



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

**Approved Minutes**

Thursday, May 19, 2015, Time: 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<b>President:</b> Dave Beauvais (Senior)	Dawn Lopez (At-Large)
<b>Vice President:</b> Jerry Askew (Business)	Deron Lopez At-Large)
<b>Secretary:</b> Julie Carson (At-Large)	Joel Lyle (At-Large)
<b>Treasurer:</b> Brandon Schindelheim (At-Large)	Anthony Matthews (Parks and Cultural Arts)
Michael Benedetto (Community Organizations)	Mark Morris (Faith-Based)
Jeffrey Bohrer (At-Large)	Rene R. Trinidad (Homeowners)
Bonnie M. Bursk (Commercial Prop. Owners)	Andrew Wall (Students)
Jett Dunlap (At-Large)	Cindy Wu Freedman (MaL-CI)
Don Graham (At-Large)	Michael J. Kabo ( <b>Parliamentarian</b> )
Sally Kolstad (Education)	

**I. Call to order and the pledge of allegiance** (Presiding officer)

Meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m.

**II. Roll Call** (Secretary) Present: Dave Beauvais, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson, Jett Dunlap, Don Graham, Sally Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim. Quorum declared with 11/18 in attendance at start of meeting.

Anthony Matthew arrived at 6:25 pm; Cindy Wu Freedman arrived at 6:27 p.m. (noted below)

**III. Public Comment:** Community and Public Comment on non-agendized items. The Public may present concerns to the Board on any issue of interest in the Community. The Board will not be able to discuss or take action on any matters brought up during public comment. However, issues raised during public comment may be agendized for discussion at a future board meeting.

William Kuzman: Thanked the NC for getting notice of this meeting out early. Stated that board members voting on funding items tonight must have completed funding and ethics training. Also new board members have to have signed code of conduct.

Dave Beauvais asked for a show of hands as to who has completed the ethics training. All had, however, Bonnie Bursk wasn't sure hers was current. All board members affirmed that they had also completed the funding training and signed the code of conduct

**IV. Board Issues:**

**Outreach Committee**

Dave Beauvais gave an overview of the motions for tonight.

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**WEBSITE** [www.ghsnc.org](http://www.ghsnc.org) **E-mail:** board@ghsnc.org

**A. Motion to unencumber \$5000 for newsletter and reallocate funds to general outreach.**

Motion moved and seconded by Don Graham and Jeffrey Bohrer

Anthony Matthews arrived 6:25 pm

Cindy Wu-Freedman arrived 6:27 pm

Public comment: Mr. Hovatter recommended that the outreach dollars be reallocated

Board comment: [not noted]

Vote results: YES: 12/Beauvais; Benedetto; Bohrer; Bursk; Carson; Graham; Kolstad; Lopez, Deron; Lopez Dawn; Matthews; Morris; Schindelheim. NO: 0. ABSTENTIONS: 1/Wu-Freedman

Motion passes

**B. Motion to unencumber additional outreach items such as leftover funds from past events and reallocate funds to general outreach.**

Moved and seconded by Don Graham and Mark Morris

Schindelheim: led discussion regarding some funds that shouldn't be unencumbered. Those items on the budget report are: business cards, business window Stickers, roll up vertical banners, rent stabilization ordinance seminar, polo shirts. These promo items need to stay in the budget. Motion to amend to exclude these items from being unencumbered moved and seconded by Don Graham and Deron Lopez. Total to be unencumbered is \$1,328.85

Vote results: YES: 13/Beauvais; Benedetto; Bohrer; Bursk; Carson; Dunlap; Graham; Kolstad; Lopez, Dawn; Lopez, Deron; Matthews; Morris, Schindelheim; Wu-Freedman. NO: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 0

Motion passes

**C. Motion to purchase supplies, equipment and outreach giveaway items up to \$10,000.00 from general outreach funds.**

Moved and seconded by Deron Lopez and Anthony Matthews

Schindelheim: Updated the board on what's available in budget to purchase these items.

Total in General Outreach \$11,944.97

Michael Benedetto explained the proposal which is \$9,861.25 total for all the items

Public comment: Eric Mansker: how are items really impacting public to make them aware of us? "I haven't seen any impact to us. We need serious conversation as to whether it's effective."

Hovatter: commented positively on GHSNC booth update. Suggested adding more graphic imagery, which would visually, enticed folks to come over to the booth.

Board comments:

Bonnie Bursk: make giving email a condition of spinning wheel for giveaways

Cindy Wu-Freedman: asked how much the spinning wheel costs. \$85/tax (per M. Benedetto)

Don Graham suggested that we discuss items brought up by public at our next regular meeting.

Vote results: YES: 11/Beauvais; Benedetto; Carson; Graham; Kolstad; Lopez, Dawn; Lopez, Deron; Matthews; Morris; Schindelheim; Wu-Freedman. NO: 0. ABSTENTIONS: 2/Bohrer; Bursk.

Motion passes.

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**D. Motion to approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences in the amount of \$2,000.00. Purpose of the grant is to provide material support for VAAS Robotics Team.**

Moved and seconded by Kolstad and Morris

Public comment: William Kuzman: this will be the third time we're giving money to the Robotics team. It may be a concern to give money to LAUSD. Regarding earlier motion re outreach giveaways: Also it may be a violation to require public to give an email in order to get a giveaway.

Eric Mansker: Those receiving Neighborhood Purpose Grants are supposed to give us something back, some kind of recognition

Board member discussion: [board member who made comment wasn't recorded] maybe we should be able to attend robotics team competition for more visible recognition.

Vote results: YES: 12/Beauvais; Benedetto; Bohrer; Carson; Graham; Kolstad; Lopez, Dawn; Lopez, Deron; Matthews; Morris; Schindelheim; Wu-Freedman. NO: 0. ABSTENTIONS: 1/Bursk.

Motion passes.

**E. Motion to approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Friends of the Library in the amount of \$1,000.00. Purpose of the grant to purchase additional books and educational materials for the Granada Hills library.**

Motion for \$1,000 moved and seconded by Kolstad and Morris

Public comment: William Kuzman encouraged us that if there's any more to give, please give them as much as possible, because it's a worthy cause

Board comment: Anthony Matthews is a member of Friends of the Library but is not on their board (\$15/membership). Anthony Matthews recused himself from the vote on this and left the room.

Motion made to amend the original \$1,000 amount to \$2,500 contingent upon the city attorney disapproval of the original Neighborhood Purpose Grant. Moved and seconded by Morris and Lopez, Deron

Board comment: Jeff Bohrer: what are we getting in return? Kolstad responded: There is a plaque in library that states that the GHSNC has donated money to the library.

Vote to make amendment the main motion: YES: 10/Beauvais; Benedetto; Carson; Graham; Kolstad; Lopez, Dawn; Lopez Deron; Morris; Schindelheim; Wu-Freedman. NO: 0. ABSTENTIONS: 2/Bohrer; Bursk. RECUSED: 1

Motion passes.

**Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Dawn Lopez and seconded by Michael Benedetto**

Motion passes by voice vote.