



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Thursday, March 18, 2021 Time: 6:30 pm**  
**Draft Minutes for Approval at the May 6, 2021 Meeting**

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this duly noticed meeting was held entirely online and telephonically.

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Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council [GHSNC] (and all other) Meeting Minutes are a summary; Minutes were not, are not and are never meant to be an exact, verbatim, word-for-word transcript or comprehensive record of what was said at a Meeting. Exceptions: Motions/Resolutions (as stated at the Meeting, which take precedence over versions written on the Agenda, if different); quotes (words that have quotation marks ("") at the beginning and ending of a word or words); and other wording from the Agenda such as the first paragraph(s) of some Items. Items are listed in and match the same order as on the Agenda.

**I. Call to order, flag salute and instructions for participating in the virtual meeting** (Presiding officer and moderator). Dave Beauvais (President) called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and thereafter reviewed rules for participating.

**II. Roll Call** (Secretary) Roll Call was taken by the Secretary (Julie Carson). Eleven of the sixteen current members were present at the beginning of the meeting: Carlos Amador, Dave Beauvais (President), Mike Benedetto (Vice President), Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson (Secretary), Solly Kolstad, Jerilyn Mendoza, Mark Morris, Abbey Ronquillo, Colleen Toumayan, Ross Turmell. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine (see the Bylaws link at [www.empowerla.org/ghsnc](http://www.empowerla.org/ghsnc)), so the Board could take such votes. Sixteen Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat was vacant [At-Large]. Several members of the new Board to be installed for 2021 were also present.

**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 only 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,

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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 public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

Javier, staff person for Assembly member Suzette Valladares, commented that she has been in office for 101 days, and if anyone needed help with any state services to please contact their district office at 661-286-1565.

#### **IV. Board Issues**

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the method for seating new board members in accordance with DONE policy. Since GHSNC has the same number of candidates as seats, the new Board may take effect upon either the regular meeting following certification by the City Clerk Election Division or on July 1, 2021.

Dave Beauvais explained that our decision tonight is whether to have the new Board seated right after they are certified by the City OR to wait until the beginning of the fiscal year, which would be July. Dave asked the incoming Board members who were present for their comments. Launa Bogartz, George Karam, Carolyn Sanderson, and Chavon Smith all gave input – there were several comments about being able to have input on the upcoming budget, but being open to either choice.

Board members then commented on the issue including Mike Benedetto, Carlos Amador, John Horn, Mark Morris, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson, Ross Turmel, Colleen Toumayan, and Dave Beauvais. Concerns were again expressed about the new board having input on the budget, and also giving the incoming new Board members time to complete the required training before taking office. Freddy Cupen-Ames, our Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, reviewed the trainings that the incoming Board will be required to complete. He also mentioned new trainings that are coming online for Board members, like Diversity, Anti-Bias, and Planning 101.

**MOTION** moved by Mark Morris and seconded by Carlos Amador to seat the new Board at the next regular meeting following certification by the City Clerk Election Division.

**MOTION FAILED** by a roll call vote of the twelve members present: Five (5) Board members voted Aye/Yes: Carlos Amador, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson, Mark Morris, and Ross Turmel; Six (6) Board members voted No/Nay: Mike Benedetto, John Horn, Sally Kolstad, Jerilyn Mendoza, Abbey Ronquillo, and Colleen Toumayan; one (1) Abstention: Dave Beauvais.

With the motion to seat the incoming Board at the meeting immediately following City certification failing, the default choice becomes to seat the

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incoming Board in July. Dave Beauvais ruled that no other motion was needed.

- B. Revote on NPG from PALs. This revote is necessary because of a typo in the Agenda from the Regular March meeting. The Agenda read, and the Board voted for \$3500, but the funding request was for \$2500. The revote is to approve the NPG in the amount of \$2500.

**FUNDING MOTION** moved by Jerilyn Mendoza, seconded by Mike Benedetto: The GHSNC approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to PALs. Grant to be used to expand services and programs to youth in the North San Fernando Valley.

Both Public Comment and Board comment was elicited, but there was none.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the twelve members present: Eleven (11) members voted Aye/Yes: Dave Beauvais, Mike Benedetto, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson, John Horn, Sally Kolstad, Jerilyn Mendoza, Mark Morris, Abbey Ronquillo, Colleen Toumayan, and Ross Turmell. There was one (1) Abstention: Carlos Amador.

## V. Adjournment

**MOTION to ADJOURN** moved by Mark Morris, seconded by Sally Kolstad.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:30 p.m.

*The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been copied from the Agenda. Minutes written by Secretary, Julie Carson. The GHSNC Board Meeting Minutes page is <http://www.ghsnc.org/resources/minutes-and-agendas>.*