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**Issam Najm, President; Susan Gorman-Chang, Vice President; Gabriel Khanlian, Secretary;  
Andrew Krowne, Treasurer; David Balen, Signer; Cheri Derohanian; Jason Hector;  
Alex Kim; Becky Leveque; Jennifer Milbauer; Mel Mitchell**

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**Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC)  
General Board Meeting  
Wednesday, 5 October 2016  
Porter Ranch Community School  
12450 Mason Avenue, Porter Ranch 91326  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

1. Meeting called to Order
  - President Issam Najm called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.
2. Welcome
  - President Issam Najm welcomed over thirty-eight stakeholders, along with the eleven board members.
3. Roll Call
  - Gabriel Khanlian performed the roll call.

Here (11)	David Balen, Cheri Derohanian, Susan Gorman-Chang, Jason Hector, Gabriel Khanlian, Alex Kim, Andrew Krowne, Becky Leveque, Jennifer Milbauer, Mel Mitchell, and Issam Najm
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4. Motion – Approve Meeting Minutes, September 14
  - Jason Hector and Andrew Krowne had a few corrections that were amended in real time.
  - Jennifer Milbauer made a motion to approve the amended minutes; David Balen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer’s Report
  - Andrew Krowne reported that the remaining budget for this fiscal year (July 2016 through June 2017) was \$26,489.61.
6. General Public Comment
  - Issam asked to move agenda item 9 (discussion and possible action to review and approve the PRNC position letter on the Aliso Canyon gas storage and processing facility) to this point in the meeting, but upon objections of other David Balen and Becky Leveque, he withdrew his request.
  - Chin Lee mentioned that she saw a USC professor on television that expressed concern about earthquakes. The 1994 earthquake scared her a great deal. As we may have another major earthquake, she feels they should shut down Aliso Canyon.
  - Alex Naggy from Food and Water Watch mentioned that Sunday, October 23, would be the one-year anniversary of the gas leak. A community fair will begin at 2 PM at the Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park, 20500 Sesnon Boulevard, with music and activities for kids. Afterwards, they will walk to the SCGC facility.
  - Matt Pakucko, President of Save Porter Ranch (SPR), reported that an independent company runs the Fenceline methane monitoring equipment. SCGC would like to purchase this equipment, but that could be too much like the fox guarding the henhouse. Alternatively, SPR is asking the HOAs to come up with



the money to maintain this monitoring equipment. It may cost \$1/per home, per month, for six months of monitoring; SPR feels this is worth the cost.

- Mark Reed introduced himself as the congressional candidate challenging Brad Sherman. He has proposed solutions, including calling for a criminal investigation into the gas leak. Congress's procrastinating regarding Aliso Canyon was a disaster; he would like to see the facility shut down and re-piped. Monday, October 10, he will host a meet-and-greet at the Sagebrush Cantina, 23527 Calabasas Road, Calabasas.
- Stakeholder Lori mentioned that she has depended upon the Fenceline system since it was installed. SCGC mentioned that they will install their own methane monitoring system, but she does not trust them.
- Stakeholder Lane Semper agrees with what everyone said about trusting the SCGC. She showed multiple t-shirts, and encourages the AQMD to hold a hearing.

#### 7. Presentations from Government Representatives

- Field Representative Dusty Russell, from Senator Fran Pavley's office, reported that Governor Brown signed all her bills. This included:
  - SB380, which imposes a moratorium on new gas injections and production from vintage wells at Aliso Canyon; 26 wells have passed the tests, yet 66 wells are out of operation.
  - SB887, calling for reform of natural gas storage wells to strengthen current laws governing the regulation of such facilities.
  - SB888, which call for polluters [not the public] to pay for damages. In addition, it calls for a single point of accountability in state government for disasters like Aliso Canyon, and designates the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) as the lead agency for future leaks. Currently, there are more than seven different state agencies that have roles in response to a disaster of this nature.
- Wednesday, September 28, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) sent a letter to the SCGC stating that SCGC must be able to draw 420 MMcfd of gas. Now, they state they must move 210k cubic feet.
- In addition, the CPUC's Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) provides incentives to support existing and emerging distributed energy resources. The SGIP provides rebates for qualifying distributed energy systems installed on the customer's side of the utility meter. Qualifying technologies include wind turbines, waste heat to power technologies, pressure reduction turbines, internal combustion engines, microturbines, gas turbines, fuel cells, and advanced energy storage systems.
- The Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) is currently going through a rule-making process; they are also conducting unannounced inspections at Aliso Canyon.
- Becky Leveque asked Dusty about the difference between "venting" and a "leak";
- Issam mentioned that stakeholders and board members should ask Dusty questions about the regulations and the Senator's activities, but not technical questions that he cannot answer.
- Field Representative Pam Campeau mentioned that Assemblyman Scott Wilk was also very involved in SB887 and SB888.
- Field Deputy Colin Crews from Councilman Mitchell Englander's office reported that the drive-in screening of "Grease" at the Shadow Ranch Park attracted over 1,000 people. Wendy's provided free food. Councilman Englander looks forward to repeating this event in 2017.



- Thursday, October 27, Councilman Englander will host a meeting with neighborhood council members and city officials at the Operation Gratitude station, 21100 Lassen Street, Chatsworth.
- A stakeholder asked if Councilman Englander could fund the Fenceline methane-monitoring project.
- Another stakeholder mentioned that an electrical box near Tampa and Wilbur Avenues fell, is open and dangerous; Colin mentioned that he would check that out.
- Cheri Derohanian mentioned that a stop sign near Reseda and Sesnon Boulevards was removed.
- Alex from Food and Water Watch re-iterated the October 23 anniversary event, and wanted to make certain that Councilman Englander and his staff were aware of the events.
- Someone wondered when Doral Avenue would be paved.

8. Presentation from LAPD Regarding Recent Thefts and Racing Problems

- The LAPD was unable to attend tonight's meeting, so this was tabled until the November meeting.

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9. Discussion and Possible Action to review and approve the PRNC position letter on the Aliso Canyon gas storage and processing facility

- Issam sent an email to the city attorney's office on Monday, October 3. There was too much to do within the 48-hours window to determine this motion's course of action; therefore, PRNC did not have a discussion or vote on the letter and it will be tabled until another meeting. As is protocol on such actions, each board member should determine if they can vote on this, or consult the city attorney's office [via private conversation] for guidance.

10. Discussion and possible action to grant the five board officers authorization to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) with the city council clerk after it is reviewed and approved by the board:

- Susan Gorman-Chang mentioned that this is for online processing for review and approval of a CIS.
- Northridge East Neighborhood Council President Glenn Bailey suggested that they have five board officers who access to this system.
- Mel Mitchell suggested that we agendize this for the November meeting.
- There was a concern about how to choose the five board members; Issam Najm and Jennifer Milbauer removed themselves from consideration for this list.
- Becky Leveque would like to form a committee to name the five who could submit the CIS; they will not be the ones who write it. In addition, it does not have to be board member; a stakeholder could be one of the five.
- Cheri Derohanian made a motion to grant five board members, selected at random, authorization to file a CIS with the city council clerk after it is reviewed and approved by the board (the board president will designate one of the five to submit it); Jason Hector seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- The five selected were:

Susan Gorman-Chang	Gabriel Khanlian	Mel Mitchell
Jason Hector	Becky Leveque	

11. Motion to authorize funding of NPG to Save Porter Ranch (SPR) for \$2k approved by the previous board but remains unpaid

- Becky feels this is a conflict of interest, as a majority of the board is active with SPR, and there could be grievances. Perhaps the city attorney should decide this.



- David Balen mentioned that we got a bag of nonsense from the previous board, and the current PRNC should try to do what is right for the community and cleanup the previous issues.
- Andrew Krowne added that this \$2k expenditure was approved during the June meeting.
- Issam agreed to vote on this to seal a commitment made by the previous board.
- The previous board approved \$500 for Castle Bay School, as well as packs for the LAFD; although approved, they were never ordered.
- Mel explained that this \$2k is to fund SPR operations:

Expenditure	Amount
Website Development	\$ 750
Administrative Fees (Office Supplies/Printing)	500
Educational Forum and Tabling (Space Reservation, Canopy, Presentation Materials)	750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$2,000</u></b>

- Becky wondered what positive impact would this \$2k have for the PRNC? Representatives of SPR had previously appeared at these meetings and criticized the PRNC.
- Matt Pakucko, Director/President of SPR reiterated that they could use this \$2k for the aforementioned expenses. He also mentioned that no PRNC board member had ever been a member of the SPR board. They participated as residents yet lack any decision-making or voting power.
- Stakeholder Shari, a mom of two asthmatic children, felt the need to work as passionate individuals to fight the problem at Aliso Canyon, not each other.
- Stakeholder Maureen Capra has lived in the area for 42-years; she did not know about PRNC, SPR brought her to PRNC, not the other way around.
- Stakeholder Lori Watson agreed with Maureen; she was also not aware of the PRNC. SPR was the first organization that reached out to help the people of the community.
- Stakeholder Helen said there is too much negativity regarding events at the church and fireworks; she requested that PRNC make good and approve this \$2k expenditure.
- Stakeholder Lane Semper is thankful for the new board, yet wondered who would not want to save Porter Ranch, and requested that PRNC and SPR move forward together.
- SPR Secretary/Treasurer Kyoko Hibino added that the whole thing takes a great deal of time and money.
- Krissy Zitkovich mentioned that the members of SPR take a great deal of money from their wallets to pay for parking, donuts, and to take time off from work.
- Asaad Alnajjar mentioned that the previous PRNC board already approved this, and the paperwork is in place. Please take care of the debts established by the previous board, submit it, and see what happens.
- Susan Gorman-Chang recused herself from voting on this agenda item, and left the room.
- Jennifer Milbauer disclosed that she is a volunteer with SPR.
- David Balen disclosed that he has participated in multiple SPR events.
- Andrew Krowne disclosed that he has been a volunteer participant at multiple SPR events.
- Alex Kim disclosed that he has been a volunteer participant at multiple SPR events; he already has clearance from the city attorney to vote on this issue.
- Gabriel Khanlian disclosed that he has been a volunteer participant in multiple SPR events
- Jason Hector disclosed that he has been a donor, as well as a volunteer participant in multiple SPR events.
- Becky Leveque mentioned that she attended one SPR meeting.
- Cheri has attended SPR meetings and donated money.
- Mel Mitchell is not associated with SPR.



- Andrew Krowne made a motion to authorize \$2k for this NPG for SPR that was approved by the previous board but never paid; Jennifer Milbauer seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (8)	Balen, Derohanian, Hector, Khanlian, Kim, Krowne, Milbauer, and Najm
Abstain (2)	Leveque and Mitchell
Recused (1)	Gorman-Chang

12. Motion to approve NPG to PRCS for \$500 to cover the cost of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class visit to the Santa Susana Pass State Historical Park

- David Balen, Cheri Derohanian, Becky Leveque, and Mel Mitchell recused themselves from voting on this agenda item and left the room.
- Jennifer Milbauer wondered, “Where shall we draw the line”? Why haven’t those kids done some fundraising?
- The PRNC brings the local government to the stakeholders without being adversarial, and must ask “what is in it for the PRNC?”
- Alex Kim asked if there were any stakeholders who were associated with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; he would like the parents to be more involved with the PRNC.
- Jason Hector read a sentence from the by-laws, where it states that PRNC’s goal is to the advantage of the community.
- Asaad Alnajjar added that his kids do not go to this school; however, historically, the school has asked for these funds.
- Stakeholder Lori K. does not support of this; she was there when PRNC gave \$500 to the entire Nobel School.
- Stakeholder Christine added that when this issue was brought before the previous boards, they approved over \$500.
- Stakeholder Lori A. feels that all Porter Ranch schools should share the money equally.
- Stakeholder Maureen Capra feels that the money should go to the whole school, not just one class. When her kids had a field trip, the parents paid.
- Ankur Patel, School and Community Coordinator for LAUSD board member Scott Schmerelson, stated that field trips are cool. They help the kids break down the walls. We can leverage the PRNC’s \$500 donation to benefit more kids. Besides, the busses have already been paid for. Ankur just came from a meeting of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council where they have a plan to make the schools the center of the community.
- Jason Hector made a motion to authorize \$500 for this NPG; Susan Gorman-Chang seconded the motion, and yet it did not pass.

No (7)	Gorman-Chang, Hector, Khanlian, Kim, Krowne, Milbauer, and Najm
Recused (4)	Balen, Derohanian, Leveque, and Mitchell

13. Discussion of a PRNC Holiday Party during the December 14 general meeting

- This agenda item was tabled until the November meeting.

14. Board members comments and announcements

- Mel Mitchell mentioned that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council has a project in place to improve the medians along Tampa Avenue. The biggest problem is getting water to the medians to keep the trees alive. Northridge Sparkle’s Don Larson has piped water to the medians. Mel would like to make a motion at a future meeting to get water to the median north of the 118, as well as possibly some artwork.



- In addition, Mel mentioned that on Monday, October 17, another Porter Ranch group would sponsor an information session regarding Measure M, the Los Angeles County's sales tax increase that would fund a mixture of transit and other transportation projects to reduce traffic.
- Jason Hector agreed with Mel concerning the median, as well as possibly installing a "Welcome to Porter Ranch" sign. Perhaps Councilman Englander's office could partially fund these expenditures.
- Gabriel Khanlian mentioned that Saturday, October 15, 3PM to 7PM, at Church Everyday, 17037 Devonshire Street, Northridge, there would be the North Valley Candidate Forum featuring the County's 5<sup>th</sup> District Candidates Kathryn Barger and Darrell Park. Jennifer Milbauer added that there may be 700-voters in attendance, and hopes to get a PRNC table there, alongside Granada Hills Neighborhood Council tables.
- Cheri Derohanian mentioned that PRNC and the other nearby neighborhood councils were unable to come to an agreement regarding streetscape; hence that action died.
- Saturday morning, October 8, 9AM until noon, the PRNC board will brainstorm ideas for the 2016-17 fiscal year; this meeting will be at the Porter Ranch Country Club, 19216 Singing Hills Drive. Everyone is welcome to discuss important topics for our beautiful community.
- Alex Kim asked if anyone is interested in participating in the Beautification Committee, please reach out to him or Rory. Alex recently reached out to Kevin James, President of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works; next week, Alex will meet with the coordinator of the valley street cleaning. Please contact him if you would like to join him for that meeting.
- Andrew Krowne hopes that Porter Ranch stakeholders will serve as leaders by stepping up, helping, and volunteering.
- Susan Gorman-Chang mentioned that the planning meeting for the 2017 Homeless Count (scheduled for January 24 to 26) would be held on Tuesday, October 17. If interested, please reach out to her.
- President Issam Najm mentioned that he would be in Sacramento the next day, Thursday, October 6. While there, he will meet with Governor Brown's office and DOGGR to discuss Aliso Canyon.

15. Motion to Adjourn the meeting

- President Issam Najm adjourned the meeting at 9.08PM.