



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Canoga Park Neighborhood Council (CPNC)**  
**7:00 PM, Wednesday, 22 July, 2015**  
**Canoga Park Community Center**  
**7248 Owensmouth Ave, Canoga Park, CA 91304**



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1. Meeting called to Order at 7:10PM and Pledge of Allegiance led by: Vice President, Ron Clary
2. Welcoming remarks & purpose of meeting: Vice President, Ron Clary
3. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum:
  - a. Board Members Present: Fred Calloway, Ron Clary, Quincy Clemons, Kyra Edrington, Todd Ferguson, Terrance Jakubowski, Saaliha Khan, Liliana Lozano, Mary Paterson, Michelle Miranda, Rhonda Spires, Brian St. Germain, Bobbi Trantafello.
  - b. Late Arrivals: Miguel Orellana (7:22PM), Jessica Irias (7:25PM)
  - c. A quorum being present, the meeting continued.
  - d. All Board Members less VP Ron Clary can vote on Financial Issues as his Ethics Training expired on July 1, 2015 according to DONE as of today, July 15, 2015.
4. Motion: Discussion and possible approval of Minutes from June 2015 CPNC Board Meeting
  - a. Motion to approve Minutes: Moved by: Saaliha Khan Second by: Todd Ferguson
  - b. Discussion: None
  - c. Vote on Motion to Approve Minutes: 13 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain: Motion Passed
5. Reports from Elected Officials and City Government Representatives for which comments are limited to 3 to 5 minutes. (15 Minutes)
  - a. Rosalba Gonzalez, Representative State Senator Fran Pavley: Discussed Gas increase issue: Only 4 providers in the state of CA. They have a monopoly. Sign up for the senators e-newsletter on their website.
  - b. Jenny Portillo, Field Deputy Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, Council District 3: The councilmember is on 5 committees. We can obtain the list from Jenny Portillo. The councilmember is huge on technology. Special Olympics coming tomorrow. Come out and support. DWP rate increase (20-25%) Jenny Portillo can ask DWP to come talk to the council.

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The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker.

The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. When the Board considers the agenda item entitled "Public Comments," the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code § 54957.5)

The Canoga Park Neighborhood Council (CPNC) holds its regular meetings on the 4th Wednesday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its By-Laws, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Policies and Procedures and the latest changes to the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is physically posted for public review at The Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce, 7248 Owensmouth Ave. and Canoga Park Library 20939 Sherman Way, Canoga Park.; on the CPNC Website at [www.canogaparknc.org](http://www.canogaparknc.org) and using the CPNC e-mail listing.

The Canoga Park Neighborhood As covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at (213) 978-1551 or e-mail [NCSupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCSupport@lacity.org).

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 dias de trabajo (72 horas) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL (213) 485-1360 oro e-mail [NCSupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCSupport@lacity.org).

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at 7248 Owensmouth Avenue, Canoga Park, CA 91304 or at our website: [www.canogaparknc.org](http://www.canogaparknc.org) by clicking on the link provided on the Home Page, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the CPNC Secretary at (818) 414-2700 or at [secretary@canogaparknc.org](mailto:secretary@canogaparknc.org).



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6. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. The public was requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. (10 Minutes)
  - a. Leon Cain – Coalition to Save Small Business. Opposed to street vending in LA. Street vending isn’t right for every neighborhood. Asking City to have an opt-in system instead of blanket OK’ing that the city may be proposing. There will be a meeting at Blumenfield’s office in a few weeks.
  - b. Peter Morales – Communities in Schools (GRYD Prevention). Peter used to be on the NC. Just received contract from GRYD. Looking for office space. Wants to work with NC in Chatsworth & Canoga Park. GRYD Zone 10-15 year olds. Drop out program.
  - c. Michelle Miranda – YouthBuild-GRYD. Thanks for the letter of support. Working with Captain Ryan & Rodriguez. . Has 4 employees under GRYD. Crisis Intervention Workers, addressing gang affiliates and tagging crews. Providing a pathway out. Ages 15-25.
7. Committee Reports – consideration by the Board of the reports and recommendations from its committees, including possible action in adopting, rejecting, or modifying any report or recommendation, possible action by the Board implementing the report or recommendation, or possible determination by the Board of the Neighborhood Council’s position on a report or recommendation, and recommendation regarding communications of the position to the appropriate governmental body. (30 Minutes) None
8. CPNC Officer Reports: (20 Minutes)
  - a. Vice President’s Report
    - i. Defining new policy and procedures for applications for funding requests including NPGs for FY 2015-2016 beginning 1 July 2015. Need to have a cut off date for NPG Requests. Need to have all requests in then select. Adopt a procedure. Send out a letter. The board should vote on the procedure. It will be put on the September agenda.
    - ii. Board Member Training Summary from DONE: Ron Clary’s Ethical Training Cert has expired as of 1 July 2015.
  - b. Treasurer’s Report – None
9. Board Business – Comments from the Board on subject matters within the Board’s Jurisdiction. Possible action on all motions and discussion. (40 minutes)
  - a. MOTION Discussion and possible approval of funding for 10th Anniversary of All American City in the amount of \$ 4,150.
    - i. Moved by: Michelle Miranda; Second by: Kyra Edrington
    - ii. Discussion: NC led event. Canoga Park won national award 10 years ago. A lot of people in the community a part of making it happen. Want to get the community to take ownership of it. Empower the community and a celebration for the whole community. Celebrating our diversity. Free Event.
    - iii. Vote on Motion: 14 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain: Motion Passed
10. Comments on Board Members own activities/Brief Announcements (10 Minutes).
11. Future agenda items and other calendar events (5 Minutes).
12. Next CPNC Board Meeting: September 30th (Changing due to Yom Kippur). Land Use Meeting September 17th.
13. Adjourned at 8:24PM.



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PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION in accordance with Article VIII Meetings, Section 4 of the current CPNC By-Laws:

“The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular Neighborhood Council meeting. The Board, on either of these two (2) days, shall: (1) make a Motion to Reconsider and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and take an action. If the Motion to Reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) a Motion to Reconsider the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] Action, should the Motion to Reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Representative who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Representative on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.”

PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE in accordance with Article XI Grievance process of the current CPNC By-Laws:

“A. Process. Any person or group adversely affected by the decisions or policy of the CPNC may file a written grievance with the Board. Within ten (10) working days, the Board shall then refer the matter to the grievance committee, who shall have ten (10) working days to meet with the person submitting the grievance and to discuss ways in which the matter may be resolved. The committee shall prepare a written report for the Board outlining their recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board must then address the report at the next regular or special meeting.

“B. Appeal. In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the matter may be referred to the Department for consideration or dispute resolution in accordance with the Plan.

“C. Matters which can be grieved. The formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be discussed at Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g. the Board's failure to follow these bylaws or its Standing Rules.”

**BROWN ACT REVISION AND LANGUAGE IN THE BYLAWS**

The City Attorney wishes to bring to your attention a recent amendment to the Brown Act\* that takes effect on July 1, 2008, and impacts the wording of board agendas and also impacts how the records, which are reviewed by board members in anticipation of a meeting, are to be made available to the public. This information is intended to provide you with guidance in preparing the agendas for the Neighborhood Councils.

The pertinent amendment is contained in Government Code section 54957.5 paragraph (b) reads as follows:

"(b) (1) If a writing that is a public record under subdivision (a), and that relates to an agenda item for an open session of a regular meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, is distributed less than 72 hours prior to that meeting, the writing shall be made available for public inspection pursuant to paragraph (2) at the time the writing is distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the members of the body.

(2) A local agency shall make any writing described in paragraph (1) available for public inspection at a public office or location that the agency shall designate for this purpose. Each local agency shall list the address of this office or location on the agendas for all meetings of the legislative body of that agency. The local agency also may post the writing on the local agency's Internet Web site in a position and manner that makes it clear that the writing relates to an agenda item for an upcoming meeting.

(3) This subdivision shall become operative on July 1, 2008."

Typically, board members receive an agenda and written materials to review in advance of a meeting (the "agenda packet"). Government Code section 54957.5 clarifies that once the writings or agenda packet are delivered to a majority of the members on the board, the records, unless specifically protected from disclosure by the Public Records Act, must be made immediately available upon request. If written materials are submitted to the board after the posting of the agenda, then the agency shall designate a location (and an optional website link) where the public may view the records.

Therefore, Neighborhood Councils should provide for easy access to the records by making them available on the website in addition to a physical location. It will be important to insure that upon distribution of the agenda packet to a majority or all of the board members, the documents are promptly placed in the correct location and posted on the website.”



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