

Canoga Park Neighborhood Council

Minutes

6/23/21

Submitted by: Helen Morales, Secretary

1. Meeting called to order 7:07pm by Mary Paterson (President)
2. Welcome and Greetings: Mary Paterson (President)
3. Roll Call – Mary, Helen, Thema, Leonel, Miranda, Ron, Quincy, Michael, Kyra, Elmer, Daniel, Nauman, Steve, Jitzel, Brian (late)
 - a. Absent – Jessica, Annette, Robert
 - b. Brief discussion of absences allowed of board members. Discussion tabled.
4. Vice President’s Report – Attention was raised about the importance of the neighborhood council being trauma-informed and responsive to the public health and economic concerns in our community.
5. Election of Officers facilitated by Karen Hernandez
 - a. Nomination of Mary. Comments of support from board. Speech from Mary. Public comment from Chris recommending training for the board.
 - b. Nomination passed with all yes except from absent persons (including Brian)
 - c. Nomination of Dr. Bryant and Steve. Speeches from both and comments from board. Public comment from Chris expressing appreciation for candidates being willing to run.
 - d. Votes for Dr. Bryant- Mary, Thema, Ron, Quincy, Ray, Kyra, Elmer, Nauman, Jitzel, Helen
 - e. Votes for Steve: Michael, Michelle, Leonel, Steve, Daniel
 - f. None from Brian and other absentees
 - g. Nomination for Helen Morales. Speech from Helen and council members. Public comment from Chris expressing concern with Helen’s age in case of public disaster.
 - h. Unanimous votes for motion in support of Helen’s candidacy.
 - i. Nomination for Leonel. Speech from Leonel. Public comment from Chris expressing concerns for credential submissions
 - j. Motion passes unanimously for Leonel.
6. Community and Government Reports
 - a. Alberto Vargus – gives district report and shares community events
 - b. Tessa Charnofsky – Report of evictions and beach bus information
 - c. Tim Glitch – Report from Office of Council member Blumenfield including reopening of concerts at Warner Center and other community capacity reports
 - d. Senior Lead Officer Das – crime reports for Canoga Park
 - e. Professor David Boyns – report on program between CSUN and Canoga Park High School
 - f. Public comment from Chris Rowe on the importance of fire preparedness
7. Administrative motions
 - a. Motion for minutes tabled until next month
 - b. Approval of MER for April 2021 – Motion by Ron, Second by Steve. Public comment from Chris that MER’s needed to be posted before the general meeting. Roll call vote – 13 yes, 3 absent (Jessica, Robert, Annette) , 2 ineligible (Helen and Elmer). Motion passes

- c. Approval of MER for May 2021 – Motion by Ron and second by Ray. Discussion by Mary about \$5,000 being returned to the city. Comments from Steve, Ray, and Leonel on funding and process of transferring funds. Chris Rowe public comment voicing concern about if any shopping is done to assist community organizations. Roll call vote: 13 yes, 3 absent (Jessica, Robert, Annette) , 2 ineligible (Helen and Elmer). Motion passes
- d. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Chris raises need for Land Use Committee to meet and general concern for the council overall
- e. Board members committee chairs or representatives provide a brief overview of their committees and invite other board members and community members to join them. Public comment from Chris encouraging activation of the homeless committee.
- f. Board Announcements –
 - i. Dr. Bryant praised the CPNC for supporting the racial equity training and noted that she and Mary have received emails from the city and another neighborhood council expressing appreciation for the forward movement of the council in engaging in these efforts pro-actively
 - ii. Ron shared that neighborhood council meetings may stay online through December. Steve mentioned the Hybrid option. Karen discussed future trainings.
- g. Public comment – Glen Bailey comments on the idea of virtual meetings and solicited a hybrid approach. Garry Fordyce discussed a live budget town hall meeting and valley alliance neighborhood council meeting are coming up. Chris Rowe shared desire for CPNC members to attend community meetings and shared thoughts on the hybrid meeting approach.
- h. Motion to adjourn by Ron and seconded by Kyra. Meeting adjourned.