



PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 3, 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 the Secretary: Paula Cracium (President), Eric Nam (Secretary), Sean O'Rourke (Treasurer 1), Ethan Turer (Treasurer 2), Sue Hammarlund, Alex Kim, Ashiley Lee, Cindy Lee, Becky Leveque and Anthony Park. Ten of the 11 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting. Board Members absent: Pat Pope (Vice-President) (excused). 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 11 of the 11 Board Seats were filled. No Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: an overflow crowd of approximately 275 to 325 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Minutes Approval

Ashiley Lee mentioned that her first name is spelled "Ashiley," not "Ashley."

MOTION (by Mr. Nam, seconded by Mr. Turer): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 6, 2014 General Board Meeting as corrected.

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of nine of the ten eligible voters present with nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Hammarlund, Kim, Ashiley Lee, Cindy Lee, Leveque, Nam, O'Rourke, Park and Turer). [Presidents/Chairs can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr. O'Rourke reviewed recent expenditures.

5. Motion – [see below].

Mr. O'Rourke reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

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

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of recent expenditures.

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of nine of the ten eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Hammarlund, Kim, Ashiley Lee, Cindy Lee, Leveque, Nam, O’Rourke, Park and Turer). [Presidents/Chairs can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.]

6. Community speakers / Governmental Updates and Announcements

Erik Richardson, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Erik.Richardson@LACity.org), reported on legislation moving through the State Assembly. Ron Rubine, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Ron.Rubine@LACity.org), reported that the Councilman helped get the City Attorney’s Neighborhood Prosecutor Program and graffiti abatement re-staffed.

7. Motion - Becky Leveque: Motion to have name tags for name tags for all Board Members -Not to exceed \$200.00.

Mr. O’Rourke requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. O’Rourke, seconded by Mr. Nam): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council will fund up to \$1,500 for the purchase of a PRNC branded EZ-Up tent to be used for outreach of NC at sponsored events.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O’Rourke described the usefulness of the tent. He received a quote of \$1,369.41.

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of eight of the nine eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Hammarlund, Kim, Cindy Lee, Leveque, Nam, O’Rourke, Park and Turer). [Presidents/Chairs can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.] Ashiley Lee was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. O’Rourke, seconded by Ms. Hammarlund): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council will fund up to \$1,000 for the purchase of PRNC branded items to be given out at sponsored events. I.e. pens, pencils, stickers, pads, magnets etc.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O’Rourke described the materials and its outreach value. He reminded that all funding must be allocated by June 15 or will be swept back to the City.

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of eight of the nine eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Hammarlund, Cindy Lee, Leveque, Nam, O’Rourke, Park and Turer); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Kim). [Presidents/Chairs can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.] Ashiley Lee was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

10. **Discussion** – President, Paula Cracium: Discussion on the prohibitions about more than three members being in an email.

Ms. Cracium noted this and the importance of adhering to the Brown Act.

11. **Discussion** -- President, Paula Cracium: Discussion regarding a resolution that authorizes PRNC to post on its web site certain types of general information. For example, the Resolution could ask that you post information about upcoming Board or Committee meetings, times and locations or information about Board events.

Ms. Cracium indicated that this and what Mr. O'Rourke would be pre-authorized to post will be discussed at the June 14th Retreat.

12. **Discussion** -- President, Paula Cracium: Empower LA had asked us to make assignments for DONE Liaison. Here are our current liaisons and the open position:

DONE Liaisons:

Election –Ethan/Pat Pope

Budget- Sean and Becky

DWP-OPEN

Legal- OPEN

Planning – OPEN

Public Works-Pat

Transportation- Sue

In addition we need someone serving as our representative on the Department of City Planning's Zoning Advocate Committee -- OPEN

Ms. Cracium requested Board Member volunteers and described the DWP Liaison position. The following are interested: Mr. Kim -- Election Liaison after Mr. Turer resigns in September. DWP Liaison – Mr. Kim and Cindy Lee. Planning Liaison – Mr. Kim. Legal Liaison -- Ashiley Lee.

Mr. Turer reported that the Citrus Sunday event was “very successful . . . around 24,000 pounds of citrus . . . was sent to homeless shelters in the Valley.”

There was a brief RECESS at this time.

13. **Town Hall Meeting re: Funding Issues with Local Schools**

Special Guests: • Councilman Mitchell Englander

• Representatives f from the offices of: LAUSD Superintendent Dr. John Deasy; LAUSD Board Member Tamar Galatzan; Assemblyman Scott Wilk

Ms. Cracium explained issues to be covered and speaking procedures.

L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Councilmember.Englander@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), recognized Board Members for their “tireless” volunteering for the community, including organizing this Meeting. He described long-time work of Ms. Leveque and Stakeholders Wendy Moore, Mel Mitchell and Dave Hasson, and himself to create the Porter Ranch Community School (PRCS), the first-ever Public-Private Partnership in Los Angeles to create a school. Ms. Leveque described the history of the building of the PRCS and financial issues.

Tamar Galatzan, L.A. Unified School District 3 Board Member (213-241-6386; Tamar.Galatzan@lausd.net) described efforts to get and retain school funding and that many schools became “affiliated charter schools.” She worked with PRCS Principal Mary Melvin to make PRCS a “pilot school.” Ms. Galatzan said “the State took that funding model away from us” and “changed the rules” early this year to the LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula) (http://www.lausd.net/cdg/LCFF_LCAP_Presentation). She clarified that, though the

LAUSD Board will vote later this month on next year's budget, the State legislature are "the only ones that can change" the rules. She indicated that no other discretionary funding is available because when the LCFF was created other funding sources were eliminated.

Erik Richardson, Sr. Field Representative for State 38th District Assemblymember Scott Wilk, (661-286-1565; Erik.Richardson@asm.ca.gov; <http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/AD38>), said "we are more than willing to help out . . . to find a solution to this . . . we were told that every Principle in this district supported" the LCFF formula. He said many schools "have very similar issues."

Mary Melvin clarified that the Dual-Language Program "is not in jeopardy at all" and that the wait list "is all resident families." She repeated her commitment to the education and safety of the students and thanked LAUSD staff at this Meeting for their extensive support. Pedro Salcedo, Coordinator of Government Advocacy for the LAUSD Office of Government Relations, described the LCFF as "the largest change" in the State education structure "in 40 years." He explained that the new formulas "take into account" achievement statistics including "a weighted student formula" and that from 2008 to 2012 "almost a third" of the LAUSD budget was removed by the State. He presented slides and described the LCFF as State funding, not federal or Title One. William Bass of LAUSD's Budget Services and Financial Planning Division clarified that LAUSD "funding is" created "at the State level" and encouraged contacting elected officials with concerns. He explained that, though the State legislation was passed in 2013, implementation details were not released by the State until January 2014 and the templates were received in March. He indicated that details are not yet known of some additional funding that will be provided. Tony Atienza, Director, Budget Services (Tony.Atienza@lausd.net; 213.241.1324), requested feedback about how property tax bills are being assessed regarding education funding. Barbara Jones, Ms. Galatzan's Chief of Staff, encouraged giving input and checking www.lausd.net, click on Board of Education. Ms. Cracium said "we will follow up" with elected officials and "we'll try to put more information on the website." She encouraged signing up [www.prnc.org] to receive PRNC information emails.

14. Public Comments

There were no more comments at this time.

15. Future meetings-

a. Planning breakfast June 14 - 8:00am -11am at Porter Valley Country Club.

Ms. Cracium noted this.

b. July- ??

To be determined.

16. Motion to adjourn

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

MOTION PASSED without any objection.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.