



**Board Meeting Minutes
Canoga Park Neighborhood Council (CPNC)
7:00 PM, Wednesday, December 8, 2021**



I. Welcome/Open Comments

A. Call to Order/ Roll Call:

- **Present:** Mary Paterson, Thema Bryant, Helen Morales, Leonel Fuentes, Ron Clary, Quincy Clemons, Raymond Cole, Michael Davis, Elmer Garcia, Jessica Gonzalez, Daniel Griffith, Nauman Khan, Brian Mallasch, Steve Slutzah, Kyra Edrington, and Raymond Cole
- Quincy Clemons mentioned that they were present at 7:25 PM. They were present at the meeting from the start, but because they were on the phone, they could not say that they were present.
- **Excused:** Annette McClain, Robert Muñoz, Jitzel Vasquez
- Michelle was motioned to join the board, although she was already present, at 7:16 PM.
- 13 Members were present.

B. Motion to reappoint Michelle Miranda Fuentes to the board.

1. Kyra moved, Ron second
2. Discussion:
 - a) Mary mentioned that Michelle missed the timeline for an incorrect training.
 - b) Michelle noted that she accidentally did the ethics training for June of 2022.
 - c) Leonel asks if he must recuse, Jessica says that he is not needed to do so.
 - d) Vote:
 - (1) 13 Yes, 3 Excused, 5 Absent
 - (2) **Motion Passed**

II. General Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

A. Public Comments (2 minutes each)

- Comment from Lena Ayvazian asking how she can get involved in the land use and grand overuse and oversight committee.
- Comment from Garry Fordyce expresses concerns on the Brown Act.

III. Elected Officials/Elected Office Reps/LAPD/Library/Budget Rep/DONE/Etc Reports: 3 minutes each

A. Reports:

- Report from Albero Vargas from Assemblymember Gabriel.
- Report from Tim Glick from Councilmember Blumenfield.
 - Prompted discussion from Steve Slutzah, Mary Paterson, and Jessica Gonzalez.
- Report from Tara Vadanhi with LAUSD Scott Schmerelson member.
- Report from SLO Duke Dao and SLO Moreno total criminal report of the year.
 - Prompted discussion by Lena Ayvazian
- Report from Carol Newman
 - Prompted Discussion by Jessica Gonzalez
 - Council number for the Olympics 15-0989
- CSUN Report from Professor Boyns
- Announcements from Vanessa Serrano
 - Discussion prompted by Garry Fordyce and Ron Clary

IV. Anti-Bias training from city is now a requirement due by all members by January 2022

- Training will be due on Jan 1st. If anyone has trouble logging into their Cornerstone account, they need to contact either Mary Paterson or Helen Morales.

V. Motions:

A. Reappointment of Michelle Miranda Fuentes to the Board for the Community Based Organizations Seat.

- Moved by Kyra, second by Ron.

B. Discussion and possible vote to approve that the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council (CPNC) participates in the 2022 Annual Homeless Count as a site coordinator sponsor/agency on Tuesday, January 25. Board Members Nauman Khan, Raymond Cole (Mary Paterson as an alternate) are designated as the site coordinators in partnership with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LASHA).

- Motioned made by Steve, Second by Thema Bryant
- Corinne Ho shares her presentation
 - Raymond Cole gives advice and comments of support.
 - Dr. Thema also gives her thanks and support for the initiative.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 13
 - Absent: 5
 - Excused: 3
 - Motion Passed

C. Discussion and possible vote to approve \$5,000 for It's Overdue for Supplies and Outreach for their Cleanup events in Canoga Park. We are on a mission to make LA the cleanest city in the nation. We have been hosting daily cleanups mainly in Woodland Hills and Canoga Park for the last 390 days straight. We started in October 2020 and cleared 48,000 LBs of trash off the streets of LA with a grand total of 3500 participants. We have been awarded a certification of recognition by all 15 council members and the Mayor Eric Garcetti in March and October of 2021. We have created a leadership program in which anybody can sign up online and host cleanups using our platform. We would love to see more community engagement.

- Moved by Dr. Thema, Second by Jessica Gonzalez
- Steve Slutzah comments about the amended date
- Maxwell S. presents their Overdue Cleanup Crew presentation
- Motion to amend the vote:
 - Ron Clary moved, second by Steve Slutzah

- Vote:
 - Yes: 11
 - Ineligible: 2
 - Absent: 5
 - No: 1
 - Recused: 1
 - *Amendment Passes*

- Discussion by the board.
- New Amendment:
 - Motioned by Ron Clary, Second by Steve Slutzah
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 11
 - Ineligible: 2
 - Absent: 5
 - No: 1
 - Recused: 1
 - *Amendment passes*
- Vote for the main Motion:
 - Yes: 10
 - Ineligible: 1
 - Recused: 1
 - Absent: 5
 - No: 2
 - Recused: 1
 - *Motion Passes*

D. Discussion and possible vote to approve \$5,000 for Nueva Vision Community School (NVCS) to offer a free music program to youth from low-income families who live in Canoga Park and nearby communities. Instruments will include piano, guitar, and drums. The program will run Nov 2021-Jun 2022 (Two 4-month sessions), be located at the Canoga Park Community Center, and have capacity for up to 36 participants per session. Grant funds will cover rent and partially cover teaching artists' compensation and administrative assistant compensation. The project's overall purpose is to advance artistic knowledge and equip youth with

**essential learning and life skills that will help them achieve
academic success and live a happier and more fulfilled life**

- Announcement by Ron Clary saying that he, Brian, and Jessica need to recuse because they are on the board of the community center and not on the board of the applicant.
- Board apologizes to Betsy Valle for the inconvenience and will need to table this motion until the next meeting.

E. Approval of September and October Minutes

- Moved to edit and say that Mary Paterson had an excused absence in the Sep. minutes
- Both were tabled.
- All board members voted yes
- Approved with 15 yes votes, with the correction that Mary Paterson had an excused absence.

F. Approval of October MER

- Moved by Dr. Thema and seconded by Raymond Cole
- Discussion by Steve and Leonel
- Roll Call Vote:
- Yes: 13
- Ineligible: 1
- No: 0
- Absents: 5
- **Motion Passes**

G. Board Announcements:

- Education Committee report by Elmer Garcia
- Discussion of the student vaccine mandate by Lena Ayvazian.
- Michelle Miranda announces toy drive at Reseda high school.

H. Adjournment:

- Meeting motioned to adjourn at 9:45 PM