



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

Thursday, October 13, 2016

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

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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I. Call to Order (President)

Meeting called to order at 6:39 p.m.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Secretary called roll. Fifteen of the 20 Board Members were present at Roll Call: Dave Beauvais, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson, Jett Dunlap, Don Graham, Sally Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Joel Lyle, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim, Rene Trinidad, and Andrew Wall. Four Board Members were absent: Eun Hee (Jennifer) Lee (excused), Anthony Matthews (excused), Brad Smith (excused) and Cindy Wu Freedman (unexcused). New Youth Activities Seat Board Member Justin Kim was appointed to the Board during below Item #VII a. The GHSNC quorum is 11. Also in attendance: 20 stakeholders and guests.

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

Alexandra Nagy, Senior Organizer, Food & Water Watch (323.843.8451; ANagy@FWWatch.org; www.FoodAndWaterWatch.org), reported that we have opportunity to give feedback on the LADWP's Integrated Resources Plan. Public meeting on plan on November 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Pacoima City Hall, 13520 Van Nuys Blvd.

Stakeholder Ray Duran, Granada Hills Charter High School parent of Cross-Country team Member, and Team Head Coach and Teacher Francois Wohman ask for \$2,500 to buy a canopy for their program. Dustin McCue, John McCue, Mariola Gurfinkiel, and Aaron Turkheimer spoke about needs of the homeless for programs to help with reintegrating into society, economic help, housing,

transportation to job interviews, place to shower, use a microwave and more outreach. Wayne from Encino and Stakeholder William Kuzmin spoke about Brown Act violations. Ms. Bursk thanked the GHSNC for its donation for the Chatsworth Ave town clock and outreach

IV. Community Speakers

- A. Council District 12 – no representative present
- B. LAPD Senior Lead Officer, LAPD – no representative present
- C. Reports from VANC/LANCC Liaisons and Budget Reps
Mr. Morris reported on VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) meeting and Congress of Neighborhood Councils.

V. Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Morris: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) approves the Minutes of its September 1, 2016 General Board meeting as written. No discussion or public comment made.

MOTION PASSES by a hand vote: 12 in favor; zero opposed; three abstained (Benedetto, Bursk and Trinidad).

VI. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for August, 2016

Mr. Beauvais requested and it was agreed to table this Item.

VII. Board Issues

- a) Appointment and confirmation of Justin Kim as Youth Activities Director.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto

MOTION PASSES unanimously by a hand vote: 15 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

New Board Member Justin Kim was seated with the Board at this time, making 16 Board Members present.

- b) Appointment and confirmation of Jeffrey Bohrer as Chair of the By-Laws Committee.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Mr. Kuzmin. Board comment: Ms. Bursk

MOTION PASSES unanimously by a hand vote with 16 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- c) Appointment and confirmation of John Seletos as Co-Chair of the PLUM Committee.

Mr. Beauvais stated that Mr. Seletos, a former Board Member, is and has been on the PLUM Committee for several terms and is willing to serve. Jerry Askew resigned from the Board and the Committee (previous chair of PLUM).

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Bohrer:

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Mr. Kuzmin stated that Mr. Askew's resignation needed to be agendized and expressed concerns that Mr. Seletos is a stakeholder, not a Board member.

Wayne from Encino, Mr. Trinidad, Mr. Morris and Mr. Lyle expressed concerns that Mr. Seletos was absent. Other board comments: Mr. Bohrer, Ms. Bursk, and Mr. Schindelheim. Mr. Beauvais clarified that Ms. Wu Freedman would be the Committee Chair and that Bylaws are silent regarding whether an appointee needs to be present.

MOTION to POSTPONE moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Morris: Item #VII. c) to the next GHSNC General Board Meeting.

MOTION to POSTPONE PASSES by a roll call vote with 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Bohrer, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; three abstentions: (Beauvais, Benedetto and Bursk).

- d) Board resolution confirming Board members Cindy Wu Freeman, Mike Benedetto, Mark Morris, Julie Carson, and Dave Beauvais as the authorized directors to submit community Impact Statements to the city of Los Angeles

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Lyle.

DISCUSSION: Public comment by Mr. Kuzmin and Wayne from Encino.

Justin Kim leaves at this time; Jett Dunlap steps out of the room; 14 Board Members present.

MOTION PASSES unanimously by a roll call vote with 14 in favor (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstentions.

Board Member Jett Dunlap returned to the room at this time, making 15 Board Members present.

- e) Motion to host a Proposition forum at our November 3, 2016 meeting, and to hold a separate special board meeting for business later in the month if necessary.

MOTION made by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Mr. Graham

DISCUSSION: Public comment by stakeholders Wayne and Mr. Kuzmin. Board comments by Ms. Carson, Mr. Morris, Mr. Graham, Mr. Trinidad, and Ms. Bursk.

MOTION PASSES by a roll call vote with 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wall); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bursk); zero abstentions.

- f) Motion to support North Valley YMCA Thanksgiving dinner project in the amount of \$1,000. This is an annual event sponsored by the YMCA to furnish needy families in the north valley with a traditional Thanksgiving Holiday dinner.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Bursk.

DISCUSSION: Jane Stanton, of the North Valley Family YMCA, (818-368-3231); described the 10-year-old program to help needy families. They expect to distribute 3,500 baskets, some to families of Granada Hills schools, costing \$40 each. Volunteers are needed to assemble baskets. The GHSNC will be listed on bags, letters and their “donor wall.

Public comment: Mr. Kuzmin, and Wayne. Board comment: Mr. Trinidad

FUNDING MOTION PASSES unanimously by a roll call vote:14 in favor (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstentions; one ineligible (Wall)

- g) Motion to participate in the Granada Hills Recreation and Parks Halloween night. Proposal is to create a haunted house, cost not to exceed \$800

FUNDING MOTION moved by Dawn Lopez, seconded by Mr. Bohrer

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Mr. Kuzmin and Wayne from Encino believed more funding should be allocated. Board comment: Mr. Bohrer, Ms. Lopez, Mr. Lopez. Volunteers are needed for the Monday, October 31st, 4:00-8:00 p.m. event.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Mr. Morris to increase the amount up to \$1,200.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstentions; one ineligible: (Wall)

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSES unanimously by a roll call vote (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstentions; one ineligible (Wall)

- h) Motion to support the Granada Hills Recreation and Parks Halloween night not to exceed \$500. Funds to go towards decorations and treats for participants.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Deron Lopez

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Evelyn, of Petit Park, described the event; they “expect 200-400 individuals,” with fliers sent to distributed to schools. Board comment: Mr. Graham

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Lyle, seconded by Mr. Bohrer to increase the amount up to \$800.

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Mr. Kuzmin, Wayne. Board comment: Lyle

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; one abstention: (Dunlap); one ineligible (Wall)

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Mr. Graham; no opposition.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSES unanimously by a roll call vote with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bohrer); one abstention (Dunlap); one ineligible (Wall)

- i) Motion to support Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) position regarding the reopening of the Aliso Canyon gas storage facility. Presentations by Alexandra Nagy and gas company representative not to exceed 5 minutes each.

MOTION moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Trinidad

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Ms. Nagy spoke on the need to keep the facility closed and about health and safety concerns. Mr. Beauvais read aloud the PRNC Resolution to clarify that the PRNC motion is to seek support in their quest to have the facility permanently shut down. Janette Emerson, SoCal Gas Company (SCGC) Public Affairs Manager, spoke on the need for the facility to stay open and the how the SCGC is addressing safety concerns. Both parties answered many questions. Ms. Nagy indicated that the PRNC has not yet voted on its resolution.

MOTION to DEFER moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Benedetto to postpone Item #VII. i. to the next GHSNC General Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Mr. Kuzmin, Wayne.

Board Member Brandon Schindelheim had left by this time, making 14 Board Members present

MOTION PASSES unanimously by a roll call vote with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; one abstention (Morris).

VIII. Committee Reports

Planning and Land Use (Cindy Wu Freedman)

- a. Small Lot Ordinance (CPC-2015-4499-CA). To ensure that future small lots subdivisions are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, GHSNC recommends the following actions and/or strengthening measures.

MOTION from Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

- Establish a public hearing process for all proposed small lot division developments.
- Direct the Department of City Planning to prepare a summary of current codes and regulations pertaining to townhouse developments, for public review. There may be appropriate standards that can be included within this ordinance.
- All small lot subdivision projects must be governed by a Homeowner’s Association or similar governing body.
- Front yard setbacks must be compatible to the prevailing setbacks of the adjacent properties.
- Guest parking for 4 or more newly constructed units shall provide a ratio of .50 parking space per unit.
- A minimum distance of 3’ is required between each unit.
- Ensure that all developments are constructed according to approved plans and that these provisions are enforced.

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Mr. Kuzmin, Wayne, Gary Palmer, Maria Fisk. Board discussion

Board Member Mark Morris stepped out of the room this time, making 13 Board Members present

MOTION PASSES unanimously by a roll call vote with five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Carson, Graham, Kolstad and Lyle); six opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Benedetto, Bohrer, Dunlap, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez and Trinidad); two abstentions (the GHSNC counts abstentions as “Yes” votes) (Bursk and Wall).

- b. Second Dwelling Units (CF# 14-0057-S8) City Council considering repeal of current LAMC regarding second dwelling units, grandfathering of SDUs approved or applied for in the City since 6/23/03, urgency clause is included. Due to recent state action regarding second dwelling units, no action was taken on this item.

Mr. Beauvais requested and it was agreed to table this Item.

- c. Advanced Gas Meter Replacement/Earthquake Safety Gas meters were recently replaced throughout Los Angeles to facilitate automated reading. The companies involved may have violated a City ordinance requiring the installation of earthquake shutoff valves. Committee recommendation to the general Board is that the Gas Company should be required to install gas shutoff valves on any homes where they have modified or replaced gas meters.

MOTION from the Planning and Land Use Management Committee

DISCUSSION: No public or board comment

MOTION PASSES by a roll call vote with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; one abstention (Dunlap).

Board Member Mark Morris returned to and Board Member Dave Beauvais stepped out of the room this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

Mr. Benedetto reported that the Granada Hills Street Faire was a “success;” the GHSNC obtained 200 Stakeholder email addresses for its database; “none of which were conditional on spinning the wheel.” Disaster Fair: good success. He also gave information regarding homeless resources.

- a) Volunteers for upcoming outreach events.

Mr. Benedetto said that volunteers were needed for this Saturday’s Movie Night.

- b) Recommendation to publish a newsletter periodically and to publish same on our website. Print limited number of copies to coincide with outreach events and to distribute to local businesses and organizations.

MOTION from Outreach Committee

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Mr. Bohrer; no opposition.

MOTION PASSES unanimously by a roll call vote with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstentions.

Board Member Dave Beauvais returned to the room at this time, making 14 Board Members present

- c) Motion for up to \$325 for Nation Builder to replace our current webmaster, who is not on the list of currently approved vendors. Website would be run by volunteers from the Board and stakeholders.

FUNDING MOTION from Outreach Committee

DISCUSSION: Mr. Benedetto clarified the Nation Builder program cost would be \$325 for one year. Committee Member Kammie Furman had volunteered to do it; she explained its uses. Mr. Beauvais indicated that the current Webmaster would “cooperate completely” in any website transfer. No public comment.

Board Member Don Graham stepped out of the room this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

FUNDING MOTION PASSES unanimously by a roll call vote with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris and Trinidad); zero opposed; one abstention (Dunlap); one ineligible (Wall)

- d) Motion to fund a NPG up to \$1,000 for the Reapers baseball league. Funding would help purchase a mobile batting cage. Batting cage would display our logo as supporters.

FUNDING MOTION from Outreach Committee

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Wayne, Ms. Furman

Board Member Don Graham returned to the room by this time, making 14 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

FUNDING MOTION PASSES unanimously by a roll call vote with six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris and Trinidad); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Kolstad); six abstentions (the GHSNC counts abstentions as “Yes” votes) (Beauvais, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham); one ineligible (Wall)

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

[*This Agenda Item actually was #IX, not IV.*] Mr. Lyle and Mr. Beauvais reiterated that email addresses that Stakeholders gave at the Granada Hills Street Faire were not dependent upon spinning the wheel. Mr. Bohrer was concerned about “escalation of harassment of Board Members through emails.” Mr. Graham described LAPD homeless services and outreach given through its HOPE team. He requested and Board Members agreed to adjourn in honor of recently murdered police officers. Mr. Dunlap reminded that Board Members have other commitments and obligations and urged brevity.

X. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Bohrer.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:09 p.m.

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