

General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2009
Shepherd of the Hills Church
19700 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch, CA 91326

1. Welcome and Introductions

President Mel Mitchell called the Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and explained procedures.

2. Roll Call

Board Members introduced themselves: Mel Mitchell (President), Paula Cracium (Vice-President), Ali Dabirian (Secretary), Bright Aregs, Mandhata Chauhan (late), Irv Cohen, Sue Hammarlund, Becky Leveque, Ron Nagai, and Vas Singh.

Nine of the 11 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting, which is a quorum, and the business of the Council could be conducted. Also attending were approximately 46 Stakeholders and Guests. Absent: Christopher Cooper (Treasurer).

Ms. Cracium was recognized for being honored by State 38th District Assemblyman Cameron Smyth as the 2009 "Woman of the Year" for the District.

3. President [This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #4.]

MOTION (by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Cracium): to approve the proposed Agenda for this Meeting.

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

4. Secretary [This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #2.]

MOTION (by Mr. Dabirian, seconded by Ms. Hammarlund): to approve the Minutes of the January 6 and February 3, 2009 General Board Meetings, as written.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous hand vote.

Mr. Mitchell asked first-time Stakeholder attendees how they heard about this Meeting.

5. Treasurer. Mr. Cooper was not present and there was no report.

6. Motion regarding renewing the Public Relations services agreement

MOTION (by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Cracium): to approve funding for an amount not to exceed \$3,000 to renew the Public Relations services agreement for six more months with Moore Business Solutions.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cohen asked if the NC has been invoiced and services listed. Mr. Mitchell explained that there's been a contract. Ms. Cracium explained that Mr. Mitchell monitors the services. Wendy Moore, of Moore Business Solutions, explained that services include writing articles each month for local newspapers, taking approximately five hours per week; website services are a related but separate contract.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous hand vote.

Semee Park, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-756-8501; semee.park@lacity.org), announced that the Councilman introduced a Resolution regarding supporting AB 68 to reduce plastic bag use and protect the environment, and a Resolution regarding water conservation. More information is available at www.CD12.org. Also, there'll be an Arts Festival March 29th, 11:00-5:00 at the Chatsworth Train Depot. Citrus Sunday May 3rd will donate fruit to food pantries; there'll be a planning meeting March 31st, 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station 87 on Balboa Blvd. south of Devonshire St.

Melvin Canas, Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9953; melvin.canas@lacity.org), explained the NC system. BongHwan Kim, DONE General Manager, will have a roundtable discussion Saturday, March 21st, 8:00 p.m. at the Marvin Braude Center [6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys] of the impact of budget issues on the NC system. The City Attorney will be there to do a two-hour mandated Board Members ethics training, good for two years. RSVP to Diane Estrada at (213) 473-4529. He encouraged e-mailing NC success stories to DONE, especially regarding outreach and community services.

Danny Del Valle, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (818-634-0362, cell 818-634-0362; 27677@lapd.lacity.org, or delvallesw.45@att.net for urgent), said he's "working closely" with Officer Dario Del Core. They're looking for information about the January 3rd fatal car crash on Tampa Ave. by Rinaldi St. Crime dropped a little.

7. **Discussion**, Sue Hammarlund - to discuss the "File for Life program
Sue Hammarlund explained the "File for Life" program "for seniors," which provides quick health information for care providers and responders.

Presentation: Shepherd of the Hills Church Expansion

Tom Stemnock, President, Planning Associates, Inc. (818-487-6767), presented regarding the proposed expansion of Shepherd of the Hills Church. He displayed diagrams and explained that there would be a new sanctuary constructed and the old sanctuary would be remodeled mostly for children's and student uses as well as offices. Parking for 910 spaces is now available; a parking deck that would add 170 spaces is proposed to be built over the existing parking lot. Parking will be constructed first, possibly by the end of 2009; the remaining construction will be done depending upon budget, the economy, and other considerations. Traffic and parking studies of seven intersections are done; it was determined that there'll be "no significant impact on existing traffic." The first Public Hearing will be in May and they would like the NC's support.

Stakeholder Charles Smith is concerned about November fire debris still needing to be cleaned up and recommends burning most of it. Mr. Aregs relayed that the City Council Office has encouraged waiting until the ground is drier and harder first.

Adjourn

Mr. Mitchell **ADJOURNED** the Meeting without any objections at 7:06 p.m. The Meeting adjourned earlier than usual so that people could attend the following Meeting.

LAPD Devonshire Division Semi-Annual Meeting

Topic: What influences your children when they are out of your sight? Hosts: Captains Sean Kane and Steven Ruiz; and Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) and Detectives of the Devonshire Community Police Station.