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**Canoga Park Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting
Minutes**

Wednesday, February 28, 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 7:06 pm.
- II. **In Attendance:** Ray Cole, Mireira A. Morán, Ronald Clary, Duane Galila, Corinne Ho
Absent: Brian Mallasch, Elmer Garcia, Leonel Fuentes, Esteven Barr, Bryan Islas, Nicole Resendiz
Late Entry: Kyra Edrington (7:10), Mary Paterson (7:10)
Early Departure: None.
Courtesy Seats: None.
- III. **General Public Comment:** Boys and Girls Club West Valley
- IV. **Community & Government Reports:**
1. Los Angeles Fire Department, Battalion 17 – Oral Report Given.
 2. Los Angeles Police Department, Topanga Division – Senior Lead Officer Jose Moreno - Oral Report Given.
 3. California State Senate, District 20 – Carol Menjivar’s Office – Field Deputy– Oral Report Given
 4. City of Los Angeles, Council District 3 – Bob Blumenfield’s Office – Field Deputy Steve Jaramillo – Written Report Sent in and Read
 5. City of Los Angeles, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Prabhjot Chamber

– Oral Report Given.

V. Presentations:

1. Follow Your Heart – Brad Rosenheim - A presentation pertaining to an application concerning the modification of the alcoholic beverage status of “Follow Your Heart” restaurant at 21825 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, CA 91303. The requested modification is to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for "off-site" consumption pursuant to applicable law.

VI. Action Items:

1. Ronald Clary Moves that the April 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report be adopted as presented Seconded. **ADOPTED.**

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

2. Mary Paterson Moves that the May 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report be adopted as presented Seconded. **ADOPTED.**

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

3. Ronald Cleary Moves that the June 2023 Monthly Expenditure

Report be adopted as presented Seconded. **ADOPTED.**

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

4. Mary Paterson Moves that the July 2023 Monthly Expenditure

Report be adopted as presented Seconded. **ADOPTED.**

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

5. Mary Paterson Moves that the August 2023 Monthly Expenditure

Report be adopted as presented Seconded. **ADOPTED.**

Brian Mallasch	Absent
Bryan Islas	Absent
Corinne Ho	Abstain
Duane Galila	Yes
Edward Barkett	Yes
Elmer Garcia	Absent

Esteven Barr	Absent
Kyra Edrington	Yes
Leonel Fuentes	Absent
Mary Paterson	Yes
Mireira A. Morán	Yes
Nicole Resendiz	Absent
Ray Cole	Yes
Ronald Clary	Yes

6. Ron Clary Moves that the September 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report be adopted as presented Seconded. **ADOPTED.**

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

7. Duane Galila Moves that the October 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report be adopted as presented Seconded. **ADOPTED.**

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

8. Mary Paterson Moves that the November 2023 Monthly Expenditure

Report be adopted as presented Seconded. **ADOPTED.**

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

9. Ron Clary Moves that the December 2023 Monthly Expenditure

Report be adopted as presented Seconded. **ADOPTED.**

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

10. Mary Paterson Moves that the January 2024 Monthly Expenditure

Report be adopted as presented Seconded. **ADOPTED.**

Brian Mallasch	Absent
Bryan Islas	Absent
Corinne Ho	Yes
Duane Galila	Yes
Edward Barkett	Yes
Elmer Garcia	Absent

Esteven Barr	Absent
Kyra Edrington	Yes
Leonel Fuentes	Absent
Mary Paterson	Yes
Mireira A. Morán	Yes
Nicole Resendiz	Absent
Ray Cole	Yes
Ronald Clary	Yes

11. Mireira A. Moran Moves to appoint Ray Cole as the Alternate Signer for the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council bank account. Seconded.

ADOPTED.

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

11. Ronald Clary Moves to form the Board Retreat AdHoc Committee with the following members: Mary, Ray, Ron, and Corine. Seconded.

ADOPTED.

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

Ray Cole	Yes
Ronald Clary	Yes

VII. **Adjournment:** Canoga Park Neighborhood Council President, Ray Cole,
adjourned the meeting at 9:17 pm.

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NOTES:

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

LAFD Battalion 17 Announcements

Upcoming Weather Alert:

- **Storm Warnings:** Three storms are predicted, and they are part of an atmospheric river. Residents are advised to plan accordingly.
- **Sandbag Availability:** Sand and sandbags are available at Station 106 on Roscoe. All other stations are also stocked with sand. Please ensure not to block the apparatus bay when picking up supplies.

Safety Concerns:

- **Earthquake Activity:** A notable uptick in seismic activity was recently observed.
- **Fire Hazards:** Recent fires have been linked to lithium-ion batteries, notably cheaper or counterfeit ones lacking safety checks, prone to overheating, and potential fires.

LAPD Updates

Crime Reports:

- **Violent Crimes:** Four incidents were reported this week, totaling 27 year-to-date.
- **Property Crimes:** 256 incidents reported, with a significant rise in auto-related crimes, especially involving Chevy Silverados and older model Toyotas (Corollas) and Hondas (Accords).
- **Catalytic Converter Thefts:** This continues to be a prevalent issue.

Community Events:

- **Tip a Cop Event:** Twenty percent of the proceeds on April 6 will benefit the Special Olympics fund. The event will be held at Warner Ranch Park, sponsored by the Woodland Hills Chamber, and will feature music and food. Celebrity host Jay Leno will MC the event.
- **Catalytic Converter Etching:** Due to high demand (200 cars registered for this Saturday), another etching event is planned for 3-4 months. Updates will be available on our Facebook page.

Mall Security Enhancements

Staffing and Uniform Update:

- **Security Personnel:** Approximately 200 security officers are stationed at the mall.
- **Uniform Change:** Recent updates to uniforms aim to increase visibility. A dedicated unit has been established to enhance security, specifically on the mall premises.

Community Initiatives by Caroline Menjivar

Upcoming Events:

- **Tacos and Taxes:** Scheduled for this Saturday, an event combining tax help with a community meal.
- **Care Court Town Hall:** An informational session addressing mental health issues and solutions for the unhoused population.

Legislative Leadership:

- **Current Session Leadership:** Senator Menjivar has spearheaded 21 legislative bills this session, focusing on diverse issues affecting the community.
- **Key Legislative Efforts:**
 - **Youth Housing:** Initiatives aimed at providing housing solutions for transitioning youth.
 - **Small Business Support:** The Commercial Lease Transparency Bill (SB1124) and additional measures (SB1122) to support small businesses have been introduced.
 - **Environmental Legislation:** Lead fuel ban (SB1193) and other significant environmental improvements.
 - **Health and Welfare:**
 - Reintroduction of mental health benefits at CSU (SB11).
 - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program enhancements (SB944).

- Numerous other bills focused on improving community health and welfare, including SB953, SB954, SB959, SB987, SB1027, SB1033, SB1057, SB1069, SB1079, SB1103, SB1112, SB1132, SB1170, SB1281, SB1323, SB1492, and SB1497.

Council Offices and Community Announcements

Job Fair Announcement:

- **Date and Time:** Saturday, March 2nd, 2 PM
- **Location:** Canoga Park
- **Purpose:** To help residents find employment and assist with clearing records. Further details are pending from Ray.

Boys and Girls Club of West Valley (BGC) – 2024 Engagement:

- **Current Status:** Expansion due to increased participation from 16-18 teens to over 45 teens.
- **Next Steps:** Hosting Zoom calls to discuss how to serve middle school kids best. Look out for upcoming flyers detailing events in 2024.
- **BGC Celebration Week:** Scheduled for June, this week will celebrate engagement and connection with community members. Council participation is hoped for once again.

Outreach at Golf Tournament:

- Discussion or decision pending further details.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Women’s Leadership Event:** Preparing to celebrate Women’s History Month on March 28 at City Hall. Registration links and nomination forms for recognizing outstanding community women will be provided soon.
- **Bylaws and Community Impact Statements (CIS) Workshops:**
- **Recent Activities:** Workshops on Bylaws and CIS were held, providing a review and Q&A session. Recordings will be available for later viewing.

Homelessness Liaison Role:

- **Purpose:** To serve as a bridge between the council and the department. A form for liaisons is available to initiate follow-up actions.
- **Meeting Format:** A mix of virtual and in-person meetings is anticipated, including an upcoming in-person meet and greet in downtown Los Angeles.

Office of the City Attorney

Training for Neighborhood Council Presidents:

- **Schedule:** Tomorrow at 6 PM via Zoom.
- **Focus:** Training will cover aspects of the Brown Act, with a designated section for questions.

Bylaws Amendments Update

Discussion of Bylaws Amendments:

- **Recent Approval:** Amendments presented at the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) on February 20th were approved. These include a change in board size and quorum requirements.
- **Compliance Concerns:** Discuss bylaws compliance with mandatory provisions and potential implications for further approvals.

Stakeholdership Review Process:

- **Procedure:** If a board requests a review of stakeholdership, the process is handled through the city clerk, with established protocols to be followed by the department representative.

Follow Your Heart Project

Conditional Use Permit Discussion:

- **Address:** 21812 Sherman Way.
- **Current License:** Allows the sale of beer and wine with food.

- **Proposed Change:** To obtain an additional use permit for off-site sales of beer and wine.
- **Community Support:** Endorsed by Ron from the land use committee, highlighting the business's long-standing reputation and the minimal floor space dedicated to alcohol displays. Emphasis on natural and health-conscious products like kombucha and organic beer and wine.