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General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 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. Ms. Cracium noted.

Ms. Cracium also reminded everyone that if you would like to speak on a matter on the agenda to fill out a Public Comment card and you write your name and the agenda matter on it. Ms. Cracium also informed everyone that the PRNC currently has approximately \$7,000.00 unallocated and that it must be spent prior to the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2016. Ms. Cracium welcomed any ideas and/or suggestions.

2. Roll Call – Secretary Eric Nam

Board Members who were present introduced themselves: Paula Cracium (President), Pat Pope (Vice-President), Eric Nam (Secretary) Becky Leveque, Susan Hammerlund, Cindy Lee, Cheri Derohanian, and David Balen. Alex Kim, Sean O'Rourke and Armando Nunez were 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 25 stakeholders and guests.

3. Motion – Secretary Eric Nam: Motion to approve March minutes. Sue Hammarlund seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of seven of the eight eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Pope, Nam, 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.]

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

This item was tabled.

5. Motion - Treasurer 1 Sean O'Rourke: Motion to approve MER

This item was tabled.

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

- May 11th at 5:15 (before our PRNC meet) PRCS will have a display of the science fair winners –please come early to encourage these students
- NPG's for schools is once again allowed.

Ms. Cracium encouraged everyone to arrive early for next month's meeting as the winner's of the PRCS Science Fair would be showcasing their projects. Ms. Cracium also informed everyone that the NC's could now donate money to the schools per DONE through an NPG.

7. Community / Governmental Updates and Announcements

Mr. Dante Acosta representative from Congressman Steve Knight's office reminded everyone that their office is there to continue to try and help the residents of Porter Ranch. Mr. Acosta said that today alone, their office was able to resolve two issues. Mr. Acosta reminded everyone that in order for the Federal Government to be able to help they have to be invited/asked by the State first.

Mr. Dusty Russell, field representative from Senator Fran Pavley's office stated that their office has been engaged locally and with the members in Sacramento regarding the gas leak. Their office is also available to help with claims. Mr. Russell stated that SB380 was heard today and its next stop is to the Assembly. Mr. Russell hopes that the bill will be heard in the next few days. SB380 is an urgency measure, which means it would go into effect immediately when signed by the governor. Mr. Russell urged everyone to call their State Legislators to urge them to pass SB380. Mr. Russell also informed those in attendance that the State, City and County have now joined the lawsuit against So. Cal Gas Company which is being prosecuted both civilly and criminally.

Ms. Grace Lee who is the new field representative for Assemblyman Steve Wilk spoke briefly about the following bills and their status:

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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 1902 did not pass.**

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 1903 unanimously passed and will head on to the Assembly.**

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 1904 unanimously passed and will head onto the Assembly.**

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. **AB 1905 unanimously passed and will head onto the Assembly.**

9. Motion – Vice President Pat Pope: Motion to support and write a letter in support of Assemblymember Wilk's bill 1904. Note: Assembly Bill 1904, would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to conduct a natural gas odorant study. David Balen seconded the motion.

Pat Pope stated that he sent previously sent the proposed letter to the board for their review prior to this evening's meeting. This letter is similar to that of a Community Impact Statement ("CIS") but instead of going to City Council it will go to State Legislator's.

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8. Motion – Vice President Pat Pope: Motion to support and write a letter in support of Assemblymember Gatto's bill AB2748. Note: AB 2748 would create a right of action for the residents of Porter Ranch against Southern California Gas Company, for any loss in property value due to the natural gas leak at the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility.

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16. 7:00 pm - Presentation Dr. D'ingillo from Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Dr. Pietro D'Ingillo from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. Many resident are feeling apprehensive about their return to their homes in a few weeks. Dr. D'Ingillo spoke to the PRNC and its stakeholders about how to cope with stress and the effects it can have on one's body. Dr. D'Ingillo stated that stress can cause digestive problems. Dr. D'Ingillo says that every now and then each of us need to give ourselves a self-check and inventory our behavior, emotions and thoughts and to always remember to be kind to ourselves.

10. Motion – Sue Hammarlund: Motion to approve the letter written by Sue Hammarlund and Becky Leveque regarding the lack of bus service in Porter Ranch This letter will sent to the MTA and CD12. Becky Leveque seconded the motion.

Ms. Hammarlund stated that Porter Ranch currently has a lack of bus service in the area. She is proposing to start with a proposed bus route along DeSoto so that it would be convenient for the students at Chatsworth High School and Sierra Elementary. Several stakeholders expressed interest in having other routes, to which Ms. Hammarlund respond this proposed route is just a start and if interest arose other routes would be proposed and/or added. Ms. Hammarlund then read the proposed letter to all those in attendance which is being sent to the MTA.

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11. Motion – Sue Hammarlund: Motion to approve spending 700 dollars for a circular bench around the tree in front of Castlebay Elem. The purpose of this NPG grant is to provide a conversation and resting spot for parents and children waiting for others. David Balen seconded the motion.

Ms. Hammarlund read the proposed motion to the board. Ms. Hammarlund said that she is proposing that the PRNC buy the supplies for the project at Castlebay Elementary she is hoping the local Boy Scouts can do an Eagle Scout Project. The PRNC would also have a plaque on the tree.

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12. Motion – Sue Hammarlund: Motion to approve the application for a neighborhood purpose grant for 600 dollars to provide coffee and supplies to Devonshire Police Station. Experience has shown that a well-planned coffee service reaps huge dividends in increase officer and station personnel morale. This is also to show appreciation for those who serve us. There will be two signs stating recognition to the neighborhood council. The servicing of the 2 locations will be administered by C-PAB Volunteers.

This item was tabled.

13. Motion – Sue Hammarlund: Motion to approve the spending of \$800 dollars for the upcoming Earthquake Preparedness Fair. Cheri Derohanian seconded the motion.

Ms. Hammarlund read the proposed motion. Board member David Balen wanted to know what the PRNC would be getting out of the spending of \$800.00. Upon further discussion, it was learned by the PRNC that the money would help make-up 1200 earthquake safety kits. The PRNC logo would not be anywhere on the kits but would it would be printed up on the flyer as having been one of several sponsors for the event. The event takes place at Fire Station #87.

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14. Motion – Becky Leveque: Motion Approve \$382.50 to send one class of students from Porter Ranch Community School on a day trip to Wooden Continuation School's Farm. They have a student run organic farm and they would like to get ideas for PRCS. PRCS has a Math competition and the winning class will go on the trip.

The bus is \$350.00. Student Admission \$1.00 per student. The largest class has 32 students. \$350.00 +\$32.00=\$382.50.

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15. Committee and Focus Group updates:

- **Land Use Committee – Eric Nam**

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Committee Chair, Eric Nam stated that the Land Use Committee would be meeting after the 1st of the year and that he would have a more definitive date sometime on or around April 26, 2016. At that meeting, Toll Bros would be giving an update on the park.

- **Budget Advocates- Becky Leveque/Armando Nunez**

Becky Leveque stated the Budget Advocates would be meeting this weekend.

- **Elections -Armando Nunez (2016 Election Chair)-**

Ms. Cracium informed everyone that the filing for candidacy for the upcoming PRNC Elections had closed and that the next PRNC meeting would include a candidate's forum.

- **Youth Ambassadors Ad Hoc Committee-Becky Leveque/Cheri Derohanian**
- **Beautification (Clean Ups, Trees, Parks, etc.)-Sue Hammarlund/ Alex Kim**

- **Sue Animal Park**

Ms. Hammarlund stated that she had visited www.nextdoor.com and that there seemed to be some interest by residents for a dog park. Ms. Hammarlund proposed possibly Viking Park or E.T. Park.

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

Ms. Leveque spoke about the upcoming Senior Dance (?) which is a dinner and dance and provides awards to exceptional senior. In the past the PRNC has made a \$500.00 donation.

- **Cheri – VANC-LANC-BONC-Empower LA – CHERI HAS AN UPDATE**

Ms. Derohanian spoke briefly about the Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners ("BONC") and that they typically meet once a month. Ms. Derohanian also told everyone that it is extremely helpful for everyone voting in the upcoming PRNC election to pre-register.

17. Public Comment - There were no public comments.

18. Upcoming meetings - Next meeting to be held on May 11, 2016 at PRCS.

19. Motion to adjourn - Ms. Cracium moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.