

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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

1. Agenda Item 1. Welcome President, Issam Najm

President Issam Najm called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. Agenda Item 2. Roll Call Secretary, Gabriel Khanlian

Board Members who were present introduced themselves: Issam Najm, Gabriel Khanlian, Alex Kim, Cheri Derohanian, Susan Gorman-Chang and Jennifer Milbauer. Board members Becky Leveque and Mel Mitchell were absent. Board member Eric Nam resigned prior to the meeting.

The PRNC quorum is six for the Board could conduct business. All 8 of the 11 Board Seats were filled either by appointment or election. Six Board members were present, therefore quorum was met. Also in attendance were approximately 20-25 stakeholders and guests.

3. Agenda Item 3. Motion – *Approve Meeting Minutes, July 13, 2016.* Susan Gorman-Chang made the motion to approve the July 13, 2016 minutes. Gabriel Khanlian seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved as presented.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of 6 of the 6 eligible voters present with 6 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Najm, Gorman-Chang, Khanlian, Derohanian, Kim and Milbauer). Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.]

4. Agenda Item 4. Motion – *Approve Meeting Minutes, July 27, 2016.* Jennifer Milbauer made the motion to approve the July 27, 2016 minutes. Gabriel Khanlian seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved as amended.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of 6 of the 6 eligible voters present with 6 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Najm, Gorman-Chang, Khanlian, Derohanian, Kim and Milbauer). Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.

5. Agenda Item 5. Discussion and election of stakeholder to fill first vacant At-Large Board member position. Nine applications were received by the Board, and are attached. Each Applicant

Issam Najm, President; Susan Gorman-Chang, Vice President; Gabriel Khanlian, Secretary;
Cheri Deroahian; Alex Kim; Becky Leveque; Jennifer Milbauer; Mel Mitchell

present has three minutes to introduce herself/himself, and two minutes to respond to any questions from the Board

President, Issam Najm said that the PRNC Board had received nine (9) applications initially but one (1) applicant has since withdrawn her application. However, only four (4) applicants were present at tonight's meeting and each would be given 3 minutes to give a statement and then the board and stakeholders would be given an opportunity to ask questions.

Asaad Y. Alnajjar wanted to thank everyone for giving him an opportunity for a seat on the board and whether he is appointed or not he would continue to support the PRNC. Mr. Alnajjar is a current resident of Porter Ranch for the last 15 years and is currently employed by the City of Los Angeles for the past 27 years. He has attended many meetings over the years and feels he would be an asset with the board given his engineering background and the challenges that Porter Ranch is currently facing with the Village development.

David Balen stated that he is a prior PRNC board member and that he is a native of the San Fernando Valley. Mr. Balen says he is very fortunate to be able to donate his time to various organizations in the community i.e. Habitat for Humanity, House of Ruth, PALS. Mr. Balen is currently the President of his HOA at Renaissance and even before he was a board member he attended many of the monthly meetings in addition to the Land Use Committee.

Andrew Krowne recently ran for a seat on the PRNC board back in June but stated that he was just two votes shy of becoming a board member then. Mr. Krowne says that he has demonstrated his commit the PRNC board by completing all of the required training ahead of time and that he is ready to "jump in" and get to work i.e. Aliso Canyon, lack of space in the schools and community outreach.

David Lasher stated that he ran unsuccessfully for the PRNC board back in June but that he is glad to be here for another opportunity. Mr. Lasher is a former Marine and appointed he would be the only veteran on the PRNC board. Mr. Lasher has a degree in Public Administration and currently resides in Porter Ranch. Mr. Lasher feels there are many pressing issues in Porter Ranch in addition to the gas leak. Just two weeks ago, Mr. Lasher was confronted by individuals who were street racing and came at his vehicle head on while he had his children in the car. Mr. Lasher feels this is a serious issue that needs to be address.

Several stakeholders voiced their support for each of the candidates. President Najm then opened the floor for questions by the board and stakeholders.

The following board members voted as such:

Assad Y. Alnajjar - Cheri Deroahian	Total 1
David Balen	
Andrew Krowne – Gorman-Chang, Milbauer, Kim and Khanlian	Total 4
David Lasher	

Andrew Krowne has been voted in to fill the first vacant At-Large Board Member position

6. Agenda Item 6. Discussion and election of stakeholder to fill second vacant At-Large Board member position. The same list of candidates used to select the first Board member position will be used to select the Board member for this position

The following board members voted as such:

Assad Y. Alnajjar - Derohanian and Gorman –Chang	Total 2
David Balen – Khanlian, Kim, Milbauer and Najm -	Total 4
David Lasher –	

David Balen has been voted in to fill the second vacant At-Large Board Member position.

7. Agenda Item 7. Swearing in of New Board Members NC Advocate

After each appointment of the new board members, President Issam Najm swore each new board member in.

8. Agenda Item 8. Discussion and possible action to select Treasurer 1

Board member, David Balen nominated Andrew Krowne for the position of Treasurer I. Board member Susan Gorman – Chang seconded the motion. Andrew Krowne accepted the nomination.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of 6 of the 6 eligible voters present with 5 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Najm, Gorman-Chang, Khanlian, Kim and Milbauer). One abstention (Derohanian) Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.]

9. Agenda Item 9. Discussion and possible action to select Signer 2

Board member, Susan Gorman-Chang nominated David Balen for the position of Treasurer II. Board member Cheri Derohanian seconded the motion. David Balen accepted the nomination.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of 6 of the 6 eligible voters present with 6 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Najam, Gorman-Chang, Khanlian, Derohanian, Kim and Milbauer). Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.]

10. Agenda Item 10. Board Members Comments & Announcements

Newly appointed board member and Treasurer I, Andrew Krowne read a pre-written statement which he read out loud to the board members and stakeholders in attendance. Mr. Krowne stated that he is excited to be on the board and be the voice of the community.

Issam Najm, President; Susan Gorman-Chang, Vice President; Gabriel Khanlian, Secretary;
Cheri Derohanian; Alex Kim; Becky Leveque; Jennifer Milbauer; Mel Mitchell

President Issam Najm wished to remind everyone that it is very different sitting on the PRNC Board as opposed to sitting in the audience to many of these meetings. As a board member, individuals are to follow many City rules and procedures and under no circumstances should a board member feel the need to lash out at anyone. Mr. Najm stated that he would not tolerate board members berating, belittling and insulting to stakeholders. Mr. Najm would like everyone to work together in a positive manner.

Vice-President, Susan-Gorman Chang just wanted to thank everyone who took the time to stay for the meeting even though it started an hour late.

Board member, Cheri Derohanian just wanted to remind everyone of the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on October 1st from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station 87 located at 10124 Balboa Boulevard. It is a great event with lots of giveaways.

Board member Jennifer Milbauer left the meeting at 8:45 p.m

11. Agenda Item 11. General Public Comments – *Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction*

Stakeholder Jason Hector recommended that the PRNC invite the AQMD into the PRNC meeting. Mr. Hector says he has some serious issues with the leak monitoring protocol. Would like Supervisor Antonovich office brought in, AQMD and Air Resource Board. Would like the proper people from these offices/agencies to answer the questions brought forth by the PRNC board and the stakeholders.

12. Agenda Item 12. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting – Without objection, President Issam Najm moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.