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General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

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

1. Welcome -- President Paula Cracium called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

- a. Reminder to sign in and that it is completely optional and not required for attendance.

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) Cheri Derohanian, Susan Hammarlund Becky Leveque, David Balen and Alex Kim. Board member Cindy Lee arrived at 6:03 p.m. 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/Porter_RanchNC-Bylaws.pdf so the Board could take such votes. 11 of the 11 Board Seats were filled either by appointment or election. Also in attendance were approximately 25 stakeholders and guests.

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

Ms. Cracium welcomed everyone and stated that the PRNC was there to give the residents of Porter Ranch a more pronounced voice with the City.

- Introduction of new board member David Balen

Ms. Cracium gave a brief acknowledgment to Mr. Balen who was appointed to the PRNC in July 2015. Mr. Balen takes the newly vacated seat which was previously held Ms. Ashiley Lee .

- Thank you note from SOLID

The PRNC received a thank you note from SOLID for its recent contribution.

- Thank you certificate and sweet treats from Shepherd Church

Representatives from Shepherd of the Hills Church presented the PRNC with a certificate and cupcakes.

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4. Community / Governmental Updates and Announcements

Colin Crews said that CD12 had yet another successful National Night Out at Northridge Park where the movie Big Hero 6 was shown.

Mr. Crews wanted to alert the PRNC of some upcoming dates and events:

- August 12, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. - Department of Transportation Coming to CD12 Community Service Center. Please call for an appointment (818) 882-1212
- August 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - DWP Customer Service Day at the CD12 Community Service Center. Please call for an appointment (818) 882- 1212
- August 18, 2015 - Animal Services would be conducting an open house to discuss how to deal with coyotes and other wildlife.
- September 9, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., – Conversations with the Council at the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission located 8756 Canby Avenue, Northridge, CA 91325. Please RSVP to Ron Rubine at ron.rubine@lacity.org or (818) 882- 1212.

Mr. Crews then took some questions/concerns from stakeholders. One stakeholder Ms. Adrienne McCune wanted to know what could be done about the RV's that were parked along Tampa wherein individuals were living in them and obstructing the bike paths and sidewalks with the "pop-outs" from those RV. Mr. Crews said that it is very hard to get them completely removed as RV's are considered vehicles and as long as they are moved every 72 hours there was very little that could be done. However, if they were "draining" those RV's on the street then he could get waste management out there immediately. He also stated that the condos/townhomes along Tampa Avenue that are affected by those RV's may wish to ask for either "restricted" parking or "no overnight" parking but in doing so it would affect those residents with regard to parking their vehicles as well as their guests.

Ms. Cracium asked that Pat Pope do an Request For Action ("RFA") to the City Council to see what could be done about this issue. Ms. Cracium believes a meeting with the PRNC, City Attorney, CD12 and Department of Transportation could prove to offer some resolution to the residents that are being affected.

Dr. Harold Bass said that Mr. Crews had come to speak at his HOA earlier in the year and several residents voiced various concerns with regard to signage and speed bumps to which Mr. Crews said he would respond to in a very timely matter. Dr. Bass said no one ever in the HOA

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ever heard from Mr. Crews or anyone in the CD 12 office. Dr. Bass' primary concern was the fact that there was not a four-way stop located at Beaufait Avenue and Darby Avenue which at one point there is a blind curve and people constantly speed up and down that street. Dr. Bass then asked to be able to read a statement over his concerns and frustrations with regard to Beaufait Avenue and Darby Avenue. Other residents in the area also said they wanted to know why some streets had street signs while other did not. Other residents wanted to know why it takes so long for their streets to be paved.

5. Motion – Secretary Eric Nam: Motion to approve July minutes. Sean O'Rourke seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of 10 of the 11 eligible voters present with ten in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Balen, Derohanian, Hammarlund, Kim, 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.]

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

Mr. O'Rourke stated that June was an especially busy month for the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council. Mr. O'Rourke went over a few items on the monthly expenditure report and stated that he tried to pay everything possible before the end of the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2015. There were several purchases for LAFD, Castle Bay, newsletter as well as transcription services and other miscellaneous items. At the beginning of the 2015-2016 fiscal year all neighborhood councils were given an additional \$5,000.00 but asked not to spend it just yet.

7. Motion – Treasurer 1 Sean O'Rourke: Motion to approve MER for July. Pat Pope seconded the motion for the June MER. Eric Nam seconded the motion for the July MER.

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

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8. Committee and Focus Group updates:

- Land Use Committee – Eric Nam

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Mr. Nam stated that the upcoming Land Use Committee in September would be a joint committee meeting between his committee and the PRNC Board. A representative from Shapell Commercial Development would be in attendance and Mr. Nam expected a large turn out next month. Mr. Nam also stated that soon there would be details regarding the lots on Corbin Avenue below Rinaldi where there is currently a proposal for 70 homes on approximately 50 acres.

- Budget Advocates- Becky Leveque/Armando Nunez

Ms. Leveque says she is new to the Budget Advocates but stated that it is a group of individuals who are very passionate about the City's budget.

- Youth Ambassadors Ad Hoc Committee-Becky Leveque/Cheri Derohanian

Ms. Derohanian says that the committee has decided to have two youth representatives, one from Granada Hills High School and Chatsworth High School. Each student will be appointed to a two year term. They will start soliciting students once the school year starts.

Focus Areas

- Beautification (Clean Ups, Trees, Parks, etc.)-Sue Hammarlund/ Alex Kim

This committee is currently looking into cleaning up the streets in Porter Ranch. They would like to do it during the fall and spring when school is in session so that they may utilize the students of the surrounding area schools to help with such project.

- Community Impact Statements-Pat Pope

Mr. Pope gave a brief overview of the street food vendors and the CIS that was submitted by the PRNC in July 2015. Currently 19 neighborhood council's have weighed in on the issue with the PRNC having taken a stance to have it regulated. Sidewalk vending of this type is currently illegal in the City of Los Angeles but there is no enforcement.

- Elections -Armando Nunez (2016 Election Chair)

Mr. Nunez recently spoke with DONE about the new online voting. There will be no voting by phone. This program has yet to develop any type of structure.

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- Disaster Preparedness – Sue Hammarlund: Red Cross to explain the home safety smoke alarm

Ms. Hammarlund says that she has been in touch with the Red Cross and she can get them to come out and talk about installation of smoke alarms and fire safety. Ms. Hammarlund also stated that the Red Cross will also come out and install the smoke alarms for free for those who are in need of assistance.

- Events-Cheri Derohanian/Sue Hammarlund/Becky Leveque

Ms. Leveque says this committee is currently discussing ideas for the upcoming holiday party on December 2, 2015 but at this time there is nothing to report.

- Senior Adult Involvement-Becky Leveque/Sue Hammarlund/Alex Kim

This committee has not yet met yet and so there is nothing to report.

At this time Mr. O'Rourke said that he has been doing some research on the "Adopt-A-Highway" through the PRNC but said that it would not be feasible because the City would never sign off on the liability issue. Mr. O'Rourke did say however he came across another company called Adopt-A-Highway, Inc. where for a fee of \$425 a month the PRNC could make this happen. The company itself would put signs up 2 miles recognizing the PRNC in each direction and do the clean up on a regular basis. At this time, a stakeholder spoke up and said that she and her husband would be willing to do this. Her husband is a dentist who is currently located on Corbin and Rinaldi.

9. Public Comment - There were no public comments

10. Future meetings

- September 2– Shapell Commercial Development Presentation
- Joint Land Use Committee and PRNC Board meeting –Confirmed
- October 14- Chief Green – Confirmed
- November 4- City Attorney Feuer – Confirmed
- December 2 Holiday party – Updates forthcoming

11. Motion to adjourn

Ms. Cracium made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eric Nam seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.