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General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 6, 2014

Porter Ranch Community School Multipurpose Room, 12450 Mason Ave., Porter Ranch

1. Welcome

President Paula Cracium called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

a. Reminder to sign in and that it is completely optional and not required for attendance.

Ms. Cracium noted the above.

2. Roll Call

Board Members introduced themselves: Paula Cracium (President), Pat Pope (Vice-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. All 11 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting. 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 (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/PorterRanchNC-Bylaws.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. All 11 of the 11 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: approximately 220-250 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Minutes Approval

MOTION (by Mr. Nam, seconded by Mr. Pope): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its June 14, 2014 Budget Retreat as written.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of ten of the 11 eligible voters present with nine of the ten in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Hammarlund, Kim, Ashiley Lee, Cindy Lee, Leveque, Nam, O'Rourke, Pope and Park); one abstained (Turer).

MOTION (by M Nam, seconded by Mr. Pope): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its July 8, 2014 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of ten of the 11 eligible voters present with nine of the ten in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Hammarlund, Kim, Ashiley Lee, Cindy Lee, Leveque, Nam, O'Rourke, Pope and Park); one abstained (Turer).

4. Treasurer's Report -- Treasurer 1, Sean O'Rourke

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Mr. O'Rourke distributed and reviewed the "[PRNC] Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015." "Remaining Funds" as of August 6th is \$34,332.

Mr. O'Rourke distributed and reviewed the "PRNC Treasurer's Report 2014-2015" "Expenses," "Credit Cards" and "Checks."

Mr. O'Rourke distributed and reviewed the "[PRNC] Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2014 through June 2015" and the "Monthly Expenditure Report for July" 2014.

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

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

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Rourke reviewed and reported on recent expenditures.

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

6. **Motion** – [see below].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Pope): the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves the 2014/2015 Budget Package as presented.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of nine of the ten eligible voters present with eight in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Hammarlund, Cindy Lee, Leveque, Nam, O'Rourke, Pope, Park and Turer); one abstained (Kim). Ashiley Lee was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

7. **Community / Governmental Updates and Announcements**

David Azevedo, District Director for Tamar Galatzan, L.A. Unified School District 3 Board Member (818-654-3785; David.Azevedo@lausd.net), described work to secure education funding.

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Colin Crews, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Colin.Crews@LACity.org), reported that the next "Conversations with Councils" with City representatives will be September 18th.

Ethan Turer, speaking as a Mayor's Office Intern, reported that the new DWP General Manager is Marcie Edwards. The new L.A. City Fire Dept. Chief is Ralph Terrezas. The Mayor's Great Streets Initiative includes Reseda from Plummer to Parthenia.

Danny Del Valle, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (west of Tampa Ave.; office 818-363-1726; mobile/text phone 818-634-0362; 27677@LAPD.LACity.org, or DelVallesw.45@att.net for urgent), reported that National Night Out "was great." He invited everyone to the monthly Basic Car Meeting August 28th at St. John Eudes Church 9901 Mason Ave. at Lassen. September 16th there will be a District Meeting, the location to be determined. Crime is down around 5%, though street racing is a problem. He emphasized "it's not worth it" to fight with other drivers or others.

8. **President's Comments** - President, Paula Cracium: It has been suggested by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment representative that I issue an official warning regarding both tone and manner of communication and "reply to all" and serial communication violations.

Ms. Cracium cautioned Board Members about "serial communications" and to be respectful in written and verbal communications.

9. **Motion** – President, Paula Cracium: [see below].
[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #15.*]

MOTION (by Ms. Cracium, seconded by Ms. Hammarlund): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council appoints Board Members Sean O'Rourke and Becky Leveque as Budget Representatives for our NC for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates.

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of ten of the 11 eligible voters present with all ten in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Hammarlund, Kim, Ashiley Lee, Cindy Lee, Leveque, Nam, O'Rourke, Pope, Park and Turer). [Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

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

MOTION (by Ms. Cracium, seconded by Mr. Pope): The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council authorizes the Outreach Focused Area Lead to post on any appropriate social media and publish articles, flyers, agendas, and other information relating to interests, events and activities relevant to the Stakeholders with the approval of two Members of the Executive Board, the President being one of the two if available.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cracium indicated that Mr. O'Rourke and one other Executive Board could make such decisions; if the President is not available, decision-making authority would defer to the next Executive Board Member.

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

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of all ten eligible voters present with eight in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Hammarlund, Ashiley Lee, Cindy Lee, Nam, O'Rourke, Pope, Park and Turer); one opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Leveque); one abstained (Kim).

11. Motion – Vice President, Pat Pope: Motion to approve the submission of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) for the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council in support of the resolution submitted by Councilmember Englander regarding the Termo Company's drilling proposal in Aliso Canyon- requesting they do an Environmental Review including an Environmental Impact Report.

After Item #17, Ms. Cracium requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item until the next [Wednesday, September 3rd] Board Meeting.

12. Motion – Sue Hammarlund: Motion to approve the spending of \$500 for the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held at Fire Station 87. Money to be spent on purchasing safety items such as glow sticks, heavy duty gloves, goggles, etc.

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13. Motion – Alex Kim: Motion to amend the budget to allocate up to \$4,000 to category 100 operation- translation transcription.

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- 14. Update**— Becky Leveque: Use of Nextdoor-per Grayce Liu, General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment email.

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- 15. Update** -- President, Paula Cracium: I have been notified by Ethan Turer, PRNC student representative and Ashiley Lee, PRNC Board Member, that they will be resigning at our September meeting. We will -per Section 6 of our Bylaws stated below- proceed with filling these seats. We will be accepting written notices of Stakeholder's interest in filling these seats during the month of August and will vote on these open positions at our September meeting. Section 6 of the PRNC Bylaws: Vacancies: Any vacancy on the Board prior to the every two (2) year election shall be filled by the following procedure: A. Any Stakeholder interested in filling a vacant seat on the Board shall submit a written application to the Secretary. B. The Secretary shall then ensure that the matter is placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board. C. If only one (1) Stakeholder has made an application for a vacant seat, then a vote of the Board shall be taken and the applicant installed by a majority vote of the Board present. If more than one (1) Stakeholder has made an application for an empty seat, then a vote shall be taken by the Board. A majority vote of the Board Members present shall fill the vacancy.

Ms. Cracium noted the above. Contact Mr. Nam (EricNam@PRNC.org) or the PRNC (www.PRNC.org). Ashiley applied for Mr. Turer's Youth Representative Seat. Mr. Turer wanted it known that he can be contacted at EthanRTurer@gmail.com and 818.527-0514.

- 16. Discussion** – President, Paula Cracium: Creating PRNC Committees out of some of the Focus Areas.

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- 17. Presentations:** Presentation and Q and A forum regarding the Termo Drilling Project. Representatives from: Office of County Supervisor Antonovich; Office of State Assemblyman Wilk; Office of State Senator Pavley; and The Termo Company.
- Welcome: Paula Cracium, explain Q&A process with speaker cards, encourage respect for guests and orderliness of discussion.
 - Introduction: Eric Nam, brief overview and introduce guests

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- County of LA Dept of Regional Planning (intro, explain the application process with a slideshow presentation)
- Assemblyman Wilk's Office - intro, present the assemblyman's position on legislation SB4 and provide protocol for how DOGGR handles such matters if it passes County Planning.
- State Senator Pavley's Office - intro, explain the SB4 legislation
- Termo - brief intro, any updates
- Begin to take questions in order of importance as determined by Becky Leveque (Stakeholder management and Eric Nam (presenter management) (30-45)
- Closing Statements from presenters
- Wrap-up: Eric Nam, Paula Cracium

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #10.*] Ms. Cracium noted the above and explained that the PRNC sent a letter to the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning office and other relevant entities requesting an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") be conducted on Termo Company's application to expand their Aliso Canyon oil drilling interests. She reminded the board that "our role is as an advisor to the City of Los Angeles." Mr. Nam introduced Paul McCarthy of the L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.; Jarrod DeGonia, Deputy for L.A. County District Five Supervisor Michael Antonovich (818-993-5170; JDeGonia@lacbos.org; www.Antonovich.com); Rosalba Gonzalez, Representative for State 27th District Senator Fran Pavley (818.876.3352; <http://sd27.senate.ca.gov/contact>; <http://sd27.senate.ca.gov>); and Andre Hollings, Field Representative for State 38th District Assemblymember Scott Wilk, (661-286-1565; Andre.Hollings@asm.ca.gov; <https://ad38.assemblygop.com>).

Mr. DeGonia presented about "the County's permitting approval process: the CEQA [California Environmental Quality] Act." He clarified that the State Senate does not "have purview" over this project and that the County Regional Planning Dept. will determine "if an EIR [Environmental Impact Report] is needed." Mr. McCarthy clarified that the County has jurisdiction "over unincorporated areas." The project will need a CUP [Conditional Use Permit] because it is in an SEA (Significant Ecological Area) and that "there are a variety of conditions we could impose." The SEA Technical Advisory Committee will consider the project. He explained that "the environmental process is governed by the CEQA . . . it applies state-wide." He noted that "CEQA remains in effect for all project in California." He explained that DOGGR [the California State Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources; <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/DOG/Pages/Index.aspx>] "is the State agency monitoring the activity in the oil fields." Mr. McCarthy described the environmental assessment process and the EIR process; he emphasized that action will take time

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– the DEIR [Draft EIR] may take more than one year. EIR copies will be available on their website and at libraries and more.

Ms. Gonzalez said that “we will wait until the [DEIR] is sent out to comment on it.” She indicated that Senate Bill 4 [SB4], which “is already law; it was signed last year,” may or may not apply regarding “fracking regulations.” The State is conducting public Hearings throughout the state; new regulations are due July 1, 2015. Mr. Hollings indicated that SB4 is “to make sure there’s peer review” of fracking projects. Ms. Gonzalez added that “they must notify the public.”

Ralph Combs, Manager, Corporate Development, The Termo Company (“community hotline: (562) 773-7242”; main phone (888) 260-4715; <http://www.termocompany.com/contact/contact>; www.TermoCompany.com), stated that their project “has nothing to do with Aliso Canyon Park . . . it’s on the other side of the ridge from Porter Ranch.” Termo is a family business founded by his grandfather in 1933. He indicated that drilling all 12 possible wells would take six years and be on “existing facilities” except for the pumping units and be “entirely on private property.” He maintained the project is “not fracking . . . will not affect the groundwater . . . it wouldn’t be possible for there to be any chemicals in the groundwater down here.” He also clarified that “the project is not related to the activity going on now with the Gas Company” and that “we are separate from the Gas Company . . . none of the activity at the end of Tampa has anything to do with the Termo project.” Termo will have an Open House September 9th, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Porter Valley Country Club [19216 Singing Hills Dr., Porter Ranch], “the first of several meetings” and they will be “happy to meet with small groups of people.” He indicated that “the closest resident [is] . . . 1.65 miles . . . as the crow flies, over the hill” near “West Via Urbino St.” He said that the “tank farm” is 1.7 miles from Porter Ranch Community School and 2.2 miles from Castlebay Lane Elementary School; “we are on the north side of the ridge, drilling toward the north” and that “our wells are on the top of the ridge and on the south side of the ridgeline.” He acknowledged that “the municipal water supply” is used; “very clean water is needed to ensure the integrity of the concrete.” He said “we are not drilling horizontal wells . . . this is vertical . . . we might have to drill diagonally a little bit.” He added that “there is no fracking ban in the State . . . or in the City of L.A.” Also, they are “very open to working with the Fire Department.” Mr. Combs noted that “traffic will be studied thoroughly by the County . . . expect . . . five to seven heavy trucks per week” at “final build-out.” He said “we take safety seriously”; if there was a problem “we would shut down operations immediately.” He indicated that Termo does not receive any government subsidies.

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Mr. DeGonia stated that project operations “would be 24 hours a day . . . we’ll make sure that the Neighborhood Council is notified when the public is notified.” Mr. Combs said that in three weeks there will be a www.NorthAlisoProject.com website. Mr. Nam noted that project material will be posted on the PRNC’s www.PRNC.org website.

Stakeholders were concerned that “Permit requirements drop radically” after the Permits are issued, then “addendums” can be submitted by Termo. Also, what chemicals will be used, safety and what Termo will give back to the community. Mr. Combs said “there is no acidization going on.” Mr. DeGonia said “the AQMD [South Coast Air Quality Management District] has a very active presence” regarding air quality. He will check to see if he has received any health complaints about Termo’s operations. The website <http://FracFocus.org> has information about what chemicals have been used in oil and natural gas wells nationwide.

18. Public Comments

After Item #17, Ms. Cracium requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item until the next [Wednesday, September 3rd] Board Meeting.

19. Future meetings

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20. Motion to adjourn

Ms. Cracium declared the Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.