



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

Thursday, September 14, 2017

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President: Dave Beauvais	Sally Kolstad
Vice-President: Michael Benedetto	Dawn Lopez
Secretary: Julie Carson	Deron Lopez
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim	Joel Lyle
Jeffrey Bohrer	Mark Morris
Bonnie M. Bursk	Brad Smith
Jett Dunlap	Rene R. Trinidad Cindy Wu Freedman
Don Graham	Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian)
Justin Kim	

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**I. Call to order** (Presiding officer)

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. The next two General Board Meetings will be October 5 and the second Thursday in November, the 9th.

**II. Roll Call** (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken. Fourteen of the 17 Board Members were present: Dave Beauvais, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson, Jett Dunlap, Don Graham, Sally Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Joel Lyle, Mark Morris, Brad Smith and Cindy Wu Freedman. Justin Kim (unexcused), Brandon Schindelheim (excused) and Rene Trinidad (excused) were absent. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine Also attended: 23 Stakeholders and Guests.

**III. Public Comment**

Stakeholder Sam Kwasman, North Hills West Neighborhood Council Board Member, noted that he lives in Granada Hills north of Lassen but in a North Hills West-designated area. He requested support and agendizing regarding re-designating the area as being in Granada Hills South. Stakeholder Eric Mansker believed that

Committees, especially Planning and Land Use Management, should meet more often. Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences Robotics Team Members requested that the Outreach Committee Agendize considering a Neighborhood Purposes Grant not to exceed \$5,000 for the Team.

#### **IV. Community Speakers**

##### **A. Council District 12**

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV. C.]*

Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org; reported that “there’ll be a new aquatic center . . . [that] will enable high school and NCAA competitions . . . completion . . . is expected by 2020.” Construction starts in Summer 2018 with completion projected for Summer 2020. He said “there will not be a bike lane” at Louise and San Jose.

##### **B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD or alternate rep.**

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011, x1727, mobile/text phone 818-634-0577; 27286@LAPD.LACity.org; was not present; on his behalf Stakeholder Richard Fisk reported. He encouraged attending a Senior Lead Officers meeting on October 10 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Euphrasia Church and Neighborhood Watch meetings. Violent crime is down 2%; property crime is up four percent. He reminded to lock your vehicle(s) and not leave anything visible.

##### **C. Reports from VANC (Eric Mansker)/Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman, Glenn Baily, Brian Allen)**

Deidre Greenaway, Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board Member, reported that the September 9 Congress of Neighborhood Councils was “a success” and that Regional Budget Day will be in January. Abigail Moreno, Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-221-3718; Abigail.Moreno@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), noted that a small part of Granada Hills is in the 29<sup>th</sup> District and that the Congressman introduced education-related legislation. Mr. Mansker reported that Metro updated its timetable for Valley projects; information is at [KSwift@LAMetro.net](mailto:KSwift@LAMetro.net). The City will spend \$1.3 billion “on sidewalk improvements” over the next 30 years. “The City itself will be the priority for the first five years,” then high-traffic and mobility-challenged residential areas. The City is planning to have 2018 Neighborhood Council elections. The Valley Disaster Preparedness Faire will be Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, 10:00-2:00 at the Northridge mall [northwest parking lot east of Shirley and south of Plummer, 9301 Tampa Ave., Northridge; register online].

##### **D. Presentation by Nancy Lulejian Starzyk, President, Southland Regional Association of Relators**

Ms. Starzyk was unable to attend; there was no presentation.

#### **V. Approval of minutes** from August 3, 2017, Regular Board Meeting.

Mr. Beauvais requested and it was agreed to TABLE this to the October 5 Meeting.

## **VI. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures** for July, 2017.

Mr. Beauvais requested and it was agreed to TABLE this to the October 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

## **VII. Board Issues**

Mr. Beauvais requested Board Members to email the Webmaster to get their new official email address.

*Mr. Beauvais recused from voting as he is a Member of the Granada Hills Community Foundation Board and left the room at this time, making 13 Board Members present and eligible to vote.*

- A. Approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to support the Granada Hills Street Faire scheduled for October 7, 2017 in the amount of \$2500.00. Funds to go to the Granada Hills Foundation, a non-profit organization who is sponsoring the event. Funds will be used for rental of event equipment, permits, parking control and security costs. GHSNC will have a reserved location at the Street Faire to provide outreach and public engagement.

It was noted that the Foundation name is “Granada Hills Community Foundation.”

**FUNDING MOTION** moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC approves of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to support the Granada Hills Street Faire scheduled for October 7, 2017 in the amount of \$2500.00. Funds to go to the Granada Hills Community Foundation, a non-profit organization who is sponsoring the event. Funds will be used for rental of event equipment, permits, parking control and security costs. GHSNC will have a reserved location at the Street Faire to provide outreach and public engagement.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Mansker said “we’ve always supported it.” Mike Kabo said it includes a classic car show, arts and crafts, music, entertainment, a food court and fun zone. The GHSNC will “be on all signage.”

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** by Mr. Graham; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained; one recused (Beauvais).

- B. Approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to support the Granada Hills Holiday Parade, to be held December 3, 2017. Funds to go to the Granada Hills Foundation, a non-profit organization sponsoring the event, in the amount of \$2000. Funds will be used to offset costs for permits, parking control and security. GHSNC will have an opportunity to participate in the parade if we wish.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to support the Granada Hills Holiday Parade, to be held December 3, 2017. Funds to go to the Granada Hills [Community] Foundation, a non-profit organization sponsoring the event, in the amount of \$2000. Funds will be used to offset costs for permits, parking control and security. GHSNC will have an opportunity to participate in the parade if it wishes.

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Deron Lopez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; one abstained (Bohrer); one recused (Beauvais).

*Mr. Beauvais’s recusal ended and he returned to the room at this time, making 14 Board Members present and eligible to vote.*

C. Motion to increase rental space from a 10x5 to a 10x10 with commensurate increase in monthly rental fee, up to \$250 per month.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Lyle, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will increase its rental space from a 10x5 to a 10x10 with commensurate increase in monthly rental fee, up to \$250 per month.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Beauvais noted the current fee of \$175-\$180 per month.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. Motion to [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Graham: The GHSNC will submit a Community Impact Statement in support of City file 17-0447, a motion to create a buffer zone of 2500 feet between oil drilling and any critical use facility, such as (but not limited to) a school, senior or youth center, clinic or hospital.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Mansker believed that housing should not be built near oil drilling operations. Candice Kim and a colleague, of the Standing Together Against Neighborhood Drilling Coalition, support the City Motion. Ms. Kim said “there are public health risks associated with these operations” and more than 620,000 Angelenos live within one-half mile of them. The City Motion would include existing wells. Mr. Bohrer believed that existing wells will be grandfathered and allowed to continue operating, and that there is a need to prevent future installations through zoning; he opposed this Motion as presented.

Mr. Smith observed that other California cities have regulated this. Ms. Bursk believed the City Motion language to be “vague.” Ms. Carson said ‘we have to start somewhere.’”

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Carson, Dunlap, Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Smith and Wu Freedman); four opposed (Bohrer, Bursk, Graham and Dawn Lopez); zero abstained.

E. Motion that GHSNC “opts in” for the January 23-25 Homeless Survey count. An “opt in” means we approve of and invited volunteers into the community to perform this annual count of the homeless.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Wu Freedman, seconded by Mr. Morris): The GHSNC “opts in” for the January 23-25 Homeless Survey count.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

### **VIII. Committee Reports**

*[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]*

Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

Mr. Benedetto reported on a joint Committees meeting with Public Safety and requested Agendizing about purchasing banners. Mr. Graham will email the Board about “Granada Hills South Operation Reconnect.”

1. Motion for up to \$1,000 for decorations (haunted house) and supplies for the Granada Hills Recreation Center Halloween Night event. (Motion will require a second).

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Morris): The GHSNC will allocate up to \$1,000 for decorations (haunted house) and supplies for the Granada Hills Recreation Center Halloween Night event.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Benedetto noted that around 154 people signed up at last year’s very successful family event.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Deron Lopez) Report

Mr. Lopez noted the joint meeting with the Outreach Committee.

PLUM (Cindy Wu Freedman) Report

Ms. Wu Freedman encouraged submitting newsletter content; it will be sent by early November at a cost of around \$1,000 to approximately 13,000 households.

**IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.**

Mr. Graham cautioned that 20% of vehicles stolen in the Valley had keys left in them. Mr. Smith requested Agendizing: allocating an amount not to exceed \$100 for an American flag and stand; a presentation on Metro's proposed North Valley Transit Corridor; considering the LA2028 Olympics plan to receive \$180 million from the International Olympic Committee; and considering the City Cultural Affairs Dept. mural process. He urged getting information regarding City infrastructure projects and funding. Ms. Kolstad announced that Granada Hills Charter High School was ranked #1 in California and #6 in the country; she requested that the Principal be invited to present to the GHSNC. Mr. Bohrer encouraged everyone to "be humane" in criticism and to "approach it in a constructive way." Mr. Beauvais probably will miss the October 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and some meetings early in 2018. He announced that Board Member Justin Kim will resign in November and reminded to help recruit Board Members.

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Morris.

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:21 p.m.

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