

CANOGA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Public Forum



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Canoga Park Neighborhood Council

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Election Date: October 23, 2002

Project Coordinator: THOMAS SOONG
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Region:
SOUTH VALLEY AREA

Council District(s): 3, 12

Boundaries:
NORTH: NORDHOFF ST.
SOUTH: VICTORY BLVD.
EAST: DE SOTO AVE.
WEST: SHOUP AVE.

Meetings:
Fourth Wednesday of every month
Community Center
7248 Owensmouth Avenue
Canoga Park, CA 91303
7:00 PM

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City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).

Stakeholder Self-Assessment Survey Form available online

This form serves to fulfill the requirements of the Plan by soliciting stakeholders' views and perceptions of their Neighborhood Council's efforts in areas such as outreach, participation, and organizational effectiveness. The Stakeholder Survey was designed to meet the requirements of the Plan, while minimizing burden of participation to allow for ease of completion by stakeholders. Once completed, please return to your Neighborhood Council or contact DONE. The deadline to return completed surveys is June 30, 2008.

Visit www.canogaparknc.org and click on link for Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Whew this fiscal year is over!

By Ed Moreno, Public Forum Managing Editor, CPNC Chair Senior Committee

Finally the fiscal year 2007–2008 is over. With strong leadership from **Michael Cortez**, 2007 Canoga Park Neighborhood Council President and the 2008 President, **Kathy Graupman** plus their respective treasurers **Sandra Gonzalez** and **Mary Paterson**, the Council allocated its \$50,000 with considerable thought and with the goal to better the Canoga Park community and its activities.

By reviewing of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment funding report and the minutes of the Council meetings, the following list was compiled.

1. Funds purchased trophies and entertainment for Lanark Park's Friday Night Extreme Teen Program.
2. Monies went for outreach in the West Valley News.
3. The Council contributed to the Walk of Hearts Foundation.
4. Rent was paid to the Community Center for holding the Council meetings.
5. Monies were allocated and spent for referees for a teen summer sports program at Our Lady of the Valley.
6. The West Valley Alliance received monies for graffiti removal.
7. The Día de los Muertos Street Celebration received dollars from the Council.
8. The Arts in Education Aid Council received funds.
9. The Council supported the West Valley Eagles Track and Field program.
10. Funds were given to NEW Academy for the purchase of violins.
11. The Council supported the Canoga Park/West Hills Installation.
12. The Council donated to the Woodland Hills Optimist Club for Thanksgiving event at Guadalupe Center.
13. The Canoga Park Senior Center received funds.
14. Lanark Park received funds for soccer uniforms.
15. The Clyde Porter Playhouse received monies for sets.
16. The Council purchased advertising from the Daily News for St. Patrick Parade.
17. Funds were spent for the Holiday Lights during the Christmas Holidays.
18. The streetlight poles were painted with funds from the Council.
19. Funds were allocated for the Mayor's Day of Service on May 3rd.
20. Monies were allocated to support West Park's Block Party clean up.
21. Funding request for Guadalupe Center's youth programs was approved.

22. Money was allocated to renew the CANOGA PARK NC.COM. domain name.

23. Funds were approved for the Memorial Day Parade.

Except for the most recent approvals and a few thousand dollars in reserve for invoices yet to be paid, this fiscal year's Neighborhood Council funds have been allocated.

Still requests have been presented for purchasing children's books, the Jordan Senior Center has a few items that need funding, and the Canoga Park Branch Library seeks the Council's support. Also the Fishing Derby at Reseda Park in July needs the Council's backing. These requests will wait until the new fiscal year begins July 1.

Aside from the traditional events the Council has always funded, as a resident, should the Council support more youth programs? Is beautification of the business district important to you? With proposed cuts in city services, would you allocate funds to shore up these services? The many non-profit organizations in our community serve the residents well. How should the Council help non-profits? If you were the Mayor, would you not fund Neighborhood Councils (there are 89 in the City of Los Angeles)? The over \$4,450,000 dollars saved might keep a few jobs or reduce the proposed additional trash fees.

This next year will challenge all Council members to review every request more carefully and with a critical eye as to how it enhances the quality of life of the residents and how it will improve the businesses in Canoga Park.

If you are a local resident, property owner, or a business operator in Canoga Park, get involved, make a difference in the community. Join the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council and let your voice be heard.

The mission of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council is to provide an innovative forum for all community stakeholders to contribute to a healthy, vibrant, and inclusive Canoga Park. All of the Board and committee meetings are open to the public and provide you with an opportunity to speak. The Board procedures are more formal than committee meetings so your time to address the Board is limited. Committee meetings are generally informal, and discussions between participants are commonplace. This is important because the heart of Neighborhood Council work happens at committee meetings.

The Canoga Park Neighborhood Council (CPNC) meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Canoga Park Community Center at 7248 Owensmouth Ave., at 7:00 PM.

Visit www.canogaparknc.org to learn more about CPNC activities and other important links.

If you have ideas about how we can make Canoga Park a better community, please send your email to kgraupman@yahoo.com

BONGHWAN KIM, APPOINTED CITY'S FIRST KOREAN AMERICAN GENERAL MANAGER, TO LEAD DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT (DONE)

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa today announced the appointment of **BongHwan Kim** as the General Manager of the City's Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). Kim will be the first Korean American general manager in the City's history (according to the City Administrative Officer) and will be responsible for improving the workings of the City's system of neighborhood councils.

"BongHwan Kim's leadership skills have been finely honed through many years of working in diverse communities on a wide range of political and community development issues," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "He will be an asset and an ally for the neighborhoods of this City."

Kim has served as Interim General Manager of DONE since November 2007 and as Acting General Manager and Assistant General Manager of DONE since March 2007. He has been responsible for overall management of the

Department, including development of budget, strategic planning, programs and services, policies, personnel and constituent relations.

Kim will be supported by the executive director of the Neighborhood Council Review Commission (NCRC), **Raphael Sonenshein**, as a consultant to DONE.

Richard Dickenson, previously senior staff of the City Administrative Officer, will also serve as a consultant to DONE, assisting in the implementation of the NCRC recommendations.

In September 2007, the NCRC issued its final report, exploring the neighborhood council system created by the voters in 1999 and recommending changes to make the system more effective. DONE's mission is to promote public participation in government through the neighborhood council system.

Kim's appointment is subject to confirmation by City Council.

BIOGRAPHY OF BONGHWAN KIM

BongHwan (BH) Kim has been actively involved in advancing social, political and economic development in diverse communities for over 25 years.

Previous to his joining the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Kim served as executive director of Pasadena Neighborhood Housing Services, providing affordable housing to low and moderate income families throughout the San Gabriel Valley. From 2003 to 2005, he operated his own consultant agency, BH Kim and Associates, serving a variety of non-profit organizations, governments and private sector institutions for strategic planning, marketing, fundraising and organizational development.

Kim holds a number of leadership awards from various organizations including the California League of Conservation Voters and the NAACP, and has served on numerous community boards and organizations, including the Neighborhood Council Review Commission.

Kim holds a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and a bachelor's degree from Boston College.

CPNC Community Quick Reference List of City Services Telephone Numbers			
Graffiti Removal	(818) 227-9722	Health Department	(818) 902-4470
	(818) 780-6618	Housing	(818) 756-1180
Trash Pick-up/ Large Item	(800) 773-2489	Landlord/ Tenant Questions	(866) 557-7368
Bulky Item Pick up	(800) 773-City	All other phone numbers please call	311