



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

Thursday, December 5, 2019 Time: 6:30 pm

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

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I. Call to order (Presiding officer)

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

III. Public Comment: Community and Public Comment on non-agenda items. The Public may present concerns to the Board on any issue of interest in the Community. The Board will not discuss or take action on any matters brought up during public comment. However, issues raised during public comment may be agendaized for discussion at a future board meeting. Normally limited to 2 minutes.

IV. Community Speakers

- A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)
- B. Budget Advocate (Brian Allen)
- C. LAUSD District 3 (Rob Jackson)
- D. Assembly District 38 (Ryan Valencia)
- E. LAPD Senior Lead Officer or alternate rep (Lead Officer Sellers/Volunteer Richard Fisk)
- F. DONE Representative (Jose Galdamez)

V. Approval of November 7, 2019 Meeting minutes.

VI. Budget Issues

- A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for October 2019.

VII. Committee Reports and Motions

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A. MOTION (by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Yoder): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council supports the beer and wine liquor license application, Case No. ZA-2019-5851-CUB, for the Rococo Ramen Restaurant at 16931 W. Devonshire St., Northridge, CA 91344 with the condition that alcohol sales and operating hours end at 11:00 p.m. daily, and opposes alcohol sales and operating hours ending at 12:00 a.m. daily.

B. MOTION (by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will submit a Community Impact Statement in support of the following Resolution:

Proposed Amendments to the Sidewalk Vending Program Ordinance, No. 1859000. Council File:13-1493-S5.

On September 17, 2018, SB 946 was signed into law which established statewide governance of vending in the public right-of-way and in parks. Subsequently, on November 30, 2018, the City of Los Angeles adopted a Sidewalk Vending Program Ordinance that complies with the new State legislation. The intent of the City Ordinance was to strike a balance between those who vend legally and a number of objectives and priorities that are critical to the City.

Granada Hills and neighboring communities are experiencing an increasing number of vendors who are operating on local sidewalks in prominent commercial areas. While outdoor food service operations offer entrepreneurial opportunities for vendors and convenience for customers, closer consideration must be given to their impacts on public safety and welfare. Some troubling incidents associated with sidewalk vending have been observed: the improper food handling and temperature control that increase the risk of food borne illness; no hand washing stations or sinks; open flame grills fueled by unsecured propane tanks that pose a fire risk especially in high fire hazard zones; equipment and customers blocking the sidewalk forcing pedestrians to walk in the street; and large amounts of trash left behind including the improper disposal of used cooking oil.

As sidewalk vending operations continue to expand, the associated risks and hazards have become more evident. The current Ordinance along with the Rules and Regulations do not go far enough to safeguard public safety, health and general welfare. The following proposed amendments offer more specific sidewalk vending regulations that will ultimately protect the interests and safety of vendors, business owners and residents within the City of Los Angeles:

- All sidewalk vendors (stationary and mobile) shall be required to obtain all applicable city, county, state, and business licenses/permits/decals. All required documents shall be prominently displayed in plain view.

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- All vendors who sell foods shall be required to obtain a permit from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (see below).
- All sidewalk vendors who sell foods shall comply with California Health and Safety Codes and LA County Department of Public Health standards, that regulate the preparation, handling and distribution of food items, including but not limited to:
 - potable water and sinks for food handlers to wash their hands or utensils
 - food obtained from approved sources
 - proper equipment to maintain food at required temperature
 - foods stored, handled and prepared under sanitary conditions
 - foods protected from contamination or adulteration
 - restroom availability for food handlers
- All food carts shall be self-contained with the appropriate equipment necessary to comply with food sanitation and safety requirements.
- Open-flame grills or any cooking utensils requiring the use of a combustible agent/liquid, propane tank and fossil fuels are strictly prohibited from use in the public right-of-way as they pose safety hazards and have the potential of causing great bodily harm or death in the event of an explosion or fire.
- A vendor may not use a stationary cart to vend in residential areas. Only a mobile cart (roaming vendors) may be used to vend in residential areas.
- Hours of operations for roaming vendors in areas zoned residential shall be between the hours of 8am to 9pm.
- Hours of operations for stationary vendors in areas zoned commercial or industrial shall be between the hours of 8am to 9pm, or consistent with the hours of operation of adjacent businesses.
- For safety reasons, the sale of weapons, alcoholic beverages, cannabis, cigarettes, nicotine delivery systems, adulterated/unsanitary foods are strictly prohibited.

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- All carts shall not exceed a length of 72 inches, width of 54 inches, or height of 78 inches including roof, awning, umbrella or canopy.
- Sidewalk vending shall not obstruct, impede pedestrian and traffic slow on sidewalks, pathways, and roadways. A minimum 5 ft. sidewalk clearance is required. All clearances shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Prior to issuance of a permit, a vendor shall provide proof of general liability (with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000, each occurrence), and worker's compensation that are acceptable to the City.
- As a requirement of the permit approval, a vendor shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers and employees from any and all damages or injuries to persons or property proximately caused by the act or neglect of the vendor or by hazardous or negligent conditions maintained at the vendor's locations.
- Sidewalk vending business that has been found in violation three (3) or more times of any applicable regulation within a one-year period are grounds for permit suspension and revocation.

Furthermore, it is incumbent of the City to dedicate the needed resources and funds to establish a separate City agency/department dedicated to the overall management of the Sidewalk Vending Program. Responsibilities would include the oversight of the permit process/suspension/revocation, effective communications /outreach, coordination of enforcement, and the establishment of a public complaint process.

The GHSNC Board strongly urges Los Angeles City policymakers to consider the above proposed amendments and recommendations. A well-regulated vending program benefits the City as a whole, leads to orderly commerce and safeguards the public's welfare.

C. MOTION (by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Yoder): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will submit a Community Impact Statement in support of the following Resolution regarding Council File 18-1226-S1:

NOWHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles

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hereby includes in its 2020-2021 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 50, SB592, any other pending State legislation and any/all amendments, that usurp the City's authority over local land use policies and development.

Outreach

D. Motion to hold a Movie Night in the Park on June 13, 2020, funding for event not to exceed \$1500.

E. Motion to hold another Board retreat in 2020, time and place to be determined.

Cultural Affairs

Report; cancellation of Valley Cultural Arts concert

Homelessness

Report

Beautification

Report

Public Safety

Report

Education

Report

VIII. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

IX. Adjournment

The public is requested to fill out a "**Speaker Card**" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at: **1)** Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce, 17723 Chatsworth St. Granada Hills, CA 91344; and **2)** GHSNC Website: www.ghsnc.org and address: 11024 Balboa Blvd., Box 767; Granada Hills, CA 91344. In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the committee members in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website by clicking the following link: www.ghsnc.org, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Julie Carson at jcarson@ghsnc.org. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council c/o the president, via e-mail to board@ghsnc.org or Richard Ray, Los Angeles Department on Disability, ADA Coordinator, at Richard.Ray@lacity.org or (213) 202-2753. Meetings may be recorded. **Note that** any stakeholder comments must be made during the appropriate public comment period.

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