



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

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Granada Hills H.S., Library, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills CA 91344

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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I. Call to Order at 6:36 p.m. by Board President

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Twelve of the 20 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dave Beauvais, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson, Jett Dunlap, Sally Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Joel Lyle, Anthony Matthews, Rene Trinidad and Andrew Wall. Five Board Members arrived later: Don Graham, Deron Lopez, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim and Brad Smith. Three Board Members were absent: Justin Kim (unexcused), Eun Hee (Jennifer) Lee (excused) and Cindy Wu Freedman (unexcused). The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 11. Twenty of the 21 Board Seats are filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat (Business) was vacant. [To apply, see www.ghsnc.org.] Also attended: 27 stakeholders and guests.

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

Nikki Loi of the LAPD Devonshire Division Community Police Advisory Board reported that the September 21 Officer Appreciation Day “was a success” and thanked the GHSNC for its support. Joseph McCorda, from LAUSD Local District office, introduced new principal Susanne Blake of Porter Middle School.

Board Member Deron Lopez arrived at this time (6:41), making 13 Board Members present.

Stakeholder Raul Corza was concerned about cut-through and other traffic by schools around Genesta and Hiawatha. Stakeholder Maria Fisk reported that a 497,000 square-foot, 440-unit mixed-use project is proposed for San Fernando Mission Rd. and Woodley Ave., similar to one at Plummer and Corbin.

Board Members Mark Morris (6:46), Brandon Schindelheim (6:47) and Don Graham (6:48) arrived at this time, making 16 Board Members present.

[*This Agenda Item was continued after Item #IV. D.*] Leslie Litman of CA Teachers Association and Hart Unified School District spoke in support of ballot Proposition 55.

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12: no representative in attendance, no report

B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011, x1727, mobile/text phone 818-634-0577; 27286@LAPD.LACity.org; reported that all crime has increased, averaging 4% more than last year, after 10 years of declining crime rates. He reminded everyone to be vigilant and aware of your surroundings.

C. Reports from VANC (Eric Mansker)/LANCC Liaisons (Mark Morris) and Budget Reps (Krisna Crawford-Velasco and Cindy Wu Freedman).

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV. D.*] Stakeholder Eric Mansker reported that, at the latest VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meeting, City Councilman Herb Wesson said he is working to increase the annual budget for each NC to \$42,000 per year, including the ability to roll over \$5,000, and is working to “fully restore our funding back up to the \$50,000 level.” Mr. Mansker reported that LANCC (the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; www.LANCC.org), which meets the first Saturday each month, discussed homelessness issues. Ankur Patel, School and Community Coordinator for LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson (ofc. 818-654-3785; Ankur.Patel@lausd.net; <http://achieve.lausd.net/schmerelson>), reported about education issues.

D. Senator Bob Hertzberg, legislative update.

State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; <http://sd18.senate.ca.gov>), introduced his Field Representative Barri Worth (Barri.Worth@sen.ca.gov). He described details of recent legislation; explaining the State budget regarding education, challenges and needs to maintain funding, tax issues, mental health funding issues and more.

Board Member Brad Smith arrived at this time (7:33), making 17 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

V. Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2016 Special Meeting.

Ms. Carson requested and it was agreed to TABLE this to the December meeting.

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

Mr. Schindelheim distributed and reviewed the GHSNC “August” and “September Monthly Expenditure Reports” and budget commitments. The balance was \$23,707.05.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Deron Lopez): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) approves its Monthly Expenditure Reports for August and September 2016.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstentions. Mr. Wall is ineligible to vote on financial matters until he reaches age (18).

VII. Board Issues

A. Appointment and confirmation of John Seletos as Co-Chair of the PLUM Committee (carried over from the previous meeting).

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

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Mr. Mansker supported this. Mr. Seletos described his background and experience.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of those present with 15 in favor; zero opposed; two abstentions: (Beauvais and Wall).

B. Appointment and confirmation of Don Graham to the PLUM Committee.

Mr. Beauvais explained that he discussed this with Mr. Graham and Mr. Lopez, who already Chairs the Public Safety Committee.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Dawn Lopez.

DISCUSSION: Public comment: none. Board comment: Bohrer, and Lyle. President Beauvais clarified that Ms. Wu Freedman is the Committee Chair; Members include Maria Fisk, John Seletos and Brad Smith.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 15 in favor; zero opposed; two abstentions: (Beauvais and Graham).

C. Appointment and confirmation of Jennifer Lee to the Budget Committee.

Mr. Beauvais explained this is to help increase the number of Budget Committee Members from three to five.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Graham. Public comment: none. Board comment: Trinidad

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 11 in favor; zero opposed; six abstentions: (Benedetto, Bohrer, Dunlap, Matthews, Trinidad and Wall).

D. Appointment and confirmation of Justin Kim to Beautification and Budget Committees.

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstentions.

E. Motion to support the letter recommended by the board of Neighborhood Sustainability Alliance calling for LADWP to reach 100% renewable energy by 2030, refrain from any new investment in fossil fuel infrastructure, and to ensure that all residents of Los Angeles reap the benefits of this transition.

MOTION moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Public comment: none. Board comment: Bohrer

MOTION to POSTPONE moved by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Mr. Trinidad for the GHSNC to POSTPONE this item to its next regular General Board Meeting.

MOTION to POSTPONE FAILED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with seven in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Bohrer, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Matthews, Smith, Trinidad and Wall); nine opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris and Schindelheim); one abstention: (Dunlap). (The GHSNC counts abstentions as "Yes" votes)

MAIN MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote with 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Wall); four opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Bohrer, Deron Lopez, Matthews and Trinidad); zero abstentions.

F. Motion for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission in the amount of \$1,000. Among the many outreach projects for the homeless, the SFVRM operates a mobile shower unit for the homeless in the San Fernando Valley. The SFVRM is putting together funding for a second shower unit. Support from just six Neighborhood Councils in this amount will put them over the top.

Mr. Beauvais withdrew this agenda item; he stated that the SFVRM advises that the mobile shower unit is already funded. We will find another SFVRM project to fund. No motion was made or vote taken

G. Motion to support the lighting of the holiday tree at Veteran's Memorial Park in the amount of an additional \$500 to the Granada Hills Rotary Foundation. Original motion, which was approved by the Board at the August Regular meeting, was for \$3500, bringing total amount not to exceed \$4,000.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Morris.

The GHSNC refers Item #VII. G. to its Beautification Committee for reconsideration of a new lighting system proposed by the Granada Hills Rotary Foundation and to determine an appropriate level of financial support from the GHSNC to include a recommendation to repurpose an already allocated \$3,500.

Public comment: Carl.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with all 17 in favor (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstentions.

VIII. Committee Reports

Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

A. Motion of up to \$300.00 for a tablet to collect stakeholder emails at outreach events.

Mr. Benedetto explained that the Nationbuilder program will be used for this instead of Aaron DeVandry, our current website vendor. He also spoke about the success of the Street Faire and Halloween party where we collected 150 signatures . . . "outreach is definitely making progress."

Board Member Jeffrey Bohrer stepped out at this time, making 16 Board Members present.

FUNDING MOTION from Outreach Committee. Public comment: none. Board comment: none.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with 15 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstention. Mr. Wall is ineligible to vote.

Board Member Jeffrey Bohrer returned at this time, making 17 Board Members present

B. Motion up to \$150 for 12 new Board Polo Shirts- for larger sizes.

FUNDING MOTION from Outreach Committee. Public comment: none. Board comment: none.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote with 15 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Trinidad); zero opposed; one abstention: (Bohrer). Mr. Wall is ineligible to vote.

C. Motion for up to \$250 for Chairs for use during outreach events.

FUNDING MOTION from Outreach Committee. Public comment: none. Board comment: Schindelheim.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with 16 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstentions. Mr. Wall is ineligible to vote.

IX. Board member comments and submission of agenda items.

Mr. Graham asked everyone to remember Police officers who have died this year in the line of duty. Mr. Morris will report regarding homelessness issues. Mr. Lyle encouraged more Board Members to volunteer at events. Ms. Bursk reminded about the Sunday, December 4th Granada Hills Holiday Parade; volunteers are needed. Mr. Smith is working to have a City Council District 12 representative report about the Petit Park pool project.

X. Adjournment

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

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstentions.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:58 p.m.

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