C. Lee, Nunez and Pope). Two Abstentions (Leveque and A. Lee). Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

#### **4. Community / Governmental Updates and Announcements**

Megan Cottier, District Director CD12 gave a brief overview regarding the new 50-acre park which will be located between Mason Avenue and Porter Ranch Drive by just south of the Porter Ranch Community School campus. Some ideas for the park so far are movies in the park, farmer markets. However, Council District 12 is seeking input from everyone and will continue to allow input up until May 13, 2015 and individuals seeking to submit ideas may do so online through the Council District 12 website.

#### **6. Treasurers' Report -- Treasurer 1 Sean O'Rourke**

Mr. O'Rourke presented the Treasurer's Report which was just an estimate since the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council's funds were frozen at the moment but that he felt the estimates were pretty accurate and that the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council had enough funds to meet its obligations. He hoped to have this matter resolved shortly.

**7. Motion – Treasurer 1 Sean O'Rourke: Motion to approve MER for April, Mr. Pope seconded the motion.**

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves its April 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of nine of the ten eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Derohanian, Hammarlund, Kim, C. Lee, Leveque, Nunez, O'Rourke and Pope.). One Abstention (A. Lee). Board member Eric Nam was absent. Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

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**8. Update - Ad Hoc Committee Chair Becky Leveque –Update regarding striping of Tampa**

Colin Crews, CD12 Field Deputy stated that the striping was complete and the two-hour parking limitations were in place.

**9. Motion – Becky Leveque: Motion to approve up to \$600.00 to PRNC promotional pens. Mr. O'Rourke seconded the motion:**

**Discussion** - Ms. Leveque moved to amend the motion to read as follows:

*“Motion to approve up to \$800.00 for PRNC promotional items”*

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of nine of the ten eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Derohanian, Hammarlund, Kim, C. Lee, Leveque, Nunez, O'Rourke and Pope.). One Abstention (A. Lee). Board member Eric Nam was absent. Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

**10. Motion – Board Member Alex Kim: Motion to provide up \$3,500.00 to replace interior and exterior lighting for the LAPD Devonshire Station -Gangs and Narcotic's trailer renovation project coordinated by SOLID. Ms. Cindy Lee seconded the motion.**

At this time, board members Paula Cracium, Pat Pope, Armando Nunez and Becky Leveque recused themselves and left the meeting area before discussion began.

President, Paula Boland of SOLID, which is a non-profit organization supplies the LAPD with items that the City does not cover. They are currently looking to supply the LAPD Devonshire Station – Gangs and Narcotic's trailer with interior and exterior lighting. In the past, they have rebuilt some of these trailers as they have had holes in the ceilings as well as leaks and at times rats have been found inside of these trailers. Board member, Sean O'Rourke questioned whether or not Ms. Boland had submitted an NPG to which she replied that the organization had not but would have no problem getting one to the PRNC timely. Mr. O'Rourke also suggested that she requested half of the funds now from the 2014-2015 fiscal year and then come back and request the remaining funds after July 1, 2015 which would come out of the next fiscal year 2015-2016.

**Discussion** – Mr. Kim moved to amend the motion to read as follows:

*“Motion to provide up \$1,700.00 to replace interior and exterior lighting for the LAPD Devonshire Station -Gangs and Narcotic's trailer renovation project coordinated by SOLID. contingent upon the approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant”*

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**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of five of the ten eligible voters present with five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Derohanian, Hammarlund, Kim, C. Lee, O'Rourke.). Four recusals (Leveque, Nunez, Pope and Cracium) One Abstention (A. Lee). Board member Eric Nam was absent. Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

**14. Motion – Vice President Pat Pope: Motion to purchase on mailbox for Fire Station 8 not to exceed \$120 including tax. Ms. Derohanian seconded the motion.**

**Discussion** – Mr. Pope moved to amend the motion to read as follows:

*“Motion to purchase on mailbox for Fire Station 8 not to exceed \$80 including tax”*

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of eight of the ten eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Derohanian, Hammarlund, Kim, C. Lee, Leveque, Nunez, O'Rourke, Pope). One Abstention (A. Lee). Board member Eric Nam was absent. Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

**11. Motion – Vice President Pat Pope: Motion to purchase one Stihl MS192 Chain Saw for Fire Station 28 not to exceed \$390 including sales tax. Mr. Nunez seconded the motion.**

**Discussion** - Mr. Pope moved to amend the motion to include item #'s 11,12 & 13 as one to read as follows:

*“Motion to purchase one Stihl MS192 Chain Saw, one Holmatro Backpack Harness for carrying LAFD Homatro tool (jaws of life) and one Garmin Nuvi 65LMT 6.1 inch GPS not to exceed \$1,000.00 for Fire Station 28”*

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of eight of the nine eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Nam, O'Rourke, Nunez, Hammarlund, Kim, C. Lee, Derohanian). One Abstention (Pope). Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

**12. Motion – Vice President Pat Pope: Motion to purchase one Holmatro Backpack Harness for carrying LAFD Homatro tool (jaws of life) for Fire Station 28 not to exceed \$450 including sales tax.**

\*\*See Item #11\*\*

**13. Motion – Vice President Pat Pope: Motion to purchase one Garmin Nuvi 65LMT 6.1 inch GPS for Fire Station 28 not to exceed \$210 including tax.**

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\*See Item #12\*\*

**15. Motion – Sue Hammarlund: Motion to allocate a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Southern California Preparedness Foundation for \$750 for the Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on Saturday, October 3, 2015.**

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of eight of the ten eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Derohanian, Hammarlund, Kim, C. Lee, Leveque, Nunez, Pope). One opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (O'Rourke). One Abstention (A. Lee). Board member Eric Nam was absent. Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

**16. Motion – Treasurer 1 Sean O'Rourke: Motion to approve \$2500. to co-sponsor Shepherd of the Hills July 4th event. Funds to come out of 2015-2016 fiscal year. Ms. Leveque seconded the motion. Ms. Leveque seconded the motion.**

At this time, board member Paula Cracium recused herself and left the meeting area before discussion began.

Debbie Forstall, Community Relations Coordinator, Shepherd of the Hills was seeking funding of \$2,500 for the Shepherd of the Hills annual July 4<sup>th</sup> event. The PRNC would be allowed to speak on stage, receive a ¼ page ad in their newspaper along with a banner giving further exposure to the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of eight of the ten eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Derohanian, Hammarlund, Kim, C. Lee, Leveque, Nunez, O'Rourke, Pope). One Recusal (Cracium). One Abstention (A. Lee). Board member Eric Nam was absent. Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

**17. Presentations: 6:30 pm (approximately)**

Termo will give us an update on the EIR process regarding the proposed new wells

Ralph Combs, who is the Termo Project Lead on the Aliso Canyon Property, stated there would be a small expansion of active wells in the hills. Future operations consist of 3 pads for a total of 12 wells with 4 per pad. Mr. Combs also stated that Termo has committed to not use hydraulic

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fracturing on any of the expanded operations and that Termo will begin the EIR process with meetings that will focus on transparency. If you would like to be added to their mailing list you can do so by emailing your questions to [info@northalisoproject.com](mailto:info@northalisoproject.com) On May 20, 2015 there will be a scoping meeting from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Porter Ranch Community School Multipurpose Room, 12450 Mason Ave., Porter Ranch.

Iris Chi who is the Project Planner, for the County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning Commission stated that the EIR process would be overseen by her department and any changes made by Termo would have to go back to the Regional Planning Commission for its approval. The EIR is prepared by the County of Los Angeles. For anyone who has questions regarding the EIR process Iris Chi's contact information is (213) 974-6443 or you can reach her via email at [ichi@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:ichi@planning.lacounty.gov)

At this time questions were taken from the stakeholders and the board.

Matt Pakucko wanted to know about the proposed truck routes, existing roads and the increase in traffic. Ms. Chi stated that the EIR would cover all of Mr. Pakucko's concerns regarding these issues and that there was a May 27, 2015 deadline to make requests to be included in the EIR. Another concern Mr. Pakucko had was the reduction in the need for foreign oil. Mr. Combs addressed Mr. Pukucko that all of the oil is used domestically and that Termo feels strongly with regards to keep it domestic.

Kyoko Hibino says she notices an odor in her neighborhood. She stated she has seen signs at locations such as gas stations regarding the impact the gas fumes have on an individual's health. She wanted to know if the EIR final report would contain such information. Under CEQA a health risk assessment is not required.

Ms. Chi wanted to take this time to remind everyone that there would be a scoping meeting on May 20, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. here at Porter Ranch Community School Multipurpose Room, 12450 Mason Avenue, Porter Ranch. And that the Public Comment period would be from April 27, 2015 to May 27, 2015 and should be directed to Ms. Chi's attention at [ichi@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:ichi@planning.lacounty.gov) . Notifications are automatically sent to residents who live within a 1000 foot radius. The EIR process varies on projects so it may take up to one year to complete the EIR process.

**18. Motion – Treasurer 1 Sean O'Rourke: Motion to draft a letter in support to Los Angeles Unified School district in expansion plans for Porter Ranch Community School. Mr. Nunez seconded the motion.**

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of eight of the ten eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Derohanian, Hammarlund, A. Lee, C. Lee, Leveque, Nunez, O'Rourke,

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Pope). One Abstention (Kim). Board member Eric Nam was absent. Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

#### 19. Public Comment

Matt Pakucko wanted to make a request to the PRNC to host a **debate and** allow opposing viewpoints to be heard and that rather than just invite one party to speak that all interested parties be allowed to speak at the same time.

Paula Cracium mentioned that our position is that Termo is a petitioning agency. That PRNC's function is to give the stakeholders as much access Termo and the governmental agencies that will be the regulatory agencies and decision makers on this project in order to get their questions answered. That a debate would not be between Food and Water Watch, Save Porter Ranch and Termo – it would be between Food and Water Watch, Save Porter Ranch and pro drilling and pro energy independent groups that have contact us. And that we can consider that but that we do not currently feel that that forum is the direction we should go.

#### 4. Community / Governmental Updates and Announcements

Jarrold DeGonia, Field Deputy, San Fernando Valley, Mayor, Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, wanted everyone to know that the Board Of Supervisors general plan was approved on January 15, 2015 which include the Santa Susana Trials master plan that would have a horse trail that would connect Ventura, Chatworth and Santa Clarita. Mr. DeGonia also stated that the Board of Supervisors allocated \$25 million for unincorporated sheriff patrols. Mr. DeGonia also informed that Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council that Los Angeles County was currently in escrow to acquire the Green Property which is located in Browns Canyon and covers 73 acres. The County is hoping to convert the property into an equestrian staging area where individuals can park and unload and load their horses.

#### 20. Future meetings

The next meeting of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council **general meeting** would be on June 3, 2014. **There will be a Board retreat to discuss the plan for projects and spending in the next 2015/2016 year on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 11am at Shepherd Church.**

#### 21. Motion to adjourn -

Ms. Cracium mad the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hammarlund seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.