



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

Thursday, February 2, 2017

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

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Dave Beauvais (Seniors)
Vice-President: Michael Benedetto (Comty Org)
Secretary: Julie Carson (Member At-Large)
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (MAL)
Jeffrey Bohrer (Member At-Large)
Bonnie M. Bursk (Comm'l Prop. Owners)
Jett Dunlap (Member At-Large)
Don Graham (Member At-Large)
Justin Kim (Youth Activities)
Sally Kolstad (Education)

Dawn Lopez (Member At-Large)
Deron Lopez (Member At-Large)
Joel Lyle (Member At-Large)
Anthony Matthews (Parks & Cultural Arts)
Mark Morris (Faith-Based Organizations)
Brad Smith (Member At-Large)
Rene R. Trinidad (Homeowners)
Andrew Wall (Student)
Cindy Wu Freedman (MAL-Com'y Interest)
Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian)

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I. Call to Order (Presiding Officer)

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Fifteen of the 20 Board Members were present: Dave Beauvais, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson, Jett Dunlap, Don Graham, Justin Kim, Sally Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Anthony Matthews, Mark Morris, Rene Trinidad and Andrew Wall. Joel Lyle, Brandon Schindelheim, and Cindy Wu Freedman arrived later. Eun Hee (Jennifer) Lee and Brad Smith were absent (both excused). The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on agendized items) is 11. (Later, during Item #IV, Eun Hee (Jennifer) Lee [Renters] was announced as having resigned.) Also in attendance: 15 stakeholders and guests.

III. Public Comment

Wayne Williams, California Clean Money Campaign Board Member, described public election funding issues and requested the GHSNC to agendize writing a Community Impact Statement supporting City Councilman Ryu's motion for matching funds and City Councilman Bonin's proposal on this issue on public election funding. Corie Schiffman, PTA Board Member at El Oro Elementary School across from Knollwood Country Club, in the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council (GHNNC) area, requested a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for a physical education teacher or science conversion kit for third-graders; she also will request funding from the GHNNC. Stakeholder William Kuzmin believed the GHSNC did not take roll call votes that should have been taken at its last General Board Meeting and that the Bylaws Committee violated the Brown Act.

Brandon Schindelheim arrived at this time (6:48), making 16 Board Members present.

Stakeholder Eric Mansker was concerned about storm-damaged and dead trees endangering people and properties.

Joel Lyle arrived at this time (6:52), making 17 Board Members present.

Ms. Bursk announced a February 22nd Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce event.

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12

Millie Jones, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Millie.Jones@lacity.org, reported that the Ordinance prohibiting dwelling in vehicles “will start to be enforced February 6.” The Homeless Count was January 24; CD12 staff helped. The City Council approved bidding for the 2024 Olympics. The Councilman “voted “no”” on the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance; he “felt it was too vague.” The City Council approved “bonds to pay for lawsuits . . . the Councilmember voted “no” because he does not believe the City should issue bonds to pay for lawsuits. A stoplight will be installed at Zelzah and Kingsbury around April 10.

Cindy Wu Freedman arrived at this time (6:58), making 18 Board Members present.

Ms. Jones also reported that the homeless encampment at Plummer and the 405 Freeway was cleaned. Also, the Councilmember met January 13 with stakeholders and the Chamber of Commerce about the San Fernando Mission/Woodley project. Ms. Jones distributed copies of a “Needs Assessment Form” for requesting City services. The Councilmember’s quarterly community speakers series starts again this month.

B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD – no rep present

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

Mr. Mansker reported that VANC (the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; met and discussed the proposed DWP “Customer Bill of Rights.” VANC requested a “90-day lead” for Neighborhood Councils to consider it and other issues such as medical marijuana. Mr. Morris reported that his LANCC (the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; representative position is available. Ms. Crawford-Velasco said the Budget Advocates annual “White Paper will be released soon.” They are requesting Neighborhood Councils to allocate \$250-\$500 to fund the upcoming Budget Day.

Jett Dunlap had stepped out at this time, making 17 Board Members present.

V. Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2016 and January 5, 2017 Regular Meeting.

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Bohrer: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council(GHSNC) approves the Minutes of its December 1, 2016 General Board Meeting as written.

DISCUSSION: No public or board comment

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Matthews, Schindelheim, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed (“No” or “Nay”); two abstentions (Morris and Trinidad).

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Ms. Bursk: The GHSNC approves the Minutes of its January 5, 2017 General Board Meeting with the following correction: page four, Item #VIII. (Beautification) A: replace the phrase “Mr. Beauvais asked for Mr. Lyle and it” with the word “It.”

Jett Dunlap returned by this time, making 18 Board Members present.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed (“No” or “Nay”); five abstentions (Dunlap, Kim, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez and Trinidad).

VI. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for October, November, December, 2016.

Mr. Beauvais will call a Special Board Meeting for this. Mr. Schindelheim reviewed recent expenses.

VII. Board Issues

A. Motion to support Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council position regarding the re-opening of the Southern California Gas Aliso Canyon facility.

MOTION moved by Mark Morris, seconded by Mike Benedetto:

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Eric Mansker. Board comment: Mr. Morris explained the issue. Mr. Bohrer believed the proposed letter to not be specific enough and “premature.” Mr. Kim wanted more information. Ms. Bursk was concerned that the facility’s storage may be needed. Mr. Dunlap believed that solar and other power sources have reduced the need for the facility. Other comments by Ms. Carson, Ms. Bursk, and Mr. Dunlap.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Trinidad, Wall and Wu Freedman); three opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bohrer, Deron Lopez and Matthews); four abstentions (Bursk, Carson, Kim and Schindelheim).

Anthony Matthews left at this time (7:35), making 17 Board Members present.

B. Motion to support State Senate Bill 146 calling for a root cause analysis of the blowout at the Southern California Aliso Canyon facility before it can be reopened to conduct regular business..

MOTION moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Lopez

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Corrie. Board comment: Mr. Morris reported that State Assemblymember Scott Wilk, State Senator Bob Hertzberg and the City Council support the Bill. There’s been “no root cause analysis.” The Governor’s Office is being requested to do the analysis.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kim,

Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstentions.

C. Discussion and possible recommendations from the Board regarding the DWP Customer Bill of Rights.

Mr. Mansker reported that the Bill of Rights includes requesting a 90-day lead time for Neighborhood Council input.

VIII. Committee Reports

By-Laws and Rules (Jeffery Bohrer)

A. Report from 1/30/17 meeting, including recommendations and possible board action.

Mr. Bohrer reported that the Committee met January 30th and further “solidified” proposed changes and revisions recommendations, some of which he explained.

B. Consideration of a special meeting to take board action on the Committee recommendations.

Mr. Bohrer requested a Special Board Meeting to approve them.

MOTION moved by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC will have a Special Board Meeting regarding proposed recommendations regarding the GHSNC Bylaws, the date to be determined.

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Mr. Kuzmin said the Bylaws need to include a “process for changing” them; we should also have ‘standing rules, and suggested changes in writing. Board comment: Mr. Beauvais noted that “DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment allows special meetings.”

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; four abstentions (Dunlap, Graham, Kim and Wu Freedman)

Beautification (Joel Lyle)

A. Motion to sponsor a Spring Clean-up project, targeting a specific area within our boundaries. This was referred to committee at the January 5, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Lyle reported that the Committee could not meet due to lack of a quorum; he will report in March.

Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) (Cindy Wu Freedman)

A. Report

Ms. Wu Freedman “had to cancel the meeting,” due to late posting of the agenda, though “we did submit the street repair request”; they are scheduled to be made February 22 and she encouraged submitting more requests.

Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

A. Discussion and possible Board Action to appoint the following Liaisons: Homeless, Film, Animal Control, Purposeful Aging.

Mr. Benedetto reported that VANC started a committee on homelessness. He attended the Neighborhood Councils Emergency Preparedness Alliance meeting and explained the work of City agencies to smooth communications between agencies and with Neighborhood Councils.

Mr. Benedetto, Mr. Kim, Ms. Kolstad and Mr. Morris volunteered to be Liaisons to the City regarding homelessness; Co-Chairs will be Mr. Benedetto and Mr. Morris.

MOTION moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Beauvais: The GHSNC appoints Mike Benedetto and Mark Morris as Co-Chairs, and Justin Kim and Sally Kolstad as its Homelessness Liaisons to the City.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; one abstention (Dawn Lopez)

Mr. Benedetto noted that Josefina Bohrer expressed interest in being the Film Liaison. Mr. Mansker and some Board Members urged getting more information.

MOTION to TABLE moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Lyle: The GHSNC tables appointing a Film Liaison to the City.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED by a roll call vote with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstentions.

Mr. Beauvais and Ms. Carson volunteered as Purposeful Aging Liaisons.

MOTION moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Lyle: The GHSNC appoints Dave Beauvais and Julie Carson as its Purposeful Aging Liaisons.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstentions.

Jett Dunlap stepped out by this time, making 16 Board Members present.

Dawn Lopez and Mr. Lyle volunteered as Animal Liaisons.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC appoints Dawn Lopez and Joel Lyle as its Animal Liaisons to the City.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstentions.

B. Recommendation of Committee to maintain our current webhosting service.

MOTION to TABLE moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Kim: The GHSNC tables this Item.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED by a hand vote with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kim, Kolstad,

Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstentions.

Jett Dunlap returned by this time, making 17 Board Members present.

C. Motion for up to \$100 for a forum on the Aliso Canyon reopening issue.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Ms. Lopez: The GHSNC will allocate up to \$100 for literature and related items for a forum on the Aliso Canyon reopening issue.

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Mr. Kuzmin was concerned that the Motion did not say to whom the funding would be allocated.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Wu Freedman, accepted by Mr. Benedetto and Ms. Lopez: to add the wording “for expenses for a forum to be sponsored by the GHSNC” so that the Motion reads “The GHSNC will allocate up to \$100 for expenses for a forum to be sponsored by the GHSNC on the Aliso Canyon reopening issue.”

DISCUSSION: Public comment: Mr. Mansker believed this forum would duplicate other forums and meetings that have been and will be held. The forum would be held here in early March. There was discussion of the purpose and structure of the forum and potential audience and outreach. Mr. Beauvais noted that the GHSNC is the third largest Neighborhood Council area from which claims have been filed regarding the gas leak.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; one abstentions (Kim). Mr. Wall was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Mr. Graham reported that the IWatchLA app for smart phones is available as part of the regional “See something, say something” safety campaign to report suspicious activity. Ms. Kolstad announced that former Board Member Arthur Daush passed away on January 13. Ms. Wu Freedman was concerned that a lot of GHSNC funding needs to be allocated [by June 30]. She graduated from the Citizen Leadership Academy and attended the Civic University. Mr. Benedetto will make Motions to replenish outreach items. He wants to agendaize hosting the next VANC homelessness meeting. Mr. Beauvais received a resignation from Eun Hee (Jennifer) Lee, the Renters Representative, so that and the Business Seat are available; he encouraged recruiting to fill those Seats.

X. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will adjourn in memory of Arthur Daush.

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:51 p.m.

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