



Issam Najm, President; Susan Gorman-Chang, Vice President; Gabriel Khanlian, Secretary;
Andrew Krowne, Treasurer; David Balen, Signer; Asaad Alnajjar, Jason Hector
Alex Kim; Becky Leveque; Hassan Memarian; Jennifer Milbauer

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Approved Minutes

Tuesday, August 15, 2017
6:30 PM

Porter Valley Country Club
19216 Singing Hills Drive, Porter Ranch, CA 91326

1. Meeting called to order & Welcome
 - Issam Najm Called the meeting to Order at 6:40pm
 - Issam welcomed over 40 stakeholders
2. Roll Call
 - Gabriel Khanlian performed the roll call and a quorum was declared.

Here (7)	Asaad Alnajjar, David Balen, Jason Hector, Gabriel Khanlian, Alex Kim, Andrew Krowne, and Issam Najm
Absent (3)	Susan Gorman-Chang, Becky Leveque, and Jennifer Milbauer

3. Motion to approve Meeting Minutes for May 30 and June 14 meetings
 - Gabriel Khanlian made a motion to approve this agenda item; David Balen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
4. Presentations from Representatives of Elected Officials:

Jarrold DeGonia of LA County Supervisor Barger's office noted that a lot has occurred in the past few weeks related to Aliso Canyon and he wanted to break it down:

July 19th, DOGGR issued approval to start injection.

July 21st, The County amended its motion in court. The county has two lawsuits, one against the state for allowing reinjection and one against the gas company. After the state gave the approval for reinjection, the County amended their lawsuit against the state / DOGGR as it relates to the implementation of SB380 and for violating the California Environmental Quality Act.

July 24th, County filed for a temporary restraining order in superior court to stop re-injection.

July 28th, Judge ruled that he did not have jurisdiction regarding the temporary restraining order nor to hear the case. Judge stated that it is the Public Utilities role to hear these types of complaints. Immediately after, the county filed an immediate appeal in State Public Court re a stay in reinjection. The judge did approve the restraining order, issuing a stay in reinjection of the facility.

July 29, the same judge eliminated that order and said that reinjection could take place.

July 31st County appealed the ruling to the 2nd appellate court. The 2nd appellate court ruled that they did not have any jurisdiction, and jurisdiction resided with the Public Utilities Commission regarding the County's appeal of reinjection of gas into Aliso Canyon.

The county filed an appeal in the State Supreme Court. Supreme Court does not have to take case. We cannot tell what the odds are because they have not decided to take the case. County has one lawsuit pending which is in regards to the cleanup order. County Lawsuit is waiting for the appeal in Supreme Court.

Brian Allen & Diedra Greenaway introduced themselves as two Budget Advocates. Brian he is the Treasurer of Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council and Diedra is a member of Northridge East Neighborhood Council. Budget Advocates are a group of 36 people who are elected out of all the budget reps of Neighborhood Councils. Each Neighborhood Council should have two budget rep's which are by default the President and the Treasurer, unless alternates are chosen by the Board. Budget Advocates are tasked with looking at the entire nine billion dollar city budget to see if there is ways to make improvement. Over the years, budget advocates have been successful of having the city accept 30% of the recommendations and Brian hopes to improve that. He wants all the budget reps from each council to join them. They meet two times a month. They will start attending council meetings to give reports. They just had elections and are having their second meeting on Saturday. The last meeting, they took the issue of Wells Fargo. There is a desire to divest from Wells Fargo. If anyone has questions or comments about the City's budget, please forward them to the Board. There were no questions at the current time.

5. General Public Comments on matters that are not on the Agenda

Stakeholder stated that there is a lot of litter on Braemore, and debris has increased dramatically. Condoms, beer cans, and possible drug use. Littering is illegal. When was the last time someone was fined for littering? There are 17 signs posted on poles on Braemore and most of them are illegible and faded. There are only three trash cans there. Also there are so many homemade signs, garage sales, lost pets, etc. They are illegal. Most are never taken down by who put them up there. Citizens should care and should be concerned about property value due to litter and trash.

Stakeholder Lane stated "If you smell gas, call AQMD at 1-800-CUT-SMOG. Not enough people are calling in." "Also a reminder, Gas leaf blowers are illegal, and have been since 1998."

Stakeholder and real estate agent Julian said, we found the perfect sandwich, helps the less fortunate. It will be served at ET park also known as Porter Ridge park. Togo's decided to donate 40 sandwiches. They are doing a cleanup and meeting at the intersection of Rinaldi and Chimineas on the 19th and 26th.

Matt Pukuko, President and co-founder of Save Porter Ranch stated that he is working very hard on getting facility shut down. We are not getting any help other than the county. County is the only one trying and making an effort. Save Porter Ranch is trying to get a second air monitor and it is not easy. We need more help. We need a health study and now SoCalGas is suing county to prevent that even more. We are a non-profit, we need bodies and donations. saveporterranch.org, or on facebook.

Dave Lasher, a resident stated that he has seen substantial fires on Braemore Street. . After the fireworks in July, another brushfire occurred. People smoking on the hills caused another brushfire and the brush is thick and burns fast. Please have LAPD up there to enforce littering and cigarettes around fire areas.



- 6. Discussion and possible action to approve the filing of a Placeholder Budget with the City Clerk’s office, with the understanding that the budget may be modified during the PRNC retreat

Andrew stated that the county has a hold on our funds until they get a budget from us. We have limited access to funds. The city is requiring a budget, for any immediate release of funds. Committees have been asked to create budgets. We wont have a retreat, without a placeholder budget, because there will be no money to pay for it. We will go through the details of it at the retreat. I’ll now take public comment.

David stated that he has to abstained as his ethics training is complete, but not in the required two hours. He has to retake the class and cannot vote on funding matters.

Andrew Krowne made the motion, Gabriel Khanlian seconded it.

Aye (6)	Kim, Hector, Krowne, Alnajjar, Khanlian, Najm
Abstain (1)	Balen
Absent (1)	Gorman-Chang, Leveque, Milbauer

Motion passed

- 7. Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG request from the Southern California Preparedness Foundation for \$850 for the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair 2017, and for the PRNC to set up a Booth at the Fair .

Gabriel Khanlian made the motion. To set up booth at the Fair: Assad Alnajjar seconded it. This is for the emergency preparedness for the Fair. Traditionally, the emergency preparedness fair is held at fire station 87. This year it will be held at the Northridge mall parking lot. You can get your amateur radio license on site for \$15. Attendees will receive \$80 worth of goodies for emergency preparedness for free as long as supplies last. Stakeholder stated that “ It’s a great program, people are very friendly.” Dave Brown stated that everything about this is for outreach. People can pre-register, and that’s how you get the \$80 kit bag. You can also register on site. The registration in will be compiled and forwarded to the neighborhood council. We recommend sending Thank You’s for attending the fair.

Board member asked how much will the total project cost? Roughly \$29,000 – We anticipate it being a little bit higher than that. We anticipate 13 councils coming together. The goal is to have 15 neighborhood councils donate.

Do you know how many from the Porter ranch councils attended last year? – Yes, about 37.

The Board treasurer was asked if is there any issue about voting for the budget and the answer was: No.

How many people attended last year? 9 People raised hands to being present for last years Southern California Preparedness Foundation.

Aye (6)	Kim, Hector, Krowne, Alnajjar, Khanlian, Najm
Ineligible (1)	Balen
Absent (1)	Gorman-Chang, Leveque, Milbauer



Motion passed

- 8. Discussion and possible action to Authorize the Board President, or his designee, to schedule, organize, and lead a Town Hall meeting to hear about the health effects findings of Dr. Jeffrey Nordella.

Issam Najm made the motion and Gabriel Khanlian seconded it. Discussion was made and Public comments were taken:

How big the meetings going to be. At this point, the plan is to look for a place that can hold 500 people. The original motion stated that in September it is not the revised version. It is up to Dr Nordella when its time to present the evidence. The announcement will be sent to everyone we know.

In order to get a bigger venue, can it be done at Granada hills high school? Does it have to be done within the boundaries of Porter Ranch? – We can ask the city for an exemption. 3rd option is to partner with another neighborhood council, and then it becomes a joint town hall.

To enable us to be as nimble as possible, would the board consider assigning some funding ceiling, so we don't have to come back to that? – Andrew stated, because we don't know where the venue is going to be, and because this is in October, as long as we can advertise now, we can come back in September with a better number. It's definitely going to be in October and not September.

Comments:

Jason Hector: I think the venue is the one uncertainty. Would like to amend later. We have packed meetings, hard to get everything on agenda. Would like to not exceed \$2000. 2nd comment, semantic: To organize and lead a town hall. Better to say, "schedule, organize and HOLD, instead off lead a townhall meeting."

*Any other comments?"

*If this is considered a special meeting, I don't believe there is a set city ceiling on spending. I don't think we need to define the cost. We are in the regular parameters of a meeting and don't need approval, they cost what they cost.

Motion to change the wording to HOLD

Jason Hector made an amended motion with changes. Andrew Krowne seconded it

Aye (6)	Kim, Hector, Krowne, Alnajjar, Khanlian, Najm
Ineligible (1)	Balen
Absent (1)	Gorman-Chang, Leveque, Milbauer

Motion passed

- 9. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Beautification Committee to host a town hall meeting with a cost for space, food, refreshments, and flyers not to exceed \$750.00, and date and location to be determined by the Committee

Jason Hector made the motion and Gabriel Khanlian seconded it.



Public comments

Palmdale is very well manicured, Porter Ranch is not well manicured, very surprised this community can't do better.

What has the beautification committee accomplished? Jason Hector stated, "We did a cleanup event. We tried to tackle the weeds. It's the homeowners that need to tackle a lot of the issue. We have street sweeping, dead tree's sidewalks. We are building a lot of momentum. The Board approved \$2800 to cut weeds along Wilbur. But that's a lot of homeowners responsibility."

Andrew asked it \$750 is enough money? Is this considered a town hall?

Jason replied "its similar to the education Town Hall. Should we leave the money figure out? Or Raise it?

Andrew: I would suggest maybe doubling it to \$1500. It's an Up-to number.

Public Comments: *what about a courtesy reminder to the Homeowner association's boards to trim hedges. I know their egos would be ruffled a little bit.

Alex Kim made an Amended motion to double the dollar amount to \$1,500. Gabriel seconded it.

Aye (6)	Kim, Hector, Krowne, Alnajjar, Khanlian, Najm
Ineligible (1)	Balen
Absent (1)	Gorman-Chang, Leveque, Milbauer

Motion passed

10. Discussion and possible action to respond to recent developments on the Aliso Canyon Gas Facility.

The only thing the Gas Company was authorized to do was adjust the storage volume from 15 billion cubic feet (Bcf) to 23.6 Bcf of gas. The announcements issued by the PUC and DOGGR are somewhat confusing on this. The prohibition on operation remains in place. The Gas Company does not have the freedom to withdraw from the field except in an emergency. It appears a huge loss, but this is very much in line with what the PRNC asked for back in February, and we are on the road to that goal. Two things have happened:

First, the governor has asked the energy commission to close the facility within 10 years. This is good, but we need to put it in legislation so that it cannot be changed by another governor.

Second, emergency supply: The prohibition remains in place. However, the requirement ends October 30th of this year, so we need to make sure it is extended. We reached out to the PUC to revise the rules.

Andrew put a motion to prepare a letter of support to local legislatures for legislation outlining a closure date for Aliso Canyon, as well as a letter to the PUC requesting the October 31 Expiration be superseded by the open PUC proceedings of feasibility on the closure for Aliso Canyon. And for those letters to be brought back to the board for approval. Gabriel seconded it.

Public Comments:

If your going to make this motion and pass it. You will get very little support as an individual NC. Take this to the Valley Alliance. Get 24/30 councils on board.



Another teacher at castle bay passed away, that brings the number to 5, and number on chemotherapy to 6.

Aye (6)	Kim, Hector, Krowne, Alnajjar, Khanlian, Najm
Ineligible (1)	Balen
Absent (1)	Gorman-Chang, Leveque, Milbauer

Motion passed

11. Motion to authorize the Board President to execute a City-approved lease agreement with Lassen Street Self Storage, on behalf of the PRNC, for a 5’x5’ storage room for PRNC items Gabriel Khanlian read the motion. Andrew Krowne seconded it. We have to have a facility to store our items. City has reviewed and approved. Authorization from the board is required to sign.

Aye (6)	Kim, Hector, Krowne, Alnajjar, Khanlian, Najm
Ineligible (1)	Balen
Absent (1)	Gorman-Chang, Leveque, Milbauer

Motion passed

12. Motion to Authorize the Board President or his designee to schedule and plan the Board retreat at a cost not to exceed \$1,200

Andrew Krowne made the motion and was seconded by Jason Hector.

Public comments: None.

Aye (6)	Kim, Hector, Krowne, Alnajjar, Khanlian, Najm
Ineligible (1)	Balen
Absent (1)	Gorman-Chang, Leveque, Milbauer

Motion passed

13. Board Member Statements & Comments

- Monday august 21st Solar Eclipse. We will see 69% of it. All people with Solar Panels will be affected a little.
- The park notification for the city is moving very slow. Should take another year when they get final approval on the park.
- Housing seeing improvement on sales. The Vineyard was delayed due to permits and might be pushed to 2019.
- Hopefully in a month or two, more stop signs and traffic control should be available
- We didn’t get into discussion on the board retreat. I’m hopeful that Jasmine attends the retreat. There are questions regarding recusals, brown act, etc. Some issues come up with abstaining or not. It is important to have Jasmine at the retreat.

14. Meeting Adjourned at 9:48pm by President, I. Najm