



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

Thursday, April 7, 2016

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)	Justin Kim (Student)
Secretary: Anthony Matthews (Parks & Arts)	Sally Kolstad (Education)
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (MaL)	Deron Lopez (Youth Organizations)
Michael Benedetto (Community Organizations)	Eric Mansker (Homeowners)
Jeffrey Bohrer (MaL)	Mark Morris (Faith-Based Organizations)
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)
	At Large: pending
	Student: pending

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**I. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance** (Presiding officer)

President Smith called the Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**II. Roll Call** (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Thirteen of the 19 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jerry Askew, Michael Benedetto, Bonnie Bursk, Krisna Crawford-Velasco, Jett Dunlap, Sally Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Eric Mansker, Anthony Matthews, Mark Morris, Brad Smith, Rene Trinidad and Cindy Wu Freedman. Brandon Schindelheim arrived later. Five Board Members were absent: Jeffrey Bohrer (unexcused), Arthur Daush (excused), Gina Greschner (unexcused), Justin Kim (unexcused) and Ross Turmell (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 (At Large and Community Organizations) were vacant. [To apply, see [www.ghsnc.org](http://www.ghsnc.org).] Also attending: 14 Stakeholders and Guests.

**III. Approval of Minutes** from prior Board Meetings – to be considered by general Board (Secretary)

**MOTION** (by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 7, 2016 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** with zero opposed or abstained.

Mr. Smith requested and it was agreed to TABLE approval of the Minutes of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting.

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

David Kane of America's Healthy Kids, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, announced the availability of a children-only event that can be a fundraiser. Grace Lee, Field Representative for State 38th District Assemblymember Scott Wilk, (661-286-1565; [Grace.Lee@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Grace.Lee@asm.ca.gov); <http://ad38.asmsrc.org>), announced an April 23rd autism workshop for high school students. Also, information is available about the Aliso Canyon gas leak. Stakeholder William Kuzman noted a lawsuit against the City to overturn an Interim Control Ordinance. He was concerned about GHSNC election procedures.

**V. Community Speakers**

(1) Council District 12 Deputy - (General update)

Erick King, Public Safety Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; [Erick.King@LACity.org](mailto:Erick.King@LACity.org); <http://CD12.LACity.org>), reported that LAPD Devonshire Division Volunteer Community Patrol positions are available; contact him or the Police. It is a separate program from the Volunteer Surveillance Team.

(2) LAPD Senior Lead Officer - General update

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011, x1727, mobile/text phone 818-634-0577; [27286@LAPD.LACity.org](mailto:27286@LAPD.LACity.org); [http://www.LAPDOnline.org/devonshire\\_community\\_police\\_station](http://www.LAPDOnline.org/devonshire_community_police_station)), noted successful volunteer and law enforcement work in the Division. Property crime is down 1% from last year. For non-emergencies call 877-275-5273 [877-ASK-LAPD]. He encouraged locking vehicles.

**VI. Board Issues & Updates:** Election set for: Saturday April 9, 2016 Polling Hours: 11am – 5pm Granada Hills Rec Center 16730 Chatsworth St, Granada Hills, CA

91344 We need non-candidate volunteers to help support the election on Saturday, April 9; note that:

- Candidates cannot be volunteers on Election Day, even if they are running unopposed.
- Each NC will have FOUR (4) paid poll workers provided by Elections.
- Every NC needs additional volunteers.
- The NC (elections and outreach) is responsible for recruiting and scheduling their volunteers.
- NCs are not required to provide food, snacks, and drinks for poll workers/ volunteers but it's a good practice.
- Volunteers should be scheduled for the entire Election Day, including before the election for the set-up and after the polls close to count ballots and close up the polling location. Volunteers names to follow: Brad Smith; others TBD, Note if the meeting adjourns early, time can be provided for NC candidates to discuss their candidacies before the room must be closed tonight. Note that 50+ candidates attended the workshop GHSNC co-sponsored at the high school in April and most people stayed for the full program, according to IEA Molly Taylor. Thanks to all.

Mr. Smith noted that volunteers are needed. Ms. Crawford-Velasco and Ms. Kolstad volunteered. There will be "four paid poll workers" and food at the Election. He noted Election outreach.

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

1. President: Pending meeting  
Mr. Smith indicated that there was no report.
2. Vice-President: Pending meeting  
Mr. Askew indicated that there was no report.
3. Treasurer: will present:
  - a) Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Budget Report – as needed to April, 2015  
Mr. Schindelheim distributed and reviewed the "[GHSNC] Budget Report FY 2015 – as of [December 31, 2015 and January 31, 2016]."
  - b) Monthly Expenditure Report(s) for: as needed through to April, 2015.

Mr. Schindelheim distributed and reviewed the GHSNC "Monthly Expenditure Report"s for December 2015 and January 2016, for comparison. (December already had been approved.)

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2016.

**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, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Dunlap, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed or abstained.

- c) NC Budget Advocates report (Velasco & Wu)  
Ms. Crawford-Velasco reported that the White Paper of City budget recommendations is available.

- 4. Secretary: Pending meeting  
Mr. Matthews indicated that there was no report.

### **VIII. Committee Reports**

- 1) Beautification - Report from the Beautification Chair (Bursk); nothing from Committee.
  - A) In March, the BID was informed by the City was told the clock project has to go through the Office of Community Beautification through their Adopt-A-Median program; letter of support was provided and the effort is going forward. Ms. Bursk noted the above. No Permit has been issued; she explained the process and work with the City. The clock would be on Chatsworth just west of White Oak.
- 2) Budget - Report from the Budget Chair (Schindelheim); possible Board actions/updates on the following:
  - a) Monthly budget report(s).  
See above Item #VII. 3. a).
  - b) Consideration of Fy16 budget.  
Mr. Schindelheim encouraged this.
- 3) Bylaws and Rules – Report from the Bylaws Chair (Matthews); nothing from Committee.  
Mr. Matthews indicated that there was no report.
- 4) Education - Report from the Education Chair (Kolstad); nothing from Committee.
  - A) Request for \$500 NPG; not from Committee, so needs a second. Request from Holly Rasey, Director of Development, North Valley Family YMCA, (818-271-5059; HollyRasey@ymcala.org; <http://www.ymcala.org/north-valley>), in March requested agendizing a \$500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant to support their Healthy Kids Day April 30th, 10:00-2:00; they expect 1,000 people.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Crawford-Velasco, seconded by Mr. Lopez): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate a \$500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant to support the North Valley Family YMCA Healthy Kids Day April 30th, 10:00-2:00. The GHSNC will request access for outreach and acknowledgement for the GHSNC.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Dunlap, Kolstad, Lopez, Matthews, Morris, Smith and Wu Freedman); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Mansker and Trinidad); zero abstained.

B) Pending – request from GH Library for an NPG application for a microphone system. Need additional detail on funding request, etc. Would need a second if detail is available.

Ms. Kolstad explained that the request is pending; she described the work.

5) Outreach - Report from the Outreach chair (Benedetto); possible Board actions/updates on:

A) booth at Community Fair, St. John Baptiste De La Salle parish field; April 8-10;

Mr. Benedetto indicated that the booth is set.

B) booth/presence at North Valley Family YMCA Healthy Kids Day April 30th

Mr. Benedetto indicated that the GHSNC will have a booth.

C) Report on GH Rec Center Spring Egg Hunt (March 19).

Mr. Benedetto thanked volunteers. Around 800 people attended and “we picked up something like 150 emails plus.”

6) Planning and Land Use – Report from the Planning Chair; nothing from Committee:

Mr. Askew indicated that a Police report is available regarding [**JA CLARIFY:** \_\_\_ **Manny’s** \_\_\_ ?] \_\_\_

7) Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness – Report from Chair (Turmell); nothing from Committee.

A) Request from Devonshire SOLID for \$600 NPG for Devonshire Officer Appreciation Day on Wed May 25th, 2016; contribution to \$8,600 budget for event, including catering, etc. Not from Committee, so needs a second.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Crawford-Velasco, seconded by Ms. Kolstad): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate to Devonshire SOLID a \$600 Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Devonshire Officer Appreciation Day on a date to be determined; contribution to \$8,600 budget for event, including catering, etc.

**DISCUSSION:** It was said that the event was postponed to September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Dunlap, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Morris, Smith and Trinidad); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Wu Freedman); zero abstained.

- B) Request from organizers of 9th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016. They are requesting a contribution of \$850 for this year's Fair, however, any amount would be greatly appreciated. Underway with organizational and planning meetings. Bill Hopkins (organizing committee) has made the request. Not from committee, so needs a second.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Crawford-Velasco, seconded by Ms. Kolstad): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate \$850 to the 9th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held on Sat., Oct. 1, 2016.

**DISCUSSION:** Stakeholder Dave Beauvais noted that, last year, 1,500-1,800 people attended the event at Fire Station 87. He said “it is a great public safety event . . . [with] education and tools about emergency preparedness.” Neighborhood Councils get email addresses. He urged to allocate the funding or it will be swept back to the City. Mr. Trinidad encouraged more outreach in the GHSNC area. Mr. Benedetto encouraged volunteering at the booth.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Dunlap, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Morris, Smith, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed or abstained.

- C) Discussion of and possible adoption of Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council position regarding Senate Bill 380. Not from committee, so needs a second. As a result of the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak State Senator Fran Pavley and State Assemblymember Scott Wilk drafted an emergency bill (SB380) calling for a moratorium on injection and extraction of natural gas at the facility until all of the wells are investigated and deemed safe. The bill is supported by the Mayor and City Council. An endorsement by GHSNC would be appreciated by the authors of the bill. Please see the attached fact sheet on the bill to this message. If the sense of the council is to offer a resolution in support, we will need a motion and second to do so. Please consider the following language: [see the below Motion].

Mr. Morris explained the issue and the Bill and Tyler, of Food and Water Watch, further explained it. It would require an independent investigation not by a government agency. There was discussion that the Bill has wide official and community support.

Board Member Brandon Schindelheim arrived at this time (7:37), making 14 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

She explained that the average Aliso Canyon well is 52 years old.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Crawford-Velasco, seconded by Ms. Kolstad): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council supports passage of Senate Bill 380 calling for a moratorium on injection and extraction of natural gas at the facility until all of the wells are investigated and deemed safe, and decision to forward the GHSNC position to all interested governmental agencies, including the City and the state Legislature, Los Angeles City Council and LADOT.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); zero opposed; one abstained (Schindelheim).

**IX. Board Member announcements and agenda items** for next general meeting.

Ms. Kolstad requested to Agendize the request from the Library for an NPG application for a microphone system, and [**SK CLARIFY: \_\_ ONE OTHER THING**]. Ms. Bursk announced a Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Trinidad requested Agendizing about allocating funding for Petit Park. Ms. Wu Freedman announced an April 21st environmental forum. Mr. Dunlap described negative health effects of the Aliso Canyon gas leak. Mr. Benedetto announced that the Outreach Committee soon will meet.

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Lopez).

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with zero opposed or abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:02 p.m.

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