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General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

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

1. Welcome -- President Paula Cracium called the meeting to order at 6:11 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 Eric Nam

Board Members who were present introduced themselves: Paula Cracium (President), Pat Pope (Vice-President), Eric Nam (Secretary), Sean O'Rourke (Treasurer 1) Armando Nunez II (Treasurer 2) Alex Kim, Cindy Lee, Cheri Derohanian, Susan Hammarlund Becky Leveque. Board member Pat Pope arrived at 7:10 p.m. Board member Ashiley Lee 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.

- **President's Comments and Updates - President Paula Cracium**

President Paula Cracium wanted to inform everyone of a few things. First, the Southern California Gas Company would be holding a meeting on Monday, June 8, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Shepard of the Hills Church located at 19700 Rinaldi Street. This meeting will cover the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility Project. Ms. Cracium stated that those who wished to attend should RSVP and that there were flyers on the table with all of the necessary information.

Ms. Cracium then went on to speak about PRNC Committees and Focus Groups along with ad hoc committees from time to time. One of the main committees is the Land Use committee which meets a few times a year and is chaired by board member Eric Nam. Ms. Cracium also advised everyone that there was a newly formed Beautification Team which will be led by board members Alex Kim and Sue Hammarlund.

Ms. Cracium informed everyone that Ashiley Lee would be resigning at the end of tonight's meeting and it was her intention to be here tonight but it conflicted with another meeting she had to attend with regard to her leaving for college. Ms. Lee will be attending Harvard in the Fall of

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2015. Ms. Cracium then announced that because Ms. Lee had resigned that then opened up a position on the PRNC Board. Under the new bylaws there is no longer a youth position. However, there will be a Youth Ambassador who will act as a liaison between the local high schools and the PRNC. Chatsworth and Granada High Schools will each have a youth ambassador, and that this position will be overseen by board members Becky Leveque and Cheri Derohanian. At the next monthly board meeting in July there will be a new board member voted in. Applicants wishing to apply for the position on the Board can find the application and procedures on the table or on the website at www.prnc.org

Alex Kim left the meeting at 6:30pm.

3. Community / Governmental Updates and Announcements

Field Representative Andre Hollings from Assemblyman Scott Wilks wanted to inform everyone that Assemblyman Wilks has been busy dealing with the budget which is due to be sent to Governor Brown by June 15, 2015. However, Assemblyman Wilks does not support the current budget as presented as there is no reform and that money is just being thrown into the system without any real change happening. The deadline for the fiscal budget is June 30, 2015.

Colin Crews, CD12 Field Representative announced that Councilman Englander has approved the 2015-2016 fiscal budget which includes funding for PALS, 2,400 miles of streets to be repaved citywide, weed abatement and graffiti as well as other items.

Mr. Crews also reported that Citrus Sunday was a huge success with 16,000 lbs. of citrus having been collected. Mr. Crews also stated that Councilman Englander was against hiking the minimum wage as it should have come from the state or federal level and be a more balanced approach i.e. slow increase over time and that the hardship would fall onto small businesses.

Councilman Englander's movie under the stars will start on Saturday, June 20, 2015 beginning at 8:30 p.m. at Porter Ranch Community School.

4. Motion – Secretary Eric Nam: Motion to approve May minutes. Pat Pope seconded the motion.

The May 6, 2015 minutes were approved as presented.

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

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5. Treasurers' Report -- Treasurer 1 Sean O'Rourke

Mr. O'Rourke just wanted to let everyone know that the PRNC funds had finally been unfrozen and that he is working hard to get all outstanding invoices paid. He is also hoping that the PRNC will be able to use all of its remaining funds before the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2015.

6. Motion – Treasurer 1 Sean O'Rourke: Motion to approve MER for May. Mr. Nunez seconded the motion.

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

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

Board member Pat Pope arrived at 7:10 p.m.

7. Motion – Treasurer 1 Sean O'Rourke: Motion to approve the 2015/2016 Budget and Budget package to be submitted to DONE. Mr. Nunez seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Rourke informed everyone that there was a lengthy meeting on May 16, 2015 wherein the PRNC and stakeholders discussed the upcoming 2015-2016 fiscal budget. The PRNC's focus this year will be primarily on seniors and beautification. Mr. O'Rourke then went line by line of the proposed fiscal budget which is attached hereto. The PRNC's vision is to give the stakeholders of Porter Ranch access to the PRNC and that with that the PRNC hopes to accomplish its goals for the year.

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

8. Motion – Armando Nunez II: Motion to approve \$500 to the Budget Advocates to be used for their operations and outreach for events such as the Budget Day and Regional Budget Day. Ms. Derohanian seconded the motion.

MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote of eight of the nine eligible voters present with seven opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Derohanian, Hammarlund, C. Lee, Leveque, Nam, O'Rourke, and

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Pope). One in favor (“Yes” or Aye”) (Nunez). Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

Mr. Nunez began the discussion by explaining what and who Budget Advocates are. Budget Advocates are chosen by the individual neighborhood council and meet with the Mayor and other City officials. They also represent the needs of their individual neighborhood council on important financial issues.

Mr. Nunez then went onto discuss the need for the PRNC to donate \$500 to the Budget Advocates. Mr. Nunez stated that the funds would be used for the upcoming Budget's Day on June 27, 2015 as well as some other events through the year. Several board members felt it was unnecessary to fund such events as they were already paid for by the City and there was no need for the PRNC or any other neighborhood councils to fund the Budget Advocates.

9. Motion – Treasurer 1 Sean O'Rourke: Motion to approve funds for Volunteer Surveillance hats not to exceed \$1000. Ms. Leveque seconded the motion.

At this time, board member Pat Pope recused himself and left the meeting area before discussion began.

A representative from Volunteer Surveillance Team (“VST”) gave an overview of whom and what VST does. VST is currently a 57 member team of individuals who aid law enforcement with covert surveillance. They have logged in over 82,000 hours of surveillance which resulted in 4,000 arrests. During the surveillance period they observe crimes in progress they then report it local law enforcement and then fade away. They do not confront any of the individuals who are committing crimes. They also from time to time go around through the community seeking individuals who are wanted by law enforcement and then report back to those agencies. They currently wear vests with the VST logos and feel that the addition of hats will give them more of an official look within the community. They are hoping to add an additional 5- 7 members.

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

10. Discussion – Sue Hammarlund: Would like to suggest that we do a bus survey on line to see if the stakeholders are having their needs met. Specifically that there is no bus coverage in the eastern part of Porter Ranch.

Ms. Hammarlund began the discussion about the possible need for bus service and there is currently no bus service east of Tampa Avenue. Ms. Hammarlund would like to see more bus

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service in central areas of Porter Ranch rather than limited service which requires an individual to walk quite a distance to their location once they get off the bus. Mr. O'Rourke stated that he would do a Request For Action ("RFA") to Metro and provide Survey Monkey link on the PRNC website to in fact see if there was a need and want by the community for a broader bus lines specifically the eastern part of Porter Ranch

11. Discussion - Alex Kim: Status of our P.O. Box

This item was tabled as Mr. Kim was not present.

12. Discussion - Alex Kim: Do we have an inventory list, can it be on line?

This item was tabled as Mr. Kim was not present.

13. Up-Date – Vice President, Pat Pope: Update on Termo Scoping meeting.

Mr. Pope stated that he just wanted to give an overview of what transpired at the Termo Scoping meeting and that really everything he would state would be factual in nature.

The entire EIR process would be overseen by Iris Chi, who is the Project Planner, for the County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning Commission. The Public Comment period has been extended up to and including June 11, 2015 for anyone wishing to make requests to what they would like to see included in the EIR. Councilman Englander had made his own request to have a Health Impact Assessment. The entire EIR process will take approximately 6 months and will be done by the County but paid for by Termo. There currently is no request for fracking but any changes in the original application by Termo will have to be resubmitted and the whole process will have to start at the beginning.

14. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

15. Future meetings

The next general monthly meeting of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council will be on July 1, 2015.

Ms. Leveque proposed about possibly changing the day of the week that the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council because it currently conflicts with the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council which meets on the same night. Several board members and stakeholders stated that they would

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like the ability to attend the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council. Ms. Leveque said she had looked into days other neighborhood council met and had done a poll other board members to see what would be the best possible day to meet if in fact that PRNC decided to change their meeting day. Ms. Leveque is proposing to move the PRNC meeting to the 2nd Wednesday of the month and that this change would not possible happen until September 2015.

16. Motion to adjourn

Ms. Cracium mad the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eric Nam seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.