

Reseda Neighborhood Council. Monday March 4th, 2019

Left To Right: 1. Sharon Brewer- Treasurer. 2. Tracy Forrester 3. Connor Vassallo. 4. Yassmin Flores. 5. Jeffrey Minter- Secretary. 6. Priscilla Anchondo-Vice President. Anna Measles- President. 8. Sarah Williams- Parliamentarian. 9. Robert Vogel - Sergeant at arms. 10. Nicole Choder. 11. Joe Phillips. 12. Martin Buonora. 13. Gilbert Juarez

1. Call to Order. Meeting Time Start @ 7:06pm. Anna Called to order

2. Roll Call: Maggie Espada not here. Just Kidding She arrived at 7:07pm. Everyone in attendance.

3. Intro of Public officials: None present.

4. Public Comment: 1. Karen: Recently attended police meeting. Illegal fireworks present. Asked for negative impact statements for the fireworks, ours was not one of them. Please submit negative impact reports about quality of life issues. Of 39 Councils, only 4 submitted, Reseda Not one of them. Officer Brown was who she spoke to. James Brown was the co chair of CPAB, not an officer official.

Next: Seeing a pattern on blocks (victory white oak area) Converted garages into housing. Becoming huge parking issue on our street. People who visit, can't find any parking. This is going to be a bigger problem. Is there anything there to address it?

No announcements:

Officer Reports:

Anna: Some problems with the credit cards for neighborhood council uses. Talked to city funding. Once I have clearance I will get the usual discount with office depot and the city.

Anna: Presents award to High school student for youth representative. Cameron Lambert.

Jeffery: I have been printing documents myself out of pocket. I would like to post in the future. The way we are doing it now is kind of hectic.

Sarah Williams: Welcome to the new board members. You're allowed to vote tonight. All items are discussed are open for public comments. Speak once on the subject. Please respect time limits. I want to make sure that everyone understands that we need respect to another. We do not discriminate on any grounds. Nobody should have to qualify their identity to anyone else. Nobody should feel that they are not safe to participate in the discussion.

Robert Vogul: I agree ^ . My job is to say when that's enough and get on with business.

COmmunity reports: (sarah) Last meeting was discussing maximizing outreach. We agreed that giveaway items and information. Any outreach item now has a I Heart Reseda sticker. We are rebirthing. We are going to go warmer colors. Newsletter needs much love and attention. If you have items currently, please email them to Reseda.org.

Pricilla: we are getting an update about what's happening in Reseda. Reseda rising, this thursday 6pm in this room.

Question: I have a serious complaint, I have been volunteering to print it cheaper than anyone else.

Pricilla: Are you a vendor of the city?

Sarah: Your estimates were reviewed, they were not the cheapest we had offered. We can discuss more, and you can put in another formal bid. it does go through a committee before it reaches the board.

Sharon : Next Wednesday March 20th at 6:30pm for finance meeting.

Garth- Last meeting was last week, we didn't have quorum due to sickness. Next meeting will be Thursday.

Report on March 26th Tuesday for the Bylaws and standing rules committee.

Next meeting on Health and Wellness - Maggie on March 20th 5pm. Also, another even is Reseda Fit event. Please come to meeting.

Mobility & Environment: Next Monday. Mobility & env C - Jeffery Minter. Revisiting several items. Talking about Food Trucks obstructing sidewalks potentially.

One last issue would be a community impact statement about fireworks. Barren and Heart, no curbs or sidewalks, no storm drains. Lots of flooding in that area.

Homelessness Advocacy Next meeting, this month on the Third thursday this month. at 6pm. 21st

Community Space - We voted for 960\$ for chair racks and storage. Taking into account tax and shipping. Sending to Sharon.

Ad Hoc Election - Pricilla. Good news! Half our board is up for election on Sunday May 19th. Registration ends tomorrow at 9. So we have an election. We are going to move forward with a candidates forum. Names are on the website.

Question: are new stakeholders 825 new stake holders. January to the 15th of February. Pricilla, there's 65,000 residents.

Comment: This thursday 7pm we are getting an update on projects around reseda.

Rally in the Valley- Sarah Williams. Expect to add 10-20 hours per week, pro bono work. With Neighborhood councils, you should get involved for the right philosophical reasons. Have the right technical skills because of the rules and guidelines, a misstep can burn down a whole project.

Business: 1. Approval of minutes. Has everyone seen them? How many have read them from Nov 19th. 5 hands. Not enough.  
(going through last minutes on where they went) Last minute taker didnt understand motions.

Joe: Question about Minuet drafts.

Anna: LAUSD Superintendent. 1. Approval of position statement. Sarah, the super would go from an appointed position, to a directly elected position. We would like a direct input on this. I feel this should be heavily talked about.

Martin, when is the next superintendent elected? A: He was recently elected last december without any public input. The current gentleman has no qualifications. I'd be happy to go to all the neighborhood councils and get the neighborhood councils input.

Question: Whos driving this, initial sponsor?

Answer- Jeffery, we are not writing to the city.

Comment: This has to be changed top down, there's a lot of corruption in this.

Sarah: The proposed position statements is the belief by Reseda that the general public should elect the superintendent as a directly elected position.

(reads shortened statement) Stop the appointment and let the people choose.

Comment: Teachers unions have a stranglehold on the money that flows to them. Consider the ramifications.

Response: The unions would be happy that this would happen. We are the only school district in the united states that does not directly elect the superintendent.

Joe Phillips: I've heard tons of flack on the radio about what's going on to the school system Superintendent

Sarah: Seems like a lot of discussion needs to be had. I propose to create an Ad Hoc education committee with the community. Or to vote special meetings to this topic.

Sarah Moves to create Ad Hoc Committee, for the purpose of creating the superintendent as directly elected. Gilbert Seconded.

Joe Phillips: I think we can vote on this today we have been talking about this for months. I'd like to vote today.

Jeffery: I think this would be more effective if we had more public involved in this.

Anna: How are you choosing a chair, Gilbert Volunteered.

Motion to make an Ad Hoc Committee.

All in favor unanimously , Anna abstained. Sarah: I move to nominate Gilbert as the Chair, Seconded.

Sarah: it's been seconded, we can make a amendment to add people to the chair.

Gilbert: (speaks about experience in education)

Sarah: We could have Co Chairs. (Connor Volunteered to be another chair)

Sarah: I would like to amend my motion to create the Ad Hoc education committee to elect chairs as Co chairs to include and Gilbert and David Yakerson as part of the Co Chairs.

Right now it's the consideration of the co-chairs. Seconded?

Public comment: I think it should simply be 1 chair, or co chairs possible. I think the chairman should be neutral.

Martin calls for a vote:

Anna: all in favor?

8 in favor. Anna abstained 4 opposed. Sharon, Martin, Maggie, Jasmine opposed.

Sarah: I move to add Connor Vassallo, Nicole C, and Cammeron to the committee. Jeffery Seconded.

Unanimous Vote in favor.

Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a qualified stakeholder to fill Vacant:

Any interested Parties? No volunteers

XD. Alliance of neighborhood councils. Have at large discussions about homelessness.

Connor: What other NC's are on this? Jeffery, so its an entity/alliance. 9 participating, 7 officially supports it.

Question. How do we know they are productive? How many homeless approx? Jeffrey- I don't have exact numbers. We are 1 entity, the city of los angeles, we are stronger with the backing of the City of LA as a unity.

Sarah: We are simply apart of the alliance on the NC's.

Sharon Question: What is the definition of the west valley neighborhood alliance to educate the public.

Jeffery: People who are part of the councils are apart of the councils.

Anna: All in favor to join the Alliance and use their logo?

Pass, Only Sharon opposed.

D2. Unanimous pass vote. Approval of Connor Vassallo to the Homeless Advocacy Committee. I asked outreach about Jan 30th, the only thing was on the agenda was the G suite.

There's been chances for it to get to finance. We have voted in the past to avoid the bylaws. We don't even know what kinda stuff it looks like, quantity, color, that stuff.

March 20th next finance meeting.

Gilbert: If you vote on this its to buy the stuff ultimately.

Sarah W: This was an issue of how to handle finance items from day 1. If you move forward, finance items that are considered high priority can move forward with the board.

We have nothing to give to people currently. We have been personally funding this out of public. All the items have been previously approved. This wasn't taken lightly.

Garth: Specifically, you voted 450\$ to spend on pens and that never got spent.

Yasmine: Its UP-TO 1000\$ it does not say we HAVE to spend 1000\$.

Martin: I think its sad that our process has to be approved this way. Im saying our system fell apart. What would be the dollar amount to get us through these badly needed materials to get us through this stuff.

A: 500\$ would be a fair amount.

E. 1. Sarah: we are going to order materials (I love reseda) We are not ordering any current items with the old logo.

Pass. Only Sharon Opposed.

E2. Sarah Williams: We don't have anything for people to walk away with information about how to contact us. Finance committee won't be meeting till March 20th.

Sharon: We have not gone to finance first. I had nothing to do with it. I've had 2 finance meetings Jan 30th, Feb 20th.

Sarah: Who wants to recommend to vote to amend this to 500\$? Priscilla Seconds it.

All in favor? Pass, Sharon And Gilbert and Yasmine.

Vote to Change the 500\$ Passes 9 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstain, 0 absent. 2 ineligible Jeffrey and Sharon Opposed.

Sarah Abstain

E3. Color Prints of Newsletter: Vote. Unanimous Vote yes. Anna Abstain.

E4. Create and solicit Newsletter staff:

Sharon: I would recommend an ad hoc committee so we can focus on this.

All in favor of E4. Pass, Sharon Opposed.

E5. Hard Deadlines for Submissions: All in favor of E5. Unanimous Pass.

E6. Committee to commence Reseda Re-brand. Allows committee to vote on samples:

Joe: as a bicycle advocate, I like us being the hub of the valley.

All in favor of E6.

Pass, only Sharon Opposed.

E7. Official @Resedacouncil.org emails to be issued.

Duke Comment: You've always had those emails. I would appreciate it if I was notified. It was through Godaddy.

Jeffery: no we don't, we never had them. Who did you use to pay for that?

Anna Im asking for discussion.

Sarah: We have a re-booted website. we will be issuing New reseda.org email addresses. We are integrating to G-suite. We are adding first initial and last time.

No ruling on Jeffreys motion move to vote.

Vote on E7. Pass. Sharon and Gilbert Opposed.

F1. Discussion and possible action of the Finance Committee: No discussion.

1. Tracy NA. Jeffery No. Sarah Abstain. Conner Abstain. Robert. Abstain. 7 for -1 against Jeffery. -4 abstentions. Martin, sarah, connor, robert. 2 ineligible.

2. Approval of AppleOne invoice 242.55 Minute taker. (for last year minuet taker) Invoice was too late for last year.

Vote on F2. 12 Yes. 2 Ineligible. Nicole and tracy. 0 against.

3. 167\$ same situation. 12 yes. 2 Ineligible, nicole and tracy. 0 against. 12-0-0-2'

4. 2500\$ for Northridge hospital Victims of assault. C.A.T.S annual victory for victims walk/run event. Maggie (Recused herself from this item, left the room at 9:01pm)

Discussion: 100% of the proceeds go to children who've been molested and raped. We are sponsoring the event. The walk is a fundraiser.

Sarah: Martins point seems to be that the donation is toward the operations of the event to the walk, rather than the victims.

Martin: The language creates an impediment to the funds to the victims.

Comment: Up to 2500\$ makes sense for the logistics of an event for water and such. But a specific donation makes sense for the victims in the hospital.

Gilbert: Can we Vote on this?

Joe: What other Neighborhood councils are involved? this isn't even happening in Reseda, it's in Encino.

Jasmin: As far as I know Arleta is involved.

Connor: If they want our support, can they clarify how they are using the money. it's not until end of april.

Sharon: I know that Lake balboa was on its outreach agenda. Other NC's get a booth.

Gilbert. I make a motion to amendment F4 for the approval of 1500\$ to CATS . Jasmine seconded. The amendment does not pass. 5 in favor. rest opposed.

Vote On F4. Sharon No. Maggie Ineligible. Joe No. Connor Abstain. Rob Abstain. Passes 7 yes, 2 no-2 abstain-1 recused/absent

Maggie has come back into the room at 9:20pm

F5. Approval Sarah Williams as a member of the RNC Finance Committee.

It was not tabled as Sharon Requested.

Vote. 11 yes. 1 Sharon opposed. Anna Abstain. Connor Abstain. Gilbert Abstain.

G. Censure of Gilbert Juarez. Gilbert: I would like clarification for what this is specifically.

Sarah: Specific things were asked for by stakeholders. A few times you talked about people's race and identity. The board and audience found that offensive. A defamatory accusation for the people who was not a factor. You have told the board to go "F themselves" at board members. This just has to make this a public record. Because private conversations have not worked.

Gilbert: In my opinion, it's only the minorities that have been voted off. I've seen several occasions where others have not been censured.

Sarah: When you say "You are Fking Pathetic and you can go F themselves", saying "my opinion" does not cover yourselves. It does not cover. Do you know the race and ethnicity of every person on this board?

Pricila: Can we count on you to not have this kind of behavior from this day forward?

Gilbert: If I feels there is injustice, I'll keep it in email and proper procedures.

Martin: I think it's really offensive that we are just censured. Im seeing head shaking and eye rolling. We have council members that are constantly going on emotional Tyrades. Need a pathway of understanding. I support Gilbert.

Sarah: We have this written into our laws for a reasons. The action, is also the problem. It shouldn't be the person. Sometimes the rules are not fully understandable.

(gilbert offers to resign)

Pricilla: We've had a lot of discussion here.

I make the motion to Censure, Jazmine Seconds it.

All in favor. 4 yes 3 no. Sharon No. Martin No. Maggie abstain, nicole abstain. Tracy Abstain.

Gilbert no. Anna Abstain, Joe Abstain. Connor No. Robert Yes. 5-4-5. Motion Passes.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45pm.

Alex Cordoba Minute Taker.

