



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday August 1, 2013, Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Granada Hills Charter H.S. Rawley Hall 10535 Zelzah, Granada Hills. CA
91344**

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I. Call to order and the pledge of allegiance (Dave Beauvais)

II. Roll Call (Julie Carson)

III. Approval of Minutes from the April 4, and June 6, 2013 regular meeting (Julie Carson)

IV. Public Comment: Community and Public Comment on non-agenda items

V. Community Speakers:

- (1) Council District 12 – Megan Cottier
- (2) Senior Lead Officer- Dario Del Core

VI. Officer's Reports

VII. Board Issues & Updates:

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1. Review and approval of U.S. Bank purchasing card transactions, bank statement, June budget report including potential reallocations and unencumberances to existing budget (Brandon Schindelheim).
2. Ad Hoc Committee report and possible Board action regarding Purpose Grants for fiscal year 2013/2014 (Brandon Schindelhiem).
3. Discussion and possible Board action to purchase additional lights for the Veteran's Memorial Park tree, NTE \$2000. (Eric Mansker).
4. Discussion and possible Board action to support the designation of the area between the 405 freeway, Balboa Blvd., Devonshire St. and Lassen St. from North Hills to Granada Hills (Jerry Askew).
5. Discussion and possible Board action to approve or disapprove the permanent addition of bike lanes on White Oak Ave. between Devonshire and Rinaldi.
6. Board confirmation of the appointment of Sally Kolstad as Education Director and Chair of the Education committee, effective upon the resignation of Julie Carson.

Outreach (Jett Dunlap)

Upcoming outreach event: Movie Night in the Park Set new date; volunteers and assignments.

Status report on pole banners.

Discussion and possible Board action to purchase new canopy, NTE \$300.

Planning and Land Use (Jerry Askew)

Discussion and Possible Board action on the following:

1. Definition of Thrift Stores for inclusion in the specific plan.
2. Reassert GHSNC position on Big Box Retailers within the specific plan.
3. Add Hookah Lounges to the list of prohibited users within the specific plan.
4. Definition of Recycling Centers for inclusion in the specific plan.
5. Request a detailed review of all "Q" conditions in OS or higher zones that are scheduled for removal in the updated specific plan, including citations to LAMC that will place the same restrictions currently provided by "Q" conditions in the current specific plan.
6. Adopt the position of the Pacific Palisades Community Council (attached) regarding the pending mural ordinance and forward same to Los Angeles City PLUM Committee.
7. Adopt the position of the Pacific Palisades Community Council (attached) regarding above ground facilities.

Public Safety (Ross Turmell)

Progress report on CERT classes.

IX. Board Member comments, announcements and agenda items for next general meeting and committee meetings.

X. Adjournment.

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes

Thursday April 4, 2013, Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Granada Hills Charter H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah, Granada Hills. CA 91344

I. Call to order and the pledge of allegiance (Dave Beauvais)

Meeting called to order at: 6:43 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Dave Beauvais, Brad Smith, Julie Carson (excused), Brandon Schindelheim, Jerry Askew (excused), Bonnie Bursk (absent), Alexia Cirino (arr. 7:25), Krisna Crawford-Velasco (absent), Arthur Daush, Jett Dunlap, Gina Greschner, Suraj Khurana, Joel Lyle, Deron Lopez, Bob Luszczak (excused), Eric Mansker, Anthony Matthews (absent), Ross Turmell, Daniel Wall (excused), Cindy Wu Freeman, Debbie Wubben, Michael Kabo (parliamentarian)

13/21 members present at the beginning of the meeting, constituting a quorum.

Members of public present: 10

III. Approval of Minutes from the March 14, 2013 regular meeting (Julie Carson)

Correction brought by Cindy Wu Freedman. Approval as corrected moved and seconded by Mansker/Dunlap. Unanimously approved.

IV. Public Comment: Community and Public Comment on non-agendized items

William Kuzmin aired informal greivances regarding the specific details of the council's bylaws and requested for a director position to be available for a non-resident property owner. Eric Manker responded with a rebuttal/explanation, Dave clarified that any property owner is eligible.

Cindy Freedman, Budget Advocate for NW region, discussed the budget status update/ review of Regional Budget Day, and thanked the GHSNC for its support of the luncheon.

V. Community Speakers:

(1) Senior Lead Officer- Dario Del Core

Zero Tolerance for texting and driving in April. Rape, Robberies, and Assault are down, Down 27% from last year in violent crimes. Stolen vehicles up 65%, with Canoga Park being a hot spot.

VI. Board Issues & Updates:

Minutes of Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council, Thursday, April 4, 2013

Brad Smith- Neighborhood Council Working Groups

The factual basis stakeholder position has posed problems in some NCs because there is no definition or way to prove their investment in the community.

Presented a resolution from the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners recommending that sections of the city's Administrative Code which touch upon neighborhood council stakeholders be amended to:

- (1) remove the requirement that neighborhood councils provide governing board positions for factual basis stakeholders;
- (2) allow each neighborhood council to determine the number, if any, of governing board seats that be allocated to factual basis stakeholders;
- (3) remove the current definition of factual basis stakeholder; and
- (4) allow each neighborhood council to adopt its own definition of factual basis stakeholder.

Motion to support the NCWGs resolution moved/seconded by Brad Smith/Eric Mansker. Hand Vote 10/1/2, motion carried.

Alexia Cirino Arrived (7:25).

Brandon Schindelheim- Review and approval of U.S. Bank purchasing card transactions, bank statement Motion to approve moved and seconded by Schindleheim/Dunlap. Motion passes 14/0. Brandon moved to unencumber and reallocate unused funds as detailed in the budget report. Jett seconded, unanimously approved.

Board action to support the George Porter Middle School music program, not to exceed \$500, carried over from March meeting. Ross/Lyle motion to ammend agenda for the support of Patrick Henry Middle School music program. Eric/Jett moved to postpone motion to August meeting due to impending close of the fiscal year. Motion unanimously approved.

Dave Beauvais- reconsideration of the Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$2500 to Friends of the Library. Motion by Joel Lyle, seconded by Jett Dunlap, Debbie Wubben Recused herself from voting. Passed 11/0/1.

Outreach (Jett Dunlap)

Jett made a motion for a June movie night, seconded by Raj. Approved unanimously. Movie night will be June 22nd (tentative).

Report on Spring Egg Hunt Outreach event. Great turnout, got rid of a ton of giveaways, received about eighty new email sign ups.

Planning and volunteers for May 5 Citrus Sunday Outreach event.

Alexia announced her resignation as faith-based director due to her inability to attend meetings.

Public Safety (Ross Turmell)

Status report on Neighborhood Watch sign project.

VII. Board Member comments, announcements and agenda items for next general meeting and committee meetings.

Eric Mansker: concerns over the future of our budget, as it has been repeatedly cut down from that of previous years.

Cindy Wu Freedman: Thanked stakeholders for their attendance.

Jett Dunlap: Reiterated the actions of outreach.

Joel Lyle: Also thanked stakeholders in attendance, and supported the efforts of outreach in reaching out to the community.

Dave Beauvais: Thanked Alexia Cirino for her service on the board and wished her well on behalf of the board.

Brandon Schindelheim: echoed Dave's sentiment.

Brad Smith: The GHHS memorial rededication led people to reach out with their thanks. There would be an event at the VFW 2:00 on Sunday to commemorate the work of the creator of the project.

VIII. Adjournment at 8:42 p.m, motioned by Mansker/Smith and approved.

Submitted by Gina Greschner, Acting Secretary



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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I. Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m., the pledge of allegiance was led by Dr. Bob Luszczyk.

II. Roll Call was made, there were 13 Directors present to make a quorum. two additional Director arrived late, for a total of 15 in attendance.

III. Minutes from May 2, 2013 regular meeting were approved by a 13/0/1 vote (Joel Lyle, Jett Dunlap). Approval of the minutes from the April 4, 2013 meeting were postponed to the next regular meeting.

IV. Public Comment: Joseph Bernardo, William Kuzmin, Don Loperina, Glen Bailly

V. Community Speakers:

(1) Council District 12 – Megan Cottier gave the Council an update on legislative and budget issues.

VI. Officer's Reports; Vice President Smith gave an update on the Neighborhood Council working groups progress. The working groups have completed their recommendations.

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VII. Board Issues & Updates:

Motion to approve the U.S. Bank purchasing card transactions, bank statement and May budget report including recommended reallocations and unencumbrances to existing budget (Brandon Schindelheim/Bob Luszczak). Motion carried unanimously..

Motion to approve budget for fiscal year 2013/14, motion was amended by the maker to set aside \$4000 from Outreach for elections. (Brandon Schindelheim/Eric Mansker). Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible Board action to extend website maintenance (Aaron DeVandry) for one year (July 2013 to June 2014 at \$200 per month.

Budget Advocate report was made by Cindy Wu Freedman. Glen Bailey thanked Ms Freedman for her participation and support as the Council's Budget Advocate.

Motion to create an Ad Hoc committee to study and recommend Neighborhood Purpose Grants during the fiscal year consisting of the Treasurer, Education Chair, Beautification Chair, Youth Activities Director and the Parks Cultural Arts Director (Brad Smith/Jett Dunlap). Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible Board action to create an Ad Hoc committee to organize a Redline Tour
Debbie Wubben withdrew the motion..

Outreach (Jett Dunlap)

Upcoming outreach event: Movie Night in the Park June 22; Volunteers and assignments were discussed. Setup will begin at 7:30 and all volunteers should report at that time. The movie should start at about 8:30 p.m.

Status report on pole banners was given, with a picture of the graphics. Several suggestions were made, including eliminating the logo and just putting the name of the Council in larger font on the banner and ordering the banners with wind slits so they will withstand wind damage.

Planning and Land Use (Jerry Askew)

Jerry Askew and Dave Beauvais gave an update on Granada Hills/Knollwood Community Plan before the Los Angeles City Planning Commission on May 23, 2013.

Motion; recommend changes in the Specific Plan as follows:

- Retain the NW corner of Chatsworth and Lindley in the Specific Plan area.
- Add and include the NE and NW corners of Devonshire and Zelzah in the Specific Plan area.
- Add a footnote to the list of prohibited business uses allowing thrift shops whose purpose is to support a charitable 501 (c) (3) organization with a conditional use permit.

This motion came from committee and was carried by a unanimous vote.

Update on realignment and consolidation of Planning and Building and Safety Departments was given by Chairman Askew and PLUM committee member Maria Fisk.

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Public Safety (Ross Turmell)

Ross announced that the Neighborhood Watch Sign project was just about complete. We have two signs left. A final report and a power point presentation should be ready for the August meeting.

Schedule for upcoming CERT classes; first class will be on June 25, 2013 in room A5 at GHCHS and will continue for the next 5 Tuesdays.

IX. Board Member comments, announcements and agenda items for next general meeting and committee meetings; Megan Cottier asked the Council to agendaize the issue of the bike lanes on White Oak Ave. for the August meeting.

X. Adjournment; The meeting adjourned at 828 p.m. following a group picture of the Council members (Jett Dunlap/Joel Lyle).

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Secretary Julie Carson,
Dave Beauvais, President

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Thrift Store

Definition: Thrift Store. A place where used goods can be donated and sold. Must be operated under the legal umbrella and owned by a nonprofit or 501 (c) (3).

Thrift stores are prohibited, except with a Conditional Use Permit including the following conditions.

- Only those Thrift Stores operated and owned by a nonprofit shall be allowed.
- The proposed use shall not be detrimental to the public safety, health, welfare, or materially injurious to properties in the adjacent vicinity.
- There must be adequate provisions made for sanitation to ensure public safety and health.
- Loitering on premises (including parking lots and entire property) is strictly prohibited.
- Adequate lighting security cameras must be installed to further improve safety conditions.
- All donations must be accepted during hours of operation only and shall be stored inside the building.
- Shall have a one mile distance separation from each other.
- Other than trash receptacles, no other storage containers or bins will be allowed on the property. Outdoor storage is prohibited.
- “No Dumping” “No Trespassing” Signs with the appropriate penal code shall be prominently posted.
- The property shall be kept free of litter, debris, weeds, and other forms of blight and illegal dumping. The property shall be properly maintained and kept orderly and clean.
- No other outdoor business or activities are allowed. All transactions shall transpire inside the building.
- Hours of operations limited to 10:00AM-6:00 PM, M-Su.
- The conditional use application has been reviewed by the Neighborhood Council and comments of the NC have been considered.

The permit is subject to revocation by the DCP if it has been determined that there has been:

- a. Non-compliance to any of the abovementioned conditions, and/or;
- b. The use has been found to be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of persons or properties within the community of the use.

These conditions shall expire and will become null and void 3 years from date of approval.

Big Box Retailer Definition

Motion to re-assert the GHSNC’s prior recommendations on Big Box retailers.

Hookah Lounge

Add “Hookah Lounge” to the list of prohibited users in all sectors of the Specific Plan

Recycling Centers

A Recycling Centers will be considered an allowed use within the Granada Hills Specific Plan district, subject to the following use standards:

- Recycling centers must be located on commercially zoned property that is at least 200 feet from residentially zoned property.
- The proposed use shall not be detrimental to the public safety, health, welfare, or materially injurious to properties in the adjacent vicinity.
- All Recycling Centers shall be permanent structures, less than 500 sq ft with 10' height limit.
- Shall not locate on approved parking space of the commercially zoned property.
- Recycling Centers shall have a one mile separation from each other.
- Site shall be maintained free of litter, trash, paper and any recyclable materials, and will be cleaned of debris on a daily basis. Only items with CRV may be accepted.
- Buildings shall be maintained, kept clean, maintained in good condition and secured when no attendants are present. Shielding landscaping required (as previously specified).
- Approval granted for hours of operations between 8:00 AM -5:00 PM, M-Su.
- All recyclables must be accepted during hours of operation only and shall be stored inside the building.
- Centers shall display a notice stating that no materials shall be left outside the recycling containers, referencing LAMC.

The permit is subject to revocation by the DCP if it has been determined that there has been:

- a. Non-compliance to any of the abovementioned conditions, and/or;
- b. The use has been found to be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of persons or properties within the community of the use.

These conditions shall expire and will become null and void 3 years from date of approval.

Review of "Q" Conditions

Request a detailed review of all "Q" conditions in OS or higher zones that are scheduled to be removed. Review to include citations to LAMC which implements the same restrictions currently provided by the "Q" condition.

Mural Ordinance

Adopt the position of the Pacific Palisades Community Council regarding the Mural Ordinance. Forward letter regarding same to City Council PLUM Committee forthwith.



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
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Planning and Land Use Management Committee



Chair: **Jerry Askew**
Members: **Dave Beauvais** (Ex-Officio)
Maria Fisk
Bob Luszczak
Eric Mansker
Ross Turmell
Dan Wall
Cindy Wu-Freedman

July 9, 2013

Via Email:
Honorable Herb Wesson, City Council President
All Los Angeles City Council Members
June Lagmay, City Clerk

Re: Art Murals Citywide Program/Mural Ordinance
Council File No. 11-0923

On June 26, 2013, the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHCNS) Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee held a Regular Meeting of the Committee Members. Said meeting was noticed in accordance with the Brown Act and held according to the bylaws of the organization. At this meeting, the following motion was approved unanimously for presentation to the GHSNC Board:

The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council supports the Pacific Palisades Community Council's position statement in regards to the proposed Art Murals Citywide Program/Mural Ordinance [see attached]

We are forwarding this action by the GHSNC PLUM Committee so that our pending position may be considered. The next general GHSNC board meeting is scheduled for August 1, which we realize may be too late for consideration in your proceedings.

Sincerely,

Jerry Askew
Director - Business Representation, Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council
Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

June 20, 2013

Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Hon. Herb Wesson, Council President
Ms. June Lagmay, City Clerk, Rm. 360

**Re: CF 11-0923 - Mural Ordinance
Request Ordinance Return to Committee for Further Consideration (Review/Input)**

Dear President Wesson and all Los Angeles City Council Members:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the voice of the Pacific Palisades for more than 40 years. The Pacific Palisades community supports the arts and is proud of existing murals which have long graced several of our public spaces. PPCC has been generally supportive of the concept of an ordinance which would allow murals under certain circumstances. We have previously expressed concerns to the Planning Department about some aspects of earlier versions of the proposed Mural Ordinance.

We have now learned that the Director of Planning has disapproved the revised Ordinance as directed by PLUM and the City Attorney has expressed concerns about the revised Ordinance and submitted two versions, Version A and Version B, for consideration by the Council.

In light of these developments, we believe strongly that the Mural Ordinance should be referred back to committee and reconsidered for further review and community input. PPCC and other community and neighborhood councils have had insufficient time to thoroughly review and consider the proposed revisions. However, based on an initial review we have numerous concerns about the revised Mural Ordinance, including without limitation the following eleven (11) concerns:

1. Whether murals should be prohibited in R1, on single-family homes or any other dwellings, and/or in all other residential zones;
2. Whether murals on any dwellings in residential zones should be limited to areas that are not visible from the public right of way (e.g., back yard fences, rear walls no higher than one-story);
3. Whether communities that wish to have murals should be required to enact specific plans to *allow* murals on single-family homes (Version B) or on other dwellings in residential zones, and not the other way around (Version A);

4. Whether a 90-day waiting period before the Ordinance becomes operative would be sufficient time for enactment of specific plans either to allow or disallow murals on single-family homes or other dwellings in residential zones;
5. Whether illumination of murals should be allowed at all and in particular on any dwellings in or near residential zones;
6. Whether the ordinance's definition of a "commercial message" is clear, adequate and/or sufficient;
7. Whether the ordinance's definition of "digitally printed image" is clear, adequate and/or sufficient, and whether the definition of "Original Art Mural" should include "digitally printed" images;
8. Whether the "administrative rules" governing the "Neighborhood Involvement Requirement" should be adopted and set forth in the Ordinance prior to its enactment, and whether the provisions for notice and community involvement are adequate;
9. Whether existing murals are or should be clearly grandfathered under the Ordinance, and under what circumstances;
10. Whether any aspects of the Ordinance may impact public safety and/or quiet enjoyment of residential property, including the height and illumination provisions;
11. Whether there will be sufficient enforcement of the Ordinance provisions.

PPCC submits that there is no need for the Council to enact this Ordinance without thorough consideration and input by all affected constituencies. A measured and deliberate approach going forward is especially appropriate due to the Planning Director's disapproval and the City Attorney's expression of concerns and submittal of two alternative versions of the Ordinance.

PPCC urges the City Council to return the Mural Ordinance to committee for further input and consideration. PPCC requests that our letter be included in the record and filed in CF 11-0923.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kohn
President, PPCC

cc:

Michael J. Logrande, Director of Planning
Hon. Ed P. Reyes, President Pro Tempore
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Assistant President Pro Tempore
Hon. Bill Rosendahl
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