



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

Thursday, November 6, 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 Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Jerry Askew called the Meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken. Twelve of the 19 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jerry Askew, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Arthur Daush, Jett Dunlap, Gina Greschner, Sally Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Eric Mansker, Jim Summers and Ross Turmell. Krisna Crawford-Velasco and Brandon Schindelheim arrived later. Five Board Members were absent: Varun Khurana, Anthony Matthews, Brad Smith, Rene Trinidad and Cindy Wu Freedman (all 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: 17 Stakeholders and Guests.

III. Minutes Approval

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. 7. a.]

MOTION to POSTPONE (by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Turmell): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council POSTPONES approval of the Minutes of its October 2, 2014 General Board Meeting to the next Board Meeting.

MOTION to POSTPONE PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Daush, Dunlap, Greschner, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Summers and Turmell).

IV. Public Comment on non-Agenda items

Stakeholder William Kuzmin believed his Grievance filing only can be dismissed by the Board, not the President. Stakeholder Richard Fisk announced the opening of a new DMV Office at Woodley and San Fernando Mission Rd. Stakeholder Dr. Carl Melnik mentioned that the YMCA will be requesting \$1,000 for the GHSNC to fund, as it has before, the Y’s Thanksgiving baskets. Ms. Bursk reminded about the Dec. 7th Granada Hills Holiday Parade.

V. Community Speakers

(1) Council District 12 – Tania Oronoz

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.

[Each Item’s first paragraph is directly from the Agenda.]

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 that there were no applicants.

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 Oct. 31, 2014.

See below Item #VII. 3. b).

VII. Officers' Reports

1. President

Mr. Smith was not present and there was no report.

2. Vice-President

Mr. Askew indicated that there was no report.

3. Treasurer

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. 1. a).]

a) GHSNC Budget Report FY 2014 - as of Oct. 31, 2014

Mr. Schindelheim reviewed recent expenses.

b) Monthly Expenditure Report(s) for: September, 2014, and October, 2014

Board Member Bonnie Bursk returned to the room and Board Member Krisna Crawford-Velasco arrived during the above expenses review, making 14 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Reports for: September, 2014 and October, 2014, including to reallocate \$4,040 from the Transcription Services Budget category to the following two categories: \$3,000 to General Outreach and \$1,040 to Neighborhood Purposes Grants; and unencumber \$667.19 from the Movie Night line item.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Daush, Dunlap, Greschner, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Summers and Turmell).

4. Secretary: at request of Bylaws chair, please schedule meeting to consider continued contract with Postal Plus vendor.

Mr. Matthews was not present and there was no report. Mr. Mansker believed that the postal service being used by the GHSNC was not providing needed services. Mr. Askew requested and Mr. Mansker agreed to refer the concern to the Budget and Finance Committee.

VIII. Committee Reports

1. Beautification

Mr. Askew requested and there was no objection to combining below Item #'s VIII. 1. a) and b).

- a) Request (late October) from Rotary Club of Granada Hills for financial support for the annual Holiday tree lighting at the Zelzah Triangle; in past years, this has cost up to \$3,500 to have the lights (which are owned by GHSNC and stored in our storage unit) to be professionally installed by a firm with the requisite insurance and licensing. This can be considered a request to (jointly) the Beautification and Outreach Committees, which has dealt with this issue in the past. Please note that the Budget Chair has suggested up to \$3,000 is available from various accounts to cover this cost; however, because this was not considered by either Committee, supporting this event will require a Motion, second, and discussion, and vote by the full Board.

Mr. Askew read aloud the Item.

Board Member Bonnie Bursk recused herself and left the room at this time, making 11 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

Mr. Kuzmin requested for the Item to be tabled until a Budget allocation category is identified. Dr. Melnik said "this is a Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council project; the Rotary Club has overseen it . . . the Rotary Club wants proof of insurance." There was discussion of whether the GHSNC would allocate the funds all at once or half now and half later.

[A recess was held at this time.]

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Turmell): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$3,500 for the Christmas Tree lighting at the triangle at Chatsworth St. and Zelzah Ave.

DISCUSSION: Ralph Kroy will check another funding possibility. Mr. Summers believed funding should come from the Beautification budget. There was discussion of from which Budget category funding may be allocated.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Mansker): to add the phrase "with \$500 being allocated from Budget category Outreach and \$3,000 from Temp Services" to the main Motion so that the complete Motion is "The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will

allocate up to \$3,500 for the Christmas Tree lighting at the triangle at Chatsworth St. and Zelzah Ave., with \$500 being allocated from Budget category Outreach and \$3,000 from Temp Services.”

AMENDED to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Daush, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Summers and Turmell); two abstained (Dunlap and Greschner); one had recused (and was out of the room: Bursk).

Board Member Brandon Schindelheim arrived at this time, making 13 Board Members present for the Meeting (though Ms. Bursk had recused and was still out of the room) (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Daush, Greschner, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Summers and Turmell); one abstained (Dunlap); one had recused (and was out of the room: Bursk).

- b) Request (from Vice-President) to re-apportion the Street Clock budget item (\$5,000) across two years (\$2,500 from FY 014 budget and \$2,500 from FY 2015 budget) to provide flexibility regarding holiday tree lighting event.

See above Item # VIII. 1. a).

2. Budget

- a) any issues arising from item VII-3 above;

No issues were cited.

- b) (City) Budget Advocates report

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #III.] Ms. Crawford-Velasco reported that Regional Budget Day “went well.”

- ## 3. Bylaws and Rules - VANC has three CFs they would like GHSNC to track; notably:

Mr. Mansker explained the Community Impact Statement filing procedure.

- a) establishment of a Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund [CF 14-016-S3];

Mr. Mansker explained the issue.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE (by Mr. Turmell, seconded by Ms. Greschner): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council REFERS this Item to its Planning and Land Use COMMITTEE.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of whether to convene a committee to consider writing Community Impact Statements. Mr. Askew offered to Agendize this for the next Board Meeting.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Daush, Greschner, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Summers and Turmell); one abstained (Dunlap).

- b) Street Vending on the City right-of-way, [CF 13-1493 and related CF 13-0980, 08--0011-S3.

See above Item #8. 3. a).

- c) From the Education and Neighborhoods Committee which is relative to the recommendations for a neighborhood Council Grievance System.

See above Item #8. 3. a).

- d) Also, Chair to announce next Committee meeting, including consideration of funding protocols and possible addition of such to the GHSNC Bylaws and Rules

Mr. Mansker explained the issue and the need to outreach to potential funding requestors.

4. Education

Ms. Kolstad reported that the Friends of the Library [<http://www.lapl.org/branches/granada-hills>] are requesting \$1,500 in funding. Mr. Schindelheim encouraged waiting until March to consider this because this year there are new allocations to be made. No Motion was made.

- a) Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to approve an amount for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Friends of the Library. Amount not to exceed \$500.

Ms. Kolstad will advise the Friends that funding needs to be identified.

5. Outreach

- a) See Item 1-a-1, above, regarding Holiday Tree Lighting event;

Mr. Askew indicated that this already was addressed in above Item #VIII. 1. a).

- b) Report from Halloween event at Granada Hills Recreation Center.

Mr. Summers estimated that 300-350 people attended “a very good outreach event” October 31st.

- c) Report from Granada Hills Street Fair Event

Mr. Summers indicated there were “a lot of people” at the October 11th event.

- d) Discussion on GHSNC participation in annual Granada Hills Holiday Parade; GHSNC is a sponsor and has the opportunity to participate in the parade as a unit (walking, biking, in motor vehicles); participation has to be planned, however. Note that President and Vice-President have driven/participated as volunteers in the parade in prior years. GHSNC has also participated jointly with GHNNC in prior years. Also, parade committee has requested to borrow GHSNC PA system, as in past years, and as done recently for Street Fair.

There was discussion of what vehicle(s) to use in the event.

MOTION (by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allow the Chamber of Commerce to borrow the public address system for the December 7, 2014 Granada Hills Holiday Parade.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Daush, Dunlap, Greschner, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Summers and Turmell).

6. Planning and Land Use

- a) Appeal of Proposed Cell Tower: 10341 N. Woodley Ave. (ZA 2014-1075-CUW) Board to review issues raised by appellants in opposition to the proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility for Verizon Wireless. Action by Committee may include, without limitation, rescinding and/or amending positions taken at a prior meeting.

Mr. Askew read aloud the above Item, explained the issue and will reschedule this for the January 7th PLUM Committee Meeting.

7. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

- a) to approve a draft letter to be provided by the Chair of the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee with regard to our request for the City of Los Angeles to not place a stop light at the corner of Chatsworth and Yarmouth. The letter (if approved) is to be sent to LA DOT, Councilman Englander's Office and the Los Angeles Police Department.

Mr. Turmell reported that the Committee TABLED this Item to "gather more information." The City Street Services Dept. has not replied to him about this.

IX. Board Member Comments

Ms. Bursk and Mr. Turmell reported that there will be a CERT [Community Emergency Response Team; 818-756-9674; www.cert-la.com, lafdcert@LACity.org] class here on Tuesdays from March 3 – April 14, 2015 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. conducted by Firefighter Susan Jensen. Mr. Benedetto reminded "we need to act civil with each other." Mr. Summers encouraged event information submissions for website posting. Stakeholder Mike Kabo thanked the GHSNC for its Street Fair support.

X. Adjournment

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote with all 14 in favor.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:45 p.m.

Approved by Board Secretary

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