

**PORTER RANCH**  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Unapproved General Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

at 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), Maha Batta, (Treasurer), Ali Dabirian (Secretary), Mandhata Chauhan, Sue Hammarlund, Pat Pope, Dick Rippey, and Vas Singh. Bright Aregs arrived later.

Nine of the 11 Board Members were present at this time. A quorum is seven or more, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Absent: Becky Leveque. Also attending were approximately 45 Stakeholders and Guests.

**3. President, Mel Mitchell - Motion to approve proposed agenda.**

**MOTION** (by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Singh): to approve the Agenda for this May 4, 2010 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a unanimous vote.

**4. Secretary, Ali Dabirian - Motion to approve unapproved Minutes.**

**MOTION** (by Mr. Dabirian, seconded by Ms. Cracium): to approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2010 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a unanimous vote.

**5. Treasurer, Maha Batta - Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented at the May 4, 2010 meeting.**

Ms. Batta said that "Total Funds Available" were \$10,408.46; no roll over funds are available. The Mayor's budget for the next fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> includes \$45,000 for every NC. Ms. Batta reminded Board Members to submit receipts to her for reimbursement by DONE (the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment). Discussions will continue regarding hiring an accountant to assist her.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Batta, seconded by Ms. Hammarlund): to accept the May 4, 2010 Treasurer's Report as presented.

**MOTION PASSED** by a unanimous vote.

There was a brief recess.

Mr. Pope relayed that the LAFD [L.A. Fire Dept.]’s original plan to eliminate local ambulances was changed so that only the Fire Station 28 would lose one. Ms. Leveque, Mr. Pope, Mr. Rippey, Mr. Mitchell and Wendy Moore met and wrote a letter to L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-756-8501; Greig.Smith@LACity.org; www.LACity.org/council/cd12) about it. The City’s tentative budget for the next fiscal year would not eliminate any ambulances.

6. **Update**, Bright Aregs - Land Use Committee Announcements

Mr. Aregs referred to the projects in below Item #s 7, 8, and 10.

7. **Motion**, Bright Aregs - to reform City regulation of wireless facilities (see attached).

**MOTION** (by Mr. Aregs, seconded by Mr. Singh): the PRNC will send the attached draft letter to Mr. Jordan and City officials Re: CF No. 09-2645/Pole Regulation.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Aregs distributed a “PRNC Cell Tower Motion, 5-4-10” and explained that cell phone towers are being placed in public rights-of-way without Public Hearings. Seme Park, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-756-8501; Seme.Park@LACity.org), suggested working with the Granada Hills South NC.

**AMENDED MOTION** (by Mr. Aregs, seconded by Mr. Singh): the PRNC will prepare and send a letter regarding the City’s regulation of wireless facilities to Mr. Jordan and City officials Re: CF No. 09-2645/Pole Regulation.

**MOTION PASSED** by a unanimous vote.

8. **Motion**, Bright Aregs - to prepare a letter regarding the stop light at Rinaldi St. and Amigo Ave.

This Item is still in progress. No Motion was made at this time.

9. **Community speakers**

Seme Park announced that the Councilman introduced eight Motions to provide more oversight of the DWP. Also, State Assembly Bill 2256 to allow cities more control over unhitched trailers is pending. The Northridge Festival will be June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Northridge Park.

Diana Shaw, 38th State Assembly District Candidate, introduced herself.

Stakeholder Mike Dobry announced the May 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m. LAPD Devonshire Division Annual Breakfast at the Station.

Mr. Singh announced a canned food drive May 8<sup>th</sup> at Post Offices.

Erik Pfahler and Teresa Sousa presented for the Porter Ranch Development Company about their revised plans for the Town Center West/Aldea property north of Rinaldi St. between Mason Ave. and Porter Ranch Dr. The plan integrates residential and commercial uses on the site. The objective was to create a little village half as intense as the Specific Plan. Parking is placed in nodes. A Civic Building can also be used by the NC for events. The mixed-use project includes mostly townhouses as residences. They're currently seeking City and NC approval for 2011 residential and 2012 commercial expansion construction. Parking spaces for 1,113 vehicles will be provided. Concerns were expressed, including by Ms. Hammarlund, regarding whether enough parking and mass transportation opportunities would be provided, especially for employees. Mr. Pope believed that the project will improve the community. Ms. Cracium recommended that the NC request to review the parking again. There'll be a Public Hearing June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**10. Motion**, Bright Aregs – See below Motion.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Aregs and seconded): to prepare a letter to the L.A. Department of Planning in support of the revised Town Center West/Aldea development plans that also expresses concern that the project needs to provide more parking.

**DISCUSSION:** There was further discussion regarding parking issues.

**PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote.

**11. PRNC Planning Forum**

This Agenda Item was postponed until the June 1<sup>st</sup> General Board Meeting.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Cracium and seconded): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.