



**Canoga Park Neighborhood Council (CPNC)**  
**When: Mar 24, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**  
**Topic: CPNC General Board Meeting including part 1 of Equity Training by Professor Miguel Gallardo**



**Minutes**

**Executive Board**

Mary Paterson

President

Community Service Org. Rep

Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Chair

Michelle Miranda

Immediate Past President

Community-Based Org. Rep

Thema Bryant

Vice President

Racial Equity Officer

Kendra Kimball

Secretary

Home/Condo Owners Rep.

Jessica Gonzalez

Treasurer

Budget Rep

At-Large Rep

**Board of Directors**

Carey Martinez

Home/Condo Owners Rep.

Ron Clary

Parliamentarian

Senior Rep.

Kalyani Vasan

Senior Rep.

Quincy Clemons

Residential Renters Rep.

Leonel Fuentes

Retail/Service Business Rep.

*The mission of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council is to provide an innovative forum for all community stakeholders to contribute to a healthy, vibrant, and inclusive Canoga Park. All of the Board and Committee meetings are open to the public and provide you with an opportunity to speak. The Board procedures are more formal than committee meetings so your time to address the Board is limited. Committee meetings are generally informal, and discussions between participants are commonplace. This is important because the heart of Neighborhood*

*Call to order and opening comments by Mary Paterson* - Before we get to the main agenda we want to seat our certified candidates and appointments. Thus suggestion to move item 7 to top of agenda to affirm 6 certified candidates, then roll call and items 8,9,10,11 for appointments to top of agenda. There were no objections.

Thomas Soong: never has there been a tougher year, thank you for believing in this system and sacrificing your time to help your community. Karen is your main contact with the department of neighborhood empowerment.

Karen Hernandez and Thomas Soong from DONE and Vahid Khorsand from the Mayor's office will assist with thanking our outgoing members and seating of our new Candidates.

Vahid Khorsand, Mayor's office representative thanks all our wonderful board members who terms ended in 2021: Jessica Gonzalez, Kyra Edrington, Brian Mallasch, Vincent Neill, Kendra Kimball, Carey Martinez, Ron Clary, Kaylani Vasan, Helen Morales, Jessica Beas, Leonel Fuentes and Quincy Clemons

As a former NC member, Mr. Khorsand personally acknowledged everyone for their time, commitment, dedication and civic pride.

To those not returning we will miss you and thank you for your service.

Karen Hernandez seats our 6 certified candidates by board affirmation process and oath of office: Elmer Garcia, Brian Mallasch, Kyra Edrington, Jessica Gonzales, Raymond Cole and Annette McCain

Vahid Khorsand affirmed the certified candidates:

Jessica Gonzalez, At Large

Kyra Edrington to At Large

Brian Mallasch, Retail Service Rep



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Michael Davis  
*Residential Renters Rep.*

Daniel Griffith  
*Residential Renter's Rep*

vacant  
*Home/Condo Owners Rep.*

Stuart Vaughn  
*Retail/Service Business Rep.*  
*Art Chair*

vacant  
*Retail/Service Business Rep.*

Brian Mallasch  
*Retail/Service Business Rep.*  
*Land Use Chair*

Vincent Neill  
*Community-Based Org. Rep.*

Steve Slutzah  
*At-Large Rep.*  
*Budget Rep*  
*Outreach Chair*

Kyra Edrington  
*At-Large Rep.*

Jessica Beas  
*School Representative*

Nauman Khan  
*Faith-Based Organization Rep.*

Thema Bryant  
*At-Large Rep.*

Helen Morales  
*Youth Group Rep*

Raymond Cole, Residential Renter  
 Elmer Garcia, Schools rep  
 Annette McClain, Community Based Organization Seat

Welcome and congratulations to the CPNC!

Karen Hernandez led new board member in the oath of office

Mary Paterson, President

Board Roll Call - calling out members whose terms did not end in 2021 (13 members required for quorum) Present: Mary Paterson, Dr. Thema Bryant-Davis, Michelle Miranda-Fuentes, Nauman Khan, Michael Davis, Daniel Griffith, Steve Slutzah, Jitzel Vasquez-Ruiz, Jessica Gonzales, Brian Mallasch, Annette McClain, Raymond Cole, Elmer Garcia

*Stuart Vaughan - excused*

*kyra - having connection challenges so not on yet and quorum established*

appointments:

Motion to appoint Leonel Fuentes to Retail/Service Representative motion: Dr. Thema Bryant-Davis, second: Daniel Griffith motion passes with, thema, nauman, michelle, daniel, michael, steve, jitzel, jessica, brian , elmer, annette, ray cole

note: Thomas Soong clarified we had a board affirmation not an election.

Motion to appoint Quincy Clemon as a Retail Service Rep by Thema Bryant Davis, Daniel Griffith second motion passes with thema, michelle, nauman, michael, daniel, jitzel, jessica gonzalez, kyra Brian, annette mcclain, Elmer Garcia, Ray Cole, steve slutzah abstained

Motion to reappoint Helen Morales as Youth Group Rep: thema, second by michelle

thema, michelle, nauman, michael, daniel, steve, jitzel, jessica, brian, annette, elmer, ray,



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Jitzel Vasquez-Ruiz  
Youth Group Rep.

Motion by Michelle Miranda-Fuentes and Second by Dr. Thema Bryant-Davis to Appointment for Senior Rep, Ron Clary motion passes with yes votes by them, michelle, nauman, michael, daniel, steve, jitzel, jessica, brian, annette, elmer, ray, mary

home/condo owner seats still available

Vice President Report- Dr Bryant-Davis acknowledges the violence that our Asian American and Pacific Islander community has been experiencing not only the violence in Atlanta but experiencing so much hate, discrimination and harassment that many people are dealing with - not only grief but fear for their safety. As a community. We collectively grieve and we want to do whatever we can for people in Canoga Park and beyond.

**COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vahid Khosand from Mayor's office talks about - Rental Assistance Program from - please go on his email list

Tessa Charnofsky from Supervisor Kuehl's office - thank you to Dr. Bryant for your comments supporting the Asian Pacific Islander community, covid virus case numbers are looking good but recognize that 25 states in the nation are reporting increases. Please continue to wear masks, get vaccines, it can be a challenge to get vaccines, they will increase in the next couple of weeks. We believe everyone over 16 will open up soon, the county program on rent relief, discretionary grant program contact me and I'll send you an application.

Tim Glick from Councilmember Blumenfield's office - phone number for if you are having trouble getting an appointment online. You can call: (833) 540-0473 and you can also contact our office if you have any questions.

street sweeping routes cut down to biweekly. streetsla website to get on a list for notifications, canoga park received an active transportation plan approved 30 million dollars from state of California and 8 million from the city through Canoga Park down Sherman Way - cool pavement projects, speed humps, 9 miles stretch through cp starting in 2022, bike paths, river paths, a whole bunch of other improvements coming



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Karen Hernandez: EVG Protocols, available from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has training tools via their website:  
video on how to run virtual meetings, committee chair tools  
parliamentary procedure training for board members,  
DONE will be coming up with a leadership academy over the next few months for board members. Stay tuned.  
empowerla.org/trainings  
[karen.hernandez@lacity.org](mailto:karen.hernandez@lacity.org)

Thomas Soong recognized Karen Hernandez for her amazing dedication to this and all boards she supports! We concur!

Recognized Kyra Edrington who connected via phone

Alberto Vargas from Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel check out legislation info for new legislation on hate crimes Ab 57

Marcia Melkonian from CP Library: starting to get DSW workers back on staff getting closer to opening the library. They are hoping the beginning of May to at least partially open.

Public Comments:

Chris Rowe mentions vaccinations available at Pierce College.

Christina Vargas community engagement specialist for Aliso Canyon website public comment period Aliso Canyon health study.

**Dr. Thema Bryant Davis introduced our guest Dr. Miguel Gallardo for his presentation on “Enhancing Equity and Inclusion in Canoga Park”**

**- Presenter Dr. Miguel Gallardo**

A couple of quick notes from the presentation:

- We hope to lay a foundation for the council moving forward.
- When talking about diversity there is always a range of different responses.
- The goal is always to help us to remember how connected we are to one another. We have forgotten that we need one another for our survival; let's figure out how to get back there.
- How can we make different decisions moving forward and affirm humanity?
- Equality might be the end goal but equity is how we get there.



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- Important to have dialogue, not make assumptions about what someone meant when comments are made. Good to offer, "I hear you **and** there may be another reality you may not be aware of.
- Encourage to inquire, understand and engage.

**Financial Update and Motion** to approve the December and February MER - tabled

**Motion to approve** reimbursement of \$68.27 to Jessica Gonzalez for ink for printing. - tabled

**Motion to approve** \$1,000 to Guadalupe Community Center for help purchasing food and supplies to help during COVID. tabled

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** chris rowe suggesting a formation of another committee to health and safety

Board Announcements: Jessica Gonzalez saw a letter from us dept of justice someone wants to open a firearms shop at Sherman Way and Variel - she passed info to the council office. We may want to follow up.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** joint committee meeting held on homeless solutions, outreach and public safety meeting which include a brainstorming session which Nauman led.

At the April meeting we hope some suggested funding items will be submitted.

Helen Morales - Mayor's Youth Council is leading a campaign for an elementary school free tutoring program. Contact helen if you are interested in learning more or learning how to support this campaign.

Motion to call Outreach Chair Seat Vacant - motion by Dr Thema Bryant-Davis, second Ray Cole- motion passes

- Motion by Ron Clary, second by Ray Cole to appoint Steve Slutzah to work with Executive Board and any interested members to develop Process for vetting NPGs and reestablishing GECO Committee
- Motion to amend motion to Appoint Steve Slutzah to GECO Committee  
by Steve Slutzah and second by Ron Clary



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Yes Vote for amended motion: Ron Clary, Nauman Khan, Daniel Griffith, Michael Davis, Elmer Garcia, Mary Paterson, Ray Cole opposed: Jessica Gonzalez abstentions: none

- Motion to approve the amended motion for Steve Slutzah to join the GECO Committee: Thema abstain, Nauman yes, Michael yes, Daniel yes, Steve yes, Jitzel abstain, Jessica abstain, Brian not in room, leonel offline, quincy offline Ron Clary yes, Annette not on, Elmer Garcia abstain, Ray Cole abstain

Motion passes

**Discussion around motion:** - Ron suggests Standing rules needed to better define the role of GECO; Dr. Bryant recommends there multiple people at the table to develop the process and to be part of the GECO Committee. Jessica Gonzalez stated that there is currently a diligent vetting process and described some of it that does happen through exec/budget committees. Nauman suggested that a good practice is to continue the current process until a new process is created.

**ADJOURNMENT - motion by Ron Clary, second by Nauman Khan**

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