



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

Thursday, January 8, 2015

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

President Smith called the Meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stakeholder Ralph Kroy.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Eight of the 19 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jerry Askew, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Deron Lopez, Eric Mansker, Anthony Matthews and Brad Smith. Arthur Daush, Sally Kolstad, Brandon Schindelheim and Jim Summers arrived later. Seven Board Members were absent: Krisna Crawford-Velasco, Jett Dunlap, Gina Greschner, Rene Trinidad, Ross Turmell and Cindy Wu Freedman (all excused) and Varun Khurana (unexcused). 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 at this time the Board could only take public comments and could not

have any discussions, make any Motions or take any votes. Nineteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats (Community Organizations and Faith-Based Organizations) were vacant. Also attending: 20 Stakeholders and Guests.

III. Approval of Minutes from the December 2014 regular Meetings

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. 5.]

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

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Daush, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Schindelheim and Summers); none opposed; one abstained (Smith).

IV. Public Comment

Maria Smith of the Chamber of Commerce announced and copies were distributed of a flier for the February 27th Chamber of Commerce “Installation of Directors and Officers and Awards Ceremony” at the Odyssey Restaurant [Athena Room, 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills, CA 91344, 818-366-5817; www.TheOdysseyRestaurant.com]. Cocktails will be at 6:00; dinner at 7:00. Tickets are \$75 each. GHSNC Board Members are invited at a reduced price of \$35 each. There will be live and silent auctions and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Board Member Brandon Schindelheim arrived at this time, making nine Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

Mr. Matthews announced the January 31st L.A. Museums free day. Stakeholder William Kuzmin “filed a Grievance last month” and “also filed” a Grievance “during the month.”

Board Member Jim Summers arrived at this time, making ten Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

Mr. Kuzmin was concerned with how his Grievances are being handled and Agendas being posted.

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.

VI. Board Issues and Updates: Note that Members voting on financial issues must have passed the necessary Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) training courses.

1. Appointment and confirmation and/or oath of office of new Board

Members/assignments Community Organizations: Pending Faith-Based: Pending; note that President has met with one candidate and application is pending; may nominate in February pending reference check, discussion with DONE and CA, etc.

Mr. Smith noted the above; there may be a presentation at the February 5th Meeting.

VII. Officers' Reports – for consideration/response/ratification by the Board:

1. President – Mr. Smith indicated that there was no report.

2. Vice-President – Mr. Askew indicated that there was no report.

3. Treasurer

a) Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Budget Report FY 2014 - as of December, 2014-January 2015

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. 7.*] Mr. Schindelheim reported that the quarterly balance is \$2,198.50.

b) Monthly Expenditure Report(s) for: December, 2014

Mr. Schindelheim noted that the Temporary Staff allocation should have been on the November Monthly Expenditure Report.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report and Budget Report for December 2014.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Daush, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Schindelheim, Smith and Summers); none opposed; none abstained.

c) NC Budget Advocates report (Crawford-Velasco /Wu Freedman)

Mr. Smith noted that Ms. Crawford-Velasco and Ms. Wu Freedman were absent and there was no report.

4. Secretary – Mr. Matthews indicated that there was no report.

VIII. Committee Reports

1. Beautification (Bursk) -- nothing from Committee.

Ms. Bursk indicated that there was no report.

2. Budget (Schindelheim) -- nothing from Committee.

Mr. Schindelheim indicated that there was no report.

3. Bylaws and Rules (Mansker) -- Report from the Bylaws and Rules Chair; Motions to require second for Board actions on the following issues (see supplementary materials from Chair):

a) Board action (will need a second) on suggested language for GHSNC NPG and related project Funding Guidelines (see attached). This language was created by a joint Bylaws and Budget Committees meeting, but is not a Committee recommendation as such, thus needs a second.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. 3. b).*] Mr. Mansker explained the usefulness of and read aloud proposed funding guidelines. There was extensive discussion of how the guidelines can be worded and used.

Board Member Anthony Matthews had to leave at this time, making 11 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

Mr. Schindelheim noted that the Committee could not meet because there was no quorum.

MOTION (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Bursk): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will establish project Funding Guidelines.

DISCUSSION: Stakeholders expressed support.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Mr. Lopez): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will refer this Item #VIII. 3. a) to its Bylaws and Rules Committee regarding establishing project Funding Guidelines.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE FAILED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Lopez and Smith); six opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bursk, Daush, Kolstad, Mansker, Schindelheim and Summers); none abstained.

MAIN MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bursk, Daush, Kolstad, Mansker, Schindelheim); six opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Lopez, Smith and Summers); none abstained.

Mr. Smith noted that Neighborhood Purposes Grant rules already exist.

- b) Follow-up on Bylaws Committee recommendation, to establish a standing Committee to make recommendations on open Council Files.

Mr. Mansker explained the need for the establishment of a Government Affairs Committee to deal with City Council Files and write Community Impact statements (CIS’s) to communicate GHSNC positions to the City Council.

MOTION (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Lopez): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council rescinds the Motion it passed at its December 4, 2014 Board Meeting in Item #VIII. 3. A. to “establish an ad hoc Government Affairs Committee” and instead will establish a standing Government Affairs Committee.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of the purpose of the Motion.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Mansker); there was no objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Daush, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Schindelheim, Smith and Summers); none opposed; none abstained.

- 4. Education (Kolstad) -- no Motions from Committee.

Ms. Kolstad indicated that there was no report.

- 5. Outreach (Summers) -- no motions from Committee.
 - a) Holiday Tree Lighting event;

Mr. Summers reported that the tree lighting was successful.

b) Granada Hills Holiday Parade;

Mr. Summers described the successful Parade. The next Committee Meeting will be Wednesday January 14th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Euphrasia Church; a community survey will be discussed.

Board Members Arthur Daush and Sally Kolstad arrived at this time, making 12 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11). Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items.

6. Planning and Land Use (Askew) – Report from the PLUM Chair and possible board actions/updates on the following issues:

Mr. Askew reported that the Committee met last night.

- a) Appeal of Proposed Cell Tower: 10341 N. Woodley Ave. (ZA 2014-1075-CUW) Committee to review issues raised by appellants in opposition to the proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility for Verizon Wireless. Action by Committee may have been to include rescinding and/or amending positions taken at a prior meeting.

Mr. Askew described the issue. Stakeholder John Scheiss described work with other Stakeholders, saying “we’ve come to a successful resolution.” Walter Gaworecki of Synergy Development Services (818.840.0808; WGaworecki@synergy.com), a Verizon Wireless representative, reported that the City Planning Department Zoning Administrator’s approval was appealed. He said that Verizon “agreed not to put any co-locations on the pole.” He described project changes made, including adding the requested block wall on the northeast corner. Mr. Mansker noted that the GHSNC requested that the tower have 3 ½ branches per foot; Mr. Gaworecki indicated that Verizon will do that. There was extensive discussion of the project and appeal status and possibilities.

MOTION (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council has no opposition to the proposed cell tower at 10341 N. Woodley Ave. (ZA 2014-1075-CUW) per the Site Plan, with the tower to have 3 ½ branches per foot; camouflaged socks to cover the antenna panels; and hardware painted to match the surrounding camouflage.

MOTION PASSED by acclamation; none opposed; none abstained.

- b) Granada Hills Specific Plan, Commercial District – Prohibited Uses, Enforcement Discussion of land use restrictions embodied in the Granada Hills Specific Plan, LA Municipal Code, LA County and CA

Mr. Askew indicated that the Committee is working on the above.

- c) State laws and recommendations for amendments to same. Discussion of enforcement options available to remove prohibited uses (e.g. Massage Parlors, unpermitted alcohol and tobacco uses) and possible action to recommend enforcement of same.

Mr. Askew indicated that the Committee is working on the above.

- d) Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility – SW Corner of Chatsworth & Encino Verizon Wireless and Synergy Development Svc. Proposal to install screened antennas on the roof of an existing building at the N, E and W faces of the building. Height exception to the Granada Hills Specific Plan may be required.

Mr. Askew indicated that the Committee is working on the above.

- e) White Oak Ave / Chatsworth St improvements.- Review of streetscape improvement project commencing at the intersection of White Oak Ave & Chatsworth and the effect on the Deodar Tree cultural monument.

Mr. Askew indicated that the Committee is working on the above.

- f) Procedure for review of City Planning cases. Committee processes for reviewing City Planning cases including discussion of procedures for identification, review and outreach.

Mr. Askew indicated that the Committee is working on the above.

- g) Definition of Massage Parlors (ZA-2014-3997-ZAI) An interpretation that replaces and supersedes ZA-2010-2714-ZAI and clarifies the regulation of massage parlors,

Mr. Askew indicated that the Committee is working on the above.

- h) pursuant to new state Business and Professions Code provisions (eff. 01/01/2015). Committee may recommends including but not limited to establishing a position or making recommendations.

Mr. Askew indicated that the Committee is working on the above.

- i) Permit Existing Structures 11076 N Louise Ave (DIR-2014-3970-RAO) Permit the existing covered carport and patio with zero setback. Committee recommends action including but not limited to establishing a position or making recommendations.

Mr. Askew indicated that the Committee is working on the above.

7. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness (Turmell) – Report from the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Chair; no motions from Committee.

Mr. Smith noted that Mr. Turmell was absent and there was no report.

IX. Board Member comments, announcements and agenda Items for next general Meeting and Committee Meetings.

Mr. Askew announced that Nicky Wheeler of All Valley Trophies passed away; a memorial fund is accepting contributions. Mr. Mansker encouraged attending VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) and other NC- and government-related meetings and events, as they help inform and respond to Stakeholders' concerns and questions. Mr. Schindelheim urged Board Members to attend Bylaws Committee meetings. Mr. Smith noted that all Board Members must, per City requirement, sign and submit a copy of the Code of Conduct.

X. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Mr. Benedetto).

MOTION PASSED by acclamation; none opposed; none abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:23 p.m.

[Each Item's first paragraph may be directly from the Agenda.]

Approved by Board Secretary

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