



South Neighborhood Council

# **CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

# GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, July 2, 2020 Time: 6:30 pm

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY. TO ACCESS DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THIS MEETING GO TO GHSNC.ORG AND CLICK ON THE LINK IN THE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE GIVEN TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE START OF THE MEETING.

# I. Call to order, flag salute and instructions for participating in the virtual meeting (Presiding officer and moderator)

# II. Roll Call (Secretary)

**III. Public Comment:** The public is requested to dial \*9 if calling in or use the raise hand function on the Zoom screen when prompted by the presiding officer to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard <u>only</u> when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on matters that are not appearing on the agenda and that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the

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# **IV. Community Speakers**

- A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)
- B. LAUSD District 3 (Tara Vahdani)
- C. DONE, (NEA Jose Galdamenz)
- D. Budget Advocate (Brian Allen)
- E. Assembly District 38 (Ryan Valencia)
- F. Congressional District 25 (Osvaldo Ramirez)
- G. Congressional District 30 (Nikole Gonong)
- H. LAPD Senior Lead Officer or alternate rep (Lead Officer Sellers/Parker/Volunteer Richard Fisk)

#### V. Approval of May 27, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. Approval of June 4, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Approval of June 12, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

# VI. Budget Issues

- A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for May, 2020.
- B. Approval of 2020/2021 fiscal year budget

# VII. Board Issues

- A. Appointment and confirmation of Stakeholder Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza to fill vacant board position.
- B. Appointment and confirmation of Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza to the PLUM committee.
- C. Appointment and confirmation of Stakeholder Heather Budman as second Budget Representative.
- D. Appointment and confirmation of Stakeholder Chavon Smith to the Outreach and Cultural Affairs committees.

# **VIII. Committee Reports and Motions**

# Outreach

- Working on new name plaques and name badges
- Board retreat; proposing a virtual event in mid-August, canvass the Board to select a date, canvass to be completed by July 24, 2020.
- Promotional items; committee members will inventory, determine specific items for purchase.
- Discussion on possible speaker series via Zoom.
- Discussion of possible events once we are past the covid-19 pandemic.
- Discussion on holding an open house in conjunction with election promotion.

# PLUM

A. Discussion and possible recommendation to approve a "no opposition" position to Applicant Caresource Congregate Living application for a

MAILING ADDRESS: GHSNC; 11024 Balboa Blvd., Box 767; Granada Hills, CA 91344 WEBSITE WWW.ghSnc.org E-mail: board@ghsnc.org conditional use permit (CUP) at 17727 Simmonds St. Granada Hills, CA. CUP to increase bed capacity from current six beds to 12 beds. PLUM committee did not have a quorum, so motion will require a mover and a second.

#### **Cultural Affairs**

#### **Public Safety**

B. Recommendation to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) demanding Los Angeles City, Council District 12 and Supervisor Barger take action regarding the homeless encampments near Granada Hills Park and in other areas of Granada Hills. Full text of CIS attached.

#### Education

Report from July 18, 2020 meeting.

#### Beautification

#### Homelessness

C. Recommendation to the Board to host a virtual community forum on homelessness to educate the community on the issues surrounding homelessness, solutions to the problem, and community action.

#### Seniors

Discussion on holding an open house event in conjunction with new board elections. Included above in Outreach report.

#### Youth

Progress report on Civics Delivered initiative.

#### IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

#### X. Adjournment

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To: Los Angeles City Council

From: Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council

Re. Community Impact Statement

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council address the use of Los Angeles City Parks as emergency homeless shelters. On May 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 the Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti announced that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the City of Los Angeles would begin using Los Angeles Recreation Centers as Emergency Homeless Shelters.

The Mayor's announcement was devoid of an exit strategy with the use of Recreation Centers as Emergency Homeless Shelters. The Mayor's announcement did not provide a template or plan for Neighborhood Councils or the Public to follow with regard to Sanitation, Public Safety, Emergency Services or a conduit for the Public to report issues with the Emergency Homeless Shelter program.

Subsequently the residents of Granada Hills have witnessed an unacceptable increase in homeless encampments at and beyond Granada Hills (Petit) Park. The homeless have moved beyond the park and can now be found living around the Granada Hills Recreation Center and throughout Granada Hills. A survey was conducted by The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council showing the resulting unacceptable increase in homeless encampments throughout Granada Hills South. Please see the PowerPoint survey attached.

WHEREAS Granada Hills Park that is located within the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council's boundaries and is important for the wellbeing of over 53,000 residents of Granada Hills.

WHEREAS Residents of our part of Los Angeles including the homeless the city has transferred to Granada Hills Park deserve dignity and provided a safe community environment.

WHEREAS The City of Los Angeles has physically transferred numerous homeless Angelinos to Granada Hills and due to that transfer the City of Los Angeles is now directly responsible for the lives of the Angelinos experiencing homelessness.

WHEREAS, Using our City Parks like Granada Hills Park has resulted in increased homeless encampments in and around Granada Hills Park at an unacceptable level.

WHEREAS The City of Los Angeles must provide an accounting of how many homeless were transferred to Granada Hills and where those individuals are now.

MAILING ADDRESS: GHSNC; 11024 Balboa Blvd., Box 767; Granada Hills, CA 91344 WEBSITE <u>WWW.ghSnC.org</u> E-mail: board@ghsnc.org WHEREAS The City of Los Angeles must provide a written strategy and the results of that strategy for removing the individuals experiencing homelessness from the neighborhoods they have moved into.

#### THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council strongly requests that

(1) the City of Los Angeles provide our community with an accounting of how many Angelinos experiencing homelessness have been transferred to Granada Hills. Based upon that accounting the Los Angeles City must ensure that the transferred Angelinos experiencing homelessness are not simply be left at all recreation centers once those facilities are closed to them.

(2) Demand for Los Angeles City and County Sanitation provide ongoing cleaning of the areas around the new homeless encampments that have appeared at and near Granada Hills Park.

(3) Request the City of Los Angeles provide additional police protection in Granada Hills.

(4) Request the Mayor's Office, The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Los Angeles City Councilman John Lee and Supervisor Barger provide an accounting of their activities with the homeless in the Granada Hills area for this year.

Should you have any questions, please contact any of the following via email:

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