

Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC) meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Andasol Elementary School, 10126 Encino Ave., between Devonshire and Lassen. Our next meeting will take place on February 15, 2006.

This evening we had a good showing of stakeholders who were interested in taking part in discussions about several local issues. As I left Andasol Elementary School I felt the Neighborhood Council in Northridge East is working. Maybe we didn't all agree on every topic but we all took part in decisions that will impact our community.

John Bwarie, representing Councilman Greig Smith, discussed the first in a series of Neighborhood Clean-Up Volunteer Days. Councilman Smith has supported NENC from the beginning and now it is our turn to help him on a project. Please contact his office for the details of when you too can help beautify an area in need.

NENC has formed an Election Committee with a tentative date being set for Sunday June 11th. Please contact us via our website if you, or someone you know, are interested in becoming active with our Council.
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The Council listened to Developer Dung Vuong about his modifications to the Lindley/Vintage zoning change proposal to subdivide from A2-1 to RA-1 to accommodate four houses. The Council voted in favor of the project after seeing his changes and the collection of signatures from all of the immediate neighbors who were also in favor. The lots are slightly smaller than some in the neighborhood but are still considerably large in today's standards. They range from 13,220 to 15,115 square feet. Mr. Vuong will also dedicate 8,865 square feet to the city to widen Lindley and add sidewalks at his expense. Once this is finished only a small parcel of land will be left to remind the Northridge old timers how narrow Lindley used to be just north of Lassen.

The Council listened to neighbors and Pastor Smith from Northridge Church of the Nazarene about a proposed cell tower on the corner of Chatsworth and Reseda. The blueprint submitted was for a sixty foot structure very near the corner that many stakeholders as well as Council Members thought was just too intrusive for a residential neighborhood. NENC suggested rethinking the height, possibly design, and location before seeking a vote from the Board.

Pastor Smith has sought approval from his Church Board and NENC before construction begins. He has presented his ideas to the Stakeholders and Board twice now. NENC really appreciates his time and community involvement as we proceed through this process.

Residents, who live near the Fraternities and Sororities of California State University Northridge (CSUN), have requested NENC to become more actively involved in complaints of nuisance and permit violations emanating from the residences. NENC will meet with Councilman Smith, The University Police, LAPD Devonshire Division, and Property Owners to try to address the complaints. The main issue of contention seems to be noise, inappropriate conduct in a residential neighborhood, parking, and violation of occupancy codes.

Please feel free to attend the third Wednesday of every month.

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