



**Issam Najm, President; Susan Gorman-Chang, Vice President; Gabriel Khanlian, Secretary;  
Andrew Krowne, Treasurer; David Balen, Signer; Asaad Alnajjar  
Jason Hector; Alex Kim; Becky Leveque; Hassan Memarian; Jennifer Milbauer**

**Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC)  
General Board Meeting  
Monday, 12 February 2018  
Porter Ranch Community School (PRCS)  
12450 Mason Avenue, Porter Ranch 91326**

**DRAFT MINUTES (PENDING BOARD APPROVAL)**

1. Meeting Call to Order
  - President Issam Najm called the meeting to order at 6:22PM.
2. Welcome
  - President Issam Najm welcomed over thirteen stakeholders, along with ten board members. A quorum was declared.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
  - Jennifer Milbauer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call
  - Gabriel Khanlian performed the roll call; as ten board members were present, a quorum was declared.

Here (10)	Asaad Alnajjar, David Balen, Susan Gorman-Chang, Jason Hector, Gabriel Khanlian, Andrew Krowne, Becky Leveque, Hassan Memarian, Jennifer Milbauer, and Issam Najm
Absent (1)	Alex Kim

5. Motion to Approve the March 14, 2018 PRNC Meeting Minutes
  - Gabriel Khanlian made a motion to approve this agenda item; Asaad Alnajjar seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (8)	Alnajjar, Balen, Khanlian, Krowne, Leveque, Memarian, Milbauer, and Najm
Abstain (2)	Gorman-Chang and Hector
Absent (1)	Kim

6. Motion to Approve the March Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)
  - Andrew Krowne made a motion to approve this agenda item; David Balen seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (9)	Alnajjar, Balen, Gorman-Chang, Khanlian, Krowne, Leveque, Memarian, Milbauer, and Najm
Abstain (1)	Hector
Absent (1)	Kim



7. Treasurer’s Report

Budget Amount			\$69,506.35
Expenses to Date	Funding Requests		17,462.89
	Credit Card		25,751.79
Total Outstanding	Commitments		525.00
	Pending Payments		900.99
Cash Balance`	As of 4/11/2018		<u>\$24,865.68</u>
Operations	Storage Unit	\$ 372.00	
	Meeting Food (April/May/June)	1,140.00	
	Website (\$75/month May/June)	150.00	3,487.00
	Printing of Meeting Materials (\$375/month April/May/June)	1,125.00	
	Personnel Costs (\$350/month May/June)	700.00	
	Remaining Earth Day Expenses	1,800.00	
	Steel Mugs	2,436.76	4,476.76
Outreach	Constant Contact (\$65/month April/May/June)	195.00	
	Facebook (\$15/month April/May/June)	45.00	
Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG)	Friends of Oakridge	1,000.00	1,000.00
Net Available Cash Balance			<u>\$15,901.92</u>

- Treasurer Andrew Krowne reported that the current \$24,865.68 cash balance is what PRNC has to spend prior to the end of the fiscal year (Saturday, June 30, 2018). He also presented estimated Operations expenses (including the storage unit, meeting food, website maintenance, printing of meeting materials, and personnel costs), Outreach expenses (including Earth Day expenses, steel mugs (which should arrive later this week), Constant Contact, and Facebook charges), and an NPG for the Friends of Oakridge (which has been approved by the PRNC) that will be incurred. This will leave the PRNC with a Net Available Cash Balance of \$15,901.92.
- The PRNC hoped to incur \$7,500 for the Adopt a Median project, but this will not be approved by the city this fiscal year. Perhaps it may be approved in the next fiscal year. Meanwhile, this \$7,500 has been returned to the PRNC fund and is included in the \$15,901.92.
- During tonight’s meeting, the PRNC will hear funding requests. As we are in a “use it or loose it” mode, the board was asked to keep this \$15,901.92 in mind.
- David Hasson from the Friends of Oakridge inquired about their \$1,000 NPG. Andrew asked to speak with David during the break, as the application has been rejected twice.
- Stakeholder Hernando mentioned that this was his first PRNC meeting, and wondered about the source of the funds. Andrew explained that each of the city’s 97 neighborhood councils receives \$42,000 each year. The PRNC received an extra \$27,000 because of errors made by the previous treasurer.

8. Presentations from Representatives of Elected Officials and Government Agencies

- Colin Crews, field deputy from Councilman Englander’s office addressed the PRNC:
  - Saturday, April 21 will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID) All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast beginning at 8AM for \$9/person, and the LAPD Devonshire Division’s Annual Open House beginning at 10AM. This will be held at 10250 Etiwanda Avenue. You will get to meet your Senior Lead Officers and tour the Devonshire Station. Additional information can be found on their website at <https://www.soliddevonshire.org/>.

- Colin explained that each council district would allocate 222 housing units per district (not all units in one spot). These will be transitional permanent housing rather than temporary shelters
  - Wednesday, April 4, Councilman Englander hosted a Homeless Connect event at the Freedom Church, 9200 Owensmouth Avenue, Chatsworth. Over eighty people came in and received support, hamburgers, hot dogs (courtesy of the Kiwanis's Club), and free haircuts. With music playing, it was a very festive atmosphere. Per the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), anything over fifty attendees is considered a success.
  - LAHSA usually hosts one of these events each month. CD12 looks forward to hosting another one with the date TBD.
  - Jason Hector mentioned that he was there, yet did not have the opportunity to network with the other neighborhood councils. He looks forward to attending more networking activities to connect with the Granada Hills and Northridge councils.
9. General Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- Stakeholder Lane Semper thanked the PRNC for the animal-friendly vegan foods; she was very excited that the PRCS is also offering vegan food.
  - A stakeholder mentioned that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) sought a feasibility study to determine what would happen if Aliso Canyon went away. The CPUC put out a bid for a modeling study. Regretfully, no university or think tank responded to the request for proposal. Instead, So Cal Gas came forward. This is beyond the fox guarding the henhouse. He urged CD12 and PRNC to jump on this with a letter.
  - Stakeholder Shakki works for the city and her daughters attend PRCS. At one time, a Porter Ranch High School was in the master plan. However, as Porter Ranch expanded, the developers thought it would be an older community. She has already reached out to CD12, and wonders if we could reach out to LAUSD. David Balen replied that he sits on the board of the school. They have had multiple discussions with Scott Schmerelson. Nothing will happen until the community has a major uproar about the lack of a high school. Jason Hector added that the PRNC has an Education Committee (which Jason and David co-chair); the public is welcome to attend their meetings. Andrew Krowne mentioned that there was a chance that Chatsworth High School may expand.
  - Stakeholder Maureen mentioned that a construction worker recently broke a gas line in Brown's Canyon.
  - Stakeholder Shirley mentioned that the North Valley Family YMCA at 11336 Corbin Avenue (partnering with Kaiser Permanente) would host a free Falling Asleep and Staying Asleep Lunch-and-Learn on Thursday, May 10, at 12.30 to 1.30PM. Kaiser Permanente sleep expert Karen Perez will talk about stimuli and other factors that you may not realize are keeping you from falling and staying asleep. She will discuss helpful habits and changes you can make to your environment that will help you achieve an uninterrupted block of sleep. Please RSVP to the YMCA Welcome Center or call 818-368-3231.
  - Stakeholder Blake Arias asked if anyone proposed doing anything regarding the constant racing and donuts on the road. Gabriel Khanlian's responded that the PRNC and LAPD have talked about this many times. The LAPD has increased their patrols between midnight and 2AM. However, these racers listen to the police scanners, and scatter when a police cruiser is nearby.
  - Stakeholder Mikkie Loi reiterated about the Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> SOLID Pancake breakfast. This year, you can purchase tickets online. The pancake breakfast will be followed by tours of the Devonshire Station with detailed explanations of their activities. Thursday evening, April 12, the Claim Jumper Restaurant at 9249 Tampa Avenue and the LAPD will co-host a Tip-a-Cop fundraiser; the Senior Lead Officers (SLO) will serve as hosts with all their tips donated to the Special Olympics.

#### 10. Board Member Comments and Committee Updates

- Hassan Memarian, Jennifer Milbauer, and Issam Najm appreciated all the work that Susan Gorman-Chang has done to coordinate the Earth Day event. They urged everyone to tell their friends and neighbors.
- Asaad Alnajjar from the Safety Committee mentioned that they had a great day at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Homeless Connect Day. In addition, the LAPD has increased their presence using their new laser-based light detectors.
- Jason Hector thanked Jessie Strobel from CD12 for establishing two meetings with the Recreation and Parks Department. He reported that an arbor recently fell within the Limekiln Canyon Park. Saturday, April 21, the PRNC and other area NCs will join CD12 and the North Valley YMCA for clean-up activities and graffiti removal at the Limekiln Park. Volunteers are welcome to join them at 8:30AM at the In Christ Community Church, 19514 Rinaldi Street.
- Jason and Issam Najm have heard complaints that the Palisades Park along Reseda Boulevard has been collecting too much trash.
- Susan Gorman-Chang reported that the Earth Day event would have a spinner, whereupon you spin and could win a flashlight, hat, visor, tee shirt, or magnet. There will also be popcorn and a solar battery powered photo-booth.
- The So Cal 350 Climate Action Group will raffle a battery-powered lawnmower.
- Attending children will each receive a passport. Every time they visit a table, they will receive a sticker to fill their passport card.
- The PRNC's Sustainability Committee will not meet in April.
- Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and the California Energy Commission will conduct a public workshop for the Southern California Incentive Project. This is the second incentive project under the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure project under the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) funded by the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program.
- Monday, April 23, at 5PM, the Aliso Canyon Ad Hoc Committee will meet at the Porter Ranch Library to discuss the fence-line.
- Thursday, May 3, at 5PM the Homeless Solutions Committee will meet at the Pillars Café at the Shepherd of the Hills Church, 19700 Rinaldi Street. If anyone wants to do something about the homeless, they are urged to attend this meeting.
- Beginning Tuesday, May 8, and continuing for six weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Don Larson will lead up to ten homeless workers in the Clean Streets/Clean Starts program here in Porter Ranch. This is a result of the PRNC giving them \$5,000. The worker will receive a gift card (from either Ralph's or Wal-Mart) for their clean-up activities.
- Issam Najm added that there would be kite-building activities at the Earth Day event. Food will be from Subway, as well as Follow Your Heart of Canoga Park.
- He reported that on Tuesday, May 8, the Energy Reliability Group would hold their meeting at SCAQMD, Diamond Bar.
- David Balen, Becky Leveque, and Hassam Memarian had no additional comments.

#### 11. Discussion and Possible Action for the PRNC to Support the Work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their White Paper dated March 2018, and Approve the Filing of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Council File 18-0600, if amended

- PRNC budget representative Jason Hector reported that the advocates presented their white paper to Mayor Garcetti on Friday, March 9. This report includes three pages of recommendations, followed by reports of meetings with over forty city departments, input from budget day meetings in January, etc. He mentioned



that this report can be seen on the advocate’s website at <http://ncbala.com/>. This website also includes a stakeholder satisfactory survey, with an extended completion day of Monday, April 30.

- Among the key recommendations were:
  - Hold monthly town hall meetings on weekends and weekday evenings to allow greater participation from stakeholders
  - Develop a comprehensive plan to address all City infrastructure and repair and maintain our streets, including our sidewalks, parks, and urban forest
  - Establish a City Attorney’s Office Liability Task Force, train specific departments on risk management and set up accountability procedures within city departments to address the City’s skyrocketing liability claims
  - Develop benchmarks for efficiency of City services (ie, Public Works, Recreation and Parks)
  - Outsource 50% of street and sidewalk repairs to private contractors to compare which is the better option for taxpayers
  - Hire an independent City Manager to oversee all city departments
  - Call on the Budget and Finance Committee, the Mayor and the City Council to pass a balanced budget and address the City’s budgetary woes
- Asaad mentioned that the streetlights and sidewalk repair issues are already covered, and he agrees with the need for an independent City Manager.
- David Balen asked Jason if he wanted to modify this CIS; Jason would prefer to leave it as it is.
- Becky Leveque asked if this CIS was put together by a committee or by one person; Jason extracted this data from the Budget Advocates White Paper by himself.
- Jason Hector made a motion to approve this agenda item; David Balen seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (7)	Balen, Gorman-Chang, Hector, Khanlian, Krowne, Milbauer, and Najm
Abstain (2)	Leveque and Memarian
No (1)	Alnajjar
Absent (1)	Kim

12. Discussion and Possible Action for the PRNC Board to Send a Letter to Council District 12 and Shappel Liberty Investments Requesting Formation of the Porter Ranch Arts Council

- This agenda item was tabled.

13. Motion to Approve the Submittal of a Self-Nomination to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for Porter Ranch to Attain a Permanent, Independent Fence-Line Air-Monitoring System under AB617

- Over two hundred communities throughout California will apply [by April 30] for this independent fence-line air-monitoring system.
- AB617 requires that stakeholders choose priority locations throughout the state, including prioritization of economically disadvantaged locations. Porter Ranch is not considered an economically disadvantaged community.
- Alternatively, SCAQMD could recommend Porter Ranch receive one of the \$1m fence-line air-monitoring systems, but that is not guaranteed.
- The current CARB / Fenseline monitoring systems in Susan Gorman-Chang backyard is merely temporary and Gabriel Khanlian’s was removed a year ago.
- Becky Leveque expressed concern about why this is a socio-economic issue; it should be a people issue. Someone replied that the economically disadvantaged are more likely to be affected by refineries and lead processing facilities within their community.



- Andrew Krowne recommended that this area of the Central San Fernando Valley would qualify as a socio-economic disadvantaged community, and requested that the second paragraph be amended to include “all sensitive receptor locations are one to five miles downwind from the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility”. He recommended “including the following schools:
  - CSUN
  - Darby
  - Noble
  - Topeka
  - In Christ
  - Germain
  - Beckford
  - Sierra Canyon
  - Valley Alternative
  - Shepherd of the Hills
  - Granada Hills Elementary
  - Granada Hills Charter High School (GHCHS)
  - Northridge Academy (with more than 60% title-one), and
  - Other schools within a five mile radius”
- Stakeholder Lane Semper thanked the PRNC for supporting this.
- Matt Pakucko from Save Porter Ranch asked why there would be an independent monitoring system. Who will be the Independent monitor? Would it be SCAQMD? Or a consultant? And what are they testing for? As Porter Ranch has more than 8,000 households, that could translate to more than 23,000 residents
- Stakeholder Brandie recommended adding a concern for the growing homeless population that will be impacted.
- Susan Gorman-Chang made a motion to approve this amended self-nomination; Gabriel Khanlian and Andrew Krowne seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (9)	Alnajjar, Balen, Gorman-Chang, Khanlian, Krowne, Leveque, Memarian, Milbauer, and Najm
Abstain (1)	Hector
Absent (1)	Kim

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14. Discussion and Possible Action for the PRNC to Identify What we Want to See as part of the \$1m SCAQMD Health Study and to Present those Recommendations to the Health Study Technical Advisory Group (HSTAG) at the first meeting to be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - Andrew Krowne explained the purpose of this agenda item.
  - Issam Najm and Dr. Nordella will address this April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and explain the goals of a full health study. Issam will speak as a community representative, not as a representative of the PRNC. An email was distributed that referenced Issam as a representative of the PRNC; it was agreed that this should be responded to and corrected ASAP.
  - Stakeholders are welcome to attend this meeting in Van Nuys to present their concerns.
  - Matt Pakucko mentioned that a concern was that the \$1m was originally turned down; yet that money could have been very useful. He would like to see the \$1m used for a more robust fence-line as well as soil testing.
  - A stakeholder felt that the health study and fence-line should be two separate unrelated issues.
  - Jason Hector asked what key points should be quantified. Dr. Nordella responded that the people of Porter Ranch need to determine what they want and if \$1m will be sufficient. Time is of the essence as the people have merely seven years to determine the extent of the damage from the Aliso Canyon blowout.
  - Dr. Nordella felt this could be an amazing research opportunity and is surprised that there is no one here from a top Ivy League medical university analyzing this.
  - Jason felt that the focus should be on symptoms (nose-bleeds, headaches, cancer, etc.).





- Issam feels it is imperative that the people of Porter Ranch not collect random data (which could lead to spinning wheels).
  - Dr. Nordella fears that there could be a great many false negatives; just because someone develops cancer or coughs, it is not necessarily because of the blowout. He also recommends having a methane/benzene mobile monitor rather than a fixed air monitoring system. He urged everyone to focus on the diagnosis and results. Please do not bother getting specific with names and addresses.
  - Issam responded that HSTAG knows that no one can prove a negative and it is futile to try to change the process.
  - A few weeks ago, Issam met with Governor Brown's staff; they thought the \$1m was to determine if a health study was necessary; Issam explained that the \$1m was for the health study itself.
  - An attorney recommended focusing on shutting down Aliso Canyon; we should jump on So Cal Gas each time there is a violation.
  - Andrew Krowne would like to go in with a "we demand this" and add historical significance.
  - Issam recommends adding and defining "sufficient comprehensive". The objective should not be injected into the recommendation; instead, it should be presented by the attending Porter Ranch people.
  - Becky Leveque asked about the cancellation of the Citrus Sunday, whereupon people could donate fruit from their trees. Dr. Nordella recommends avoiding any discussion regarding fruit, vegetables, dirt, and soil samples. Susan Gorman-Chang mentioned that the citrus quarantine was due to the med-fly and had nothing to do with the Aliso Canyon blowout.
  - Stakeholder Lori urged any people who live and/or work in Porter Ranch to attend this HSTAG meeting.
  - Andrew Krowne made a motion to approve this recommendation, adding the comment "commit to one objective that the professionals on the HSTAG can affirm that the current funding is enough money to prepare a sufficiently comprehensive health study of a historically first event that would benefit the affected community, supplemented by video footage"; David Balen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
15. Motion to Approve Payment to Susan Gorman-Chang as a Board Member Reimbursement in the amount of \$36.93
- This \$36.93 expenditure was for stickers (for the passports mentioned in agenda item 10). Becky Leveque wondered why this was not processed via the P.Card, and recommended using the P.Card as much as possible. Susan Gorman-Chang's purchase was faster than coordinating with the P.Card.
  - Andrew Krowne made a motion to approve this expenditure; Jason Hector and Jennifer Milbauer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
16. Motion to Approve Payment to Gabriel Khanlian as a Board Member Reimbursement in the amount of \$180.02
- Andrew Krowne made a motion to approve this printing expenditure; Hassan Memarian seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
17. Motion to Authorize the Expenditure of up to \$600 for Food, Water, and Supplies for the Earth Day Cleanup
- This will be for nine trays of food from Baja Fresh, trash bags, gloves, and other things that the city does not provide.
  - Jason Hector made a motion to approve this expenditure; Jennifer Milbauer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
18. Motion to Approve Reimbursement in the Amount of \$45.62 to Susan Gorman-Chang for the Purchase of Popcorn, Oil, and Individual Serving Popcorn Bags for use at our Community Earth Day Celebration on April 14, 2018

- Andrew Krowne made a motion to approve this expenditure; Gabriel Khanlian seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
19. Motion to Approve the Purchase of 100 stamps for up to \$60 for use on Pre-Addressed Envelopes to Provide to our Community Members to Send to CARB Advocating for Porter Ranch to Attain a Permanent, Independent Fence-Line System under AB617 Community Self-Recommendation Procedure
- Postcards and envelopes were set on the table for stakeholders to pick-up and mail to CARB urging Porter Ranch to attain a permanent, independent fence-line system
  - Susan Gorman-Chang made a motion to approve this expenditure; Jennifer Milbauer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
20. Motion to Approve Increasing the Mail-In Survey Budget by up to \$600 to Cover the Cost of Translation to Korean and Posting the Survey on the PRNC Website
- 6,018 mail-in surveys are scheduled to go out by April 16. The original plan was for the city to pay these expenditures and bill the PRNC. However, the city clerk's office said that was not possible, so PRNC must now pay extra to have it done.
  - Issam Najm made a motion to approve this expenditure; Jennifer Milbauer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Andrew Krowne mentioned that due to these expenditures,  
the previously mentioned \$15,901.92 becomes \$14,979.35.**

21. Discussion and Possible Action to Allocate up to \$21,375 for the Cost of Tree Removal and Stump Grinding and/or Tree Trimming including the Cost of any Necessary Permits and Street Closures for Dead, Dying or Diseased Trees within Porter Ranch
- Jason met with four different contractors and received numerous proposals from \$15k to \$41k to cut down the trees (some along Tampa Avenue, others covering all of Porter Ranch). In addition, PRNC may have to pay the city \$600 to \$1,000 to close Tampa Avenue.
  - Rather than \$21,375, Jason Hector recommends spending what we can on the most highly trafficked streets in Porter Ranch, and then try to get the remainder from next year's FY2018-19 budget.
  - David Balen expressed concern regarding who owns the trees. If they are city trees, and we all pay taxes, why doesn't the city take care of this? Jennifer Milbauer added that the city would remove a dead tree if it fell onto a street or sidewalk.
  - David Balen recommended tabling this and asking CD12 to handle it. Jason replied that they have had three meetings with CD12 who agree that it is the city's responsibility.
  - Asaad Alnajjar reported that the city cuts and trims 12,000 trees per year. The first \$1m for this expenditure comes from his department's budget. There is currently a thirteen-month waiting list for a city crew to come and remove trees. He recommends tabling this until the May meeting, when Kevin James [President of the Board of the Public Works Commission] will be in attendance. Jason replied that if this were tabled until May, he would have insufficient time to generate all the paperwork, pay, and schedule the contractors.
  - Andrew Krowne asked about the cost per tree; this is approximately \$375/tree, including grinding the tree into mulch. Andrew then recommended tabling this issue until the end of the meeting. Jason asked that the motion be tabled until after agenda item 23.
  - Hassan Memarian and Becky Leveque feel that this is one of the most worthwhile items.
  - The PRNC must calculate \$375/tree, plus allow extra for street closures.
    - Asaad recommends doing 21 trees (x \$375/each) for \$7,875.





- Hassan recommended \$8k.
- Issam Najm recommended \$9k.
- Andrew Krowne apologized, but if this passes for up to \$10k, there will not be money in the budget to support the other NPGs:

San Fernando Valley Chinese Cultural Association (SFVCCA)	\$4,000
Parents, Educators and Students in Action (PESA)	5,000
TOTAL	\$9,000

- Jason Hector made a motion to spend up to \$9,000 for tree removal; Hassan Mermarian seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (8)	Alnajjar, Balen, Gorman-Chang, Hector, Khanlian, Leveque, Memarian, and Najm
No (1)	Krowne
Absent (2)	Kim and Milbauer

22. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the NPG Application for Friends of PRCS in the Amount of \$2,500 for Sponsorship of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and Fiesta

- David Balen, Gabriel Khanlian, and Becky Leveque recused themselves.
- Evan Press reported that the money from the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and Fiesta goes towards the children and programs here at PRCS; currently, they receive merely \$26,000 from the LAUSD.
- The PRNC will receive recognition via a sign during the golf tournament and contribute to the SWAG bag. Andrew Krowne would prefer that PRNC signage be near the lunch.
- Stakeholder Lane Semper stated that 20% to 25% of children in LA have asthma; the ability to breath is more important than a playground.
- A stakeholder defended PRNC by stating that they have been very supportive of the PRCS and the Castlebay Lane Charter Elementary School.
- Stakeholder Brandie felt that this appeared to be a worthwhile thing to spend money on.
- Andrew Krowne added that this is a terrific outreach opportunity for the PRNC.
- Jennifer Milbauer reminded Evan that Becky Leveque and Asaad Alnajjar helped build this school from the ground up. The PRNC wanted to support the school with the playground, but the LAUSD shut down that idea. Jason Hector explained that the playground was shut down because there was no foreseeable end date for the playground’s expenditures.
- Asaad Alnajjar recommended reducing the NPG funds to \$1,250; stakeholders Lori and Lane supported this.
- Issam replied that the hiccup with PRNC and the PRCS was discussed between the city attorney and the LAUSD’s attorney. Principal Mary Melvin welcomes the PRNC.
- Asaad Alnajjar made a motion to spend up to \$1,250 for the Friends of PRCS; Hassan Memarian seconded the motion, but it did not pass.

Aye (2)	Alnajjar and Memarian
No (5)	Gorman-Chang, Hector, Krowne, Milbauer, and Najm
Recused (3)	Balen, Khanlian, and Leveque
Absent (1)	Kim

- Andrew Krowne made a motion to approve the \$2,500 NPG request from the Friends of PRCS; Susan Gorman-Chang seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (6)	Gorman-Chang, Hector, Krowne, Memarian, Milbauer, and Najm
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No (1)	Alnajjar
Recused (3)	Balen, Khanlian, and Leveque
Absent (1)	Kim

- Following the vote, David Balen, Gabriel Khanlian, and Becky Leveque returned to the meeting.

23. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the NPG Application for Castlebay Lane in the amount of \$1,000 to Support their VEX Robotics Program

- Castlebay’s Vice Principal David Garringer reported that this would go towards phase one of their robotics program. They hope to host an event later this year, with a goal of going to the state championship in 2019.
- Issam Najm asked how visible would the PRNC logo appear to parents. As Webmaster, David will have a subpage dedicated to the VEX robotics program and its supporters.
- Stakeholder Lori asked if the PRNC logo could appear on the robot.
- Asaad Alnajjar and stakeholder Brandie support this, would like to give them more (which is not allowed), and [as an engineer] Asaad offered voluntary assistance.
- Andrew Krowne made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 for Castlebay’s VEX Robotics Program; Jason Hector seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (8)	Alnajjar, Gorman-Chang, Hector, Khanlian, Balen, Leveque, Memarian, and Najm
Abstain (1)	Krowne
Absent (2)	Kim and Milbauer

24. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the NPG Application for the San Fernando Valley Chinese Cultural Association (SFVCCA) in the amount of \$4,000 for the May Asian American Heritage Month Celebration

- Po Ho, President of the SFVCCA, mentioned that the SFVCCA has run the Chinese Program at the GHCHS (where several Porter Ranch teenagers attend) since 1987, and this is the first time they have done a May Asian American Heritage Month celebration. The entire event will cost approximately \$4,000, with \$2,000 going towards facility rental.
- This event, held at GHCHS, will help the community better understand the different Asian cultures of the San Fernando Valley. The attendees will be from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- David Balen asked what other neighborhood councils contributed; Paul replied that they received \$600 from Reseda, and they will appear before the Northridge South Neighborhood Council on Thursday, April 26.
- Stakeholder Lane Semper supports this as long as PRNC is publicized.
- David Balen made a motion to spend up to \$500 for the SFVCCA; Becky Leveque seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

25. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the NPG Application for Parents, Teachers/Educators and Students in Action (PESA) for the Requested amount of \$5,000

- PESA partners with the LAPD and visits schools and meets up to three times a month with minors who have had infractions.
- Stakeholder Lane Semper supports this.
- All funds go to the Porter Ranch residents, including five kids from Porter Ranch who are in trouble for slapping a female on the behind.
- Issam Najm made a motion to spend up to \$500 for PESA; Becky Leveque seconded the motion, and it passed.

Aye (8)	Alnajjar, Balen, Gorman-Chang, Hector, Khanlian, Leveque, Memarian, and Najm
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Abstain (1)	Krowne
Absent (2)	Kim and Milbauer

26. Meeting Adjournment

- Issam Najm adjourned the meeting at 10PM.