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General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

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

1. Welcome -- President Paula Cracium called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

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

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) Becky Leveque, Susan Hammerlund, Cindy Lee, Cheri Derohanian, and David Balen. Board member Alex Kim 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 40 stakeholders and guests.

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

Ms. Cracium informed everyone that she had received a call from Senator Barbara Boxer's office and that there would be a meeting on Friday, February 12, 2016 with Senator Boxer, Eric Nam, Cheri Derohanian and herself. Also present at that meeting would be two stakeholders, one who chose to relocate and one who did not. Also invited was Matt Pakucko from Save Porter Ranch.

4. Community / Governmental Updates and Announcements:

Melvin Canas, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate was just there to inform the PRNC Board that their agenda for the most part was in compliance. However, items #9, #10 & #11 would either have to be tabled or only brought up for discussion

Dante Acosta from Congress man Steve Knight's office was there just to inform the PRNC board and those in attendance that their office was fielding calls regarding the gas leak and provide assistance to those wishing to relocate.

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Kevin Taylor, from Mayor Eric Garcetti's office stated that their office was focusing on emergency management of the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility. Mr. Taylor informed everyone that good information was flowing between the Mayor's office and the PRNC board to inform the stakeholders. Please check their website for updates at <http://www.lamayor.org/>

Matthew Vallecilla, from Congressman Brad Sherman's office says that their office is trying to help anyway they can. In doing so, they are offering help to local businesses in the area affected by the gas leak through small business loans. Matthew will be leaving flyers on the table with the information or you can visit their website at <https://sherman.house.gov/>

Dusty Russell from Senator Fran Pavley's offices stated that their office has been involved from the beginning and they will continue to be involved anyway they can. Senator Pavley's office is in constant contact with the PRNC and are there to help the residents of Porter Ranch with their claims. Senator Pavley is putting forth SB 380 which would place a moratorium on new injections and also on production from 1950s-era wells until DOGGR completes a comprehensive review, in consultation with independent experts and with input from the public, and determines whether such activity can be conducted with minimal risk to public health and safety.

Andre Hollings, Field Representative from Assemblyman Scott Wilk's office stated that the assemblyman would be putting forth a package of four bills that will protect the communities' health and citizens' rights as it relates to the Aliso Canyon Facility gas leak, and also ensure an event of this magnitude never occurs again.

AB 1902, would double the statute of limitations for someone to file a health claim as a result of the Aliso Canyon leak. A plaintiff could take civil action, through a lawsuit, within four years after the date of injury or after they had sufficient information to confirm their injury was a result of the gas leak.

AB 1903 would require the Public Utilities Commission and the California Department of Public Health to jointly study the long-term health impacts of the 2015-2016 Aliso Canyon gas leak.

AB 1904 would require the Department of Toxic Substances Control to evaluate the safety of odorants currently used in natural gas storage facilities and determine whether there are other odorants that pose a lower risk to human and environmental health.

AB 1905 will initiate an independent peer review of the natural gas industry, the practice of fracking, risks and current mitigation techniques. The purpose of the review would be to evaluate the industry's standards for safety considerations.

5. Motion – Secretary Eric Nam: Motion to approve January minutes

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This item was tabled.

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

Treasurer Sean O'Rourke stated that they were several months behind because the PRNC has been dealing with the matter of the gas leak and he has also been ill. Mr. O'Rourke then briefly went over the Monthly Expenditure Reports for the months of November 2015, December 2015 and January 2016.

At this time, Paula Cracium stated that she had been in contact with the City Attorney with regards to the PRNC putting in a claim for reimbursement for all of the meetings, copies and other outreach with regards to the gas leak. Ms. Cracium stated that she had been advised that the claim could go forward.

7. Motion – Treasurer 1 Sean O'Rourke: Motion to approve MER. Becky Leveque seconded the motion.

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

4. John Lee, Chief of Staff from Councilmember Englander's office just wanted to give everyone an update on the proposed 48 hour return for the residents of Porter Ranch. Mr. Lee stated that Councilmember Englander and the City have entered into a stipulated agreement that would give Porter Ranch residents 8 days/7 nights to return once it is safe to do so. A letter has been sent to DOGGR.

Mr. Lee stated that their office has received many calls regarding recent spikes in gas bill and stated some of those increase may be due to the new electronic gas meters that have been installed and that their office is looking into it. Councilmember Englander's office is also working with businesses in the area regarding loans and anyone who is interested in getting more information may contact their office at 818- 882-1212. You may also visit their website to view the “Know Your Rights” workshop video at <http://www.mitchallenglander.org/>

8. Discussion – Vice President Pat Pope – Discussion with LAFD Captain Denise Jones about current needs at Fire Station 28 (5 minutes max)

Pat Pope said that every year the PRNC works with the fire stations in the area to see what is needed and if any of those needs can be met by the PRNC. He then introduced Captain Denise

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Jones. Captain Jones stated that when responding to these requests, they try to pick out something that will benefit the community. This year they are requesting new web gear which will allow them to carry more weight and a hydration pack. The current web gear they have was provided by the City some time ago and is old and outdated.

Captain Jones stated another item they would like is a portable A/C. The area where the fire fighters currently work out becomes quite hot and the portable A/C would help when they are lifting weights and doing their cardio.

Captain Jones then said she would be grateful for anything that the PRNC could provide to them.

Pat Pope stated that he would follow up on this and would like this request to come back before the PRNC this fiscal year or at the beginning of the next fiscal year to see what the PRNC could do for them.

4. Jarrod DeGonia, Field Deputy introduced Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich.

Mr. Antonovich stated that he and his office wanted to give support to the residents of Porter Ranch and that it is imperative that Senator Pavley's SB 380 be enacted into law. Mr. Antonovich said that state agencies filed to do regular inspections at Aliso Canyon and that So Cal Gas Company had no protocols in place in the event that something like this did happen. Mr Antonovich says that the fire department trains year round in preparation of an earthquake, that way there is a protocol in place. Mr. Antonovich says he does not necessarily encourage lawsuits but feels that that in lawsuits against So Cal Gas Company the residents will prevail.

Dr. Cyrus Rangan, Los Angeles County Department of Health presented the PRNC and stakeholders with a video presentation regarding an update on the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Leak. The Public Health Department continues to monitor and interpret air quality and health data collected from within the Aliso Canyon storage facility and the adjoining community of Porter Ranch.

Jeff Reeb, Director of the Office of Emergency Management, Chief Executive Office, County of Los Angeles the local assistance office is there to provide help at the state and federal level and that they are there for the long haul.

Chief Bill Jones, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Health and Hazardous Materials Division says that all agencies continue to operate under a unified command and that they are constantly monitoring the situation up at the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility.

Cher Snyder and John Low from AQMD gave a video presentation regarding key events that occurred regarding the gas leak. Their office has received over 2300 complaints since the start of

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the gas leak. You may visit their website to see an update on graphs regarding the pattern of complaints starting from October 22, 2015 through February 1, 2016. You may also log a complaint by calling 800-CUT-SMOG or by visiting their website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/>

9. Motion – Sue Hammarlund: Motion to spend \$500. To purchase items on the West Valley Animal Shelter wish list.

This item is being tabled because it needs to come back possibly in the form of a NPG with specifics as to what the proposed \$500 would be spent on. It cannot just be generalized.

Board member Cheri Derohanian left at 9:00 p.m.

Board member Sean O'Rourke left at 9:06 p.m.

10. Motion - Armando Nunez: Motion to approve Elections Committee recommendations.

This matter was turned into a discussion rather than a motion at this time. Mr. Nunez stated that at the special meeting on January 30, 2016, IAS Ms. Molly Taylor informed the PRNC that the City would be hiring Independent Election Chairs to take over the NC elections at the cost of \$2,000.00 which covers everything i.e. outreach, elections and working with the board. The Independent Election Chairs have already been hired and will be assigned to the PRNC. Mr. Nunez also informed everyone that on the PRNC website individuals have the options to register as a candidate beginning on February 27, 2016 thru April 12, 2016. Mr. Nunez says that you can also register to vote from now until June 6, 2016, online voting is from May 21, 2016 through June 11, 2016. The PRNC elections are set to be held on June 11, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

11. Motion - Alex Kim: Motion to allocate \$3,000 to help our stake holders group SPR with their community outreach efforts Actual funding to be done once SPR produce confirmation certificate being a non-profit organization to meet DONE funding requirement. The certification request was sent few months ago and it is being processed by the government agency. Fund to be used only to cover their printing and web site management cost.

This item was tabled.

12. Motion – Vice President Pat Pope - Motion to approve a letter of recommendation for our Neighborhood Prosecutor Alin Sahagian for advancement within the City Attorney's Office. Armando Nunez seconded the motion.

Pat Pope stated that he had two recommendation letters that he would like to have signed by Paula Cracium recommending Alin Sahagian for a supervisory position within the City Attorney's office.

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

13. Discussion:-Paula Cracium: To work with Naomi Seligman, Director of Communications at Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti regarding ideas on how present a positive outlook and work to revitalize Porter Ranch after the leak is fixed.

Paula Cracium says that the Mayor's office would be giving assistance to the PRNC from a public relations standpoint in order to get Porter Ranch back on track.

14. Discussion:-Paula Cracium: To submit a claim to the So Cal Gas Company for costs incurred directly related to the gas leak.

As stated earlier in the meeting, Ms. Cracium once again stated that the PRNC has the go ahead to put in a claim for reimbursement of funds.

15. Discussion – Paula Cracium, President: Discussion on hosting future Town Hall.

16. Discussion – Sue Hammarlund: Discussion of the actual purchases and delivery Sean has made. Re: wireless microphones. Also what happened to all the items in storage at PRCS?

Sue Hammarlund wanted to know where items such as the tent, camera and banners that the PRNC had purchased? Paula Cracium said that she believes some of those items have gone missing. Ms. Hammarlund then inquired as to the status of the wireless mics they PRNC had purchased. Mr. Nam stated that PRCS had received them but unfortunately they now need someone that knows how to operate them.

17. Gas Leak Team Updates: **Due to the late hour this item was tabled.**

- i. Paula – general navigation of the issue
- ii. Sean - on the ongoing up to the minute communication and publishing needs
- iii. Eric and Pat - email and phone call correspondence

- Community groups:

- i. Sue and Becky – our community schools response and recovery
- ii. David Balen – Homeowner concerns
- iii. Alex Kim - the stakeholder group Save Porter Ranch – are there concerns they would like the PRNC to address or be aware of

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- iv. Cindy- posting meeting notices- and any concerns from the In Christ Community Church and particularly the non-English speaking Korean community.
- v. Cheri – VANC-LANC-BONC-Empower LA – keep them updated and be a conduit on this issue to these organizations.

18. Committee and Focus Group updates: **Due to the late hour this item was tabled.**

- Land Use Committee – Eric Nam
- Budget Advocates- Becky Leveque/Armando Nunez
- Youth Ambassadors Ad Hoc Committee-Becky Leveque/Cheri Derohanian
- Focus Areas
 - o Beautification (Clean Ups, Trees, Parks, etc.)-Sue Hammarlund/ Alex Kim
 - o Elections -Armando Nunez (2016 Election Chair)-
 - o Senior Adult Involvement-Becky Leveque/Sue Hammarlund/Alex Kim

19. Public Comment

Matt Pakucko said that he would like to see the PRNC Land Use Committee get with City Planning and advertise to the community and keep them informed regarding meetings, events and hearings that directly affect Porter Ranch.

Eric Nam stated that he would like to make up a schedule regarding having help cleaning up after meetings.

20. Future meetings - The next meeting of the PRNC would be on March 9, 2016.

21. Motion to adjourn – Paula Cracium moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.