



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Thursday, May 4, 2017**

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

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Dave Beauvais (Seniors)	Dawn Lopez (Member At-Large)
Vice-President: Michael Benedetto (Community Org)	Deron Lopez (Member At-Large)
Secretary: Julie Carson (Member At-Large)	Joel Lyle (Member At-Large)
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (Business)	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)
Justin Kim (Youth Activities)	Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian)
Sally Kolstad (Education)	

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I. Call to order (Presiding officer)

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Twelve of the 18 Board Members were present at Roll Call: Dave Beauvais, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson, Jett Dunlap, Don Graham, Sally Kolstad, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim, Rene Trinidad and Andrew Wall. Justin Kim arrived later. Five Board Members were absent: Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Joel Lyle, Brad Smith and Cindy Wu Freedman (all excused). Anthony Matthews had resigned. The GHSNC quorum is 11. Eighteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Three Board Seats (At-Large, Parks & Cultural Arts, and Renters) were vacant. Also attended: 21 stakeholders and guests.

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

Copies were distributed of a survey ranking regarding Granada Hills Charter High School. Stakeholder Eric Mansker would like reporting at these meetings on local schools. Jessica Irias, of Kennedy High School's Health Start program [achieve.lausd.net/HealthyStart; 213-241-4293], announced alternative educational opportunities for students concerned about affordability and their immigration status. Stakeholder William Kuzmin believed there was "inaccurate information on the EmpowerLA website" regarding the GHSNC, which he listed. Barry Stone, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9898; cell 323-770-4484; Barry.Stone@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reminded about funding allocation deadlines. Journalist Jill Stewart announced "we are forming a non-profit" to support City Community Plan updates. Ms. Stewart said "it's a bottom-up issue" that shouldn't be decided only by the City.

Board Member Justin Kim arrived at 6:50 pm, making 13 Board Members present.

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12

Millie Jones, Field Deputy for L.A. City Dist. 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Millie.Jones@LACity.org;), reported that the Neighborhood Councils funding program was moved from DONE to the City Clerk.

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 introduced Captain Bryan Lium. Copies were distributed of “Devonshire Social Media Access Points” and the “Monthly Watch Meeting” schedule. Officer Del Core reported that, since recent arrests, “the residential burglaries dropped off”; in April there were six. Theft from vehicles increased 47% from last year; “30% of those are from unlocked vehicles . . . putting the stuff in the trunk – that’s no longer good enough”; valuables need to be removed. Vehicle thefts are up 50%; if recovered, vehicles are “all over the County.” One “hot spot” is a “one mile radius of Petit Park”; he encouraged putting a club on the steering wheel. There will be a May 20, 10:00-1:00 pm Open House: 8:00-11:00 a.m. there will be food. Neighborhood Watch meetings will be on [4th Tuesdays] May 23 here [Rm. A7] and [2nd Tuesdays] July 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Euphrasia Church. There will be a crime prevention meeting June 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Church. Captain Lium cautioned not to leave key fobs, garage door openers, coins or any other valuables in vehicles.

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

Mr. Mansker reported that Congressman Brad Sherman spoke at VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. There was discussion of Neighborhood Councils’ elections timing regarding the 2020 City elections and regarding all Neighborhood Councils receiving the same amount of funding though some represent far fewer or more people than other Councils. Ms. Carson reported that the GHSNC’s proposed Bylaws revisions were sent to DONE.

V. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2017 Special Meeting and April 6, 2017 Regular Meeting.

It was noted that the Special Meeting Minutes title should be “Minutes,” not “Agenda.”

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Morris: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) approves the Minutes of its March 16, 2017 Special Board Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 11 in favor; zero opposed; two abstentions.

It was agreed to consider approval of the April 6 Minutes at the next General Board Meeting.

VI. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for January, February, March, 2017

Copies were distributed of the GHSNC “[January and February] Monthly Expenditure Reports”; the “[GHSNC] Budget Reports FY 2017 – as of [January 31 and February 28], 2017”; and monthly Union Bank statements as of 1-31, 2-28 and 3-31-17.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Bohrer: The GHSNC approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2017.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Schindelheim reviewed and explained details of the Monthly Expenditure Report, which is submitted to DONE, and the Budget Reports, which only are internal.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Morris, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstentions; one ineligible (Schindelheim).

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Bohrer: The GHSNC approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2017.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Schindelheim reviewed expenses; \$20,599.51 remained.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Morris, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstentions; one ineligible (Schindelheim).

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2017.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Morris, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; one abstention (Dunlap); one ineligible (Schindelheim).

VII. Motion to reallocate unencumbered funds to the NPG budget line.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Carson: The GHSNC will unencumber the items shown in yellow or gray being unencumbered, in the January, February and March 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Schindelheim reviewed encumbered funds, some up to three years old.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Ms. Kolstad: adding to the Motion the wording “will unencumber funding for the Granada Hills business seminar, \$750; Movie Night, \$264.71; GH Rec & Parks Halloween night Haunted House, \$337.09; Halloween decorations and candy, \$800.00; Assessor’s seminar, \$400.00; business cards, \$500.00; and roll-up vertical banners, \$300.00.”

AMENDMENT to the 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, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Morris, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstention; one ineligible (Schindelheim).

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: adding to the Motion wording “will re-encumber \$500 for business cards”

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION re-encumbering the \$500 allocated for business cards PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Morris, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstained; one ineligible (Schindelheim).

AMENDED 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, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Morris, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstained; one ineligible (Schindelheim).

Board Member Jett Dunlap stepped out, making 12 Board Members present.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Bohrer: The GHSNC will accept its Treasurer’s recommendation to reallocate funds from its General Outreach budget category to its Neighborhood Purposes Grants budget category in the amount of \$2,500.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Morris, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstained; one ineligible (Schindelheim).

Board Members Jett Dunlap returned and Don Graham stepped out at this time, making 12 Board Members present.

VIII. Board Issues

A. Approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant from the Disaster Prevention Awareness event scheduled for October 7, 2017, in the amount of \$850.00.

MOTION to POSTPONE moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Bohrer: The GHSNC postpones Item #s VIII. A., B., and C. to its July General Board Meeting.

MOTION to POSTPONE PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of 11 of the 12 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Morris, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Schindelheim did not vote.

B. Motion to support the Granada Hills Street Faire scheduled for October 7, 2017 in the amount of \$2500.00.

See above Item #VIII. A.

C. Motion to support the Congress of Neighborhood Councils (Sept. 9, 2017) in the amount of \$500.00.

See above Item #VIII. A.

D. Motion to support the Valley Relics Museum in the amount of \$500.00 for the annual Senior dance to be held June 2, 2017.

Copies were distributed of a completed Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: The GHSNC will support the Valley Relics Museum in the amount of \$500.00 for the annual Senior dance to be held June 2, 2017.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kuzmin believed that the application was incomplete, listing examples. Mr. Mansker was concerned that the Museum is not in the GHSNC area. Ms. Jones reported that the application was “emailed to all 10 NC’s in [Council District] 12 . . . it’s for all of the seniors in the 12th District . . . it’s been well-attended and well-received.” Glenn Bailey, of VANC, listed other contributing Neighborhood Councils.

Mr. Schindelheim reminded that the City Clerk will review and decide on the application.

Board Member Don Graham returned, making 13 Board Members present.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Morris and Wall); zero opposed; one abstained (Trinidad); ineligible (Schindelheim).

E. Motion to purchase up to \$5,000.00 in Outreach give-away items for upcoming events. **FUNDING MOTION** moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Bohrer: The GHSNC will purchase up to \$5,000.00 in Outreach give-away items for upcoming events.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Benedetto noted events at which materials may be used.

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, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kim, Kolstad, Morris, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstained; one ineligible (Schindelheim).

F. Discussion item only: Spending options for new fiscal year and beyond: Granada Hills pool (possible formation of a 501c3). Traffic control around schools (embedded flashing lights at crosswalks).

Mr. Beauvais explained the issue. Mr. Mansker reported that pedestrian safety measures funding is available. Other Stakeholders commented regarding safety measures.

G. Board Resolution regarding board elections, see attached board resolution document. Mr. Beauvais requested and it was agreed to withdraw this Item.

H. Appointment of an Ad-Hoc committee to study and recommend a position regarding on-line voting for submission via a Community Impact statement. Report.

Recommendation from Ad-Hoc Committee to be rendered no later than the July regular meeting.

Stakeholder Cheri Derohanian volunteered to be on the Committee.

Board Member Justin Kim left, making 12 Board Members present.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: The GHSNC appoints an Ad-Hoc committee to study and inform the Board of pros and cons, and recommend a position regarding City Council File #15-1022-S2, on-line voting for submission via a Community Impact statement; recommendations to be rendered no later than the Board’s July regular meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kuzmin believed an ad hoc committee cannot make recommendations. Parliamentarian Mr. Kabo read from Roberts Rules of Order regarding ad hoc Committees.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Morris, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Schindelheim did not vote.

I. Board authorization for executive board to determine whether to hold a June meeting.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Bursk: The GHSNC Board authorizes its Executive Board to determine whether to hold a June meeting.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of possible meeting locations within the GHSNC area.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 10 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC counts abstentions as “Yes” votes). Mr. Schindelheim did not vote.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) (Cindy Wu Freedman). Report.
Stakeholder Maria Fisk spoke regarding the 17500 Chatsworth cell tower application and other issues, including the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance.

B. Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

Mr. Benedetto reported that he spoke at the VANC meeting regarding the March 27th Homeless Forum.

1. Motion for an additional \$25.00 to cover tax for polo shirts from 4imprint.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Trinidad: The GHSNC will allocate an additional \$25.00 to cover tax for polo shirts from 4imprint.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Morris, Trinidad and Wall); zero opposed; zero abstained; one ineligible (Schindelheim).

2. Annual Spring Egg Hunt (report),

Mr. Benedetto reported that [April 15] “probably a thousand people [were] there . . . we picked up about 140 to 150 names” for the Stakeholders database.

3. Upcoming Aliso Canyon Community forum, May 15, 2017.

Mr. Benedetto reported that the forum was “tentatively postponed . . . to June 9.”

X. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Ms. Kolstad encouraged attending the Senior Dance; all ages are welcomed. Mr. Trinidad would like to allocate more funding to beautification. Mr. Dunlap expressed thanks for support. Ms. Carson encouraged completing the GHSNC strategic plan. Mr. Graham urged avoiding decisions of “convenience” that create security problems. Mr. Benedetto recommended forming an ad hoc homelessness committee. Mr. Beauvais announced that Granada Hills Charter High School Academic Decathlon team members and a coach will speak at the Old Granada Hills Residents Group meeting May 18th here in Rawley Hall. He urged recruiting candidates to fill the three vacant Board Sets.

XI. Adjournment

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

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed, zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:17 p.m.

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