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General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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

1. Welcome -- President Paula Cracium called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

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), Becky Leveque, Susan Hammerlund, Alex Kim, Cindy Lee, Cheri Derohanian, and David Balen. Board member Armando Nunez (Treasurer) arrived at 6:08 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/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 60 stakeholders and guests.

3. Motion – Secretary Eric Nam: Motion to approve February 10, 2016 minutes. Board member David Balen seconded the motion.

The February 10, 2016 minutes were approved as presented.

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

Motion – Secretary Eric Nam: Motion to approve February 16, 2016 minutes. Board member Becky Leveque seconded the motion.

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5. President's Comments and Updates - President Paula Cracium—

Paula Cracium let the PRNC Board and stakeholders know that Secretary, Eric Nam has put together a schedule regarding the clean-up after board meetings. Ms. Cracium also spoke about the PRNC working on communicating with the public through social media. Sean O'Rourke says that they are trying to do more outreach through email and the PRNC's Facebook page.

4. Treasurers' Report -- Treasurer 1 Sean O'Rourke. Board member Cheri Derohanian seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Rourke went over the Treasurer's Report line by line and stated the PRNC will adjust its budget as the fiscal budget comes to a close.

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6. Community / Governmental Updates and Announcements

Dante Acosta, field representative from Steve Knight's office stated that it has always been their position to help those affected by the gas leak and that they wish to keep people updated and move forward with a comprehensive plan so that something like this does not happen again. Anyone wishing to contact their office may do so at (661) 255-5630.

Dusty Russell, field representative from Senator Fran Pavley's office has worked daily by communicating with the PRNC and the Governor's office. Senator Pavley's office has also helped residents with their reimbursement claims. Senator Pavley is currently pushing SB380 through legislation which will strengthen safety standard laws and put a mandatory emergency response plan in place. All costs of the gas leak will be at the expense of the gas company.

Andre Hollings, field representative from Assembly member, Steve Wilk's office stated that the Assemblyman is currently putting a bill package together regarding Aliso Canyon and if passed through the Assembly and State Senate it would make it on the November 2016 ballot. Mr.

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Hollings also informed everyone that he has taken a new position with the California Board of Equalization and that Grace Lee would be taking over his position.

Colin Crews, field deputy representative from Councilmember Mitchell Englander's office stated that as of today, Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park had to be closed down due to an oily residue found in and around the playground and that several other parks in the area had to be closed down as a precaution. Mr. Crews also informed everyone that the last day to request a small business loan would be March 10, 2016. Mr. Crews also reminded everyone about the upcoming student film festival coming up on May 9, 2016. For more information please visit www.cd12movies.com

Don Gamiles, Ph.D., President from Argos Scientific, Inc., stated that his company does real time air monitoring and that this colleague has been in Porter Ranch the last few weeks setting up their system. The systems are currently setup to monitor for methane, benzene, toluene, and xylene gases on a real-time basis. For more information or to sign up for notifications when and if the gas levels get too high, please visit www.fenceline.org/Porter . Ms. Cracium proposed a later meeting date for a more in depth look at Mr. Gamiles company and the services that they offer.

Kevin Taylor, field representative from Mayor Eric Garcetti's office stated that their office has been engaged since the discovery of the gas leak back in October 2015 and that the local assistance center would be open the remainder of this week and next week. Mr. Taylor also spoke about the Community Resource Fair on Saturday, March 12, 2016 in Boyle Heights.

18. 7:00PM - Presentation : Revitalization of the Community –Mayor Eric Garcetti's office of sustainability, in partnership with architectural firm BNIM, will make a presentation on opportunities for a model ultra-low emission neighborhood in Porter Ranch and surrounding impacted neighborhoods.

Elliot Treharne who is on loan to Mayor Garcetti's office from Mayor of London and who for the past several months has been working with Mayor Garcetti's sustainability team, to which he presented to the PRNC and its stakeholder's the Mayor's vision for a first-of-its-kind complete net-zero emission community for the area impacted by the Aliso Canyon gas leak.

If you or someone you know is a stakeholder in the impacted area, please be a part of this process by filling out this survey <http://goo.gl/forms/AKWtQ32JTp>

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Jarrod DeGonia, Field Deputy, for Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich introduced Mandy Bane who was there on behalf of the Los Angeles County Health Department. Ms. Bane stated that

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Their department would be doing a survey in the area in teams on Friday, March 11th and Saturday, March 12th. The Public Health staff will be randomly selecting homes in a three mile radius of the SS-25 well. Anyone wishing to speak or have further questions for Ms. Bane may do so at 213-738-3220 or via email at mbane@phlacounty.gov

7. Motion - Cheri Derohanian: Motion to give a Certificate of Appreciation Made out to: Claire Derohanian, for "Excellent Volunteer in Outreach" during the 10-03-15 Disaster Preparedness Fair. Claire worked hard for 5 hours assisting in the PRNC booth and obtaining many new members/contact information to add to our mailing/calling list. Also, honorable mention to Colette Derohanian in assisting towards the success of our PRNC booth at the fair.

This item was tabled.

8. Motion – Sue Hammarlund: Motion to approve that Sue compose a letter regarding the lack of bus service in Porter Ranch with the intention to have the MTA cover the areas of Rinaldi to Sesson, and from Mason to Reseda Blvd. This letter will be jointly written by Becky, Cheri and Sue and approved by PRNC and then sent to the MTA and CD12. Board member Beck Leveque seconded the motion.

After some back and forth discussion between board members and stakeholders in attendance over which would be the best proposed routes for residence, it was decided that this matter would be tabled until a later meeting

9. Motion – Sue Hammarlund: Motion to approve spending up to \$500 for the purchase of beds for the West Valley Animal Shelter size large. Picture will be shared at the meeting. Board member Becky Leveque seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of eleven of the eleven eligible voters present with six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Cracium, Pope, Leveque, Hammarlund, Lee and Balen). Two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Nam and O’Rourke). Three Abstentions (Derohanian, Kim and Nunez). Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.]

10. Motion – Sue Hammarlund: Motion to approve the spending of \$850 dollars for the upcoming Earthquake Preparedness Fair. Board member Sean O’Rourke seconded the motion.

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Sean O'Rourke posed the question as to whether the PRNC should be committing to an event that is happening in October 2016, given the fact that the PRNC elections would be happening before that and the newly seated board may not want to take part in the event. Armando Nunez also wanted to know if the proposed committed funds would be coming out of the 2015 -2016 or 2016-2017 budget. Sean O'Rourke also wanted to know exactly how the PRNC was benefitting from this event. Pat Pope stated that he thought it was inappropriate to commit funds for an event that is occurring in the next fiscal year.

MOTION FAILS by a roll call vote of eleven of the eleven eligible voters present with five in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Pope, Hammarlund, Leveque, Lee and Derohanian). Five opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Cracium, O'Rourke, Nunez, Nam, and Balen). One Abstention (Kim) Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

14. Motion – Becky Leveque: Motion to purchase items for outreach at events and meetings. Not to exceed \$1000.00. Board member Sue Hammarlund seconded the motion.

Sean O'Rourke stated that he recalls the PRNC board purchasing items such as keychains and pens in late 2015 and that the next newly elected board may want to brand themselves differently. After further discussion, Becky Leveque amended her motion to read as follows:

"Motion to purchase key chains, safety magnets, pens and fans outreach at events and meetings. Not to exceed \$1000.00."

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of ten of the ten eligible voters present with eight in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Pope, Nam, O'Rourke, Nunez, Leveque, Hammarlund, Lee and Derohanian). One opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Kim). One Abstentions (Balen). Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

24. DISCUSSION MOTION: We need to have a PRNC Board member be in charge of each and every piece of property in the PRNC Closet. This is important, as someone loaned out the POP-UP TENT, and whoever that was, did not make sure it got returned safely to PRNC. There must be a sign-out and sign-in sheet, on a CLIPBOARD, which is easily found/located right inside the door of the PRNC storage closet.

Board member Becky Leveque agreed to store and keep inventory of all PRNC equipment.

11. Motion – Becky Leveque. Motion to purchase a second pop up tent for the PRNC Not to exceed \$1500.00. Board member Cheri Derohanian seconded the motion.

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Sean O'Rourke recalls that the last PRNC pop-up tent and only cost the council approximately \$800.00.

After further discussion, Becky Leveque amended her motion to read as follows:

“Motion to purchase a second pop up tent and banners for the PRNC Not to exceed \$1000.00.”

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

12. Motion – Becky Leveque: Motion to purchase 2 pop up banners not to exceed \$1000.00 in total.

This item is tabled.

13. Motion to send a letter in support of Northridge West's median improvement project on Tampa Ave below the 118 fwy. Board member Armando Nunez seconded the motion.

Mr. Peter Lasky presented the PRNC board with art work that is being proposed as the gateway into Porter Ranch making it nicer view coming in. Board member David Balen was concerned about the artwork being vandalized. One stakeholder spoke up stating that the artist had passed away and had wanted to donate her artwork. There is no cost to the PRNC.

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15. Motion – Becky Leveque: Motion to draft a motion to approve a letter - to thank Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein for their work regarding: the UNANIMOUS SENATE PASSAGE OF MEASURE TO LAUNCH FEDERAL REVIEW OF ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK Amendment to Create Federal Task Force.

This item was tabled.

16. Motion – Armando Nunez Motion: to approve hiring an Independent Elections Chair for the 2016 Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council Elections. The cost is \$2,000 for the position which ensures a dedicated professional for the entire election period.

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This item was tabled.

17. Motion – Treasurer Sean O’Rourke: Allocate \$2000.00 for Moore Business Results to produce election related material for outreach activities: Web articles, graphics, social media, press releases, advertisements and media coordination.

This item was tabled.

19. Motion - President Paula Cracium: Motion to create an ad Hoc committee of Becky Leveque and Eric Nam to work with the Mayor office on the sustainability plan. Board member Armando Nunez seconded the motion.

Ms. Cracium stated that Eric Nam and Becky Leveque could be a liaison between the PRNC and the Mayor’s office and work with Kevin Taylor and Matt Petersen with regards to hearings and deadlines that would be of interest to the community. Ms. Cracium stated that for now the committee would only be an ad hoc but may evolve into a standing committee over time.

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20. Motion - President Paula Cracium: Motion to approve Sean O Rouke to lead the charge on working 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. Board Member Eric Nam seconded the motion.

Paula Cracium stated that through Mayor Garcetti’s office, Ms. Naomi Seligman has agreed to work with the PRNC and have Sean O’Rourke take the lead in making sure that Porter Ranch is still a good community. Eric Nam proposed that there be a second person appointed in the event that Sean O’Rourke is not re-elected. Several stakeholders voiced their concern over one person being put in charge to speak for them and wished to have a committee formed to make sure there input was received. Ms. Cracium informed everyone that this was a request made by the

Mayor’s office and that it did not warrant an ad hoc committee and the Sean O’Rourke could have gone ahead without board approval. Board member, Eric Nam requested that it be made into an ad hoc committee at this time and that he be put on this committee as an alternate. Ms. Cracium believed it did not warrant such an action at this time.

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21. Motion - President Paula Cracium: Motion to create an ad Hoc committee of Cheri Derohanian and David Balen to work on a plan for emotional recovery for our community.

This item was tabled.

22. Gas Leak Team Updates: 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

2. Community groups: This item was tabled

- i. Sue and Becky – our community schools response and recovery
 - ii. David Balen – Homeowner concerns
 - iii. Alex Kim - the stakeholder group Save Porter Ranch –
 - 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.
1. Cheri has an update

Ms. Derohanian quickly just wanted to inform everyone that the PRNC has been nominated for outstanding neighborhood council through VANC.

23. Committee and Focus Group updates: This item was tabled.

Land Use Committee – Eric Nam

- Budget Advocates- Becky Leveque/Armando Nunez
- Elections -Armando Nunez (2016 Election Chair)-
- Youth Ambassadors Ad Hoc Committee-Becky Leveque/Cheri Derohanian
 - Cheri has an update

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- **Focus Areas**
 - **Beautification (Clean Ups, Trees, Parks, etc.)-Sue Hammarlund/ Alex Kim**
 - **Senior Adult Involvement-Becky Leveque/Sue Hammarlund/Alex Kim**

25. Public Comment

Janice Kamenir-Reznik just quickly wanted to say hello and introduce herself. Ms. Kamenir-Reznik is currently running for California State Senate Seat for District 27. Ms. Kamenir-Reznik says she is impressed on how efficiently the PRNC board meetings are run and she looks forward to meeting everyone over the next few months.

Ms. Susan Gorman-Chang from Save Porter Ranch wished to inform everyone that they are now a 501c3. Ms. Gorman also stated that she was disappointed that as a member of the community that she would not be able to participate on the sustainability committee because it was an ad hoc and not yet a standing committee.

Mr. Matt Pakucko from Save Porter Ranch says that through their lawyers that they have made Public Records Requests to AQMD, DOGGR and So Cal. Gas Company for all testing data including in around the site and that they have 10 days to comply with such request.

26. Upcoming meetings

27. Motion to adjourn - Paula Cracium moved to adjourn the meeting.