



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

Thursday, May 5, 2016

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Dave Beauvais (Seniors)	Dawn Lopez (Member At-Large)
Vice-President: Jerry Askew (Business)	Deron Lopez (Member At-Large)
Secretary: Julie Carson (Member At-Large)	Joel Lyle (Member At-Large)
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (MaL)	Anthony Matthews (Parks & Cultural Arts)
Michael Benedetto (Community Org's)	Mark Morris (Faith-Based Organizations)
Jeffrey Bohrer (Member At-Large)	Rene R. Trinidad (Homeowners)
Bonnie M. Bursk (Comm'l Prop. Owners)	Andrew Wall (Student)
Jett Dunlap (Member At-Large)	Cindy Wu Freedman (MaL-Com'y Interest)
Don Graham (Member At-Large)	Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian)
Sally Kolstad (Education)	

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

Outgoing President Brad Smith called the Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

II. Roll Call (Presiding Officer)

Mr. Smith relayed that the City Attorney indicated no Roll Call is needed at this time.

III. Board Issues & Updates:

Mr. Smith announced that two Board Members who were elected to two Board Seats each stated their preferred Seats as: Jerry Askew – Business; and Mike Benedetto -- Community Organizations.

Mr. Smith noted the 11 Board Members present: Dave Beauvais, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson, Jett Dunlap, Joel Lyle, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim, Rene Trinidad and Andrew Wall. Board Member Don Graham arrived later. Jerry Askew and Anthony Matthews (both excused) were absent. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 11 <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 (At-Large (2) and Community Organizations) were vacant. [To apply, see www.ghsnc.org.] Also attending: 30 Stakeholders and Guests.

a) Swearing in of new Board Members (Presiding Officer).

Mr. Smith led the new Board in reading aloud the Oath of Office and thanked them for their service.

b) Election of new Officers (Presiding Officer); appointment of bank card holder and signatory.

Parliamentarian Mike Kabo explained the process and read aloud, in turn, each Officer's responsibilities.

President: Ms. Bursk nominated Dave Beauvais for President. There were no other nominees. The Board APPROVED Dave Beauvais as President with no opposition.

Vice-President: Mr. Beauvais nominated Jerry Askew "who," Mr. Beauvais said in Mr. Askew's absence, "has indicated to me that he is willing to serve." There were no other nominees. The Board APPROVED Jerry Askew as Vice-President with no opposition.

Secretary: Mr. Beauvais nominated Julie Carson for Secretary. There were no other nominees. The Board APPROVED Julie Carson as Secretary with no opposition.

Treasurer: Ms. Carson nominated Brandon Schindelheim for Treasurer. There were no other nominees. The Board APPROVED Brandon Schindelheim as Treasurer with no opposition.

Mr. Beauvais presented a service plaque to and thanked Mr. Smith for his service. Mr. Smith encouraged focusing on positives in the community. Eran Hazary of Congressman Sherman's Office presented Certificates of Appreciation to a number of current and former Board Members. Mr. Beauvais explained election concerns and that he had reached out to former Board Members and Stakeholders about the availability of vacant Board Seats.

[The following was addressed after Item #III. c.)]

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Board Member Mike Benedetto as its Bank Card Holder and Second Signatory.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wu Freedman believed that the Bank Card Holder should be an Executive Committee Member. Mr. Beauvais, Mr. Dunlap and Ms. Carson believed that Mr. Benedetto, as the Outreach Committee Chair, is the best choice.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 14 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained.

Now-Stakeholder and immediate past President Brad Smith explained that his name is still on the card and suggested that he be the interim Bank Card Holder until the card is transitioned to a current Board Member.

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Brad Smith as its Interim Bank Card Holder.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 15 in favor; zero opposed or abstained.

Mr. Beauvais requested and Mr. Smith led newly-appointed Board Members Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Sally Kolstad and Cindy Wu Freedman in reading aloud the Oath of Office.

Newly-appointed Board Members Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Sally Kolstad and Cindy Wu Freedman were Seated with the Board, making 16 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

c) Nomination of appointees to open Seats (Presiding Officer).

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Deron Lopez to an At-Large Board Seat.

Board Member Don Graham arrived at this time, making 12 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with 12 in favor; zero opposed or abstained.

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Dawn Lopez to an At-Large Board Seat.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with 13 in favor; zero opposed or abstained.

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Krisna Crawford-Velasco to an At-Large Board Seat.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beauvais indicated that Ms. Crawford-Velasco wants to serve. Mr. Benedetto expressed concerns about the nomination.

MOTION to POSTPONE (by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Mr. Morris) the Motion to appoint Krisna Crawford-Velasco to an At-Large Board Seat.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bohrer wanted to give Ms. Crawford-Velasco the opportunity to respond. Mr. Dunlap believed that all Board Members, if possible, should be here.

MOTION to POSTPONE PASSED by a hand vote with seven in favor; three opposed; three abstained.

Mr. Kabo clarified that the GHSNC counts abstentions as “yes” votes.

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Cindy Wu Freedman to an At-Large Community Interest Board Seat.

DISCUSSION: Cindy Wu Freedman noted she “put on a lot of events” and does business in Granada Hills South. Mr. Trinidad believed she may have too many commitments. Mr. Bohrer and Stakeholder Justin Kim believed that Ms. Wu Freedman has demonstrated the ability to fulfill her responsibilities.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 10 in favor; one opposed (Trinidad); two abstained (Benedetto and Wall).

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Sally Kolstad to its Education Seat.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with 14 in favor; zero opposed or abstained.

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Anthony Matthews to its Parks & Cultural Arts Board Seat.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beauvais noted that Mr. Matthews is a member of the Friends of the Library.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Beauvais); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 14 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (Morris).

- d) Election of appointees to open Seats (Presiding Officer).
See above Item #III. c).

- e) Formation of Committees (Presiding Officer).
Mr. Beauvais indicated that this soon will be addressed.

IV. Public Comment

Michael McCue requested to Agendize regarding “making renewable energy happen” through State and Federal laws and goals. Glenn Bailey, a Neighborhood Councils Budget Advocate (818-514- 5355; GlennBaileyNCs@gmail.com; <http://www.BudgetAdvocatesLA.com>), encouraged attending VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; VANC@EmpowerLA.org) second Thursdays each month meetings at 6:30 at Sherman Oaks Hospital. The Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be September 24th at City Hall. He requested to Agendize funding the Congress before June 17th with this Fiscal Year’s funds. Also, to Agendize the appointment of two Budget Representatives. Budget Day is Saturday, July 30th at City Hall. The Mayor’s proposed City Budget only includes \$37,000 for each Neighborhood Council; Mr. Bailey urged contacting the City Council as Board Members and individuals to restore the \$42,000 as in this Fiscal Year. He encouraged Board Members to review Board orientation material.

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; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), was not present and there was no report.
- (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; http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station), was not present and there was no report.

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

1. President: Pending meeting
2. Vice President: Pending meeting
3. Secretary: Pending meeting; expected to present approval of Minutes - as needed to as needed to May, 2015
4. Treasurer: Pending meeting; expected to present:
 - a) Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Budget Report – as needed to May, 2015.
Mr. Schindelheim reviewed the Budget.
 - b) Monthly Expenditure Report(s) for: as needed through to May, 2015.
Mr. Schindelheim distributed and reviewed the GHSNC “Monthly Expenditure Reports” for February and March.

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

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of which Board Members were eligible to vote on funding Motions. Mr. Bailey reminded that voters must have completed both Ethics and Funding Training and signed the Code of Conduct.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed or abstained. Ms. Bursk, Ms. Carson, Dawn Lopez and Mr. Wall were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Graham, Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; one abstained (Dunlap). Ms. Bursk, Ms. Carson, Dawn Lopez and Mr. Wall were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

4. Secretary

Ms. Carson indicated that there was no report.

VII. Committee Reports

Mr. Beauvais indicated that there would be no Committee reports until the Committees are formed.

- 1) Beautification
- 2) Budget
- 3) Bylaws and Rules
- 4) Education
- 5) Outreach
- 6) Planning and Land Use
- 7) Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

VIII. Board Member announcements and agenda items for next general meeting.

Mr. Beauvais received requests for the Board to have a Retreat; it may be June 4th at [**DL CONFIRM:** ___] Aegis Restaurant from around 9:00 a.m. – 1 or 2:00 p.m., including a free lunch. He requested Board Members to send him ideas, goals, improvements, procedures and Committee input. The next General Board Meeting will be June 2nd. He reminded Board Members to have completed the Ethics and

Funding Trainings and signed the Code of Conduct. He requested holding a Special Board Meeting for funding Motions, possibly May 19th. He reminded that all funding must be allocated or will be swept back to the City. Mr. Beauvais noted that four months of Minutes must be approved.

Board Members expressed optimism about the opportunity to work together and serve. Ms. Kolstad relayed for Arthur Daush that he appreciates the opportunity he had to serve. Mr. Graham noted that homelessness is a citywide problem and urged keeping the City Council accountable. Ms. Bursk reported that “the clock is soon to arrive” and that the Business Improvement District appreciates GHSNC support. Ms. Wu Freedman thanked the Board for Small Business Seminar help and success. Mr. Dunlap noted Board Members in the last two years “who went far above and beyond the call of duty.” Mr. Morris requested Agendizing about the Neighborhood Councils Sustainability Alliance; he would report on that and VANC. Mr. Benedetto thanked volunteers for their help at the St. John Baptiste De La Salle Community Fair. Parliamentarian Mr. Kabo requested Agendizing consideration of appointing Ms. Crawford-Velasco; he encouraged recruiting Candidates and appointing a Parliamentarian. Mr. Schindelheim reminded that some funding needs to be unencumbered to reallocate it. Ms. Carson noted the opportunity to address citywide issues and encouraged more outreach.

IX. Adjournment.

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Lyle, seconded by Mr. Bohrer).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:50 p.m.

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