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Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

7248 Owensmouth Ave, Canoga Park, CA 91303

- I. **Call to Order:** Canoga Park Neighborhood Council President, Ray Cole, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
- II. **In Attendance:** Ray Cole, Mireira A. Morán, Edward Barkett, Ronald Clary, Kyra Edrington, Duane Galila, Brian Mallasch, Mary Paterson
Absent: Elmer Garcia, Leonel Fuentes, Esteven Barr, Corinne Ho, Bryan Islas, Nicole Resendiz
Late Entry: None.
Early Departure: None.
Courtesy Seats: None.
- III. **General Public Comment:** Lionel Mares, Sun Valley Community Member
- IV. **Community & Government Reports:**
1. Los Angeles Police Department, Topanga Division – Senior Lead Officer Jose Moreno - Oral Report Given.
 2. City of Los Angeles, Council District 3 – Bob Blumenfield’s Office – Field Deputy Steve Jaramillo – Oral Report Given
 3. City of Los Angeles, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Prabhjot Chamber – Oral Report Given.

- Exhaustive Efforts: The review of bylaws has been postponed for further discussion. A quorum of 9 and an increase in board size from 15 to 17 were recommended. Due to a recent resignation, these recommendations have become moot. The process will proceed without these proposed changes. The bylaw amendments are scheduled to be discussed at the BONC in February. Those interested in speaking at the meeting are encouraged to reach out regarding the DONE event.

V. **Presentations:**

1. Rasing Canes – Application to the confirmation of continued zoning status at 7011 Topanga Canyon Blvd, Canoga Park, CA 91303
2. Metro, Principal Community Relations Officer Ron Macias – Metro G Line Improvements Update

VI. **Action Items:**

1. Ronald Moves that the council recommend that the president issue a letter indorsing the continued zoning status regarding the operations of a new “Rasing Canes” restaurant at 7011 Topanga Canyon Blvd, Canoga Park, CA 91303. Seconded. **ADOPTED.**

Ray Cole	Yes
Elmer Garcia	Absent
Mireira A. Morán	Yes
Leonel Fuentes	Absent
Edward Barkett	Yes
Esteven Barr	Absent
Ronald Clary	Yes
Kyra Edrington	Yes
Duane Galila	Yes
Corinne Ho	Absent
Bryan Islas	Absent
Brian Mallasch	Yes
Mary Paterson	Yes
Nicole Resendiz	Absent

2. **Board Resignation:** The board formally recognizes the resignations of Lena Ayvazina and Michell Miranda from the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council, with regrets. Following Lena Ayvazina's departure, who served as Council Secretary, the position is officially declared VACANT.

3. **Appointment of Board Officers:**

- Motion by Ray Cole to nominate Mireira A. Morán for the position of Secretary for the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council. This nomination seeks to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the former Secretary, Lena Ayvazina. Seconded. **ADOPTED.**

Ray Cole	Yes
Elmer Garcia	Absent
Mireira A. Morán	Yes
Leonel Fuentes	Absent
Edward Barkett	Yes
Esteven Barr	Absent
Ronald Clary	Yes
Kyra Edrington	Yes
Duane Galila	Yes
Corinne Ho	Absent
Bryan Islas	Absent
Brian Mallasch	Yes
Mary Paterson	Yes
Nicole Resendiz	Absent

- Current Treasurer, Leonel Fuentes expressed intent to resign but no official resignation has been submitted, item tabled until such time in which a resignation is submitted in writing.

VII. **Adjournment:** Canoga Park Neighborhood Council President, Ray Cole, adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.

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NOTES:

The following is intended as reference-only and not a part of the official minutes.

Report Summary: LAPD

Weekly Crime Report:

- Total Reported Crimes: 96
 - Breakdown: 41 crimes last week including 3 robberies, 4 aggravated assaults, 1 burglary, 7 stolen vehicles, and 48 thefts (all occurring at the mall).
 - Property Crime: Continues to be a significant concern on this side of the valley.
 - Location-Specific Reports:
 - Southern Canoga Park: 72 reported crimes.
 - Northern Canoga Park: 31 reported crimes.
 - Comparison: Crime rates are slightly lower than the previous year.
- Community Safety Initiatives:
- Catalytic Converter Etching Event:
 - Location: Pierce College
 - Time: 8 AM to 2 PM
 - Registration: Required. Details available on the Topanga Division Facebook page.
 - Note: Etched converters can help identify the owner if recovered.
 - Safety Reminder: Do not confront individuals attempting to steal catalytic converters.
- Gang Activity Update:
- Current State: The primary individuals involved in CPA activities are incarcerated or inactive, with current activities largely attributed to high school students engaging in tagging.
 - Location of Concern: Lanark Park, spanning from Winnetka to Topanga Canyon, remains a significant area of gang presence.
 - Historical Context: Canoga Park was previously recognized as the largest gang in the San Fernando Valley.
- Community and Law Enforcement:
- Business Concerns: A business owner at Alabama/Sherman Way reported threats over a mural a few years ago.
 - Patrol Staffing: 60 officers are currently on patrol duty in the division.
 - Legal Tools: The LAPD has noted the loss of tools such as the ability to apply gang enhancements under 186.22 PC, impacting gang member tracking and identification.
 - Leadership: Chief of Police Moore is retiring early, with no successors currently named.
- City Regulations:
- Mural Permits: A permit is required for all murals in the City of Los Angeles, even on private property if visible from the street.

Report Summary: Councilmember Blumenfield's Office

Community Updates:

- Homeless Count: Successfully completed this past weekend, as mandated by the Federal Department of Housing.
- Event Announcement:
 - Texaco Theater Grand Opening
 - Date: This Friday
 - Highlight: Offers affordable arts programs.
 - Ownership: City-owned, ensuring accessibility for all.
- Tree Trimming Initiative:
 - Progress: The fiscal year's tree trimming is nearing completion with over 2,000 trees serviced, focusing on Canoga Park and Winnetka.
 - Future Planning: A motion has been introduced to allocate \$60,000 for additional on-demand tree trimming services.

Report Summary: Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Upcoming Community Events and Initiatives:

- Empower LA Youth Conference:

- Schedule: Happening this weekend.
- Details: Marks the first conference aimed at empowering the youth of LA.
- Women's Empowerment Month:
 - Event: In March, an event celebrating women's empowerment will showcase the impactful contributions of women.
 - Status: Date and location are still being finalized.
- Nomination Process:
 - Development: A nomination form is being created to facilitate the process.
 - Next Steps: More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- Exhaustive Efforts:
 - Discussion Postponement: The review of bylaws has been postponed for further discussion.
 - Initial Recommendations: A quorum of 9 and an increase in board size from 15 to 17 were recommended.
 - Change in Circumstances: Due to a recent resignation, these recommendations have become moot. The process will proceed without these proposed changes.
 - Next Steps: The bylaw amendments are scheduled to be discussed at the [insert BONC meeting] in February.
 - Call to Action for Board Members: Those interested in speaking at the meeting are encouraged to reach out regarding the DONE event.

Presentation Summary: Raising Cane's

- Location: 7011 Topanga Canyon Blvd, Canoga Park (former Arby's site).
- Operational Efficiency: The restaurant boasts a limited menu with no customizations, enabling a drive-thru time of approximately 2.5 minutes.
- Zoning and Planning: The site is zoned [Q]C1-1VL-RIO and P-1VL-RIO, with plans for site and tenant improvements approved conditionally under LAMC Section 12.24-L and 12.24-M.
- Capacity: Current car queue capacity is 12, but Raising Cane's can manage up to 30 cars on-site. The plan includes potential double lanes during peak hours.
- Facility Use: Reduced indoor space, primarily utilized for kitchen operations.
- Philanthropy: A commitment to local community support is shown through the formation of a committee of local employees to select a non-profit for fundraising efforts, initiated at the ground-breaking event.
- Employment: Emphasis on local hiring for staffing needs.
- Operating Hours: Typical hours are 11 AM to 1 AM on weekdays and 11 AM to 3 PM on weekends, with this location having unrestricted hours.

Presentation Summary: G Line Improvement Project

- Objective: The project aims to enhance the G Line by improving travel time, increasing capacity, and enhancing safety features.
- Infrastructure Changes:
 - Originally planned to install 35 gates, now reduced to 13 to maintain budget constraints.
 - Traffic signal prioritization will be provided to buses at remaining intersections, with most gate installations focused on the eastern section.
- Safety and Efficiency: Decisions on gate locations were based on ridership numbers, safety concerns, and areas with higher traffic incidents.
- Pathway Enhancements: A bike path will be developed along the entire route.
- Structural Adjustments: Structures at Van Nuys Blvd. will be elevated, contrary to previous plans for Sepulveda Blvd., to avoid seeking additional funds.
- Community Feedback: Board members expressed traffic concerns and suggested considering aerial stations at Sherman Way.
- Budget and Timeline:
 - The project's cost has exceeded initial estimates due to engineering complexity and rising material costs, identified after the contractor's involvement in 2022.
 - Landscaping maintenance will be divided between Metro (ride side) and the City of Los Angeles (bike path).

- **Projected Timeline:** Construction is set to begin mid-year, with a completion timeline of 3 years. Bus routes will be detoured during construction.