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General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

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

1. **Welcome**

President Pauula Cracium called the Meeting to order at 6:05 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 who were present introduced themselves: Paula Cracium (President), Pat Pope (Vice-President), Eric Nam (Secretary), Armando Nunez II (Treasurer 2), Ashiley Lee, Cindy Lee, Becky Leveque and Dick Rippey. Board members who were absent: Sean O'Rourke (Treasurer 1), Susan Hammerlund, Alex Kim. The PRNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needed 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 either by appointment or election. Also in attendance were approximately 15-20 stakeholders and guests.

3. **Approval of September 3, 2014 Minutes**

At this time Secretary Eric Nam announced the resignation of former minutes writer David Levin due to scheduling conflicts arising from the recent change of PRNC meeting days from first Tuesdays of the month to first Wednesdays. Mr. Nam read aloud a farewell and thank you letter from Mr. Levin. Mr. Nam introduced the board's new minutes writer Michelle Ritchie.

Motion to approve the September 3, 2014 was tabled until the November 5, 2014 general meeting

4. **Community/Governmental Updates and Announcement**

LAPD Officer Danny Del Valle, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (west of Tampa Avenue; Office 818-363-1726; mobile/text phone 818-634-0362; 27677@LAPD.LACity.org or DelVallesw.45@att.net for urgent matters). SLO Del Valle spoke about thefts in the area and that crime was down 3% from last year. Some of the issues of theft that were touched upon had to do with individuals in local neighborhoods visiting homes checking to see if homes were locked by jiggling door knobs, going into the backyards and removing porch lights so that they could return at a later time and not be seen. Other notable thefts in the area had to do with individuals from group homes removing items from cars that were left unlocked and valuables removed.

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SLO Del Valle also spoke about the Volunteer Bicycle Patrol (“VBP”) and that the LAPD is asking its citizens to help out and volunteer their time. The VBP would be a visible resource in deterring thefts in the area. SLO Del Valle was also asking for funding for T-shirts with the VBP logo and the PRNC would be splitting the cost with the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council. The cost to the PRNC would be approximately \$625 for 50 t-shirts. The PRNC could donate directly to SOLID or it may be possible to pay the vendor directly.

The Neighborhood Watch will meet on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at 9901 Mason Avenue, Caption Marion will be the guest speaker.

The “All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner” will be on Friday, October 17, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas Greek Church located at Balboa and Plumber. Cost is \$9.00 per person.

Mr. Colin Crews, Field Deputy from Council District 12 gave some legislative updates with regards to standing water in the area. He also spoke about how the Bureau of Street Services could remedy the problem of standing water in identifying the locations. Also discussed was the Department of Transportation (DOT) report regarding the Bureau of Street Services and how these two departments could work together with regard to street lining and the drafting of an ordinance on how and when utility companies (i.e. Verizon) can come in and cut up streets and patch them up.

Mr. Crews also informed the PRNC of the upcoming Interfaith Breakfast. Please contact Mr. Ron Rubine for further information.

Ms. Rosalba Gonzalez, from Senator Fran Pavley’s office brought flyers concerning the conservation of water, elder abuse and what to do when disaster strikes. She also had a sign-up sheet for those wishing to receive Senator Pavley’s newsletter. On October 30, 2014 there will be a hearing concerning “Clean Tech Jobs” to be held at CSUN.

Mr. Glenn Bailey is a Budget Advocate from Region 2 and stated that VANC will be meeting on October 16, 2014 but will have its meeting location changed for this meeting only. LANNC will be meeting in two weeks on October 18, 2014 and will meet at DWP and not Hollywood. Regular schedule will resume in November. Mr. Bailey also spoke about the Budget Advocates meeting which was held earlier this year on August 16, 2014. The Mayor would like to engage stakeholders when it comes to the fiscal budget. The Regional Budget Day will occur on October 11, 2014 and the location in the Valley will be at the Marvin Braudy Center from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Lydia Grant is the Neighborhood Commissioner for the North Valley. Ms. Grant stated that there were approximately 1500 people in attendance to the Neighborhood Congress this year. She also wanted to remind all neighborhood council’s about the Brown Act and how important it is to publically post NC agendas. Ms. Grant also informed the PRNC that there was a Code of Conduct which should be put on and voted upon on the November agenda. The Code of Conduct will prohibit Board Members from bullying, yelling and discrimination and will encourage respect for

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one another.

LAPD Captain Maureen Ryan spoke about street racing in the San Fernando Valley and how individuals are posting on social media for meetings times and locations. Wednesday and Sunday nights are the peak times for when the street racing occurs. If you see something, please call the traffic desk and ask to speak to the watch commander at 818-644-8000 or the Valley Traffic Desk at 818-832-0633.

LAPD Sargent Greg Fuqua says the LAPD is also looking into citing vehicles that have been modified and were not emissions friendly. The first citation would require the vehicle owner to bring in their car at their own cost to a referee where the engine would be given a thorough inspection to make sure it is up to code. If the vehicle owner is cited a second time without having fixed the modifications, the car could then be impounded. Two major violations would also result in the suspension of their license. The LAPD is also looking into the possibility of fining any business who knowingly does modifications which would result in vehicles not being emission friendly.

5. **Motion, Vice-President, Pat Pope:** Motion to approve a Community Impact Statement to Council File 14-1112 opposing any deal with the DWP, the IBEW and Brian D'Arcy that does not include full public disclosure of the \$40,000,000 given to Mr. D'Arcy over the last 10 years for the Joint Technical Institute and Joint Safety Institute Trust.

MOTION: The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles City Council and the City Controller to demand a full accounting of the \$40 million donated by DWP ratepayers to the Joint Safety Institute (JSI) and Joint Training Institute before contributing any more ratepayer funding to the JSI and JTI.

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council urges the City Attorney to review the expenditures by the JSI and JTI to insure the ratepayer funds were legal and ethically spent on the safety and training of DWP workers.

CALL FOR THE QUESTION: Eric Nam

DISCUSSION: Board Member Becky Leveque just wanted to make sure that the PRNC was not targeting any one person but the DWP as a whole.

MOTION PASSED: unanimously by a roll call vote of seven of the seven eligible voters present with all seven in favor ("YES" or AYE") (Cracium, Pope, Nam, Nunez, Leveque, A. Lee, C. Lee and Rippey). [Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous].

6. **Motion, Secretary, Eric Nam:** Motion to allocate and spend up to \$400 for outreach efforts of Sheriff's candidate forum. Date, time and location to be determined sometime in October. Funds to

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be used for online and offline efforts including, but not limited to, the purchase of necessary paper, printing, flyer distribution, postage, Facebook advertising. To be contingent upon the confirmation of attendance by candidates for LA county Sheriff: Jim McDonnell and Paul Tanaka.

DISCUSSION: Paula Cracium brought to the attention of the PRNC that a 30-day notice needed to be given to DONE and that before anything could go forward City approval would be needed. Risks, liabilities, hazards permits, licenses were also items of discussion. Board member Beck Leveque seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED: unanimously by a roll call vote of six of the seven eligible voters present with all six in favor ("YES" or AYE") (Pope, Nam, Nunez, Leveque, A. Lee, C. Lee and Rippey). [Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if the don't a vote can still be unanimous].

7. **Discussion, Board Member, Becky Leveque:** Discussion of the 2014 holiday party

Ms. Leveque stated that the 2014 holiday party was in the early stages with a proposed date of December 3, 2014 and that a location had yet to be determined. Last year's holiday party cost roughly \$2,000 with a turnout of approximately 400 people. Proposed cost this year is estimated to be at approximately \$3,000 and possible location may be Porter Ranch Community School or Shepard of the Hills Church. Some ideas for the holiday party would be to make it more interactive (i.e. games, music). May need DONE approval.

8. **Report: Becky Leveque:** Report on Conversations with the Councilman

9. **Report: Board Member, Dick Rippey:** Report on the VANC meeting held on 9/11/14.

Mr. Rippey reported that VANC meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month on the 1st Floor of Sherman Oaks Hospital. VANC operates with no budget from the City and urged PRNC to support VANC and its efforts.

10. **Report, Board Member, Dick Rippey:** Report on the 2014 LA Congress of Neighborhoods held at City Hall on Saturday, September 20, 2014.

Mr. Rippey reported that the LA Congress of Neighborhoods had an attendance of approximately 700 people. Breakfast and lunch were served with classes and highlights regarding neighborhood councils throughout the day.

11. **Report, Board Member, Dick Rippey:** Report on the Disaster Fair held at Fire Station #87 on Saturday September 27, 2014.

Mr. Rippey stated that the Disaster Fair was great and that the PRNC received 25 new names to its

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mailing list.

12. **Motion, Board Member, Dick Rippey:** Motion: To support the VANC in an amount of up to \$300 for their Board of Supervisors Debate on October 9, 2014 and the VANC Planning Fourm on December 11, 2014.

Motion was seconded by Eric Nam.

MOTION PASSED: unanimously by a roll call vote of six of the seven eligible voters present with all six in favor (“YES” or AYE”) (Pope, Nam, Nunez, Leveque, A. Lee, C. Lee and Rippey). [Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if the don't a vote can still be unanimous].

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

Item was tabled until the November 5, 2014 general monthly meeting

14. **Presenter:** Assemblyman, Scott Wilk will be our guest speaker, he will give us a legislative report. President Cracium also asked him to address any legislation affecting our stakeholder's schools, his roll (if any) in approving oil drilling in our community and the Water Delta situation.

Presentation: Assemblyman, Scott Wilk was unable to attend the PRNC general monthly meeting due to a flight delay.

15. **Public Comments**

Richard Fisk spoke about the upcoming Street Fair on October 11, 2014. There will be a car show which will include a raffle with items (i.e. tools). Other events happening at the Street Fair will be a CPR Class, music, pony rides a live auction which will include a trip to Paris valued at \$4,500.00. KSNC will be doing a live broadcast from 10:00 – 12:00 at the corner of Yarmouth and Chatsworth)

Mr. Fisk also stated that he has a newsletter and encouraged the PRNC to contact him for upcoming events that the PRNC wished to have published.

Mr. Matt Pakucko from the local Facebook group “Save Porter Ranch” announced and submitted a Freedom of Information Act Public Records Request to the PRNC with the following terms:

1. Any and all communications and documents — including Emails — sent and / or received, and / or generated by: The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (any and all members, individually and collectively, including past members serving between the specified dates), (hereafter referred to as PRNC), between the dates of January 1st, 2014 and October 1st, 2014, regarding or pertaining to:

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- A. *The Termo Company's proposed North Aliso Canyon Project*
- B. *The Termo Company's Aliso Canyon Oil Field*
- C. *Los Angeles County permit applications or application process regarding (A) , (B) and (D)*
- D. *Oil well pads and their construction and all construction related activities, planning and logistics.*
- E. *Oil drilling and / or production and all related activities in (A) and (B) above.*

A thru E is hereafter referred to as The Subject Matter

- 2. *Any and all communications and documents (including Email) regarding*

The Subject Matter, between The PRNC and the below persons and / or entities:

- A. *Any representative(s) of The Termo Company, including Ralph Combs;*
 - B. *California State Senator Fran Pavley and / or anyone with her office and / or staff*
 - C. *Fellow Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council board member(s), both current members and previous members*
 - D. *Any representative and / or staff member of the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich*
 - E. *Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich*
 - F. *Any representative of The Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning*
- 3. *Any and all communications and documents (including Email) regarding meetings (including in-person, telephone, on-line and video conference), regarding, in whole or in part, The Subject Matter. Including meeting attendees, minutes, notes, documents, and / or recordings regarding The*

Subject Matter from said meetings attended by the PRNC and / or any representative(s) of Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's office and / or representative(s) of The Termo Company and / or any representative(s) of The Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning

16. **Future Meetings:** Next meeting November 5, 2014.

17. **Motion To Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.