

# Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council

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## July 16, 2009 General Meeting Approved Minutes

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## GENERAL MEETING

Village Christian School July 16, 2009, 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call** - Dale Gibson, Nancy Woodruff, Royan Herman, Jacob Lohr, Billy Hays, Ken Keeble, Cris Hughes, Cile Borman, Erwing Davis, Fritz Bronner, Bart Paul, John Blue
- 2. Approval and possible corrections of the minutes of the June 11, 2009**  
Recording Sec. attending Planning meeting. Late to FTDNC. Minutes tabled.
- 3. Remarks from Public Representatives** None in attendance when item called.
- 4. Committee Reports**
  - 1. Rules Elections - Billy Hays** – Standing rules need to be amended.
  - 2. Outreach- Cris Hughes** - No report.
  - 3. Land Use- Nancy Woodruff** – Planning basics course, 9 am to 11 this Saturday, at the office.
  - 4. Finance Committee- Kevin Davis** No report.
  - 5. Equestrian Committee- Royan Herman** –No report.
  - 6. Lopez Canyon Subcommittee- Marlene Rader** No report.
  - 7. Watershed Committee- Mary Benson** – No report.
- 5. DWP Rep Report.** Billy Hays – No report.
- 6. Public Comment**

Kris Sabo suggests FTDNC logo be painted on bus benches for Shadow Hills  
Louis Pugliese and Tamar Galantz introduce themselves as CD2 candidates.
- 7. Discussion of filed Grievance and Committee update. Royan Herman**  
Tabled until arrival from Planning meeting of Recording Secretary.
- 8. Discussion and possible action on Renewal of FTDNC Office space at new rate.**  
**Dale Gibson** Rent for the lease year of 2009/2010 has been negotiated down to \$750. All other terms remain unchanged.

**MOTION – BY KEN KEEBLE, SECOND CRIS HUGHES - TO APPROVE NEW LEASE WITH \$750 MO. RENTAL RATE. MOTION CARRIED, UNANIMOUS.**

**9. Discussion and possible action on a CIS in support of Laura Chick's Performance Audit of the City of Los Angeles Process for Planning Conditions for Development submitted March 23, 2009. Nancy Woodruff**

All board members attest to having received all documents for items 9 through 15. See line following item number 15.

- 10. Discussion and possible action on a CIS in support of the Sierra Club recommendations to the City Council to modify the City Attorney's Appeal Procedures for CEQA determinations. Nancy Woodruff**
- 11. Discussion and possible action on a letter of support for Fish and Game's appeal regarding Angeles National Golf Course and agreeing on the insistence of the transfer of 160 acres of land and trails to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy as originally promised. Nancy Woodruff**
- 12. Discussion and possible action on a letter of support for SHPOA request to remind The Planning Department to red flag the lot split at 10042**
- 13. A letter to Planning that the owner of 9705 La Canada Way has not contacted FTDNC for a meeting as required by the Planning Department, thereby causing our opposition to the project for lack of performance. Nancy Woodruff**
- 14. Discussion and possible action on a letter in opposition of the proposed development of Verdugo Hills Golf Course into 229 units and a response to the Draft EIR. Nancy Woodruff**
- 15. Discussion and possible action on a letter to the Wayne Tsuda, LEA, regarding recent Lopez Canyon statement re making application to the Planning Dept. to create a Zone Variance to operate the Truck Driving Academy and the need for an additional Closure Amendment and our opposition to it. Nancy Woodruff**

**MOTION – BY CILE BORMAN, SECOND BY CRIS HUGHES TO APPROVE AND MAIL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO ITEMS NUMBER 9 THRU 15, AS WRITTEN, MOTION PASSED.**

- 16. Discussion and possible action to authorize the spending of up to \$1000 to help support a 10th Annual National Night Out event which will be hosted by the Stonehurst Neighborhood Watch. Kevin Davis**

**Nancy Woodruff:** asks the outreach value of this and other block parties.

- 17. Discussion and possible action to authorize the spending of up to \$1000 to help support an annual block party which will be hosted by the LVT Eagles Neighborhood Watch on August 22, 2009.**

**Nancy Woodruff:** repeated concerns about the value of investing FTDNC \$\$ in neighborhood block parties.

**Barry Stone -** Groups wishing sponsorship should appoint a member to request \$. . Voted sums may present a conflict of interest because of dual membership, if solicited by a board member.

**John Blue:** Event is needed because area is isolated, as support for Neighborhood Watch and to get out the word of what FTDNC does for the communities.

**18. Discussion and possible action to authorize spending of up to \$1,500 to support the annual FERPT block party,**

Billy Hays – States that this is a large event. No breakdown of costs available for the Budget and Finance Committee.

**19. Discussion and possible action to authorize spending of up to \$1600 to help support a block party hosted by the Claretta Wheeler Mercer Neighborhood Watch on September 5, 2009.**

Billy Hays - FTDNC flyers distributed. Sign in sheets turned in to FTDNC. Third year of event.

Bart Paul - Does Outreach support \$1,500 for Billy while Erwing receives only \$1,000.

Cile Borman - Favors outreach and thinks board should consider importance of outreach.

Dale Gibson - Who is to receive name lists? - Billy wants Kevin, Cris wants a copy. Cris has made it very easy for events to collect names.

PLEASE NOTE: Items 16 through 19 tabled on the advice of our DONE rep. Recommends a board discussion of parity and FTDNC policy for funding of Neighborhood Watch and block party outreach events. NC to reconsider during a special meeting on Thursday, July 23 at the office. Motions had been made and passed to fund all events prior to DONE comments.

**MOTIONS BY KEVIN DAVIS, SECONDED BY KEN KEEBLE TO RECONSIDER 16 THROUGH 19 AT THE JULY 23 SPECIAL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED. SPLIT VOTE.**

**20. Discussion and possible action to authorize the spending of up to \$5500 to help support the purchase of a "Jaws of Life" for LAFD Station 77.**

**Kevin Davis**

Kevin Davis - Re station #77. Need Jaws of Life. Grant for which they applied was voided and not processed. Need for the equipment remains. Not in our NC border. Linda Greco hopes to arrange for a letter from a Battalion Chief or above to address whether LAFD can accept \$\$ for Jaws of Life and training in their use.

Cris Hughes - Fire house needs Jaws of Life donation.

Mary Benson - SVNC offered to buy a smoke machine for #77 for \$3,200 and was scolded by LAFD for not obtaining executive approval first.

Cheryl Greslie - LAFD #77 upset at losing \$30,000 planned for Jaws of Life and seriously looking for help.

MaryAnn Geyer - #77 needs up to \$9,500 approved in anticipation of receiving a letter from LAFD

**MOTION – BY FRITZ BRONNER, SECOND BY NANCY WOODRUFF TO APPROVE UP TO \$5,500 FOR JAWS OF LIFE IF APPROPRIATE LETTER RECEIVED FROM LAFD. MOTION CARRIED. SPLIT VOTE.**

**21. Presentation, discussion and vote on a letter to the Energy Commission Nahai of DWP to encourage timely implementation of 5 hcf/mo of additional first tier water for licensed horse owners and use of recycled water. Royan Herman**

**MOTION BY FRITZ BRONNER, SECOND BY CRIS HUGHES TO SEND LETTER AS WRITTEN USING APPROVED STATIONERY.**

**22. Discussion and possible action on letters to DWP. Billy Hays** - Board in receipt draft correspondence prior to General Board Meeting. Also posted at the office for interested stakeholders.

**23. Discussion and possible action on letters to Energy & Environment Committee. Billy Hays.**

**MOTION BY KEN KEEBLE, SECOND BY NANCY WOODRUFF TO SEND THE LETTERS TO DWP, AS WRITTEN.**

**24. Financial Responsibility Resolution request by Mary Benson** – Treasurer to provide copies to the board of Petty Cash and a Report listing all pending expenditures for the 4th Quarter of Fiscal 2009 (April 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2009).

**Mary Benson** – Copies of expenditures plus a resolution to accompany audits. Action sent back to Budget and Finance Committee.

**25. Request by Mary Benson - a motion for Treasurer to copy complete audit package for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FTDNC Financial files and submit original audit for second signature and submission to DONE.**

**26. Request by Mary Benson - Board to approve and certify 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report .**

**MOTION BY NANCY WOODRUFF, SECOND BY FRITZ BRONNER TO TABLE 24.25, 26, TO BE MORE FULLY ADDRESSED AT THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING ON JULY 23. MOTION CARRIED.**

**27. Comments from the FTDNC Board**

**Fritz Bronner** – On July 4<sup>th</sup> there were numerous private fireworks locally. I view this as a safety issue.

**Royan Herman** - asked to discuss grievance. Ms., Herman prepares to address grievance issues. Board indicates that there is to be no discussion because Cris Hughes agreed to withdraw grievance. Royan states that a condition of withdrawal was for the concerns of Cris Hughes to be addressed. To discuss later.

Meeting over long. Village Christian chapel closes at 9:00 pm.

**Adjournment: 9:15 pm**

APPROVED