



PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 19700 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch, CA 91326

1. Welcome

President Paula Cracium called the Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Pat Pope. All 11 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting and introduced themselves: Paula Cracium (President), Dick Rippey (Vice-President), Sean O'Rourke (Treasurer 1), Becky Leveque (Treasurer 2), Pat Pope (Secretary), Bright Aregs, Maha Batta, Sue Hammarlund, Mel Mitchell, Vas Singh and Ethan Turer. Board Members absent: none. 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. All eleven Board Seats were filled. No Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: 44 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Minutes Approval

MOTION (by Mr. Pope, seconded by Ms. Hammarlund): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 5, 2013 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with all 10 in favor (Aregs, Batta, Hammarlund, Leveque, Mitchell, O'Rourke, Pope, Rippey, Singh and Turer). [Presidents can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

4. Minutes Approval

Ms. Leveque noted that she was not introduced as indicated in Item #2 of the December 3rd Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. Pope, seconded by Mr. Singh): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its December 3, 2013 Holiday Mixer Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote with eight in favor (Batta, Leveque, Mitchell, O'Rourke, Pope, Rippey, Singh and Turer); Mr. Aregs and Ms. Hammarlund abstained.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. O'Rourke distributed and reviewed the latest "Monthly Expenditure Report" and accompanying documents. The balance of funds remaining to be allocated [through the June 30, 2014 end of the Fiscal Year] is \$24,241.33. Ms. Cracium wants to insure that all funds are spent in Porter Ranch. She noted that since spending has to be approved by the Board and cleared through DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] in advance of the June 30, 2014 end of fiscal year, the PRNC has a very short window to approve and spend the money, especially since the February PRNC meeting will be devoted to the Candidate Forum for the March 1st Election [see below].

Ron Rubine, of City Councilman Mitch Englander's office (818-882-1212; www.CD12.org), reported that \$1,500 allocated to restripe the parking lot in Holleigh Bernson Park will not be used and that the PRNC should reallocate that money elsewhere.

6. Motion – Treasurer 1, Sean O'Rourke: Motion to approve budget report

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Ms. Leveque): the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves the January 2013 Treasurer's Report as presented.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of 10 of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Aregs, Batta, Hammarlund, Leveque, Mitchell, O'Rourke, Pope, Rippey, Singh and Turer). [Presidents can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

7. Community speakers

Community / Governmental Updates and Announcements.

Mr. Rubine reported that, by City Ordinance as of January 1st, plastic bags are banned at large stores in the City of Los Angeles. Despite all of the advertising ahead of the ban, many residents called the City Council office to protest the change. Smaller stores must comply by July 1st. Events commemorating the 20th anniversary of the 1994 Northridge Earthquake are listed at [www.CD12.org]. There will be a community meeting on the January 17th anniversary at 6:00 a.m. at the Northridge Recreation Center hosted by Councilman Englander. All are invited. The Sunday, January 12th Daily News will have a "HELP/OK" poster that the Councilman is providing that residents can use after an earthquake to summon help or allow responders to search other locations. February 22nd from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. the PRNC will join the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council and CD12 to clean up the area near the Aliso Canyon Park and then north through the Canyon. Volunteers are needed.

Kevin Taylor, Independent Election Administrator (IEA), L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Kevin@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), offered help with the PRNC March 1st Election.

[The following was reported after Item #14.] Ms. Leveque reported that the Police arrested a suspect regarding recent home burglaries and that LAPD Devonshire Division Captain Kris Pitcher said that since December 10th there have not been any residential burglaries in the area.

8. **Motion** – Sue Hammarlund: [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hammarlund, seconded by Ms. Leveque): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves up to \$200.00 for refreshments at the Aliso Canyon Clean-up Day on Saturday, February 22, 2014.

DISCUSSION: The Clean-up starts at 9:00 a.m. The PRNC is sharing responsibility with the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council. CD12 and L.A. Recreation and Parks will be involved. PRNC funding will be from the Outreach budget.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of 10 of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Aregs, Batta, Hammarlund, Leveque, Mitchell, O’Rourke, Pope, Rippey, Singh and Turer). [Presidents can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.]

9. **Update** -- Treasurer 1, Sean O’Rourke: Ad Hoc Committee on Outreach *[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #17.]* Mr. O’Rourke reviewed and displayed details of the PRNC logo redesign effort. The www.prtc.org website is now “mobiley optimized” to show “a streamlined version of the site.” PRNC community information magnets are available.

10. **Motion** – Treasurer 1, Sean O’Rourke: [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. O’Rourke, seconded by Mr. Turer): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council allocates \$500 for an ad campaign on Facebook prnc.org to use for NC awareness and election day.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O’Rourke described the usefulness of the campaign and that there’s a print ad in the Valley Voice newspaper. Mr. Turer said it’s “a great way” to spend funds for Election outreach and noted that since the PRNC will not be paying for Vote-By-Mail it can spend those funds on another form of outreach. Mr. Taylor noted that Neighborhood Council news is regularly listed on the L.A. Daily News “community announcements” page. Ms. Cracium reminded that the PRNC also does automatic calling to Stakeholders.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Ms. Cracium); there was no objection.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of 10 of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Aregs, Batta, Hammarlund, Leveque, Mitchell, O’Rourke, Pope, Rippey, Singh and Turer). [Presidents can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.]

11. Motion – Treasurer 1, Sean O’Rourke: [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. O’Rourke, seconded by Ms. Leveque): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council allocates \$500 for bus signage for PRNC/Election Day/Website awareness.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O’Rourke described that the funding would pay for seven or eight bus bench ads. Ms. Hammarlund believed that all bus benches in Porter Ranch are west of Tampa Ave. and was concerned that the ads would disproportionately be displayed only in that part of Porter Ranch, which she thought may put Candidates who live east of Tampa at a disadvantage. Mr. O’Rourke indicated that each bus bench ad costs \$50. Mr. Taylor said that Martin Outdoor Media was given an exclusive contract through DONE. Mr. O’Rourke said that funding would come from the PRNC Election budget.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Pope); there was no objection.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of 10 of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Aregs, Batta, Hammarlund, Leveque, Mitchell, O’Rourke, Pope, Rippey, Singh and Turer). [Presidents can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.]

12. Motion – Treasurer 1, Sean O’Rourke: [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. O’Rourke, seconded by Mr. Aregs): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council allocates \$550 for tree watering.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O’Rourke explained that the City hires “at-risk teenagers” to do the work and that the City Urban Forestry Division will determine what kind(s) of trees to plant. He will later report on progress. Ms. Cracium clarified that this would be for two years.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of 10 of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Aregs, Batta, Hammarlund, Leveque, Mitchell, O’Rourke, Pope, Rippey, Singh and Turer). [Presidents can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.]

13. Motion – President, Paula Cracium: [see the below Motion].

Ms. Cracium explained the Motion.

MOTION (by Ms. Cracium, seconded by Ms. Leveque): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves Board Member Pat Pope as its official representative to submit CISs (Community Impact Statements).

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Ms. Cracium); there was no objection.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with nine in favor; Mr. Pope abstained.

14. Update -- Ethan Turer: 2014 Election

Mr. Turer reported that five PRNC Board Seats are up for election and urged people to be Candidates. All are invited to Thursday's PRNC Election Committee Meeting. Ms. Cracium noted that the Tuesday, February 4th PRNC Meeting will be a Candidate Forum and encouraged recruiting Candidates. [The Candidate filing deadline is January 15, 2014. Candidates can file online [see <http://empowerla.org/prnc/porter-ranch-nc-2014-elections>], by e-mail [to clerk.election@lacity.org], by fax [to (213) 978-0376] or by U.S. Mail [to City Clerk – Elections Division, 555 Ramirez Street, Space 300, Los Angeles, CA 90012]. The Election will be Saturday, March 1, 2014, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 19700 Rinaldi St. at Corbin Ave. There will not be any vote-by-mail.]

15. Update -- Treasurer 2, Becky Leveque: Bylaw Ad Hoc Meeting update.

Ms. Leveque reported that DONE will not allow the Bylaws to be updated until after the March 1st Election.

16. Presenter: LAFD Battalion Chief John Drake: Community Based Strategic Plan.

Tania Oronoz, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (882-1212; Tania.Oronoz@LACity.org; www.CD12.org), introduced L.A. City Fire Dept. Chief Drake. The LAFD is developing its first strategic plan and surveying to get everyone's concerns and appreciations. Stakeholders can participate in the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/S/LAFD>. Ms. Cracium indicated that the PRNC will link the survey to its website [www.prnc.org]. Chief Drake displayed and distributed copies of slides, noting that "85% of calls are medically-related." He said that Firefighters leave Firehouses on calls within 60 seconds 90% of the time and arrive within five minutes 61% of the time, one of the fastest arrival rates in the country. Arrival times can be measured many different ways. If you hear or see a fire truck coming "slow down and pull to the right." Ms. Oronoz encouraged that, if you live in a gated community, contact CD12 to coordinate City Fire Dept. services with your community. LAFD Captain Raul Miranda announced that used Christmas trees can be placed in a dumpster at Fire Station 28 for safe disposal through January 31st.

17. Presenter -- 7:00 pm, Tommy Gelinis the founder of Valley Relics Museum.

Mr. Pope described and encouraged visiting the <http://www.valleyrelics.org> website of the Valley Relics Museum. Mr. Gelinis described the extensive collection of San Fernando Valley historical relics at the free Museum in Chatsworth (21630 Marilla St., Chatsworth, CA 91311, open Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; by Owensmouth -- Marilla becomes Canoga Ave.) and work to include more, which are welcomed. He would like to restore and display the Porter Ranch horses. Valley Relics also does community service work. Mr. O'Rourke said that Jay Leno would be donating

one of his Tonight Show desks to Valley Relics since the show is filmed in Burbank, which is in the San Fernando Valley.

Recess. There was a brief recess at this time.

18. Public Comments

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #12.*] A Stakeholder was “disappointed” with the Holiday Party. Stakeholder Dave Hasson [of the volunteer Friends of the Oakridge Estate, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization at Reseda and Devonshire Blvds.] announced a book signing for a Barbara Stanwyck biography.

19. Future meetings

- a. [Tuesday] February [4th]: PRNC Election Candidate Forum.
Ms. Cracium noted this.
- b. [Tuesday] March [4th]: Jim Boyd, Regional President, Toll Brothers, Inc. (the new owners of Shapell’s Porter Ranch residential development).
Ms. Cracium noted this.
- c. [Tuesday] April [1st]: Ralph Combs, Manager, Corporate Development, The Termo Company; Termo is proposing to drill up to twelve new oil and gas wells as an extension of our existing operations in the Aliso Canyon Field north of PR.
Ms. Cracium noted this.

20. Motion to adjourn

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Ms. Cracium, seconded by Mr. Turer).

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.