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***Making Northridge a Better Place to Live, Work, Play and Learn***

June 17, 2011

Greig Smith  
200 N. Spring Street Room 405  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Via Fax: 213-473-6925

Re: Red Light Cameras

Dear Councilman Smith:

We are writing to let you know that the Northridge East Neighborhood Council took a vote at the June 15, 2011 meeting on the Council. The council voted unanimously to support the position of the Los Angeles Police Commission to eliminate the Red Light Camera Program for the following reason:

1. There is no proof that the red-light cameras are effective.
2. There is evidence that people stopping for the red light cameras are causing numerous rear end accidents.
3. There is no way currently for the Courts to enforce payment of the excessive fines. Currently the fines with penalty assessments exceed \$400.
4. The City is currently losing money on the program. The only party benefitting from the program is the Arizona based vendor.

For the above reasons, the Northridge East Neighborhood Council supports the elimination of the Red Light Camera Program as it now exists and until the above problems can be remedied and/or the effectiveness of the program proved. Given the City's current financial situation, we cannot support pouring money down the drain for an unproven, ineffective, unenforceable program.

Sincerely,

  
Barry M. Greenberg, Secretary

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Minutes of the  
**NORTHRIDGE EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (NENC)**  
**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 15, 2011**

at the Northridge Women's Club, 18401 Lassen St., Northridge, CA 91326

### **1. Call to Order**

President Steve Patel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### **3. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken. Board Members present: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggins, Peter McCarty, Barry Greenberg, Kelly Lord, Lisa Anderson, Nestor Fantini, Darren Hause, Alice McCain, Michael McNulty and Steven Ramirez. Stephen Hubbard arrived later.

Eleven of the 15 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting. The NENC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is eight, so the Board could take such votes. No Board seats were vacant. Also attending: 23 Stakeholders and Guests. Board Members absent: Jay Draiman (excused), Brittany McCarthy (excused) and Lucille Meehan (excused).

### **4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation and Approval of the Minutes**

Board members present-Patel, Dwiggins, Lord, Hubbard, Anderson, Greenberg, and McCarty

**MOTION** (by M. McCain seconded by M. Lord): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May, 2011 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** without any objections by a voice vote / hand vote / unanimously / acclamation; M\_0 opposed/abstained.

## **5. Comments from Public Officials**

### **a. Council District 12**

Semee Park, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-756-8501; [Semee.Park@LACity.org](mailto:Semee.Park@LACity.org)), did not give a report.

### **b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment**

No representative was present and there was no report.

### **c. CSUN**

Mr. Hause reported that CSUN focus groups met and he will report results in two to three months. A free outdoor Student Film Festival will be held Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; bring blankets and chairs. There'll be lemonade and popcorn for sale. President Jolene Kester will retire in December.

## **6. Public Comments**

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #8.] Glen Wilson of the Northridge West NC announced a June 18th Northridge South NC cleanup. A Stakeholder announced that Stakeholder Peggy Burgess is recuperating.

## **7. NENC Budget Report**

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #6.] Mr. Lord reported that Neighborhood Council budgets were cut 10% to \$40,500. The next fiscal year NENC Budget will probably be voted upon at next month's July 20<sup>th</sup> General Board Meeting.

## **8. Northridge Vision Committee Update**

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5. c.] Steve Patel announced that a Committee report will be made in around 30 days and described the work. Mr. McCarty later reported that he met with others to "outline the beginning framework" for a "Community Health and Wellness Plan."

## **9. Old Business**

### **a. 9963 Lindley Ave. Fraternity House CUP Hearing Update.**

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #7.] Stakeholder Spencer, representing the fraternity, announced that they're "going to withdraw their application for a CUP" and that the house will be used as a "private residence." Board Members encouraged Stakeholder Susan and others to let the Board know if there're any problems at the property.

### **b. Support NC use of Devonshire House renovation update.**

Steve Patel described that the NENC is waiting for the NSNC and the NWNC to join the NENC in working to make the guest house available as a community center. He reported that the City Recreation and Parks Dept. said they "don't need this facility" and they have "no intention" of using \$500,000 in available funds. Semee Park said that the property "is open to the community."

- c. Revised Budget – per final City Budget reduction to \$40,500.  
See Item #7.
- d. Support for Woodley Hill re: becoming part of Northridge.  
Stakeholder Estelle Goldman encouraged sending support letters to public officials and said “it’s going through the City Clerk’s Office”; she described neighborhood support.

**MOTION** (by Ms. McCain, seconded by Mr. Lord): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council supports the Woodley Hill homeowners in their attempt to become part of Northridge.

**DISCUSSION:** There was discussion regarding the merits of the Motion.

*Board Member Stephen Hubbard arrived at this time.*

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; Mr. Hause abstained.

**9. New Business** [This was the second Item #9 on the Agenda.]

- a. Ethics Training – all Board Members – June 18, 2011.  
Mr. Greenberg reported that some Board Members need to complete the Ethics Training; there’ll be a Training this Saturday.
- b. Motion to support L.A. Police Commission termination of red light cameras – authorization to file Council File

**MOTION** (by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Mr. Lord): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council supports the elimination of red light cameras in the City of Los Angeles.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote.

- c. Presentation by Ankur Patel, CSUN graduate student re: Reseda Blvd. Project.  
Ankur Patel described that he’s working “to encourage awareness of the [CSUN] facility and . . . facilitate collaboration” between CSUN and the community.

*Board Member Michael McNulty had to leave at this time.*

He described different community resources available at CSUN.

**10. Committee Reports**

Treasurer/Budget

See Item #7.

Education

Mr. Fantini reported that the Committee will meet Wednesday June 22nd at Darby Elementary School. Ms. McCain was concerned that redistricting may negatively affect Northridge and the west Valley. Anyone can comment at [www.WeDrawTheLines.org](http://www.WeDrawTheLines.org). Boundaries will be finalized by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Steve Patel requested and Mr. Hubbard agreed to help get tentative redistricting maps.

Land Use

Mr. Dwiggins indicated that there was no report.

Environmental

Mr. Dwiggins reported that he met with the Northridge South and Sylmar NC Environmental Committee Chairs and the Valley Green Team to coordinate efforts.

Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness

There was no report.

Steve Patel reported that the Valley Heritage Festival was successful and thanked Mr. Lord for his work.

**11. Adjournment**

[The next General Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Northridge Women's Club, 18401 Lassen St., Northridge, CA 91326.

The meeting was **ADJOURNED** without objection at 8:53 p.m.

Certified as true and correct.

  
Barry M. Greenberg, Secretary