



PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

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.

2. Roll Call

Board Members introduced themselves: Mel Mitchell (President), Paula Cracium (Vice-President), Ali Dabirian (Secretary), Bright Aregs, Mandhata Chauhan, Sue Hammarlund, Becky Leveque, Pat Pope, Dick Rippey and Vas Singh. Board Members absent: Maha Batta (Treasurer) (excused).

Ten of the 11 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting. The PRNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven, so the Board could take such votes. No Board seats were vacant. Also attending: 22 Stakeholders and guests.

Mr. Mitchell noted that Mr. Dabirian is resigning to pursue his academic career. Mr. Mitchell read aloud and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Dabirian from City Council District 12. Also, the next Meeting will be July 10th, not the usual first Tuesday, due to the July 4th Independence Day observance.

3. Minutes Approval

MOTION (by Mr. Dabirian, seconded by Mr. Singh): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 1, 2012 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

4. Treasurer

Mr. Mitchell said that there was no report at this time. Most Fiscal Year 2011-2012 funds have been allocated. A Purchase Card allocation extension has been requested. Next Fiscal Year available funding will be \$37,500. Mr. Mitchell will get more information on available funds.

5. Motion, Dick Rippey - approval of the 2012 Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after the first comment in Item #7.] Mr. Rippey announced that the PRNC Election will be Saturday, September 8th. Six Board Seats will be open: four At Large, one Youth (16-18 years of age at Election time)

and one Open. The other five Board Seats will be up for election in two years. He explained the Vote-By-Mail (VBM) procedure; the VBM Form and the Candidate Filing Form will be available July 10th; the VBM submission deadline will be August 8th. Candidates are needed. IEA (Independent Election Administrator) Jose Sandoval (Jose@EmpowerLA.org) introduced himself. The VBM cost to the PRNC will be \$200-\$500. Board Members had a consensus to hold the Election Saturday, September 8th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and to allow Vote-By-Mail. Mr. Sandoval described possible Stakeholder voting qualification proofs and will verify qualifications. There was extensive discussion regarding how Stakeholders would affirm a stake in the community to be eligible to vote in the PRNC Election.

MOTION (by Mr. Rippey, seconded by Mr. Dabirian): the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council will have its Election on Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 19700 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch, at which Stakeholders can verify their eligibility to vote by self-affirmation; a Vote-By-Mail procedure will be available.

DISCUSSION: There was extensive discussion regarding whether voting qualifications are specific enough.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no objections.

Mr. Rippey distributed PRNC Election Candidate filing fliers. There may be a Candidate Forum at the Tuesday, August 14th PRNC General Board Meeting. Different Election outreach options were discussed. Stakeholder Victor Florian offered Sorrento and other Homeowner Association newsletters for free Election notices. E-mail RichardRippey@PRNC.org [and see www.PRNC.org] for Election information.

6. Committee Reports

There were no reports at this time.

7. Community speakers

[The following comment was made after Item #s 4 and 5.] Ed Headington, GHNNC Board Member and 38th State Assembly District Candidate (www.Edward2012.com), thanked Stakeholders for their support and encouraged voting in the November 6th election.

Mr. Rippey announced that Porter Ranch signs funding will be considered by the City Council. Stakeholder Irv Cohen thanked the Board for making him the Porter Ranch Senior Dinner and Dance Representative and for new [Porter Ranch Community] School support. Ms. Leveque added that the new School will open in mid-August and there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony October 5th. Approximately 460 students' parents applied for 50 openings.

Mr. Pope will contact L.A. City Fire Dept. Chief Brian Cummings regarding presenting at the PRNC. Also, July 28th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Basic Car Meeting at St. John Eudes Church [9901 Mason Ave. at Lassen]. Ms. Cracium reported for Danny Del Valle, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-363-1726; mobile/text phone 818-634-0362; 27677@LAPD.LACity.org, or DelVallesw.45@att.net for urgent), that Grand Theft Auto, theft from vehicles and burglary are up; he had reminded to park in lighted areas, leave nothing visible and lock the doors.

L.A. City Fire Dept. Captain Chris Cooper, LAFD Disaster Preparedness Officer and former PRNC Board Member, introduced himself. Captain Cooper urged Stakeholders to “prepare for seven days of isolation in the event of a disaster.” He will check if he can arrange a one-hour presentation at a PRNC Meeting. There was extensive discussion regarding emergency preparations. There was discussion regarding Brown's Canyon and the need for balance between water conservation, fire protection and esthetics. A Stakeholder expressed concern that reduced watering has increased fire danger.

Mr. Hasson reported that it appears that the Aliso Canyon Turbine Replacement Project will go ahead; he believed that fire mitigation measures did not seem to be well-addressed.

Mr. Mitchell declared and it was agreed to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:08 p.m.