

# MINUTES

## CANOGA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 25, 2021

7:00 PM

Canoga Park Community Center  
7248 Owensmouth Ave.  
Canoga Park CA 91303

#### I. WELCOME / OPENING COMMENTS

a. Call to Order Mary Paterson, President

b. Roll Call (A quorum of at least 13 members present is required to conduct official Board Business)

Present: Kyra Edrington Ron Clary, Steve Slutzah, Thema Bryant-Davis, Mary Paterson, Quincy Clemons, Nauman Kahn, Michael Davis, Ray Cole, Daniel Griffith, Michelle Miranda, Jessica Gonzalez, Leonel Fuentes, Elmer Garcia.

Absent: Helen Morales, Annette McClain, Robert Munoz, Stuart Vaughan, Jitzel Vasquez-Ruiz, Brian Mallasch.

#### II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Alberto Vargas spoke for Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel.

The Assembly Member will be presenting a check to ACE for \$ 500,000.00 at their soft opening of their new facility. He is also addressing current problems with EDD benefits. Note: Fed benefits are supposed to end September 4<sup>th</sup>. The Member will be back in the district after September 5<sup>th</sup>.

2. Tessa Charnofsky spoke for Supervisor Sheilah Kuehl, who is scheduled to preside in a webinar Sept.9th on the topic of renters rights. The discussion will include residential and commercial property and will benefit landlords as well as tenants. Information for City of L.A. renters will be available. The Supervisor wishes to advise non-profits that discretionary grants are available in the amount of \$2,000-\$5,000 to non-profits

3. Tara Vahdani spoke for LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson. School is back in session. Weekly covid testing and frequent health checks are underway, with low positive test rates so far. Ms. Cara Galfand is the new Principal of Canoga Park Early Education Center. Mobil vaccination effort continues.

4. Tim Glick spoke for Council member Bob Blumenfeld. Warner Ranch Park concerts continue. LA redistricting is behind because of a lapse in census data. Hopefully information will be available in October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Council member supported the erection of 25,000 new housing units by 2025. This initiative was commenced by Council member De Leon. The Council is also looking to prohibit the use of strobe lights at protests and other forms of public assembly.

Semie Park spoke for Council member Bob Blumenfeld regarding: Renter's assistance. The City Council approved more staff for emergency rental assistance. Applications will be opening up. The City and State will try to handle issues pertaining to arrears.

Council member Blumenfeld initiated a program to replace law enforcement personnel with mental health and substance abuse counselors when possible. In March and April, feedback has been requested concerning what unarmed response program/team would look like. An RFP is being prepared to provide a way to work such concepts into the 911 program.

Work concerning homelessness includes building interventions and tiny homes. Securing funding. Multi disciplinary programs. A new ordinance is being enacted banning sleeping on public right of way in certain areas. Ordinance 4118 prohibits blocking ADA features, certain alleys, right of ways, or other sensitive use.

5. LAPD SLO Duke Dao provided crime trend statistics.

LAPD SLO Jose Moreno warned about careless placement of vehicle key fobs.

6. Karen Hernandez spoke for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. The Department is offering trainings on equity programs, hate crimes, and hate incidences. A Code of Conduct town hall is planned and will be announced. The Department's governance Protocols and procedural guides are being updated.

7. Geovanny Ragsdale from the Boys and Girls Club provided updates.

8. Professor David Boyns from CSUN discussed a partnership with The Department of Public Health providing fresh produce distribution program every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. The program needs funding for a driver. Help with obtaining an advisor is being sought.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (2 minutes per speaker, 10 min total)

Gary Fordyce: Question concerning enforcement of new homeless rules.

Jessica Gonzales: Announcement concerning the "It is Overdue" Cleanup program.

Chris Rowe: Comments on LAHSA operations.

Gary Fordyce: Discuss timing of Executive Committee meetings and issues with CPNC website.

(The President advanced the special presentation by Congressman Brad Sherman to before the Administrative and Funding Motions. See item 5 below.)

#### IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FUNDING MOTIONS

a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held on May 26, 2021; June 23, 2021 and July 28, 2021

Moved by: Ronald Clary  
Seconded by: Kyra Edrington  
13 Ayes  
0 Nays  
7 absent

b. Motion to Appoint of Ray Cole as outreach chair

Moved by: Thema Bryant-Davis  
Seconded by: Leonel Fuentes  
13 Ayes  
0 Nays  
7 Absent

c. Motion to approve MERs for July 2021

Moved by: Thema Bryant-Davis  
Seconded by: Daniel Gilbert  
14 Ayes  
0 Nays  
6 absent

d. Motion to approve reimbursement for Brian Mallasch for \$628.64 for paying for CPNC Google Suites.

Moved by: Ron Clary  
Seconded by: Kyra Edrington  
14 Ayes  
0 Nays  
6 absent

e. Motion to approve modification and approval of admin packet for fiscal year ending in June 30, 2022

Moved by: Steve Slutzah  
Seconded by: Thema Bryant-Davis  
13 Ayes  
0 Nays  
7 Absent

f. Motion to approve expenditure of \$1,000 to Halo for purchase of CPNC embossed mask holders / outreach items

Moved by: Ron Clary  
Seconded by: Ray Cole  
13 Ayes  
0 Nays  
7 Absent

g. Motion to approve up to \$1000.00 for supplies for outreach go kit (CPNC marketing material/copies, candy or giveaway items at table, water for labeling for quarterly outreach participation at local parks and events.

Moved by: Kyra Edrington  
Seconded by: Thema Bryant-Davis  
12 Ayes  
1 Nays  
7 absent

h. CIS Motions:

1) Motion to approve submitted draft of Community Impact Statement in support of the development of unarmed crisis mobile response teams. These teams will utilize mental health organizations and professionals who have expertise in assessing and responding to persons living with major mental health illnesses. The council concurred that resources should be utilized in Canoga Park as much as possible.

Moved by: Ray Cole  
Seconded by: Michelle Miranda  
12 Ayes  
1 Nays  
7 Absent

2) Motion to approve submitted draft of Community Impact Statement in support of a Motion made by Council member Blumenfield, which passed in council on 8/17/21 for the provision of grants to fund a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) to conduct outreach and to assist unsheltered homeless residents in CD3; and to instruct the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst to report back with costs of providing mdts for all council districts and

funding options.

Moved by: Ronald Clary

Seconded by: Michelle Miranda

13 Ayes

0 Nays

7 absent.

V. CONGRESSMAN BRAD SHERMAN - Special Guest (Spoke before motions.)

Topics included:

Currently preoccupied with the Afghanistan evacuation.

State department is slow in renewing passports.

PPP program progression...now working on loan forgiveness.

Physical infrastructure bill should pass.

Human infrastructure bill is going to be downscaled.

Child credit program progressing.

El Proyecto Clinic and Warner Center Park, Hope of the Valley all should receive federal help.

Homelessness is getting worse. The moratorium on eviction ends September 30.

495 million federal dollars has been approved to pay rents in Los Angeles. 14 percent is all that has been disbursed by the City of Los Angeles.

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

a. Equity, CIS and Committee Reports

b. Redistricting update- Ray Cole

Ray indicated there was a citywide meeting to discuss redistricting issues.

c. Board Announcements

d. ADJOURNMENT 10:10 pm