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General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

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

1. Welcome

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

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), Sean O'Rourke (Treasurer 1), Armando Nunez II (Treasurer 2), Susan Hammarlund, Alex Kim and Cindy Lee. Cheri Derohanian arrived at 6:10 p.m. Becky Leveque arrived at 6:12 p.m. Absent was Ashiley Lee. The PRNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needed to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven.

Please 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 20-25 stakeholders and guests.

3. Motion – Secretary, Eric Nam: Motion to approve December minutes

Motion to approve the December minutes was unanimous and approved as amended.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of seven of the eight eligible voters present with all seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Hammarlund, Kim, Lee, C., Nam, O'Rourke, and Nunez). One Abstention (Pope, P.). Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

4. President's Comments and Updates - President, Paula Cracium

There were no comments made by President, Paula Cracium at this time.

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5. Community / Governmental Updates and Announcements

Colin Crews, CD12 Field Deputy Representative from Councilman Mitchell Englander's office started off by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Crews began by stating the Councilman Englander has brought forth a motion requiring all LAPD officers be issued body cams for all of its on-duty officers approximately 7,000 which will be funded by the City of Los Angeles. All cameras will have a 5-year retention and have a 30-second audio loop. Colin also reported that 52 of the 62 ADA ramps have been installed throughout Council District 12. Councilman Englander is also requesting that Department of Transportation look into the issue of funding for speed humps since none have been installed since 2009. The only way any speed humps have been installed since 2009 is if the street has been repaved.

Ankur Patel, Candidate for Board of Education in Council District 3. Mr. Patel stated that he was born in Northridge and attended and graduated from CSUN. Mr. Patel also stated that he has taught students broad and that he was a grounded, creative long term think and that his slogan for the upcoming election was "More Teachers Fewer Administrators". He would like to see a reduction in class-size.

Mr. Glenn Bailey spoke about the upcoming VANC meeting to be held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 and the featured speaker would be Seleta Reynolds, General Manager, Department of Transportation as well as Graycie Liu, General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment who would be discussing upcoming changes in procedures for the Neighborhood Council.

Tom Nachtrab from the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association spoke about how for the last 40 years their organization has worked to protect and preserve the SSFL area. The SSMPA had asked for help in the form of a letter of support from the PRNC and other NC's in the area approximately 1 year ago which may complied and he wished to thank those who did. He stated that the SSFL has a direct impact on Porter Ranch because it is fairly close being only 2 miles west and then 2 miles south and that the proposal for clean-up which a large amount of soil be removed and transported via trucks for years to come. The SSMPA would be visiting the PRNC in the near future requesting further support.

6. Treasurers' Report -- Treasurer 1, Sean O'Rourke

Discussion – Treasurer 1, Sean O'Rourke Motion to approve treasurer's report. Seconded by Eric Nam

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7. Motion – Treasurer 1, Sean O'Rourke: Motion to approve MER for December

Funding Motion: (by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Nam) The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council approves its December 2014 MER Report.

8. Update – Sue Hammarlund: Citrus Sunday

Board member, Sue Hammarlund began by stating that anyone could donate any citrus that they have growing on their property and drop it off at a central location for distribution to those in need. Fruit is considered to be the most expensive because of its short shelf life but it also the most needed. Ms. Hammerlund would like to make a central drop off point possibly at Shepherd of the Hills and In-Christ Community Church and then Harvest could pick it up from these two separate locations. The next meeting of the Citrus Sunday Committee would be on January 20, 2015 and a date for the actual event has not yet been set. Volunteers are needed.

9. Future meetings- February City Controller, Ron Galperin (pending) – PRCS regarding new School boundaries.

President Paula Cracium spoke about upcoming speakers at the February meeting, City Controller, Mr. Ron Galperin and Porter Ranch Community School Principal, Ms. Mary Melvin.

Pat Pope wanted to speak about Ron Galperin and how much he really is a number guy but could also “speak human” and that he thought he was a fabulous speaker and was excited that PRNC would be hosting him at their February meeting.

Cheri Derohanian also hoped that Ms. Mary Melvin would speak to the issue of impending school boundaries and how it would directly affect those living in Porter Ranch.

10. Public Comment

Stakeholder, David Lasher wanted to know what is being done about code enforcement violations in the area. He specifically called into question the residence located at 11985 Beaufait Avenue. The particular residence does not have anyone living in the home but does have an RV parked out front with electrical cords running up to the house. The RV has not back plates or tag and is missing the front engine cover. Mr. Lasher states there are also multiple vehicles parked on the property with the one in the driveway having expired tags from over 5 years ago. However, the backend is pulled up almost up against the garage and one would have to physically walk onto the property to see this. The vines and vegetation are overgrown on the home, trash cans remain out and there is trash scattered about the area. He has made multiple complaints but each time the matter is closed and nothing is done.

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Another stakeholder in attendance also spoke about this very same RV and that the residents in the area are very displeased about the unsightliness of the vehicle but says little can or is being done because the owners of the RV know how to “work” the system and do move the RV every 72 hours. The stakeholder also stated that during the summer months the owners of the RV go up to ET Park and set-up a large slip and slide for all of the children in the park to use. She has also seen the RV owners take water from their primary residence along with that from a neighboring house. CD12 Field Deputy Representative, Colin Crews said he would follow-up on this matter to see if he could get this issue resolved.

Glenn Bailey, candidate for the Los Angeles City College Board of Trustees and said that in the upcoming elections that the constituents have the ability to choose the majority of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Bailey also stated that the Board of Trustees governed the 9 community colleges in the area. He also stated that poll worked were needed for the March 3rd election and that he had flyers for anyone who was interested.

11. 7PM – Presentation: Roy Forbes, CEO Survivault- will speak on disaster/earthquake preparedness

Mr. Ray Forbes, CEO Survivault introduced himself to the PRNC and its stakeholders and gave a little bit of background about himself. He stated that he is a Native Angelo and that he experienced his first earthquake at the age of 6 and thought it was “cool”. However, as he got older he realized that there was a need to prepare people for earthquakes and other natural disasters because it was not a question of “if” but rather “when” an earthquake or other natural disaster would happen. The chance of a 6.7. earthquake happening in California was 99.7% and that the one thing people did not realize was that response time would be slow for emergency services and other services such as water, power and gas to come back online and that people needed to take it upon themselves to prepare themselves for a length of time until those services arrived.

Mr. Forbes stated that Southern California received about 80% of its water from Northern California and that if a big earthquake were to strike and damage the aqueduct that Southern California receives its water from would take between 6-8 months to repair and that people need to prepare themselves now. The Richter Scale measures the energy of the earthquake by four factors (1) Depth, (2) Duration, (3) Strata and (4) Intensity. A 6.0 earthquake releases 30x more energy than a 5.0 earthquake. A 7.0. earthquake would release 1000x more energy than a 5.0 earthquake.

In order to prepare for an earthquake residents should plan to have enough food, water, medicine and sanitation for a minimum of 7 days. Some items that should be kept would be 7 gallons of

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water per person, food, shelter, sleeping bags, stove & fuel, plates, cups, pot, pan and utensils and sanitation i.e. collapsible toilet, flashlight and radio. If you have pets prepare for them too.

Non-Essentials to be keep would be things like glasses (readers), diapers and approximately \$200 in cash (small bills).

Items to keep in the car would be similar to those that residents should keep in their at home kits. If you have any extra pair of tennis shoes keep those in the trunk as well. All material should be swapped out or at the very least be checked every 6 months. Most of these itmes can be purchased at stores like sporting goods/camping, DIY (i.e. Lowes, Home Depot & OSH). Residents should store all of their supplies somewhere they can be accessible preferably outside and in a durable container. Do not store plastic water bottles in direct contact with the concrete.

Other details that are good to know is how to turn of the gas, shoes and flashlight next to bed, tape the batteries to the flashlight, have an out of state contact and to keep a landline so calls can be made. Do not keep a "cordless" phone because if the power goes out so will the phone.

During the earthquake, individuals should stay indoors and seek strong sturdy shelter i.e. table. Do not stand in doorways. After the earthquake do not light candles or matches, assess damage, check for gas leaks and listen to the TV/Radio for information.

Mr. Forbes concluded his presentation by answering some questions from the PRNC and its stakeholders.

President, Paula Cracium stated that Shepherd of the Hills is a designated evacuation center for the Porter Ranch area and that she is capable of managing such facility and she felt they were well prepared.

12. Motion to adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.