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**General Board Meeting Minutes
(DRAFT, Pending Board Approval)**

Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Porter Ranch Community School Multipurpose Room, 12450 Mason Ave., Porter Ranch

1. Welcome -- President Paula Cracium called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

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

2. Roll Call – Secretary Eric Nam

Board Members who were present introduced themselves: Paula Cracium (President), Pat Pope (Vice-President), Sean O'Rourke (Treasurer 1), Armando Nunez (Treasurer 2), Becky Leveque, Susan Hammarlund, Alex Kim, Cindy Lee, Cheri Derohanian, and David Balen. Eric Nam (Secretary) arrived at 7:30 p.m.

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 25-30 stakeholders and guests.

3. Motion – Sue Hammarlund: Motion to approve May minutes. Pat Pope seconded the motion

The minutes were approved as corrected.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of nine of the ten eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Pope, O'Rourke, Nunez, Leveque, Hammarlund, Kim, Lee, Derohanian and Balen). Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

4. Treasurers' Report –

Sean O'Rourke stated that this was his last meeting as he was resigning from the board. Over the last several months Mr. O'Rourke has been dealing with some personal health issues as well as work related issues. Paula Cracium stated that Mr. O'Rourke agreed to attend this evening's

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meeting as he is the only signer on the PRNC account at this time. Ms. Cracium also stated that Mr. O'Rourke will complete the last Monthly Expenditure Report to close out the fiscal year.

8. Motion – Sue Hammarlund: Motion to approve a plaque for Dick Ripey commemorating his dedication to the schools in Porter Ranch and his inspired work with PRNC, Plaque and installation not to exceed \$400.

Ms. Cracium stated that this item would be tabled because the PRNC cannot “gift” any such item.

5. President’s Comments and Updates - President Paula Cracium—

Ms. Cracium just wanted to let everyone know that the PRNC elections were this Saturday, June 10, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. here at PRCS and that they are looking for volunteers to help work/run the polls on Saturday. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet over on the table.

6. Community / Governmental Updates and Announcements

Dante Acosta representative from Congressman Steve Knight’s office stated that the Congressman placed in the top 2 from last night’s primary. Mr. Acosta also informed everyone that the Congressman’s gas storage safety bill was passed unanimously by the house representatives.

Colin Crews, field deputy from Councilman Englander’s office stated that last week the Councilman sent a letter to So Cal Gas Company and stated that all houses that were affected by the gas leak need to be cleaned and not the houses where individuals were relocated. On a lighter note, Mr. Crews wished to inform everyone that this Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. there would be a Family Fun Festival at Holleigh Bernson Park Memorial Park located at 20500 Sesnon Blvd, Northridge, CA 91326 and that they hope to see everyone there.

5. President’s Comments and Updates - President Paula Cracium—

Ms. Cracium just wanted to remind everyone that on July 9, 2016 AQMD would be having at meeting at CSUN at 9:00 a.m.

7. Motion – Vice President Pat Pope: Motion to approve \$2,500 to Shepherd of the Hills to be a sponsor of the annual Porter Ranch Independence Day celebration and fireworks show on Monday, July 4, 2016.

Before the motion was read, Ms. Paula Cracium recused herself and then left the room.

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At this time, Mr. Pat Pope, Vice-President took over the meeting. Mr. Pope informed everyone that he would first read the motion, wait for a second, take questions from the board and then questions from the stakeholders before the board would vote on this matter.

Mr. Pope then read the motion and stated that this is not a fundraiser, nor a religious event. This was an event that would bring the community together. Debbie Forstall from Shepherd of the Hills, said that the PRNC would be a co-sponsor event and that the monies would go directly to the vendor operating the pyrotechnics that evening. The PRNC would receive a stage banner, fence banner a ½ page ad in their newsletter and an opportunity to address the crowd at the event.

Several stakeholders spoke out in opposition to the PRNC sponsoring such event. Some wanted to know how many members of the PRNC had ties to the Church and what was the benefit to the community? Another stakeholder said that the PRNC was not even listed as a co-sponsor. A stakeholder who was new to attending the PRNC meetings wanted to know what was the need for the PRNC to publicize its co-sponsorship.

Debbie Forstall, Shepherd of the Hills stated that the cost of putting on such event was approximately \$100,000.00 and that the Church covers 40% of that with donations from others. They also work hand in hand with many agencies for this event such as LAPD, LAFD and DOT to make sure everything runs smoothly.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of eight of the eight eligible voters present with five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Leveque, Pope, Nunez, Hammarlund and Derohanian). One Opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Kim) Two abstentions (Lee and Balen) Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

9. Motion – Cheri Derohanian: Motion to approve a letter I will compose and plan to read at 6-18-16 Dick Rippey's "Celebration of Life" signed by all board members. Sue Hammarlund seconded the motion.

Ms. Derohanian read the motion and stated that she is in the process of composing the letter which will be read at Dick Rippey's “Celebration of Life” on June 18, 2016. The letter would be composed in large part with the obituary that board member, Ms. Becky Leveque, wrote with one or two additional pieces added by Ms. Derohanian. Such letter has been approved by Mr. Rippey's family.

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10. Motion - David Balen: Motion to provide \$2000 for Save porter ranch to support their community out-reach expenses. Only to be used to cover the expenses for printings and web site management. (SPR is a non-profit community organization). Armando Nunez seconded the motion.

Mr. Balen stated that he wanted everyone to know that he was unbiased and believes that this motion should be heard again as he believes it was not given a fair opportunity at the previous month's meeting. Mr. Balen then proceeded to read the motion. Mr. Balen also informed everyone that the PRNC currently has a surplus of funds and that if they are not used prior to June 30, 2016 then they are turned back over to the City and put in their general fund.

Matt Pakucko, from Save Porter Ranch, stated that he had previously filled out and submitted a Neighborhood Purpose Grant ("NPG") which listed exactly what the funds would be used for. Mr. Pakucko stated that the monies would be used for events and to educate people in the community along with community outreach through printing flyers or going door-to-door.

Ms. Cracium stated that here concerns were that she has never had a motion come before the PRNC board asking the PRNC to pay another organizations "bills" and she worried that this would open up the door to others asking for the same. Ms. Cracium also informed Mr. Pakucko that if the motion was approved that Save Porter Ranch would be required to have the PRNC logo either on banners and/or websites. Mr. Pakucko stated that he would not have a problem with that.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of nine of the ten eligible voters present with five in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Hammarlund, Kim, Balen, Lee and Nunez) Three opposed (Leveque, Nam and Pope) One abstention (Derohanian). Presidents/Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don't a vote can still be unanimous.]

11. Committee and Focus Group updates:

- **Land Use Committee – Eric Nam** - Nothing to report
- **Budget Advocates- Becky Leveque/Armando Nunez** - Nothing to report
- **Elections -Armando Nunez (2016 Election Chair)-** Mr. Nunez once again wanted to remind everyone that they are in need of poll workers and that if you would like to volunteer please sign up on the sheet over on the table. Mr. Nunez also reminded

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everyone that the PRNC elections are happening this Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Porter Ranch Community School.

- **Youth Ambassadors Ad Hoc Committee-Becky Leveque/Cheri Derohanian** - Nothing to report
- **Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee – Becky Leveque/ Eric Nam** - Nothing to report.
- **Beautification (Clean Ups, Trees, Parks, etc.)-Sue Hammarlund/ Alex Kim** - Ms. Hammarlund said she received some complaints regarding the state of Holleigh Bernson Park Memorial Park and that she and her husband recently did a walk-through of the area. Ms. Hammarlund was surprised to find the park in disarray. Ms. Hammarlund contact Jessica Strobel over at Council District 12 and was assured that the park would be cleaned up by Friday, June 10, 2016.
- **Sue Animal Park** - Ms. Hammarlund says that the West Valley Animal Shelter received 24 large dog beds and the staff and dogs were very appreciative.
- **Cheri – VANC-LANC-BONC-Empower LA** - Nothing to report
- **Senior Adult Involvement-Becky Leveque/Sue Hammarlund/Alex Kim** - Nothing to report

12. Presentation: Map Your Neighborhoods

Bill Hopkins from Granada Hills North who is also a Red Cross Volunteer gave a powerpoint presentation on Map Your Neighborhoods regarding how it works and how it provides for the community. Anyone who is interested in receiving Map Your Neighborhood materials can make a request online at <http://tinyurl.com/MYNRequests> . If you are interested in signing up for facilitator training you may contact Mr. Bill Hopkins at eprep.sfv@gmail.com or at 818-217-0358.

13. Public Comment

Matt Pakucko expressed his surprise about the PRNC approving the Save the Porter Ranch motion earlier in the evening. Mr. Pakucko also wanted to let everyone know that Save Porter Ranch had partnered with Whole Foods Market and 5% of the store's net sales will be donated to Save Porter Ranch on Thursday, June 9, 2016.

Maureen wanted to remind everyone that on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 So Cal Gas would be holding a meeting from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 9400 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311.

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Issam Najm who is running for a seat on the PRNC wanted to make sure that there is a level playing field regarding the upcoming elections. He has received solicitations for other candidates and would like to know how his email address got on that list.

14. Upcoming meetings - Ms. Cracium stated that the next meeting there would be a meeting by "Cool Blocks".

15. Motion to adjourn – Ms. Cracium made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.