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Andrew Krowne, Treasurer; David Balen, Signer;
Cheri Derohanian; Jason Hector; Alex Kim; Becky Leveque; Jennifer Milbauer; Mel Mitchell

**Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC)
Special Board Meeting
Thursday, 22 September 2016
Porter Ranch Community School
12450 Mason Avenue, Porter Ranch 91326**

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting Call to Order
 - President Issam Najm called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.
2. Welcome
 - President Issam Najm welcomed ten board members, along with an unknown number of stakeholders.
 - Issam stated that PRNC did not have a note-taker that evening, so this meeting is being recorded, with Jason Hector as the back up. If any stakeholders would like to make public comment, please complete a comment card.
3. Roll Call
 - Gabriel Khanlian performed the roll call.

Here (11)	David Balen, Cheri Derohanian (arrived at 6.22PM), 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. President's Comments
 - Issam could not locate the two-page survey prepared by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). Jason will forward this survey information to Wendy Moore or Jennifer Milbauer for posting on the website and the survey will be available at all future meetings.
5. General Public Comments
 - Allocated twenty minutes to this task.
 - James Henry mentioned that there was a big fire in Santa Clarita that burned approximately 50,000 acres. It is important that we prepare for fires. What is our plan for evacuation? Last year, schools did not have a plan. They are building so many new tracts, including a new junior high school and high school.
 - Krissy mentioned that the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council is approving many new homes to be built, which affects the increased population at Chatsworth High School. The communities may need to merge together and consider the additional students. There are many new homes, but no new schools for all the kids.
 - Krissy reported that a resident from Brown Canyon is having a problem with watering. It is pretty on one side, but they have concerns about overwatering; it is not supposed to hit over the mountain. The other

concern is that the workers stop at 6PM, yet the maintenance crews come to work and she can hear their music until 3 AM.

- Hal Bass is a 31-year resident of Porter Ranch. Sesnon Boulevard should take a stand regarding new homes and the fire potential. They need first responders to move quickly to evacuate. It is time for the two ends of Sesnon Boulevard, Porter Ranch and Granada Hills, to connect. Perhaps the Southern California Gas Company (SCGC) should be involved?
 - Glenn Bailey, President of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC), spoke about the Congress of Neighborhood Councils, to be held at City Hall on Saturday, September 24. With PRNC's many new board members, he encouraged everyone [including stakeholders] to attend. This event will include forty workshops and unlimited networking opportunities with over 750 attendees from the 96-neighborhood councils. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Afterwards, a post-congress social mixer will be held at Pit Fire Artisan Pizza, 108 West 2nd Street, sponsored by the Sustainability Alliance.
 - Asaad Alnajjar recommends getting PRNC investigating the Great Streets Initiative (GSI) that was launched a couple of days ago. PRNC should be involved. It will help bring dollars to any street. There is information on the website, and he emailed a link to Issam and David Balen to take the initiative regarding medians, lighting, trees, etc. The nearest streets participating in the GSI are Van Nuys and Reseda Boulevards; these have street furniture, painting, solar lights, bike lanes, etc. This year, there will be a \$2m budget citywide for GSI. Any stakeholder may apply for a street within Los Angeles.
6. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Board President to Prepare a PRNC Position Letter on the Aliso Canyon Gas Facility to be Brought in Front of the Board for Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval at a Later Meeting
- Jennifer Milbauer read a letter and elaborated on the text.
 - It is hard to find someone who thinks Aliso Canyon is safe. This is more of a cash cow for SCGC. Some of the gas can be stored for other countries. They buy the gas in the summer, and sell it in the winter.
 - SCGC cannot keep that place safe. She would like to see PRNC take a lead on this. People are still getting sick (muscle aches, nausea, burning eyes, etc.).
 - SCGC is rushing to re-open this storage facility; they cannot wait until October, and feel this should have happened a year ago.
 - Other neighborhood councils, including NENC, voted to support our actions regarding Aliso Canyon. . Perhaps we can get additional neighborhood councils in this area as the entire north valley has been affected.
 - This is not a question of "if" but rather "when". Fearful people are moving away.
 - A female submitted a very good report called "Gasping for Breath". Oil and gas can have a very severe affect on their production. Asthma costs \$2.4b in LA County; this does not include cancer and other diseases.
 - Methane and Volatile Organic Compounds create smog. This can affect lung malfunctions, asthma, emphysema, and can lead to premature death.
 - This is not our imaginations; there is low-level constant exposure.
 - All these organic compounds are a huge public health issue. Not just wells, but the pipes, the ground, and the whole infrastructure.
 - A Male mentioned that he wanted to dovetail a few points
 - We talk a great deal about gas. Methane is not alone. There are companies up there besides SCGC, as well as fracking. Not merely petroleum products and injected methane into that mountain. SCGC's entire process has completely under-performed at your detriment, not theirs.

- Per a recent bill, SCGC is going to state agencies to raise their rates. They make money, they buy low and sell high. When things go wrong, it does not go into their profit margin, the citizens pay for it.
- This blowout was preventable. Even then, they went to the state to get money to fix the facility. Never mind the \$100m of profit they and their parent company made. They just do not care. SCGC is pressuring other agencies. The AQMD is pressuring UCLA to remove the fence line.
- We talk about fugitive gas and movement underground. There are wells that are capped throughout Porter Ranch. We are talking along everyone's streets.
- When a well is capped, it is not sealed.

- Jennier mentioned that this will not negatively impact SCGC. We need to restore our community to what it once was. Now that we know that it is up there, it is incumbent upon us to do something.

- Alex Kim never experienced so many unknowns. No one feels comfortable living in a community where it keeps leaking. He chooses to live in Porter Ranch; he has lived here longer than he has lived in Korea. He would like to live here forever. But he would really like to see Aliso Canyon shut down so that everyone can live peacefully.

- Cheri Derohanian addressed the PRNC
 - She does not want to smell gas, get sick, or worry about home prices. She just wants to maintain her quality of life.
 - But the most important thing is the children of Porter Ranch; they are the future. She heard Mr. Schmerelson at the April meeting at Canoga Park High School, whereupon he stated that he will not let any of the kids get sick or go back to school where it is not safe.
 - She took the opportunity as a private citizen to ask Vivian Ekchian to write a letter of support for the kids of Porter Ranch. As a former superintendent, Ms. Ekchian could not say that. But she sent an email to the new superintendent, Michelle King, and asked her to send a letter.

- Gabriel addressed the PRNC
 - After months, hundreds got sick, and thousands relocated; that alone should cover the sustainability of the neighborhood.
 - They recently admitted that there are approx. two leaks per day; that is a red flag.
 - He has an air monitoring system in his backyard; we should not have to live like that in Porter Ranch.
 - He heard that the fence line may be coming down; that is an even bigger red flag. What is going on? Who is on our side?
 - Because of fracking, Oklahoma is having earthquakes on a daily basis.
 - Gabriel can still smell gas at 1AM to 3AM.
 - Still no health studies about methane; that really concerns him, as he is fighting for the future, and the future is completely unknown.
 - What are the side effects? Is the whole city going to have cancer thirty to forty years from now?
 - Shut down Aliso Canyon, possibly turn it into solar panels, sustainable energy, and windmills powering up the whole city. You would not even see the windmills between the two canyons. With the windmills and 80 to 100 mph winds, we could probably generate enough electricity to replace Natural Gas.
 - He is totally for shutting it down.

- Jason Hector addressed the PRNC
 - He would like to see PRNC have more collaboration with other neighborhood council boards and support with Chatsworth, Granada Hills, and Northridge who also suffered tremendously. One of his

- personal goals is to build solidarity with other neighborhood councils and to show that this is a very serious issue, and that we have more power in numbers. Unify not only this board together, but also the whole community.
- He has a big concern about the costs passed onto the ratepayers. \$200m on the injectors ... for what? Perhaps we need to dig into this and discover what is really going on.
 - Integrity of the cap rock. He has thoroughly studied this issue, and going to every DOGGR meeting. How do they demonstrate that the cap rock has integrity, rather than just coming up through the soil?
 - Re-pressurizing the reservoir, about 1,200 psi, 15B cubic feet of gas rising up, plus a billion cubic feet of gas is extremely alarming.
 - With respect to home values, he is in the real estate business and there is a lot of anxiety in not knowing the impact of the gas and the future potential for cancer. It would help if we did not have to worry about this. A lot of people bought into the community not knowing this issue is here.
 - Jason supports getting it back to the way it was before, shutting it down, with no more injections. This could bring confidence to the people who might want to buy into Porter Ranch. Those are his hopes.
- Mel Mitchell addressed the PRNC
 - Has lived here for 25-years, before that, he live in Granada Hills for 16-years.
 - He talks to neighbors all the times and how they feel about having a gas storage facility in our backyard. He thinks PRNC has an opportunity to make a statement.
 - But there are rumors regarding reinjection. The timing is not known, but it could be within a month. Talking to people in authority, they all agree that it should be shut down. In the short term, it may not happen.
 - Becky Levesque addressed the PRNC
 - She feels children are the most important people in the community.
 - She bought her first house here in 1978. At that time, there were oil storage tanks along Braemore Road. Homes were built directly on top of those tanks. She and her husband agreed that they would never buy a house that was atop storage tanks. They were never told about gas injections or any gas stored there. They did not know there was fracking or drilling for oil in any of the 232 wells.
 - She previously served on the Parks Committee, went to the councilman's office, and toured many potential park sites. They could not build a park on certain locations because of methane. Anyone who says that methane is not a dangerous substance is mistaken.
 - She would like to see the wells shut down, although she does not know what the alternatives are.
 - They need take a step back and re-evaluate the system. If they did do oil drilling, it should stay in California. It is not happening. It is being shipped to other countries.
 - She would like to see the wells shut down. If they ever come back on, they must be safe.
 - David Balen addressed the PRNC
 - He concurs; it would be ludicrous for us not to support this.
 - We have a couple of recent methane leakages. He noticed all the kids in school getting sick. His daughter missed school on a Monday and Tuesday, went back on a Wednesday with a high temperature. Thursday, he took her to the doctor's office. They wanted to take a picture of her lungs because she might have pneumonia. That is a nightmare. Turns out it was just a virus, and not pneumonia. Hopefully, it will pass. But why are the children getting sick?
 - We have no other alternative than to force them to shut this down. Force them to move in another direction for renewable energy. We have a beautiful mountain up there. I concur wholeheartedly with the community and the PRNC.

- Issam Najm addressed the PRNC
 - My feeling is that we want to get to the end of this. He is worried about how we get there from a technical prescriptive.
 - We can take the position that we oppose this and need to shut down. Governor Brown, please do this. But that does not provide much muscle to this issue. They can say we have this problem with this or that. So, it is not going to happen that way.
 - We need to have a smart letter that provides a pathway to get there and diffuses the other arguments that will be made. But this is private property and a private company; we need to find a way to provide them a way out. We cannot trap a private entity in a corner and tell them to make the problem disappear. We need to find a way to give them a way out.
 - If that has to include some strategizing and a timeline, we would be good with that. We need to open that dialogue. We need to keep the end in mind, not the process.
 - No one will make that argument on our behalf. You will get statements from councilmen and representatives and it is a one-page letter about how they are behind us. We do not need someone behind us; we need someone to make the argument that allows the solution to happen.
 - We have a lot of work to do. If we are going to write this letter, we need to have that in mind. We need to button up on all the loose ends on this issue, to the best of our ability.
 - We cannot just have a statement. We have to have a plan that gives them a way out. That is my opinion.

- Public Comment

- Alex Nagy addressed the PRNC
 - What is the pathway for reopening and the strategy to win? Someone must file with DOGGR. The amendment that was put in allowed SCGC to idle and bring something back online. This plan gives them a year to do integrity tests. Then they file with DOGGR, and DOGGR determines that it is safe. We will not know what this means, or what the requirements will look like. DOGGR has to hold a public hearing, giving the public 15-days notice, which is basically a courtesy meeting that we are going to reopen. Then, the CalPers Public Utility Commission (PUC)'s Executive Director would sign off on DOGGR's conclusion that the facility is now safe.
 - DOGGR is very much getting cozy with the gas industry and the PUC, which is a problem. They say that we have been looking at this as if it is Governor Brown's decision. Not the path that we want.
 - Governor Brown could direct his administration to shut it down; however, the agencies and Governor Brown are corrupt.
 - We have been working to get grass roots support, with the chain of command from the bottom to the top. We should get neighborhood councils, city officials, and city councilmen throughout Los Angeles who are ready to write a resolution to shut it down.
 - We are also in good conversations with the county supervisor, and looking to continue these conversations with Senator Fran Pavley, who is done with her legislative term.
 - We need to get every elected official that we can, as well as the agencies involved to hear our support and outcry, and not let them permit reopening. This is the do or die moment. We can keep them closed for the long term.
 - She would like to take this letter to all the neighborhood councils and get them to sign off on it.

- Glenn Bailey, President of the NENC addressed the PRNC
 - They had a meeting last night, and spent at least an hour on this issue. The board voted 10-1 to approve the following motion: The NWNC supports the permanent closure of SCGC's Aliso Canyon

Storage Facility subject to PRNC taking the same position and to authorize the president to communicate this position to the PRNC and their correspondence on this issue.

- The NENC took this position knowing that the PRNC will be holding a special meeting to further discuss this issue.
 - NENC adjourns the boundary with PRNC from the 118 freeway to Aliso Canyon. Aliso Canyon is a boundary all the way down to Devonshire Street. Many folks who live in that area between Reseda Boulevard and Aliso Canyon relocated or had health issues involving their children.
 - The zip code for that area is 91326, which is manmade. Aliso Canyon is a natural feature.
 - NENC was not included as part of the Porter Ranch Advisory Committee. Glenn attended a few meetings, but was not allowed to have an agenda or access to the minutes.
- Donna Sicks addressed the PRNC
 - She agreed with the PRNC; we need to have everything in line prior to writing the letter.
 - SCGC has an intent of what they are going to do. A lady from SCGC said they are working very closely with the PUC. That expansion came as a result of the settlement down in San Diego. In it, they specify that they must increase the storage at Aliso Canyon by a percentage, with 145 million cts per day. She left her cellular in her car, but if anyone wants it, she will get it. This is pretty sobering. They state that they have a settlement agreement, and must comply; yet they do not. In December, they will go 24/7 to install a new turbine for natural gas. They have all this planned and will not stop.
 - Lane Semper addressed the PRNC
 - She is very well educated in climate change, and has trained with Al Gore.
 - She was enthralled with PRNC's knowledge and open-mindedness.
 - She has a meeting with NASA. We can definitely have wind and solar.
 - During the April 8 workshop, Senator Pavley stated that we can put solar panels on the south-facing mountains. We already have the solution. Why not work with Senator Pavley before she terms out.
 - Lane also proposes that we have NASA meet with the kids at the school to educate them. Lane herself did not believe in climate change until just a few years ago. She has since learned the scientific basis of pollution on floods and drought.
 - Off gassing happens daily and is never safe. It is an endless cycle that happens when we transport or dispense natural gas. It is a fairy tale. It will never be safe.
 - They do not have enough money for big brother and upkeep. Thank you for listening. We have do to something.
 - Dr. Foley addressed the PRNC
 - He does not often get up and speak, but wanted to hit some of the points that were said. This is a lot bigger than just this area.
 - There are families down in South Los Angeles, near Wilmington and San Pedro, which have been poisoned for years by oil and natural gas from the refineries. The Torrance refinery blows up nearly every other week. Those folks are going through the same thing, yet have less access to accountability and the regulators. The system is failing everybody. This gas company is completely negligible. What has SCGC done to hedge their bets? They have put in battery storage. Other utilities cannot keep up with that. They put up 20mw of battery storage that is unheard of.
 - In terms of what your voice means to the state level, we do not need a technical solution. The regulators are not looking. This is willful, not merely an accident.
 - What we need right now is political pressure. A lot of people do not want to hear that. The mayor will not come forward, and Councilman Mitch Englander is nowhere to be seen.

- We all speak together. It has sparked discussions in Washington, DC. Do not sell yourselves short. Shut it down.
- Asaad addressed the PRNC
 - He is very fond of the PRNC taking action. He immediately jumped to the technology. For seven years, he has worked for solar and wind projects for the city, with nearly 1,000 installations.
 - We know about Tesla and the batteries.
 - The small wind that will work on streetlights will not work at this time. He does not see any problem installing additional monitors on the street light poles.
 - The big turbines will work on the mountain.
 - We talked about AQMD not having enough sensors.
 - After the meeting, you can submit an application and he will immediately approve it. This way we will have actual live data.
 - It is unknown if Porter Ranch wants 100 or 200 streetlights, but we need to find a way to use this technology. We could use regular streetlights or the smart poles. They are ugly on the top because of the communication with the antennas, but they will communicate well. This is cellular. There is a repeater installed at the entrance to your community. Perhaps there is a jammer by the school that restricts access from this school.
- Lori Bozman addressed the PRNC
 - A resident of Porter Ranch since 1999. Their house was built in 1969. As with most, they were not given any real estate disclosure. She wants to give her support to what the board is trying to do. Very concerned about the health aspects and wondering if that is an angle that could be used.
 - Going to the AQMD meeting last Saturday, she now sees what they are up against. They only had five reports of people smelling gas, and none of them were verified. A previous meeting in August only have one report that was not verified.
 - She also supports Jason's suggestion of getting other neighborhood councils involved.
- Lori Kelman addressed the PRNC
 - Their house was built in 1974, and they purchased it in 1996. There was no disclosure about this facility. She went through the paperwork, and they told her what to look for, and it is not there. She totally supports the PRNC.
 - She put solar panels on her home five years ago, and has not paid for electricity since. It is wonderful.
 - A theme that keeps happening on the gas leak is that people are not being immersed and they are ignoring others. All those people who are not affected are not returning telephone calls. They are owed a few hundred dollars, but some people are due thousands of dollars. The PRCAC dissolved pretty early.
- Christina Zitkovich addressed the PRNC
 - She is concerned about an abatement order that was issued by the AQMD; this may not go to court until March. If this abatement order expires in January, the people of Porter Ranch could be hosed by the health study.
 - If they reopen Aliso Canyon, she hopes they open it after the health study. Right now, they are nowhere near doing that health study.
 - Also, the AQMD says that no one is calling to report the gas. Someone is hiring fifteen more people. Everyone needs to call. If you smell anything, you need to make a telephone call. You need to communicate this to your neighbors.
 - The number is 1-800-cut smog.

- Matt Pakutko addressed the PRNC
 - We found out two years ago that this place is a problem. It is not like there is anything new; we just had a big blowout. This is something that we need to push into the political arena.
 - The letter from PRNC will not solve the whole energy problem.
 - We need to acknowledge that this is a whole county thing. They totally dropped the ball. While Supervisor Antonovich is pushing to get another study going, the motion has not even gone to the supervisors yet.
 - If it is an emergency situation that we are in, I think we have a great deal of leverage to move on. Especially with all the ongoing leaks. They reported over 450 leaks since February 11. There has been sworn testimony that there are two leaks a day.
 - In addition, the cause of the blowout is not known; it is ludicrous to open that place without even knowing what caused the blowout in the first place.
 - DOGGR is the ones who failed in the first place.
- Maureen Capra addressed the PRNC
 - She has an emergency and needs to speak right away. She was shocked that CPUC called her at her house. They wanted to know everything that she had to say about Aliso Canyon. So she told them, they wrote it all down, and put it in a file. She said that she would have many people call them, and then they would have a lot of information with a very thick file. The thicker the better. The more the merrier. She urged everyone to call and write to CPC PUC. The number is on Facebook.
- James Henry addressed the PRNC
 - The Health Department is the only entity that can shut down Aliso Canyon. No one talked about something worse than benzene and methane; they exhumed formaldehyde, a chemical that is worse than all of them.
 - That should be our angle, to get them to shut down before they start back up. We should contact the Health Department because every day that it is operating it emits formaldehyde.
- Another male asked how long it will take to get the letter generated.
- Issam replied, We have a retreat on the 8th. As that will be a public meeting, we can take action at that time. Someone said that was sufficient.
- Is there any harm in circulating just for review, without discussion among the board?
- Cheri Derohanian asked who will write it; Issam replied that he would. He would reach out to others to get some facts together, without a suggested (by Cheri) ad hoc committee. Ten days is insufficient time to go through a committee process. However, Issam is open to alternative writers.
- Issam understands what Food and Water Watch asks for, but that is not what he is preparing; he is preparing a position letter of the PRNC. That is why he is being careful. If this is not what the board wants, he may let someone else write it.
- The PRNC is in a position to take it's own leadership role on this and make it's own statement.
- Will the letter include any words such as "shut it all down"? If you are looking for the hash-tag as a battle cry, Issam will not write that. If there is something that you feel strongly about as you review the letter, you need to bring it up for discussion and argue for changing the letter.
- A female mentioned that she is totally happy with Issam writing the letter; then have the PRNC fine-tune the letter.
- Another female asked, if the letter takes three hours, than what is the purpose of the retreat? Issam replied that we have not yet gone through the orientation. We have board members who have a broad range of years of service. We have talked about doing this since July, and we keep pushing it.

- A stakeholder mentioned that she did not want the letter taking up the entire retreat. Issam agreed.
 - If Issam writes a letter on a Sunday, he can blast it out to the board, and ask everyone to write back with a few corrections. Unfortunately, the city attorney advised Issam that he cannot do that. He cannot receive individual feedback from board members because that violates the Brown Act. It would not be a discussion, as only he knew the board member's input.
 - Jason mentioned that he had all the confidence in the world that the letter will be close to perfect. We can allocate 10-20 minutes to this discussion.
 - We have to provide enough time for the public to make a comment. If ten people need to speak, we must allow time for them to speak. Ten minutes is a joke.
 - Jason Hector made a motion to authorize the board president to make a PRNC position letter on the Aliso Canyon Gas Facility to be brought in front of the board for review and discussion and possible approval at a later meeting; David Balen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
7. Discussion and Possible Action to Nominate and Authorize a Board Member to Prepare a Letter to the City Transportation Department and Caltrans Expressing Concerns Over the High Traffic Accidents at the Corner of Rinaldi and Amigo, and Request Signal Light Modifications to Mitigate this Problem
- A stakeholder has brought this issue to our attention; Issam promised he would bring it up to the board.
 - Gabriel Khanlian mentioned that it was forwarded to another department.
 - Becky Leveque mentioned that the stakeholder was given agency names to contact, including DOT, Caltrans, and Valley Traffic; it is now in the works. Perhaps we should ask for an update. The freeway belongs to California. The streets belong to LA. Perhaps we should get Ken Furizmond from Street Services here to discuss this. He is the one who does the lights.
 - The stakeholder told Becky that she was happy with the outcome.
 - Issam replied that a verbal conversation can be easily forgotten; we seem to have many verbal conversations with Colin and others.
 - It is beneficial to have a letter.
 - Becky thought it was a great idea.
 - Someone mentioned that the Wilbur Avenue and Rinaldi Street intersection has accidents once a month.
 - Andrew Krowne mentioned that we need to cast a bigger net, and capture the most dangerous intersections.
 - Jason Hector is concerned about accidents as well as outdated traffic studies. He mentioned that Glenn Bailey is chairman of a committee that has DOT input, and would encourage having them attend as many meetings as possible.
 - Mel Mitchell agreed with Andrew that we have many traffic issues to discuss. We need to set up a Traffic Committee, and have issues come before that committee and then to the board.
 - Issam asked if we should defer this to a committee; there were many yeses from the board.
 - Stakeholder Asaad addressed the PRNC
 - He mentioned that the person to handle this would be Nate Gail from the DOT. He recommended that PRNC write a letter about traffic accidents. Please investigate days and nights, and request installation of an LAPD camera.
 - Also write to Samir Hadin from Caltrans, who is in charge of the operation for the whole area. Asaad has worked with him many times, and he is a wonderful gentleman.
 - Also, cc: Asaad, so he can investigate any accidents that happen at night, and he can work on the streetlights.
 - This task will involve DOT, Caltrans, and the Street-lighting Committee all working together.
 - When Nate pulls the data for the accidents, he can use the same data that Asaad receives, including ½-mile radius, one-mile radius, etc. Then, he will know about the major problems between DeSoto Avenue and the 405.

- Stakeholder Al Bass addressed the PRNC:
 - He agreed with Andrew. We should gather as much information as possible about the problem intersections. Including Tampa Avenue and Rinaldi Street. There should be a dedicated left-turn signal there, as well as additional four-way stop signs, such as the blind intersection (due to topography) at Beaufait and Darby Avenue.
- A stakeholder added that DOT installs traffic signals after incidents. We should know how many accidents have happened at an intersection. That information should be available from the LAPD.
- Mr. Brown added that we should include the intersection at Porter Ranch Drive and Sesnon Boulevard, near this Porter Ranch Community School.
- Stakeholder Lane Semper addressed the PRNC.
 - The EIR is nearly thirty years old.
 - There is a PRCAC Video #4, when a doctor was talking about idling cars expelling benzene, a cancer-causing compound. This should be a concern regarding traffic safety as well as health.
- Stakeholder Lyn Wen addressed the PRNC.
 - The LA DOT called her regarding a Rinaldi intersection. This person reached out to Caltrans, which was going to help get approval for a traffic light. However, she recently received a letter from Caltrans stating that they are investigating. This seems a bit contradictory. Ms. Wen will reach out to DOT. In one month, she counted five near misses. In preparation for the letter, they should also track and reference the near misses.
- Issam mentioned that, as things stand, we shall redefine this and send a letter to the Transportation and Safety Committees to work on a more comprehensive push for a number of areas to be investigated for a potential stop sign(s) and light(s). No motion is required.

FIVE-MINUTE BREAK at 7:46 PM

8. Motion to Approve Reimbursements as Follows:
 - a. \$56.55 to Minuteman Press for the Name Tags from 2015
 - b. Purchase of six (6) Hot Spot Backpacks/Hydro packs/Bladders/Talk Boxes for Fire Station 28, as previously approved by the last PRNC Board. Total cost is \$2,201.45
 - A female asked if there was any recourse from the city regarding the fact that this was approved from the previous year's 2015/16 budget. Would the city honor the previously approved budget expense?
 - Andrew mentioned that the June 30, 2016 bank balance reflected \$28. There is no recourse for an item approved in the previous fiscal year. This frequently happens. Other neighborhood councils have been known to approve things that they do not have funds to support.
 - In addition, there was two invoices processed for Moore Business Services, totally \$1,500, which came from the current (2016/17) fiscal year budget. The expenses for the firefighters, Minuteman Press, and Apple One should have come out of the previous fiscal year's miss-managed budget.
 - Becky wondered if we would receive a breakdown of the previous year's expenses; the response was affirmative.
 - Andrew stated, In the future, board members will know the exact bank balances on a monthly basis. This board will no longer spend money that it does not have.
 - The current bank balance is \$2,774.69; this bank balance is funded by the city on a quarterly basis.
 - If we approve all outstanding invoices for payments, we will be short \$1k. Andrew Krowne will request additional funds from the city, which is allowed.
 - Issam mentioned that a tremendous amount of work happens between meetings, especially by Andrew and David Balen. In the future, every meeting will feature a treasurer's report.
 - Someone mentioned that to avoid discrimination, we should be fair to the two Porter Ranch fire stations. He felt that this \$2,201.45 expenditure should be scaled down or tabled.

- Someone replied that we support both fire stations. PRNC provided a washer and dryer to Fire Station #8 on Tampa Avenue.
 - Someone replied that the firemen need as much water for consumption as possible. They will need these hydro-packs as soon as possible.
 - Gabriel suggested purchasing three of the hydro-packs at this time, and then purchasing the other three hydro-packs when we are more familiar with PRNC's financial situation. Issam replied that it will not matter if we purchase three now and three later, all six will come from the same revenue source. We might as well clear this. In addition, it is shameful that the city does not provide this for their firemen.
 - Andrew Krowne made a motion to approve this \$56.55 expenditure for Minuteman Press; Gabriel Khanlian seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - David Balen made a motion to approve this \$2,201.45 expenditure for the LAFD; Becky Leveque seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Someone mentioned that they attempted to purchase the \$2,201.45 firemen's equipment without paying taxes due to PRNC being a non-profit. However, that was not possible.
9. Motion to Approve Funding of the PRNC Board Retreat on October 8, 2016, at a Cost of No More than \$1,000
- Susan Gorman-Chang made a motion to approve this expenditure not to exceed \$1k; Cheri Derohanian seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - This retreat will be from 9AM until noon; we hope that everyone will be able to attend, as we will use this time to form committees. The more attendees and stakeholders that are there, the more great ideas will be generated.
 - The PRNC hopes that the breakfast options will be enough to attract many people. This \$1k will cover breakfast for 38-people, or the less expensive breakfast option for 55-people.
 - Mel mentioned that during the elections, he was talking with Jay Handel, who coordinated the elections for the neighborhood councils. Mr. Handel is interested in being a facilitator for this retreat; he could review how the neighborhood councils operate. In addition, Mr. Handel recently distributed a Bridge Building document.
 - A female mentioned a scheduling conflict with Yom Kipper and the holidays. Issam asked if this required a motion and a vote; it was determined the scheduling did not need a motion.
 - Because the food (breakfast) may cost more than the usual allocation for pizza at a regular meeting, that will require a motion and vote.
 - David Balen mentioned that goal setting should be one of the key topics during the special meeting.
 - Becky Leveque added that the meeting may be 8AM to 11AM at the Porter Ranch Country Club; otherwise, it may be difficult to find a location for a Saturday morning meeting. A male suggested meeting at a Starbucks.
 - David Balen moved to amend the motion to choose a less expensive location (other than Porter Ranch Country Club).
 - Issam suggested that we might need to limit this to \$150, or vote to exceed the \$150 (which is the usual amount spent for a special meeting). He mentioned that it was back to the original motion of \$1k, without specifying the location or facilitator, and we can keep it the it is.
 - Becky Leveque mentioned that she does not want to have to ask the developers or designers to pay for this special breakfast meeting.
 - Gabriel Khanlian did a roll-call vote of the original motion and it carried unanimously.
10. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Funding a \$500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for the YMCA's Thanksgiving Basket Drive
- Matilli, who serves on the Board of Directors of the North Valley YMCA, addressed the PRNC.

- These past few years, PRNC has contributed to their annual Thanksgiving basket donation program; Matilli is here to request \$1k towards these baskets. Issam mentioned that they had paperwork to request \$500. Matilli requested an additional \$500 to total \$1k, if possible.
- To request the \$1k, Matilli will need to file another NPG. As they will need this money by the end of October, it was recommended to keep the donation at \$500.
- Jennifer Milbauer asked who gets the baskets; Matilli replied that it goes to the needy people from Pacoima and Sylmar, as determined by the LAUSD. These baskets do not go to the residents of Porter Ranch.
- Jennifer Milbauer asked how PRNC would be acknowledged; Matilli replied that there will be a thank you letter that the PRNC will receive. In addition, they will be listed on the sponsor list that goes with each basket, as well as their name on the recognition wall at the YMCA.
- Becky Leveque asked if the schools in Porter Ranch are asked if they know any needy families in Porter Ranch. Matilli mentions that she asks the school principals for any needy families in their community.
- Becky also asked if we could cross out the \$500 as referenced on the NPG, and write in \$1k.
- Matilli mentioned that Wal-Mart provides the turkeys for \$15 to \$17, which are purchased for these 3,500 baskets.
- A male asked if other neighborhood councils are participating in this charity; Matilli replied that nine other neighborhood councils are participating.
- Councilman Englander’s office already donated \$1k; that comes from his discretionary funds budget.
- Issam mentioned that it was odd that we are using public money for charity. Why use taxpayer’s money to show how generous we are? For that reason and on principle, Issam will not support this motion. It is not a question about the donation; he has a concern about the source of that money.
- Jennifer Milbauer and Alex Kim agreed with Issam’s point, and do not see using taxpayer’s money for this, although they support the YMCA.
- Gabriel Khanlian made a general comment that he sees homeless individuals in Porter Ranch, and would like to see PRNC do something locally to support the homeless individuals in this community.
- Mel Mitchell supports the YMCA, and would be willing to make a motion to increase the contribution to \$1k.
- Becky Leveque added that it is our human responsibility to feed people, and would like to see PRNC donate \$1k.
- Stakeholder Asaad feels that Jennifer Milbauer asked the right question; how will this benefit the PRNC? As we have 96 neighborhood councils throughout the city, each council should contribute to their area.
- Stakeholder Lori encouraged YMCA to also reach out to the Granada Hills community.
- Stakeholder Matt Pakutko from Save Porter Ranch (SPR) agreed with Issam, as there is no benefit to Porter Ranch, even if PRNC is mentioned throughout the literature. The PRNC still needs to clean-up debts from their past, including \$2k that was pledged to SPR.
- Becky Leveque made a motion to amend the NPG to increase it from \$500 to \$1k; Mel Mitchell seconded the motion. However, Mel Canas mentioned that this would be a bad idea, possibly raising a red flag. It would be better to amend the original agenda item, and then vote to increase it from the NPG’s originally requested \$500 to \$1k.
- Becky Leveque made a motion to approve funding for \$500 NPG for the YMCA’s Thanksgiving Baskets; David Balen seconded the motion. Becky then amended the motion to increase it to \$1k and David Balen seconded the amendment yet it did not pass.

Yes (2)	Leveque and Mitchell
No (8)	Balen, Gorman-Chang, Hector, Khanlian, Kim, Krowne, Milbauer, and Najm
Absent (1)	Derohanian



- Susan Gorman-Chang and Becky Leveque made a motion to approve funding for \$500 NPG for the YMCA’s Thanksgiving Baskets, as it stands in the agenda; David Balen seconded the motion, and it carried. Jennifer voted yes, but requested that the YMCA try to find some needy families in Porter Ranch.

Yes (9)	Balen, Gorman-Chang, Hector, Khanlian, Kim, Krowne, Leveque, Milbauer, and Mitchell
No (1)	Najm
Absent (1)	Derohanian

11. Discussion and Possible Action to Change Cardholder from Gabriel Khanlian to Andrew Krowne
 - This change of cardholder from Secretary Gabriel Khanlian to Treasurer Andrew Krowne needs to happen so that Andrew can pay bills.
 - Jennifer Milbauer made a motion to change the cardholder from Gabriel Khanlian to Andrew Krowne; David Balen seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

12. Discussion and Possible action to Plan For and Organize a Town Hall Meeting in October to Address Measure M. and/or School Challenges in Porter Ranch
 - Issam mentioned that he hoped these two issues could be discussed during the October meeting. However, each of these actions could be an hour to 1½-hour discussion. How about scheduling one three-hour public-discussion town hall meeting, for public information, with no voting.
 - Mel Mitchell mentioned that they already discussed having a meeting on October 12, as close to the election as possible, to discuss Measure M. The school issue is not as time-sensitive, as that will be discussed for years.
 - Mel Mitchell has already scheduled people from Move-On LA, CSUN, and Metro to come to the October 12 meeting. They are willing to come to PRNC as a favor. However, if we cannot schedule it for Wednesday, October 12, we may be not able to reschedule.
 - Measure M will require 2/3’s support by the voters to increase sales tax by .5%.
 - Issam attempted a straw pole of how the PRNC feels about Measure M. One or two people currently support it; the others are either against it or have not yet decided.
 - Mel Mitchell added that he is in favor of town halls, and bringing speakers in regarding important issues. These also result in very large attendance. He sent an email in August to the PRNC to discuss organizing this, but he never heard back from anyone. Mel moved forward because he felt this was a very important issue. However, PRNC may have lost this as an outreach opportunity.
 - Jennifer Milbauer asked how many other measures will appear on the ballot; the response was seventeen, plus two more. Jennifer questioned what would prohibit a stakeholder from doing their own due diligence and web research on these measures. Why do we need a town hall meeting to address these issues? Jennifer felt that this is not a pressing issue facing the people of Porter Ranch. Have we asked the stakeholders if they want this? Jennifer has tried to get a feel for what the stakeholders want from the PRNC, and this is not something that the stakeholders seem to want.
 - Jason Hector does not feel that these two issues should be together in the same town hall meeting. Jennifer and Jason has been working together since July to get the schools to address the demographic issues. There are speakers available, and he has notes as to how this meeting could be effective. He would like this motion separated into two motions.
 - Becky Leveque added that Measure M burdens the San Fernando Valley and it gives the valley a bigger voice. Porter Ranch is one of the largest tax bases in the city (more than West Los Angeles). This will take the money from Porter Ranch and send it downtown to be spent to tear up the streets and build tunnels until 2050. She feels this is the most important measure on the ballot. The PRNC has already written a letter which appears on the PRNC website.



- Issam mentioned that we are not here to debate these measures. The issue is whether to discuss them during the general meeting, or during separate town hall meetings. If we keep it in the general meeting, than the general meeting could be fully occupied by these topics.
- Jason Hector a motion to separate the school challenges town hall meeting, and to include discussion regarding Measure M, for an hour, at the next general PRNC meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, October 12; Mel Mitchell seconded the motion, and it carried.

Yes (9)	Balen, Gorman-Chang, Hector, Khanlian, Kim, Krowne, Leveque, Milbauer, and Mitchell
Abstain (1)	Najm
Absent (1)	Derohanian

13. Committee Assignments

- Per our by-laws, the Board president appoints committee chairs; we will ask individuals if they would be interested in chairing a committee. Once appointed, that chairperson will request board members and stakeholders to serve on that committee. A committee cannot have more than three board members; however, it can have as many stakeholders as are interested in serving. Committees must meet twice a year, possibly four times a year. Another board member can attend any committee meeting as an observer; they cannot contribute to any discussion, as that could make it a 4th board member of a committee.
- Mel Mitchell requested that committee chairs return to a PRNC meeting with a roster of those who will serve on their committee.
- Issam requested that David Balen chair the Land Use Committee; the response was affirmative.
- Issam requested that Becky Leveque chair the Safety and Police Committee; the response was affirmative.
- Issam requested that Mel Mitchell chair the Transportation Committee; the response was affirmative.
- Issam requested that Jason Hector chair the Education and Schools Committee; the response was affirmative.
- Issam requested that Cheri Derohanian chair the Legislative Committee; the response was affirmative.
- Issam requested that Alex Kim chair the Beautification Committee; the response was affirmative.
- Issam requested that Jennifer Milbauer chair the Outreach Committee; the response was affirmative.
- Issam requested that Susan Gorman-Chang chair the Sustainability Committee; the response was affirmative.
- Issam stated that he will chair the Rules and By-Laws committee

14. Board Members Comments and Announcements

- Issam mentioned that the school requests that the PRNC not arrive before 6PM; perhaps we may start the meetings at 6:30 PM.

15. Meeting Adjournment

- President Issam Najm adjourned the meeting around 9:30 pm