



General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 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 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Board Member Pat Pope. Ten of the 11 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Paula Cracium (President), Dick Rippey (Vice-President), Sean O'Rourke (Treasurer 1), Becky Leveque (Treasurer 2), Pat Pope (Secretary), Maha Batta, Sue Hammarlund, Mel Mitchell, Vas Singh and Ethan Turer. Bright Aregs arrived later. 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: approximately 68 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Minutes Approval

MOTION (by Mr. Pope, seconded by Mr. Singh): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 7, 2014 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of nine of the 10 eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (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. Treasurer's Report

Mr. O'Rourke distributed copies of and reviewed the latest "Monthly Expenditure Report," US Bank Purchase Card statement and "PRNC Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual July 1, 2013 through February 4, 2014." The balance of funds remaining to be allocated [through the June 30, 2014 end of the Fiscal Year] is \$22,118.28.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Turer): the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves its February 2014 Treasurer's Report as presented.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of nine of the 10 eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (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.]

Board Member Bright Aregs arrived around this time.

5. PRNC Election Candidate Forum

Ms. Cracium explained the Candidate Forum procedure. [This Item was returned to after Item #6.] Mr. O'Rourke reviewed the Forum format and procedure. Each Candidate was given up to 2 1/2 minutes to speak. The speakers' order was determined by each Candidate

drawing the next speaker's name unseen out of a hat. The following Candidates described their backgrounds, community service and interests: Dick Rippey, Cheri Derohanian, Francisca Barros, Cindy Lee, Cindy Freedman, Eric Nam, Maha Batta, Armando Nunez II, Irwin Cohen, Mel Mitchell, Matt Wildstein, Alex Kim, Bright Aregs, Ed Parada, Alan Cohen, David Duran, Anthony Park, Ashley Lee and Francisco Ayala. Candidates then responded to the following question: "Why weren't you involved with the PRNC before?" Many Candidates were or are actively involved in other community service and business work and now have time to work with the PRNC. Candidates then responded to: "If you could allocate a large part of the PRNC budget, what would it be? Outreach, education, tree planting and maintenance, traffic safety, law enforcement, partnering with community organizations, and supporting the L.A. Police and Fire Departments were mentioned.

Ms. Cracium explained that 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.] Each Stakeholder will be able to vote for up to five Candidates, one vote for each of the five Board Seats up for election.

6. Future meetings

Ms. Cracium announced a Board Meeting will be held on February 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. here regarding PRNC Budget items.

a. March: Jim Boyd, Regional President, Toll Brothers, Inc. (Toll Brothers are the new owners of Shapell's Porter Ranch residential development)

Ms. Cracium announced the above.

b. April: 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 Porter Ranch

Ms. Cracium announced the above.

Ron Rubine, Field Deputy for City Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; www.CD12.org), announced the Aliso Canyon Clean-up and Beautification Day being held on Saturday, February 22nd; food will be provided. He indicated that \$1,500 allocated to restripe the parking lot in Holleigh Bernson Park can be reallocated.

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; http://www.LAPDonline.org/Devonshire_Community_Police_Station), announced upcoming community events.

Officer Del Valle announced a February 27th 6:30 p.m. District Meeting at Shepherd of the Hills Church. He reported that residential burglaries are a problem and encouraged calling 9-1-1 if you see anything suspicious.

Jorge, of NextDoor.com, described local online communities you can join for free. They are working with Mayor Garcetti to expand it around Los Angeles. Kevin Taylor, Independent Election Administrator (IEA), L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Kevin@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), said poll worker volunteers are needed for the PRNC and other NC Elections.

7. Motion to adjourn

Ms. Cracium thanked Mr. Turer and others for organizing the Forum and declared the Meeting adjourned without any objection at 7:34 p.m.