

Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the

Reseda Neighborhood Council

Monday, July 2, 2018

Reseda Neighborhood Council Community Space, 18118 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335

- I. **Meeting called to order** by Board President C.R. Cochrane at 7:10 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by DJ Frank.

- II. **In attendance**, making a quorum: Priscilla Anchondo, Sharon Brewer, Martin Buonora, CR Cochrane, Anthony Contreras, Maggi Espada-Hernandez, Yassmin Flores, Gilbert Juarez, Cameron Lambert, Anna Measles, Jeffrey Minter, Joe Phillips (arrived at 7:18) and Sarah Williams. **Not in attendance:** J. Benjamin Johnson and Narguess Noohi. Both absent parties submitted an explanation in writing and have been formally excused from the meeting.

III. **Introduction of City Employees and other visitors:**

1. **Erin Schneider**, West Valley/Mt. Field Deputy for LA County Supervisor Sheila Keuhl, was at a town hall, will be speaking later.

IV. **Public Comment and Announcements:**

1. **Glenn Baily**, he's an Executive Committee member of the Valley Neighborhood Councils, they meet every month, 2nd Thursday, at 6:30pm at Sherman Oaks Hospital, would love to see representation from all NC's, all are invited. There's limited seating, but anyone interested should please RSVP. Planning Forum will happen in November in lieu of their meeting. People attending will include members of the city planning dept, Neighborhood Council members, it's all in the works. Not sure who next week's speaker is yet. The Congress of Neighborhoods passed out a save-the-date bookmark for the event on September 22, 2018. Lots of Neighborhood Council members from across the city attend, there will be lots of workshops, this is a great opportunity for newer board members, and it's free. All day at City Hall, registration will take place in mid-August, keep an eye out for that.

V. **Executive Officer Reports:**

(a) **President – CR Cochrane** – The RNC Retreat was held this past weekend, was very successful. Most of the board attended, she thanked them for attending and contributing. In future, she'll give more feedback to council members, and there was consensus to conduct meetings in a timelier and more straightforward fashion. More to come, but starting next Monday, she'll send out information on Outreach opportunities.

(b) **Vice President – Anna Measles** – Some agenda items need fixing, please remove David Garner from announcements by fixing the Agenda header. She is passing a sheet around with names of people on committees, trying to get that information updated.

(c) **Treasurer – Gilbert Juarez** – Nothing to report.

(d) **Secretary – Jeffrey Minter** – Happy to report he was able to send updated roster to D.O.N.E., it's now correct on their website. He's looking to get past agendas and records updated on the

RNC site, please forward him old agendas. He'd like to streamline the agenda posting process, and asked the committee heads to please send him their info.

(d) **Sergeant-At-Arms – H. Benjamin Johnson** – Not present.

(e) **Parliamentarian – Sarah Williams** – She's new to this role and asked that members please bear with her as she learns bylaws, she will be trying to hold the board to the rules, and asked member to please keep remarks short.

VI. **RNC Committee Reports:**

1. Beautifying Reseda (ad hoc) – Yassmin Flores

Flores announced an event planned for September 1, called Jumpstarting Reseda, an event that will allow people to know more about the RNC. Please save the date.

2. Bylaws & Stand. Rules – DJ Frank

Frank reported on the status of bylaws and the Board of Neighborhood Councils (BONC). He hasn't heard anything about the submitted bylaws for the process. Anna Measles is in contact with BONC and the new bylaw changes be presented to BONC on July 16. Frank noted he will be communicating with J. Benjamin Johnson about having a regular monthly meeting of the committee, so people can suggest standing rules. It's an ongoing project, so it can and will be changed regularly moving forward as an ongoing process. CR Cochrane asked if he will be able to present something by August 31, but because his schedule is packed that won't happen by that date.

3. Community Space – J. Benjamin Johnson

Not present, but Anna Measles noted that she spoke with Oscar yesterday (July 1), who wants to have a Neighborhood Watch meeting in the community space in August (these meetings generally happen on the 2nd Thursday of the month), and Measles submitted the request on June 18, but hasn't heard back. There's a class at the police station on that evening, prompting the request for use of the community space, but communication hasn't happened yet.

4. Disaster & Emergency Services – Larry Bowman

Garth Carlson (reporting for Bowman) noted that Larry hopes to be back and participating, hopeful for next week's committee meeting.

5. Economic Development – Garth Carlson

Carlson noted that he has been working with the Bob Blumenfield's office on a couple of projects, more details to come.

6. Finance – Gilbert Juarez

Moving forward, Juarez isn't planning additional Finance Committee meetings unless more people attend. He thinks a joint meeting would be better, and after objections and discussion, CR Cochrane noted that he's obligated to have one meeting a month per the

bylaws. Anna Measles noted that Garth Carlson, Yassmin Flores and Measles have attended all Finance Committee meetings. After more discussion, including information that Juarez will be out of town next month, Anna Measles stated she will chair the next Finance Committee meeting.

7. Health & Wellness – Vacant

8. Homelessness Advocacy – Anthony Contreras

Contreras noted that July 19 is the next committee meeting. A special meeting was held on June 23, involving no fewer than five speakers, three people from the city attended, there will be minutes from that meeting forthcoming.

9. Mobility & Environment – Joe Phillips

The next committee meeting is one week from tonight (July 9). He spoke about a planned cleanup event for August 4, with more information to come later in the meeting.

10. Newsletter – Garth Carlson

The latest newsletter is in the process of being distributed, but some routes haven't been covered, He sent an email noting the needs and hopes some members will be able to help. Still need help on the routes that include Reseda Blvd, from River to Sherman Way, Sherman Way to Etiwanda or he'll have to deliver them himself.

11. Outreach – Vacant

Garth Carlson noted there was an Outreach meeting held, with plenty of board members in attendance. At the meeting, there was discussion of different outreach networks being underused. Several people took responsibility for things – Anthony Contreras will work on the RNC Facebook page, Jeffrey Minter will work with Gilbert Juarez on the RNC website. Sarah Williams will be working on the Twitter and Instagram accounts for the council.

12. PLUM – D.J. Frank

No meeting this month. The next meeting will be held in August, on the 2nd at 6:00pm. He mentioned the development project for a Jewish home for the aged, on a site currently being used as nursing school, he hopes to hear from them in August and will share more information as he gets it.

VII. Presentations/Announcements/ FYI:

1. Reseda Board member Anna Measles discussed the recent 2018 Tour of the LA Aqueduct Owens Valley. This educational program is designed to give LADWP stakeholders a first-hand look at how we're working to ensure a clean energy and sustainable water future for Angelenos. She went on a tour, there are three more tours to come if anyone is interested. She saw the whole facility and learned how the water gets cleaned, tap water is pure. She toured Mono Lake, saw where the water that eventually gets to Los Angeles comes from.

2. Presentation: LAHSA (Los Angeles Homelessness Service Authority) has just released its report & statistical data on the January 2018 homelessness census count. A brief overview of the findings was discussed. Erin Schneider from Sheila Kuehl's office addressed the council. – In May, LAHSA released the 2018 numbers, which are down slightly; in the County homelessness is down 3%, but it's an ongoing crisis. There's a 5% decrease in the City of Los Angeles, with 53,000 homeless. Veteran homelessness is down 18%, chronic homelessness is down 16%, and youth placement increased 43%. Contributing to these numbers is the fact that Los Angeles has a growing affordable housing crisis. Nearly every demographic for 1st time homeless went down, but numbers for homelessness among older people went up. Schneider noted that the city and county are trying to provide as much help as possible. They're exploring feasibility of temporary housing in Canoga Park. There's a site at 7621 Canoga Ave, an old mental health facility, which could be part of that effort, pending approvals and other factors. If feasible and the county can purchase, approximately 80 additional beds will be made available. The West Valley doesn't have Bridge/Interim Housing. Schneider noted that SupervisorKuehl.com has more information and comments from public can be made. Joe Phillips noted Metro having a stop at Saticoy (near the proposed facility) would help but Metro hasn't addressed inquiries.
3. Presentation: Spotlight on LA's homelessness crisis. Reseda residence and stakeholders will have the opportunity to hear more about one impressive agency whose approach to tackling homelessness is in high demand. Clean Streets Clean Start, by Don Larson is a nonprofit agency that has a unique success model to aid the homeless population towards employment and eventual housing. CEO, Don Larson will share the vision, goals and a few of the success stories of this dynamic agency. (5-10 minutes) This item was postponed until the July 16 meeting.
4. Announcement: Fire Station #73, 7419 Reseda Blvd., Reseda. Community Open House. On Monday, July 9, 2018, 10:00am-11:00am, LA City Councilmember, Bob Blumfield & local leaders will celebrate this important step in ensuring the public safety of the West Valley. Come and thank the men & women of fire station #73. There will be a significant amount of firefighters and public safety resources. CR Cochrane noted this is an excellent Outreach opportunity.

VIII. Reseda Neighborhood Council Administrative Matters:

1. The Reseda Neighborhood Council Board has been notified in writing of the resignation of Mr. David Garner, effective June 13, 2018. The Presiding Officer called for a vote on the motion, and a "show of hands" vote was taken on the item.
 - i. Vote count: Yes 12 No 0 Ab and the board has formally accepted this resignation.
2. In accordance with the bylaws, any qualified "at- large stakeholder" may choose to run for the newly vacant seat any time after July 18th, 2018, and there will be a vote if necessary at the general meeting. Eligibility for the position is defined as an "at-large stakeholder" who has an ongoing participation within the Reseda neighborhood Council boundaries and who is at least 18 years of age.

3. The Reseda NC board to discuss and consider approval of chairs for the following committees: Outreach & Public Relations, Youth & Senior Advocacy, and Health & Wellness. CR appointed Maggi to Health & Wellness. For Outreach & PR, CR suggested a joint meeting.
 4. The Reseda NC board to discuss and consider approval of MERS from May 2018, and June 2018. Treasurer Gilbert Juarez noted that only May was available, so the item was amended. There was discussion over bylaws and voting specifics in amending and voting on this item, CR Cochrane suggested voting now and retaking it later if research reveals procedural errors. Linda Sherwin, from another Neighborhood Council and past Treasurer for the Lake Balboa NC, remarked that items on the MER had been previously approved, and due to this, she agrees with Juarez. Juarez moved to vote to approve, Anthony Contreras seconded.
 - i. Vote count: Yes 10 No 2 (Brewer, Measles), 1 ineligible (Lambert), 1 abstention (Williams), the motion passed.
 5. The Reseda NC board to discuss and consider approval of payment of funds of up to \$45.00 for the Constant Contact e-blast software account. After discussion about this item, including discussion of whether or not to pay annually or monthly and that the newsletter electronic distribution is affected by this and that this type of targeted emailing to specific groups and demographics could be useful to the Outreach Committee, Anna Measles moved to approve, Priscilla Ancondo seconded.
 - i. Vote count: Yes 12, No 0, 1 Ineligible (Lambert), the motion passed.
 6. The Reseda NC board to discuss and consider approval of the RNC Budget for 2018-2019, and the Budget packet. After discussion of the item, detailed by Treasurer Gilbert Juarez, including discussion of new rules and that allocations can be adjusted by the board as the year progresses, the addition of the third signer voted on at the last meeting and a rundown of the line items in the report, Jeffrey Minter moved to approve, pending the addition of third signer and corrections, Anna Measles seconded.
 - i. Vote count 10 yes, 1 no (Brewer), 1 ineligible (Lambert) the motion passed.
 7. The Reseda NC Board to discuss and site a motion to review, approve, and certify the Reseda Neighborhoods Council's Inventory list as correct and complete, containing all items in the possession of Reseda NC, as reported to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment during Fiscal Year 2017-2018. This item is being postponed until the next meeting on July 16.
- IX. **Upcoming Agenda Items:** Possible future agenda items that Board Members would like to include on upcoming agendas should be directed to the Reseda NC President, CR Cochrane or Vice President, Anna Measles.
- X. **Tentative -Next Meeting:** 7:00pm, Mon. July 16, 2018 . Reseda NC Community Space 18118 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335 (front half of Bank of America building).
- XI. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.