



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, October 2, 2014

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Brad Smith (Member-at-Large)	Gina Greschner (Renters)
Vice-President: Jerry Askew (Business)	Varun Khurana (Students)
Secretary: Anthony Matthews (Parks & Arts)	Sally Kolstad (Education)
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (MaL)	Deron Lopez (Youth Organizations)
Michael Benedetto (MaL)	Eric Mansker (Homeowners)
Jeffrey Bohrer (MaL)	Jim Summers (MaL)
Bonnie M. Bursk (Commercial Property Owners)	Rene R Trinidad (MaL)
Krisna Crawford-Velasco (MaL)	Ross Turmell (MaL)
Arthur A. Daush (Seniors)	Cindy Wu Freedman (MaL-CI)
Jett Dunlap (MaL)	Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian)
	Community Organizations: Pending
	Faith-Based: Pending

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I. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Jerry Askew called the Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by board Member Gina Greschner.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Secretary. Eleven of the 19 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jerry Askew, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Jett Dunlap, Gina Greschner, Varun Khurana, Sally Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Eric Mansker, Anthony Matthews and Rene Trinidad. Michael Benedetto, Cindy Wu Freedman and Ross Turmell arrived later. Board Members absent: Krisna Crawford-Velasco (excused), Arthur Daush (excused), Brandon Schindelheim (excused), Brad Smith (excused) and Jim Summers (excused). The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 11 (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/GranadaHillsSouthNC->

Bylaws.pdf), so the Board could take such votes. Nineteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats (Community Organizations and Faith-Based) were vacant. Also attending: 23 Stakeholders and Guests.

III. Minutes Approval

The following corrections to the September 4, 2014 General Board Meeting Minutes were requested:

Page five, Item #VIII. 1. a): the italicized sentence "*Board Member Bonnie Bursk recused herself and left the room at this time.*" should be placed after the sentence ending ". . . and other administrative costs" and before the sentence "Ms. Bursk relayed that the Committee voted unanimously, without her voting, to support the project."

Page five, Item #VIII. 1. a): "FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Trinidad" should read "FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Lopez."

Page six, Item #VIII. 4. a): "FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Trinidad" should read "FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Turmell."

MOTION (by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Lopez): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 4, 2014 General Board Meeting as corrected.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bursk confirmed that the Item #VIII. 1. a) funding Motion was made by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Matthews, not made by the Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Askew, Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Khurana, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews and Trinidad); one abstained (Bohrer).

See the Item #IX. Board Member Comments "*Motion to Reconsider.*"

AMENDED MOTION to APPROVE the MINUTES (by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 4, 2014 General Board Meeting with the following additional corrections:

Instead of the above correction of page five, Item #VIII. 1. a), make the below correction: the sentence ending ". . . and other administrative costs" should be followed by the following separate paragraph: "*Board Member Bonnie Bursk recused herself and left the room at this time. As Ms. Bursk was leaving she was asked directly by Mr. Kuzmin what the Committee voted; she responded that the Committee voted unanimously, without her voting.*"

[This is a new correction.] Page one, Item #II “Cindy Wu Freedman (unexcused)” should read “Cindy Wu Freedman (excused).”

AMENDED MOTION to APPROVE the MINUTES PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Khurana, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Trinidad, Turmell and Wu Freedman). [Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.]

IV. Public Comment on non-Agenda items

Myrna Davis spoke on behalf of Mark Reed, 27th Congressional District Candidate (818.353.8777; www.MarkReedForCongress.com).

Board Member Cindy Wu Freedman arrived at this time, making 12 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

Diane Hand of the Stakeholders Empowerment and Enlightenment Coalition said the group seeks to ensure that tax money is well-used. Glenn Bailey, Northridge East NC Board Member (818-453-3407; GlennBaileySFV@yahoo.com), announced that the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) meets monthly second Thursdays and will have a land use planning workshop in December. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) meets monthly second Saturdays at Hollywood City Hall. Bob Hertzberg, State Senate 18th District Candidate, described his previous government experience.

Board Member Michael Benedetto arrived at this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

Stakeholder William Kuzmin is “filing another Grievance . . . against the Granada Hills South Bylaws Committee.” He described a recusal he believed a Committee Member should have made. Mr. Askew clarified that “the Brown Act requirement is for a public body to record a vote.”

V. Community Speakers

(1) Council District 12 – Tania Oronez

Tania Oronoz, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Tania.Oronoz@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>). was not present and there was no report.

(2) LAPD Senior Lead Officer - Dario Del Core

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011, x1727, mobile/text phone 818-634-0577; 27286@LAPD.LACity.org), was not present and there was no report.

- (3) Granada Hills Recreation Center - Annette Dib; Request for \$500 in funding to support the annual free Halloween Carnival. This will take place on Halloween day Friday October 31, 2014 from 4-8pm at Granada Hills Rec Center. (Note – request would require Motion and second; not a Committee recommendation because not presented to Education or Outreach.)

Mr. Mansker encouraged first presenting this to a Committee. There was extensive discussion of how such requests can be processed and whether they should or must first be addressed by a Committee.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Lopez): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate \$500 in funding to support the annual free Halloween Carnival. This will take place on Halloween day Friday October 31, 2014 from 4-8pm at Granada Hills Rec Center.

Board Member Michael Benedetto arrived at this time, making 14 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Askew asked and Mr. Bailey recommended to later adjust the GHSNC Budget. Mr. Mansker believed that funding should first be determined from which Budget category it would be allocated. Ms. Wu Freedman recommended putting the procedure on the GHSNC website.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Mr. Dunlap); there was no objection.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Bohrer, Greschner, Lopez, Matthews, Trinidad, Wu Freedman); three opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bursk, Kolstad and Mansker); two abstained (Dunlap and Turmell). [Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote.] Mr. Khurana was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Mr. Lopez): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate \$500 in funding from its Outreach Budget category to support the annual free Halloween Carnival. This will take place on Halloween day Friday October 31, 2014 from 4-8pm at Granada Hills Rec Center.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wu Freedman indicated there is approximately \$7,000 in the Outreach Budget.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Bohrer, Greschner, Lopez, Matthews, Trinidad, Wu Freedman); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Kolstad and Mansker); three abstained (Bursk, Dunlap and Turmell). [Presiding Officers can

choose whether or not to vote.] Mr. Khurana was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

VI. Board Issues and Updates

1. Appointment and confirmation and/or oath of office of new Board Members/assignments Community Organizations: Pending Faith-Based: Pending

Mr. Askew indicated there were no candidates. Mr. Mansker relayed that Lydia Grant, BONC [L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] Commissioner [Lydia.Grant@LACity.org; Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org; cell 818.470.6629; www.EmpowerLA.org; 213.978.1551] and Darren Martinez, L.A. Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Council Advice Division (213-978-8132; Darren.Martinez@LACity.org; http://atty.LACity.org/Community_Services/Neighborhood_Councils/index.htm), suggested converting the Faith-Based Organization Seat to a Member At Large Seat. Mr. Kuzmin recommended converting it to a Residential Landlord Seat. Ms. Grant reminded that, to change the Seat category, the Bylaws must be changed.

2. Review and approval of: Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), including Purchase Card bank statement for the month of August; may include potential reallocations/un-encumbrances to existing budget. See Budget Report and Monthly Expenditure Report, as of Sept. 30, 2014.

Mr. Askew indicated that the Treasurer was not present and there was no Report.

VII. Officers' Reports

1. President – Mr. Askew indicated for Mr. Smith that there was no report.
2. Vice-President -- Mr. Askew indicated that there was no report.
3. Treasurer – Mr. Askew indicated for Mr. Schindelheim that there was no report.
 - a) Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Budget Report FY 2014 - as of Sept. 30, 2014. *See above #VII. 3.*
 - b) Monthly Expenditure Report for: September, 2014. *See above Item #VI. 2.*
4. Secretary -- Mr. Matthews indicated that there was no report.

VIII. Committee Reports

1. Beautification
Ms. Bursk indicated that there was no report at this time.

2. Budget

- a) Report from the Budget Committee.

Mr. Askew indicated that there was no report at this time.

- b) (City) Budget Advocates report (Crawford-Velasco /Wu Freedman)

Mr. Bailey, a Neighborhood Councils Budget Advocate (www.BudgetAdvocatesLA.com), reported that the Budget Advocates have created a number of social media outlets, including Twitter and Facebook.

3. Bylaws and Rules

- a) Report from the Bylaws and Rules Committee.

Mr. Mansker reported that discussion and possible action regarding BONC policy recommendations needs to be Agendized. He noted that homeowners can run for various Board Seats. Mr. Mansker reported that the North Hills West Neighborhood Council (NHWNC “said they’re not going to bring . . . up” transfer of an area currently within NHWNC boundaries to the GHSNC and that “we can’t compel them.”

4. Education

- a) Report from the Education Committee.

Ms. Kolstad will ask for a Library funding allocation to be Agendized.

5. Outreach -- Report and possible Board action on recommendations from Committee.

- a) GH Holiday Parade (Dec. 7th) GHSNC sponsorship (up to \$1,500.00 from Outreach) and participation [Bonnie Bursk]

Mr. Benedetto reported that the Committee met. Ms. Bursk clarified that she is “not on the Chamber Board; just a Member of the Parade Committee.” Copies of a Parade fundraising flier were distributed.

Board Member Jerry Askew recused from voting and left the room at this time. Ross Turmell became the Presiding Officer.

Ms. Bursk described that there will be many participants and attendees and the importance to the community of the event. There was discussion that the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the allocation.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council accepts the recommendation of its Outreach Committee and allocates up to \$1,500.00 from its Outreach Budget to a 501(c)3 non-profit organization for banners and will sponsor the December 7, 2014 Granada Hills Holiday Parade.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Mansker noted that “we’ve supported it every year . . . lots of people attend.”

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Bohrer, Dunlap, Greschner, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Trinidad, Wu Freedman); one abstained (Bursk); one recused (Askew). [Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.] Mr. Khurana was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

Board Member Jerry Askew returned to the room at this time and resumed as the Presiding Officer.

b) Up to \$300 for -frame sign purchases [Trinidad]

Mr. Trinidad explained that the signs “would have our logo on it . . . we’re buying six of them” to give directions to Stakeholders to Committee and Board Meetings. The expected cost is \$242.63.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$300 for frame sign purchases.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wu Freedman recommended to buy eight signs.

MOTION to POSTPONE (by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Mansker).

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wu Freedman said the Committee discussed this for “at least 20 minutes . . . we don’t need to wait.” Other Board Members agreed. Mr. Mansker said “we already have” signs. Mr. Trinidad said that more visibility is needed for outreach.

MOTION to POSTPONE FAILED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with two in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Lopez and Mansker); 11 opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Khurana, Kolstad, Matthews, Trinidad, Turmell, Wu Freedman). [Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote.]

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Kolstad, Matthews, Trinidad, Turmell, Wu Freedman); three opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bohrer, Lopez and Mansker). [Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.] Mr. Khurana was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

c) Up to \$500 for table and chair purchases [Smith]

Ms. Wu Freedman explained that the Outreach Committee will be attending food truck nights and probably will need “four chairs, one table.”

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$500 for table and chair purchases.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Bursk, Kolstad, Mansker, Matthews, Trinidad, Turmell, Wu Freedman); four abstained (Bohrer, Dunlap, Greschner and Lopez). [Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.] Mr. Khurana was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

d) Up to \$300 for GHSNC window stickers for Business [Wu]

Ms. Wu Freedman “would like to make the Neighborhood Council more visible.” Each sticker “would be a four by four sticker that would go on business windows,” have the GHSNC logo and say “Community supporters of ___” then the logo. The expected cost is \$329.76 for 3,000 stickers.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$300 for GHSNC window stickers for business.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Wu Freedman, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$350 for GHSNC window stickers for business.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wu Freedman indicated that the stickers can be applied on cars and also would be available to non-business owners. She said the Committee “will put the [GHSNC] website on the bottom.” Ms. Bursk and other Board Members were concerned that too many stickers would be ordered and that most businesses would not display them. Mr. Turmell encouraged to “start with a pilot program.” Mr. Mansker would like to have seen “a mock-up of the sticker.”

MOTION to POSTPONE (by Mr. Khurana, seconded by Mr. Mansker).

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wu Freedman said the company offered “50% off”; the price would’ve been \$800. She indicated that the logo design would be presented to the Outreach Committee.

MOTION to POSTPONE PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Khurana, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker and Matthews); four opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Benedetto, Trinidad, Turmell and Wu Freedman); one abstained (Bohrer). [Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote.]

e) GH Street Fair - final preparations - Oct. 11th (Summers)

Mr. Benedetto and Mr. Mansker described preparations.

f) Outreach Results from Disaster Preparedness Event - 9/27 (Summers)

Mr. Benedetto reported that “the event was a huge success.” City Council District 12 will share sign-in contact information with participating neighborhood Councils.

g) GHSNC Survey - for Street Fair (Summers)

Mr. Benedetto recommended having tri-fold brochures to distribute.

h) Food Truck Fridays (Summers)

Mr. Benedetto and Ms. Wu Freedman will be present on second and fourth Fridays.

6. Planning and Land Use – Report from the PLUM Committee and possible Board action on recommendations regarding:

Mr. Askew reported that “all of these were discussed in detail at the Committee.”

a) Small Lot Subdivision Guidelines and Ordinance (CF# 13-1478). Motion from Committee: GHSNC supports the recommendations made within the July 1 2014 Planning & Land Use Management Committee report relative to evaluating and revising the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance to ensure that Small Lot Subdivisions are compatible with the neighborhood.

Mr. Askew explained the issue. Stakeholder Maria Fisk described Small Lot Subdivisions. Mr. Kuzmin was concerned that the Agenda does not indicate what the Committee recommendations were. Board Members clarified that this Motion is “to take a second look” at the Ordinance.

MOTION (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations made within the July 1 2014 Planning & Land Use Management Committee report relative to evaluating and revising the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance to ensure that Small Lot Subdivisions are compatible with the neighborhood.

Board Member Jett Dunlap left the room around this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Bohrer, Greschner, Khurana, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Trinidad, Turmell, Wu Freedman); one abstained (Bursk). [Presiding Officers can choose whether or not to vote; if they don’t a vote can still be unanimous.]

- b) Proposed amendments to Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (CF# 14-0656) Motion from Committee: GHSNC [see the below Motion].

Ms. Fisk described that the Ordinance “didn’t really limit the size [of structures] on the lot”; this is “to simplify” the Ordinance. Mr. Askew reported that the Ordinance was “read in Committee.” Mr. Kuzmin was concerned that changes to the BMO which the GHSNC is considering opining on were not specified in this Meeting. There was extensive discussion by Ms. Fisk and others of possible meanings of the BMO and the amendments, and possible impacts. Mr. Mansker encouraged attending GHSNC PLUC Meetings.

MOTION (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council supports Councilman Koretz' Motion dated 5/16/2014 to amend the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance so that future projects would be more compatible with the surrounding area.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Greschner, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Turmell and Wu Freedman); none opposed (“No” or “Nay”); five abstained (Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Khurana and Trinidad).

Board Member Jett Dunlap returned to the room around this time, making 14 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

- c) Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility – SW Corner of Chatsworth & Encino (ZA-2014-2262-CUW-DRB-SPP) Motion from Committee: Request applicant to send required notifications via certified mail.

Mr. Askew explained the issue and that “the idea is that it’s going to create a better record.” He spoke with Walter Gaworecki of Synergy Development Services (818.840.0808; WGaworecki@synergy.com), a Verizon Wireless representative, who said “it’s a City-controlled process.” Ms. Wu Freedman said “a lot of Stakeholders said they never got a notice . . . the Motion is a way to ensure . . . Stakeholders get Notified.” There was discussion of possible mailing and notification methods. Mr. Mansker observed that “the biggest issue is the height”; the project would exceed the 35-foot height limit.

MOTION to POSTPONE INDEFINITELY (by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Mr. Mansker).

MOTION to POSTPONE INDEFINITELY PASSED by acclimation.

7. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

a) Update on the Emergency Preparedness Fair.

See above Item #VIII. 5. f).

b) Update on CERT courses in our area and the course we will host.

Mr. Turmell reported that there will be a CERT [Community Emergency Response Team; 818-756-9674; www.cert-la.com, lafdcert@LACity.org] class Wednesdays at 3:30 at Knollwood Country Club.

c) Update on LADOT and the corner of Chatsworth and Yarmouth.

Mr. Turmell reported that a pedestrian was struck by a food truck by Chatsworth and Yarmouth. The GHSNC sent a letter to the City requesting a speed monitor there; the City installed flashing crosswalk lights. The GHSNC sent another letter requesting for an upgrade; the City Dept. of Transportation emailed they will install “a full stoplight at that location” which will then “have . . . three stoplights in a row . . . the next Safety [Committee] Meeting will address this.” Mr. Turmell clarified that the Committee never requested a stoplight.

IX. Board Member Comments

Ms. Bursk clarified that her response to Mr. Kuzmin that was noted in the September 4, 2014 GHSNC Board Meeting Minutes Item #VIII. 1. a) was in response to his question to her as she was leaving the Meeting to recuse herself from voting on that Item; her response was “upon the direct question of Mr. Kuzmin as Ms. Bursk was leaving the room.”

MOTION to RECONSIDER (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will RECONSIDER its October 2, 2014 approval of its September 4, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION to RECONSIDER PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bohrer, Greschner, Khurana, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Trinidad and Turmell); three abstained (Bursk, Dunlap and Wu Freedman).

See the Item #III. “AMENDED MOTION to APPROVE the MINUTES.”

[*This Agenda Item was continued after Item #3.*] Ms. Kolstad announced that “ID cards for the elderly” aged 65 and over will be available at the Street Fair.

X. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Ms. Greschner, seconded by Mr. Mansker).

MOTION PASSED without any objection.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:20 p.m.

Approved by Board Secretary

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