



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

Thursday, September 24, 2015

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Brad Smith (Member-at-Large)	Justin Kim (Student)
Vice-President: Jerry Askew (Business)	Sally Kolstad (Education)
Secretary: Anthony Matthews (Parks & Arts)	Deron Lopez (Youth Organizations)
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (MaL)	Eric Mansker (Homeowners)
Michael Benedetto (Community Organizations)	Mark Morris (Faith-Based Organizations)
Jeffrey Bohrer (MaL)	Nareh Sargsyan (At Large)
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)
Gina Greschner (Renters)	At Large: pending

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I. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance (Smith)

President Brad Smith called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Smith.

II. Roll Call (Matthews)

Roll Call was taken. Eleven of the 18 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jerry Askew, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Arthur Daush, Sally Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Anthony Matthews, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim, Brad Smith and Rene Trinidad. Ross Turmell and Cindy Wu Freedman arrived later. Five Board Members were absent: Bonnie Bursk, Krisna Crawford-Velasco, Jett Dunlap, Gina Greschner and Eric Mansker (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. Eighteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Three Board Seats (two At Large and one Student) were vacant [see Item #V]. [To apply, see www.ghsnc.org.] Also attending: 11 Stakeholders and Guests.

III. Approval of Minutes from prior Board Meetings – delayed to October general Board Meeting. (Matthews)

Mr. Smith requested and it was agreed to Table until the October [1st] Board Meeting approval of the Minutes.

IV. Public Comment: Community and Public Comment on non-agenda items.

Stakeholder Ralph Kroy announced the October 3rd 10:00-2:00 Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair at Fire Station 87. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory Open House is October 10 and 11, 9:00-4:00.

Board Member Ross Turmell arrived at 6:36 p.m., making 12 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

Stakeholder William Kuzmin believed that properties are being sold to homebuyers without agents giving a “disclaimer” about the Interim Control Ordinance (ICO). Stakeholder Glenn Bailey encouraged attending the Congress of Neighborhood Councils (NCs) on September 26th and participating in the Neighborhood Councils Sustainability Alliance [<http://ncsa.nationbuilder.com>]. He also encouraged NCs to coordinate work on land use issues, including on projects that are over their boundaries but affect other NCs. Stakeholder Richard Fisk reminded that “once the community Plan will go into effect, the ICO will go away.”

V. Board Issues & Updates: Note that Members voting on financial issues must have passed the necessary Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) training courses; in addition, Board Members must take the necessary ethics and code of conduct training in a timely manner.

1. GHSNC currently has three open seats (two at large and the Student seat. Board to consider applicants for one of the two at large seats and the Student seat at tonight’s special meeting. Note there is a need to re-adjust Committee memberships, including new Government Affairs Committee. Committee memberships will be adjusted, in compliance with our existing Bylaws, to allow for the new Members, and that said new Committee assignments will be presented at the October meeting for consideration by the Board. President asks all Members to contact him separately regarding future Board assignments; will present such at October general meeting. Appreciate applications for the additional open seat via e-mail to Secretary;

Mr. Smith noted the above. Stakeholders Nareh Sargsyan and Justin Kim expressed their interest in becoming Board Members.

Board Member Cindy Wu Freedman arrived at this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bohrer: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Nareh Sargsyan as an At Large Seat Board Member.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Daush, Kolstad, Lopez, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith, Trinidad, Turmell and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Lopez: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Justin Kim as the Student Seat Board Member.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Daush, Kolstad, Lopez, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith, Trinidad, Turmell and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Smith led new Board Members Nareh Sargsyan and Justin Kim in reading aloud the Oath of Office.

New Board Members Nareh Sargsyan and Justin Kim were Seated with the Board at this time, making 15 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

Mr. Smith reminded them that they need to complete Ethics Training, Funding Training and sign the Code of Conduct. He noted that former Board Member Julie Carson is interest in the vacant At Large Seat. He asked Board Members to send their “top four choices” for Committee Memberships so that “everyone is on at least two” Committees.

VI. Officer’s Reports – for consideration/response/ratification by the Board

1. President: Announcements regarding:

- a) NC Code of Conduct (see attached), Board Members acknowledgement of the Code, and that any violation of said policy, by a Board Member, while in a meeting will result in an immediate voice motion by the presiding officer and Board to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Smith requested all Board Members to take one of the printed copies available of the Code of Conduct. He noted that he may request an immediate adjournment if he believes it necessary.

- b) Board's future (October meeting) consideration of adopting the censure process in Article V section 8 of the Bylaws (<http://empowerla.org/wpcontent/uploads/2012/09/GranadaHillsSouthNC-Bylaws.pdf>). The censure process was left blank and the Board will determine whether it intends the process in Robert's Rules to apply. In addition, the Board May amend Article V section 8 to clarify the censure process.

Mr. Smith will Agendize consideration of adding a censure clause to the Bylaws, in consultation with DONE and the City Attorney's Office.

2. Vice President: Pending October meeting.

Mr. Askew indicated that there was no report.

3. Treasurer: Pending October meeting

Mr. Schindelheim noted that there was not a quorum for the August [6th] Board Meeting, so a Monthly Expenditure Report could not be submitted at that time.

4. Secretary: Pending October meeting

Mr. Matthews indicated that there was no report.

IV. Adjournment

[The Agenda said Adjournment was Item #”IV”; it was meant to be #”VII.”]

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Schindelheim).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 6:53 p.m.

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