



PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

at Porter Valley Country Club, 19216 Singing Hills Dr., Porter Ranch, CA 91326

1. Welcome and Introductions

President Paula Cracium opened the business portion of the meeting at 6:20 pm. Paula introduced all of the Board members and explained their area of expertise. Over 100 stakeholders were present.

2. Speakers

Tom Johnson from the Northridge West Neighborhood Council spoke about the North Valley Alliance and the 2013-2014 LA City budget. Further cutbacks may be in the works for Neighborhood Councils in the next fiscal year.

Erik Richardson from Councilman Englander's office announced that the suspects in the homicides on Devonshire Street were in custody. The Councilman is outraged that four people were murdered outside of an unregistered group home. Unregistered and unregulated group homes have been an increasing blight in the Valley and elsewhere. The Councilman is moving forward with legislation to regulate them.

Erik also discussed LAFD Chief Brian Cummings appearance before the City Council earlier in the day. The Councilman is very concerned that the Fire Department does not have accurate statistics on response times to emergency calls. Lacking accurate statistics the fire department is severely hampered when deploying resources throughout the city, and in reducing response times to near national standards.

Adam Pilder from the North Valley YMCA thanked the Council and the residents for helping the YMCA exceed their goal of 2000 Thanksgiving food baskets distributed to needy Valley families. Over 2700 baskets were distributed.

3. Adjournment

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at about 6:30 PM and the Board members met with the stakeholders at tables throughout the banquet room.