

Reseda Neighborhood Council Minutes

Monday, February 4, 2019 – 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

- Called to order at 7:06
- In attendance: Priscilla, Sharon, Martin, CR (absent), Maggi (absent), Yassmin (absent), Gilbert, Anna, Jeffrey, Joe, Sarah (absent) and Robert – 8 people here total

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Pledge of allegiance was observed by all attendants in the room.

III. Roll Call

- **Anna, Priscilla, Jeffrey, Sharon, Robert, Martin, CR, Maggi, Yassmin, Gilbert, Joe.**

IV. Introduction of Public Officials, City Employees and other Visitors

- Clay Kayson – coworker Aaron Schneider used to cover this area, but she was transferred to a different office. Here to ask if there are any questions or concerns related to the county. From Supervisor Sheila(?)'s office from the 3rd district.
- Maggi enters at 7:10pm – now 9 in attendance.
- Officer in charge of Park/Life issues speaks. Available for questions. Brief regarding numbers: in South Reseda, there was a 6% decrease in parking crime. Counterpart Denise had 10% reduction. Overall, decrease of 2.9% from last year. Through social media and other means of technology, we're more informed, which has helped. Reseda is better and we'll start groundbreaking this year. For February and March, we are not planning an armed watch meeting. On Wednesday for CBAP(?), our Chief of Police Michael Moore will be in attendance. That's what's on the agenda.
- Staffer – issues with medical or state agencies, please reach out. Assembly member is on 5 committees. Focus is on higher education – pursuing a degree affordably and attainably. Also Assembly Member has 3 bills on which he has sponsored or been associated -- AB 165, 166, and AB 10.
 - Question: Do you have an update on the potential move of the office into the district? Answer: Currently our office is in Van Nuys which is not in our district. Looking at 2 locations in Woodland Hills and Encino. Now we're opening up our search again to an area that is more accessible and actually in our district.

- Colin Crews – for Greg Smith, previous Council Member, who agreed to come back until the special election in June. Successful volunteering day with over 100 people in monsoon conditions. Planning Conversations with Council on the 25th at 6:30 at New Horizons in North Hills. Typically we discuss DWP or street resurfacing. This time, since we have a new council member, it's a meet and greet.
- Council District 3 – Plumfield(?) – old new deputy. Conservation efforts for an event this Saturday. Putting business cards in the back.
- Oscar from the City Attorney's Office – prosecutor for the West Valley. Work with LAPD Council Office to improve quality of life for seniors in West Los Angeles. New Ordinance dealing with the Lime scooters and mobile devices. Deals with competence. If you see someone riding it, they're supposed to park their scooters at the intersection at the corner. If you want you can move it over, that's up to you, but if you see someone riding crazily call 311 and they'll come out and deal with it. 2nd ordinance that will take effect July 1st: if you're going to rent out a room in your home for an AirBnb purpose, you must live in that residence for at least 6 months out of the year and you must have a permit to do that. There are large fines that go along with that otherwise.

V. Public Comments

- Former public servant (just visiting)
- Joseph Lee Su – Senior Manager US Small Business Administration. Big companies got their start through our programs. Created in 1963 to help entrepreneurs realize the American Dream through 4 main programs. Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers and Veteran Business Centers. Access to loans, contracting opportunities and disaster recovery assistance up to 50 million dollars.
- Councilors from Mental Health Center – one of the biggest mental health providers in the Valley. Anyone under the age of 18 in your home, we have a program that is funded to help young people and their parents to prevent bullying in the schools. It's also to help hold the schools accountable and improve communication in the schools. We shouldn't wait until the kids are on the verge of suicide. We have a list of providers for what we can't provide, information in both English and Spanish, and we can provide a parent center. Please use us as a resources. Phone number and email address: 1866-Be-A-Hero or bullying@sfvcmhc.org.
 - Question: Have you given your number to the councilors at the school? Answer: We're right now starting outreach. We haven't yet, but we're working on it.
- Candidate for LA City Council in District 12 (covers north part of Reseda). Is a scientist and educator teaching for sustainability and CSUN. Also a foster

parent. Running because she believes that LA and the world are experiencing an environmental crisis. She decided to devote her life to working on our planet for our future. Solutions to our housing crisis are intertwined with the issues surrounding our planet. Also been working on homelessness council. Also wants to bring exceptional services to Council District 12. We deserve to have a more responsive City Council Office and Council overall and to have our city be in good condition. Looks forward to partnering with everyone.

VI. Announcements

- A. At-Large Community Stakeholder (ACS) seat is vacant (referenced in IV and V).
- B. General Board Elections will be held in May 2019 (referenced in IV and V).
- C. *Rally in the Valley* will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 (referenced in IV and V).
- D. **How to Survive an Active Shooter** Event will take place here on February 13th, 2019 at 7:00pm (referenced in IV and V).

VII. Officer Reports

- A. President – nothing right now.
- B. Vice President - pass
- C. Secretary – unable to finish.
- D. Treasurer – nothing right now.
- E. Parliamentarian (absent).
- F. Sergeant-at-Arms – nothing right now (trying to find paperwork); hopefully later.

From the audience:

- Electronic newsletter was sent out, but have been unable to get the keycard and do not yet have a workaround and will be trying to get it out as soon as possible. Also, anyone who wants to be on our weekly email should sign up on the clipboards in the back.
- A man attempted to give something to the council members, but is told that this should have been done earlier.

VIII. RNC Committee Reports

- A. Outreach and Public Relations – Sarah Williams (absent).
- B. Planning and Land Use Management – D. J. Frank (nothing to report).
- C. Finance Committee/Grant Proposal— Sharon Brewer
-- we had a meeting on the 30th and the matters that were discussed are on the agenda tonight).
- D. Disaster & Emergency Services/Community Safety – Garth Carlson (Acting Chair)
-- we'll be meeting here on Tuesday at 6pm. Everybody is welcome to show up. Working on a lot of things including the safety archives.

- E. Youth & Senior Advocacy – Carmen Winston
 - will discuss later on in the agenda.
- F. Economic Development – Garth Carlson
 - Working with the business community on a number of things. Also working on the (?) office. Meeting will be on the last Thursday of the month.
- G. By-laws & Standing Rules – D.J. Frank
 - nothing to report other than what we have on the agenda for tonight.
- H. Health & Wellness – Maggi Espada-Hernandez
 - So happy to see everybody here today, and hopes everyone comes out to See Reseda Fit from 10am-2pm this Saturday. If you want to lead an exercise class, great. Next meeting is after the event on February 20th. Also we're going to start planning our Spring event as well, so come on and be part of the community.
- I. Mobility & Environment – Joe Phillips
 - Next meeting is next Monday at 7pm in this space. The purpose is knowledge – to focus on mobility and the environment. It's what we're experiencing right now – that we have to be prepared, it brings to mind what Garth was talking about, with the disaster preparedness meeting on the 12th. You're welcome to come and attend and be more involved, be more prepared. How prepared are you via bicycles. Also we will focus on the environment, climate change, the change we need to see. Next Monday.
- J. Homelessness Advocacy – Jeffrey Minter
 - Would like us to switch meeting to Homelessness Committee but was not able to discuss the day, so we will set that meeting at the meeting.
- K. Community Space – Robert Vogel
 - We have a lot of events that go on in this building. Different committees, different groups, all the committees that are here and of course our general meetings. Also starting tomorrow, Tuesday and Thursday there is free Tax Prep here.
- L. Ad Hoc Election – Priscilla Anchondo
 - Successful event last Saturday on our recruitment day. Elections will be on Sunday the 19th. We have several members from our committee who will be re-running for office. Registration is open now for those who want to run for office. Wednesday, February 27th at 7pm there will be another meeting to go over registration. Registration will continue until March 5th.

IX. **Presentations**

- No statements made.

X. **New Business**

- A. Approval of Minutes— did everyone see these, can we vote on them? All in favor of approving?

1. October 1st, 2018 – move to approve. Seconded. All in favor? (one person wasn't there). Sharon is nay. 2 abstentions. Movement is sustained.
2. November 12th, 2018 – No minutes at this time. No, we have them, the Board didn't get them until very late. This will be handled at the next meeting.
3. January 21st, 2019 – does everyone have them? Sharon – “2 sets of minutes were sent out today.” “One was sent out today that have been out for weeks.” “Sharon did you get your question answered?” “I know that 2 were sent out today.” Motion to approve the minutes. Seconded. All in favor? Sharon opposed. 1 abstention. 7:1:1.
4. Any other prior Board Meetings – note on the meeting note taker being able to hear, as she's taking the official minutes. Council will use the microphone.

B. Youth Candidate Speeches

1. Nicole Schroeder(?) – 16 years old, wanted to get more involved in the district where she goes to school. Interested in homelessness and creating unification. She was captain, on several boards including mental health awareness. Neighborhood council serves as the point of contact and she would like to be an asset.
 - As Nicole was the only applicant we will now vote:
 - Question: since you went to Cleveland High, what will you do for other schools?
 - Answer: we have student mixers, so I can work with other schools.
 - Any other questions? All in favor of Nicole to be our Youth Candidate? Oh, it's only the board.
 - It's unanimous.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a qualified stakeholder to fill vacant:

1. Residential Community Stakeholder (RCS)
 - 2 applications – one is Tracy Forester and the other is Connor Povel(?).
 - Q: didn't we just vote in a youth member?
 - A: yes, we'll see if there is more than one opening.
 - Is Tracy here? Yes – hi everyone, I'm Tracy. I've lived in Reseda for about a year, before that I lived in Sherman Oaks. As soon as I moved to Reseda, I felt an immediate sense of community. Whether it's traffic or noise or parking or crime, all of my neighbors are really interested. I've been active on Facebook and coming to meetings, but now I'm about to take it further and make a difference. I love the way Reseda still has an old world charm. I love to see everything moving and growing while we keep what we have as well.

- Connor? – Stand over here? Hi everyone. I’m running for the Community Stakeholder position. I’ve lived in and loved this city my whole life, practically. I’ll soon be living on my own in this city. I’ve been a political activist my whole life, recently helping out with the strike. Also the Chair at Peirce College. Concerned with the effects of climate change and the homelessness crisis. I know I’m young, but I’ve been inspired and I hope that I can help others to get involved.
- Question: If you don't get the residential seat, would you be interested in an at-large seat?
- Objection: it’s not fair to let him take other questions.
- Does anyone have questions on these two candidates? Sharon – I’m not going to ask the first one, the age – I guess she’s over 18— but I’d like to ask Colin what his age is, I know he said he’s going to Pierce. Because the thing is he has to be 18 or over. Conner: I’m 19. Sharon: Ok. And Tracy, just to let you know, you can take a run at the At-Large seat. Also, there’s a lot of things that are required of a Board Member. I was wondering...”Sharon, what’s the question you have?” Sharon: I’m trying to get to it. Community: Please let her ask the question. Sharon: I don’t go to the website, obviously there’s a lot involved, it’s more than just coming once a month. I guess – are both of you willing to go and commit to today that? Tracy: Yes, Priscilla was really helpful in explaining that. Connor: Yes, I’ve looked on the website and I am capable and qualified.
- Question: In your personal experience, work experience, in terms of leadership and teamwork, what do you think you two can bring to the board? If you two don’t mind standing up. (Both go to front).
- Connor: As I was saying, I am the tentative co-chair of a national organization. I’ve also worked with leadership and teamwork, with the hotel workers striking downtown and with UCLA as well.
- Tracy: I have a library background and I also manage a dept. of librarians who deal with copywrite. On a personal note, I’m very interested in music and I used to manage a band and looking after a group of rock stars is nothing to be sneezed at.
- Council: Thank you both.
- Audience: Can someone from the audience ask a question? Before coming up with this ambition of being on the council, was there a committee in particular you wanted to put your talents toward?
- Tracy: The environment. I really like the way we hold the history and heritage of Reseda. I want to see change and growth, but I

want to be sure we don't muck things up along the way with the land itself.

- Audience: then I would say Planning and Land Use Management too.
 - Connor: I'm drawn to the Homelessness and Housing committee. These are issues that we're not really dealing with. The website is blank if you click there. But it is a committee I'm interested in joining.
 - Council: That's actually the website map.
 - Audience: If you're seated on the council and there's something – an opinion—that's coming to you that's different than your own, how would you handle that?
 - Connor: Nonpartisan community, so we should trust and listen to the people. It's my job to do what they want. I'm a representative.
 - Tracy: I would echo that, thinking about the bigger picture.
 - Council: That was the last question.
2. At-Large Community Stakeholder (ACS)
- Everybody in the room can vote. If they're not, they won't vote. They're self-affirming. You have to live, work or have a substantial interest in the city.
 - Question: are both candidates qualified?
 - Council: We're not seating people until the end.
 - Questioner: That's not what I asked, but I understand.
 - Audience: Before we do the vote, I believe it's customary that the 2 new candidates leave the room.
 - Council: Go in the hallway, it's cold outside (candidates leave room).
 - Audience: I think it's important to note that the position of residential is through 20/20 and At large is only through May of this year.
 - Council: We're voting on Tracy Forester. Everyone who wants Tracy Forester please raise your hand (votes).
 - Everyone who wants Connor Vasala (12 votes).
 - Colin wins. Colin, you've been elected as the Resident Stakeholder.
 - Qualifications of the position are read out. Council: Do we have somebody who wants to run for this seat? (Tracy stands).
 - All in favor? Unanimous.
 - Can we have all three candidates stand over there please? (Picture is taken, candidate repeat the following pledge). "I pledge to represent Reseda with dignity, integrity and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect value and consider and everyone's

opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors and to neighborhoods throughout the city of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.” Candidates shake council members hands and take seats at council.

3. Youth Board Member (YM)

- Tracy is elected as YM.

D. Discussion and possible action recording support for the direct election of the LAUSC Super attendant.

1. David Ackerson presents: I am a recently retired LAUSD theater teacher. Every other school district requires that their superintendents be recruited and vetted over a long selection process. At LA Unified, why is it that the 2nd largest school district in the U.S. has voting take place behind closed doors and elects a representative without an appropriate background? As a taxpayer and parent, this is absurd and possibly corrupt. I think the Council should lead the way to bring this to make a change. Hopefully this will cause a trickle-down effect. Did you know that not more than five of the City Council employees have taught? Many recreate their titles and they make it harder for teachers to do their jobs. I’m happy to answer questions.

- Council: Is there anyone else who wants to speak to this?
- Sharon: Is there something in writing that would have to get changed?
- Answer: The problem is that nobody knows, they manage and run themselves. That’s why I’m here. If all of the Neighborhood councils got together, we can take it to them.
- Council: To build pressure.
- Youth Council: We work with a lot of the other Councils, so I concur. If you want to get in contact, we can collaborate.
- Council: He brings up a really good point, there is an alliance of Neighborhood Councils that focus on Education issues. That might be another layer to go through. As I was telling our president today earlier, on Saturday I went to a meeting in downtown LA, I can give you more information later.
- Council: I personally think that maybe we get something in writing.
- Council: The only problem is right now –
- Council: We can ad-hoc this committee.
- Council: I agree with that ad-hoc committee.
- What will you call it?
- It has to be specific.
- You want it for a community impact statement?
- Anyone can write it.
- That’s right, he can submit it.

- Ok, Jeff, do you want to write it? If you write it, we can all vote on it. That would be quicker.
- So you want to do that Jeffrey?
- Yeah, I move to have the secretary write some verbiage t be discussed at our next meeting in concert with this motion.
- Seconded.
- All in favor?
- I move to have our secretary draft a letter for the board regarding this issue to be brought back at the next Reseda City Council Meeting with David Askin(?).
- All in favor?
- It's your right hand everybody.
- Unanimous.
- Wait a minute. Opposed?
- I'm abstaining. (Vote 8:0:1)

E. Discussion and possible action to approve the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee's recommendation:

1. For the Reseda Neighborhood Council to adopt the additions and alterations
 - Everyone should have received the rules via email.
 - Council: Go to agenda.citycouncil.org and it's in the list.
 - Member: So all we're discussing are the changes in underline and the things that were deleted were struck out. I'm assuming everyone read through it and reviewed it.
 - Jeffrey: I didn't.
 - Member: You were there when they were put together.
 - Sharon: What month was this?
 - Member: This would have been in the November meeting.
 - Sharon: Is that the date that's on there?
 - Member: No, they would be amended as of today.
 - Sharon: Because the draft on there has different colors.
 - Member: Well oirginally we adopted standing rules on October 18th. And then the next amendment would be from tonight.
 - Council: It is on the cover of your –
 - Sharon: One other thing, I'm concerned about the stuff on there that has to do with the community space and the key when the community space committee didn't know of that going on.
 - M: What do you mean?
 - S: Well every agenda is the same. Unless you go the meeting, you don't know what's being looked at.
 - M: Well Rob Vogel was there.

- S: I was too, but my question is, why does everybody need to have a key in the space?
- Council: Only members of the Board. To the front door.
- S: I just think if you're going and talking about a committee, they should be able to go and weigh in.
- Jeffrey: That's more talking about the committee procedure, not the documents.
- S: I'm talking about the committee.
- J: I think this is off-topic.
- Council: do you want to change the document?
- M: Let me address that. As far as this specific item goes, we're present. It's a non-issue.
- Council: He's trying to clarify for you and you keep asking more questions.
- M: That's why it's at a committee level and not going to the board as a whole. We talk about it, we make the recommendation, it then goes to the board as a whole. At that point, if they have an issue with it – and this is sent out so everyone can be aware – now the board is here to discuss it. If the people who are in charge of the committee have an issue, then they can bring it up, and the board as a whole can decide if it's a good idea or not.
- Council: I have a couple of things I want to ask about. I'm curious – the font that you used. Is that going to stay?
- M: No, I did it as a whim. Do you want the font changed?
- Council: Yes. So, section 4, Item A, subheading I, then letter A – secretaries are responsible for maintaining a record – I think that this should be in collaboration with the community space chair. There should always be two people involved.
- M: The secretary is our record keeper, so he had to be involved.
- Council: And "subject to board appeal" should that be approval?
- M: No, we don't want the leaders to be dictatorial. The board then at that point would be acting as an arbitrator of that issue.
- Council: Thank you. And the next issue – I'm curious why Homelessness is there. Why outreach makes sense, because it's a continuous ongoing event. Homelessness is another committee that has a tremendously important goal, but it's not going to make or break that committee.
- M: Yes, this is already approved on Oct. 17th.
- Council: Oh, I have one more that's also not that color. So I guess I can't discuss?
- M: Yes, you're more than welcome to attend the next standing rules meeting at the end of the month.

- Council: So the committee chair is derelict of attending a meeting – I’m wondering if we should identify who, in the absence, should serve as Chair. Who would be the acting chair?
- J: The committee can decide.
- Council: Thank you. And this is a blue item. For re-keying, that’s at a tremendous expense to our council. Should there be some accountability? We’d have to rekey the door at \$150 dollars. Whose expense?
- M: Our thing in addressing this was not so much to lay expense as it was to protect the space and the property in the space. If someone wants to suggest this, I’m more than happy to discuss.
- Council: I wouldn’t want someone to accidentally lose a key.
- M: Yes, our main thrust was having some procedure in place.
- Council: I still think a camera would be a good idea.
- Council: Motion?
- J: I move to approve. All in favor? (8 votes). All opposed? (2 votes). Any abstentions? (2 votes). So we have 8:2:2.

F. Discussion and possible action to approve the Finance Committee’s recommendation:

1. To approve December 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)
 - Council: has everyone seen this? All in favor of approving?
 - What month is this?
 - December.
 - I’ll make that motion.
 - It came from committee, does it need to –
 - Roll Call –
 - Do you support this, Sharon?
 - Priscilla, Sharon, Magee, George, Anna, Jeffrey (no), Robert (abstain). Yes it passes.
 - (Votes 7:1:1). Three absent, two ineligible.
2. To approve funding for the Senior Symposium to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at ONEgeneration in Reseda.
 - Sharon is leaving because she volunteers, so she’s recusing herself.
 - How much is this?
 - \$750.
 - We can change it if we want.
 - I just wanted to say that when the seniors oppose, coming up on its 11th manifestation, started with our committee 7 years ago, we have always seen the \$750.
 - All in favor?
 - (Votes 2:2:4).

3. To approve continued use of AppleOne Minute Taker services for up to two Board meetings per month, not to exceed \$400 per month.
 - We haven't been getting meetings on a timely schedule so we put this on the agenda.
 - S: I didn't notice – it said until the end of the fiscal year June.
 - Council: I don't remember that – and then I had to redo the agenda. Okay, let me tell you, Thursday at 6pm is kind of late when I have to submit the agenda the next year.
 - Council: Point of Order –
 - J: What are we supposed to do here? I'm sure this just includes this fiscal year. It doesn't go on forever.
 - C: Let's add that language. That can be amended.
 - Council: Do you happen to have the Finance Committee Agenda on you, Sharon? The wording on the agenda – should we postpone this? Do you have the agenda or not?
 - J: I move to amend the agenda to include the appropriate language.
 - Council: Are you happy with that Sharon?
 - C: End of the fiscal year to June 2019.
 - Council: All in favor of the amendment? (Votes: passes).
 - All in favor of approving the amended motion? (votes: passes)
4. To approve Sarah William as a member of the RNC Finance Committee.
 - We're going to postpone due to absence.
5. To approve recommendations from RNC Ad Hoc Election Committee:
 - i. \$400 for bus bench signs
 1. Extended discussion.
 2. (Votes: 9:0:0:3:3)
 - ii. \$200 for candidate workshop
 1. Discussion: This will be reusable for multiple events that we see happening.
 2. (Votes: 7:1:1:3:3)
6. RNC Public Relations Committee – email services
 - i. This would really affect our brand, useful to the API and to automatically post the agenda.
 1. How much per month?
 2. \$5 per account and we are asking up to \$125 so 25 accounts. Ideally we'd have one for each board member and committee chair. It also includes the G Suite, google docs – once we have this, all the documents created will be controlled by the board.
 3. And are you going to have a training session?
 4. Yes.
 5. Ok, I'll ask her to help me.
 6. (Votes: 9:0:0:3:3)

7. To approve recommendations for RNC Emergency, Disaster & Community Safety Committee:
 - i. \$100 for pizza and supplies for March 9, 2019 CPR class
 1. Short discussion
 2. (Votes: 9:0:0:3:3)
 - ii. Up to \$60 for toilet paper and other supplies
 1. We do need supplies, batteries, and eventually light bulbs. Usually it comes in a 200 roll in a box.
 2. So this gets us our paper goods and then next time –
 3. We do have a service called TLC, they clean and it's free, it's a very nice service.
 4. Votes (9:0:0:3:3)

- G. Discussion and possible action to change or remove the Chair of the Youth & Senior Advocacy Committee.
 - Council: I never met her.
 - Audience: She was only here for that one meeting.
 - Council: So we're talking about Carmen Winston? We'd like to move forward with the committee and we can't until that's chaired.
 - J: Is anyone interested in chairing it?
 - C: I'll chair it if I'm around.
 - J: Your item's not going to be on it.
 - C: Moving forward, I can email you guys.
 - Council: Why don't we just remove the council chair?
 - Council: So the motion right now is to remove the chair. All in favor?
 - Votes: approved.

- H. Discussion and possible action to:
 1. Determine the validity of absences of Board Member Gilbert Juarez.
 - C: I was told that – someone obviously thought that I was absent enough—I texted Anna about being absent one day but I never got a response.
 - J: You have to communicate with the entire board. You actually got the agenda, I emailed you. You have 5 absences.
 - C: Can I get a record of the 5? Sharon was the one to inform me. I know I was absent before, I was honest, I'm not here to lie.
 - Council: But that's not a very good excuse.
 - C: We're not debating – I just want to know if the guidelines are proper or not and who decides that.
 - J: Whatever the board determines.
 - C: I'm just concerned that somebody put me on there who doesn't want me here.
 - Sharon: the bylaws – does the standing laws apply here?

- Council: It says in the bylaws, if you miss 6 meetings in a 12 month period.
 - C: So you're saying you put it on the agenda.
 - Council: No, somebody wanted us to put it on the agenda.
 - C: It's funny to me. I'll keep on coming so I don't get over the amount.
 - Council: What we most want from you is your assurance that you're going to be here. Will you be here twice a month? Can we count on you?
 - Sharon: I was trying to find out from D.J. about the standing laws that were approved prior to now – whether that applies for him with the different reasons that are understandable. And just for you guys to know, he has missed 5, but he's been at 12. And he's missed the last 2.
 - Council: What's the date on that? From when to when?
 - Sharon: From the fiscal year July 2nd 2018 to 2019. It actually says 12 months, so that's confusing. I'm just doing meetings, not months. But also it allows for certain reasons for being absent at the meeting.
 - Council: I vote to remove that item and move on.
 - Seconded.
 - All in favor of removing this item from the agenda raise your right hand.
 - Removed.
2. (Remove Gilbert Juarez as per bylaws). (See above)

I. Discussion and possible action to:

1. Absences of CR Cochrane

- Discussion: we haven't seen her in months
- Has she made a formal resignation?
- No.
- Ok, so if you vote for removal –
- We determine if there is any valid excuse. So vote yes for a valid reason – to determine the validity.
- We posted it and she had the chance to come defend herself. She's not here. That's publicly notified.
- Why are we discussing this? You guys had a special meeting to get her off.
- Sharon: Basically, since Nov. 12, there was a special meeting, Ciara hasn't been at any of the meetings. So there's one special, but that would end up being 4 meetings and the bylaws say 3 in a row.
- Or 6 in a calendar year.
- Sharon: And the thing is, she's not here.
- Council: Ok, so we're voting on the validity of the absences.

- C: I don't see how we can vote on validity if she doesn't have a reason. There's nothing to vote on.
 - J: By the bylaws, we have to vote.
 - Council: We're making this a roll call vote.
 - Votes as to whether absences are valid:
 - (Votes: 0:11:1:3:3) – voted not valid.
2. Remove CR Cochrane
- Any discussion?
 - Any email that goes out to the whole board goes out to her, she's on the list.
 - She has 72-hours' notice on this agenda.
 - C: So that's it? I'm just asking.
 - She's had lots of notice.
 - Votes to remove (10:1:1:3:3:)

J. New Budget Advocate

- Discussion: the problem is their meeting is the same time as our meeting.
- A Budget advocate controls \$12 million per year.
- Sharon: But right now we're doing the rap, before budget day.
- When is budget day?
- June. The third Saturday.
- They haven't figured it yet because it would be 19/20.
- That's a twice-a-month meeting.
- More than that – with General Managers and all that.
- They need to be wealthy and have lots of time.
- Let's move on to the next item.
- So we're postponing?

K. Finalizing date on next meeting as currently the scheduled date falls on President's Day.

- Discussion: I think we should probably not have meetings on holidays so that we can have more participation and people don't feel like they have to give up their holiday.
- Last meeting we discussed going from two meetings a month to one meeting a month.
- But we didn't actually plan for that.
- All I'm saying is I'm in favor.
- I think we should skip it.
- The Sierra Club is on the 19th.
- Question, may I just clarify? My point is that we should just not have the meeting. We shouldn't reschedule, we should just not have the meeting.

- That would put our next meeting on Monday March 4th.
- What issue would we have in delaying 2 weeks?
- Every other Neighborhood council –
- I know every other council does it every 2 weeks, but what issue would we be delaying?
- I agree with Martin’s concept. Let’s use February as a test and not have a meeting that 3rd Monday of the month.
- Sharon: If we don’t have a meeting we’ll get in trouble.
- Council: When is our next merger, the one for January?
- Sharon: They haven’t even generated them yet.
- You guys are fine on the merge.
- No, January would be February. Like, February 7th is probably the earliest that January can be generated.
- So if finance handles it the 3rd Wednesday, then it would be ready by the 4th.
- I call for the vote.
- What was the motion?
- To not have the meeting on the 3rd Monday and have our next meeting on March 4th.
- Seconded.
- All in favor?
- Is there anything – we would be jeopardizing our advertising position?
- It’s not urgent, but it would be nice –
- I don’t know that we can do anything to alert the public, but Sarah has been very quick to post those things.
- Ok, all in favor of not having the February 18th meeting of the RNC?
- Votes (10:1:1:2) -- passes

XI. **Old Business**

- A. Discussion and possible nomination and approval of the Chair of Disaster & Emergency Services/Safety
- Last 2 meetings voted to have (me) as chair.
 - If a super amazing person comes in better than Garth – like a police officer—
 - Garth is Mr. Reseda. He was on the board before any of us were.
 - Approved.
 - Nobody else in your community would come forward.
 - All in favor?
 - Votes (unanimous in favor).

XII. Upcoming Agenda Items

A. Any stakeholder may request the inclusion of an specific agenda item for future meetings.

1. Discussion: I just want to ask if anyone else would like to be the Bank Representative, I would like to be the representative of Reseda to go down to the City Hall to be the Lank(?) Representative.
2. We should put it on the agenda just in general. We would have done it today but there were too many items.
3. We'll put it on the next agenda next month.
4. We could vote right now – who wants that on the next agenda?
5. It's already set on the next agenda.
6. Forgot about that.

B. Possible future agenda items

XIII. Next Regular Meeting

A. 7:00pm Monday, February 18, 2019

XIV. Adjournment

--Adjourned at 9:29pm.