



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

Thursday, October 5, 2017

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President: Dave Beauvais  
Vice-President: Michael Benedetto  
Secretary: Julie Carson  
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim  
Jeffrey Bohrer  
Bonnie M. Bursk  
Jett Dunlap  
Don Graham  
Sally Kolstad

Dawn Lopez  
Deron Lopez  
Joel Lyle  
Mark Morris  
Brad Smith  
Rene R. Trinidad  
Cindy Wu Freedman  
Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian)

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

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**II. Roll Call** (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Ten of the 16 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson (Secretary), Sally Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Mark Morris, Rene Trinidad. Joel Lyle arrived later. Five Board Members were absent: Jett Dunlap (unexcused), Don Graham (excused), Brandon Schindelheim (excused), Brad Smith (unexcused) and Cindy Wu Freedman (excused). Justin Kim had resigned. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on agenda items) is nine. Sixteen of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One board seat was vacant. Also attended: 36 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

Stakeholder Eric Mansker believed that Committees need to regularly meet. Kim Brown, of the Granada Hills Charter High School ASL program, will ask for a \$2,500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant.

*Board Member Joel Lyle arrived at this time (6:44), making 11 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).*

Glenn Bailey, of VANC [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; VANC@EmpowerLA.org; <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2>], announced their Planning

and Transportation Forum will be November 9<sup>th</sup> and requested a \$250 GHSNC contribution. Russell Jenkins, of Muscle by Russell (818-522-1665; MuscleByRussell@yahoo.com) invited everyone to his fitness studio on Chatsworth. He is organizing a Granada Hills spring “fitness challenge.” Mr. Beauvais referred him to the Outreach Committee. Two Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences Robotics Team Members submitted a Neighborhood Purposes Grant not to exceed \$5,000 for the Team and requested agendaing it for the Board to consider for “parts and . . . to register for the competition.” Carl Petersen, of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Education Committee, believed that the High School is illegally requesting “submission of a student’s IEP 504 Plan.” He wrote and requested support for a resolution to be considered by LAUSD.

Stakeholder Sam Kwasman, North Hills West Neighborhood Council Board Member, who lives in Granada Hills north of Lassen but in a North Hills West-designated area, requested support for a letter requesting that his part of Granada Hills be moved to Granada Hills South, as it has been part of Granada Hills “since 1953.” Mikkie Loi of the LAPD Devonshire Division Community Police Advisory Board encouraged signing up online for “Map Your Neighborhood.” Stakeholder William Kuzmin believed that too many Board Members were attending Committee Meetings. Mid-Valley Regional Library (818-895-3650; representatives explained tutoring opportunities and that “all of our services are free” to “combat . . . illiteracy . . . There is at least a six-month commitment . . . Being bi-lingual is not a requirement.”

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

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

Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), reported on upcoming events.

##### **B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD or Civilian Alternate**

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011, x1727, mobile/text phone 818-634-0577; 27286@LAPD.LACity.org; [http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire\\_community\\_police\\_station](http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station)), was not present; there was no report.

##### **C. Reports from VANC (Eric Mansker)/Budget Reps (Cindy Wu Freedman, Krisna Crawford-Velasco) and Advocates (Brian Allen, Glenn Bailey)**

Brian Allen, a Budget Advocate [<http://ncbala.com>], encouraged comments about City services. Mr. Bailey reported that VANC’s latest speaker was LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson (ofc. 818-654-3785; <http://achieve.lausd.net/schmerelson>), who discussed grants to schools and Neighborhood Council uses of school facilities.

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

Ms. Starzyk was not present.

Semee Park, Director of Operations, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Semee.Park@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that the City Council agreed to have Neighborhood Council elections in 2019 and that a Great Streets Program information packet is available.

State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; <http://sd18.senate.ca.gov/contact/email>; <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>), reported that “a lot more projects . . . are coming up.” He described future transportation possibilities (light rail lines “will be built” in the north Valley) and homeless people support services to be provided, saying “new people are going to come; drug addiction and mental health – those are the two core issues.”

**V. Approval of Minutes** from August 3 2017 Regular Board Meeting and September 14, 2017 Special Board Meeting.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its August 3, 2017 Regular Board Meeting with the following corrections: page one: the title should say “August 3,” not “August 2”; Item #II: Bonnie Bursk’s absence was excused, not “unexcused.”

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with nine in favor; zero opposed; two abstained (the GHSNC counts abstentions as “Yes” votes).

**MOTION** (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 14, 2017 Special Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with ten in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC counts abstentions as “Yes” votes).

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

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

**VII. Board Issues**

1. Approval of GHSNC dedicated emails for each Director. Email service will be approximately \$5.00 per Director per month.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Carson): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves dedicated emails for each Director. Email service will be approximately \$5.00 per Director per month.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Beauvais said “this will give [Board Members] a dedicated email account . . . this has been recommended by the City Attorney . . . it’s a secure account.” Ms. Carson explained “so it doesn’t get forwarded to your personal email.” Mr. Beauvais noted that, if a Board Member gets a Public

Records Act request and used their personal email account, that account must be searched; “a dedicated email is your best protection.”

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Carson, Dawn Lopez, Lyle, Morris); three opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Kolstad, Deron Lopez and Trinidad); three abstained (the GHSNC counts abstentions as “Yes” votes) (Benedetto, Bohrer and Bursk).

2. Approval of up to \$1,500 for The Granada Hills Emergency Plan forum scheduled for February 2018; which will include flyers and possible mailers.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by the Public Safety Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves up to \$1,500 for the Granada Hills Emergency Plan forum scheduled for February 2018; which will include flyers and possible mailers.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Benedetto reported that the Outreach Committee approved this; he explained the Plan and said “we would like to work with [Granada Hills] North [Neighborhood Council] as well.” There will be a CERT [Community Emergency Response Team; 818-756-9674; [www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com), [lafdcert@LACity.org](mailto:lafdcert@LACity.org)] class in November or January; “we’re working with the Fire Department.”

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris and Trinidad); zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC counts abstentions as “Yes” votes) (Bohrer).

3. Discussion on changing to GHSNC logo; examples to be given by Mark Hovater. Mr. Hovater distributed copies of “GHSNC New Logo Ideas” and explained the choices. There was discussion of design preferences. A straw [unofficial] poll of Board Members indicated a preference for design number eight with no banner; this will be agendized for consideration to approve.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### **A. Outreach (Mike Benedetto)**

Mr. Benedetto explained regarding street banners.

1. Motion for up to \$3000.00 for purchase of 15 street banners with GHSNC logo. Banners will be installed along Chatsworth Street for visibility and outreach.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by the Outreach Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$3,000.00 for purchase of 15 street banners with GHSNC logo. Banners will be installed along Chatsworth Street for visibility and outreach.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Mansker suggested also installing banners on Balboa Blvd. and urged installing all banners, including those in storage. Ms. Bursk reminded that the City only allows displays one month per year and “they’re not

going to last.” Mr. Trinidad suggested installing banners “east of Balboa near the Park.” Mr. Lyle said “we should have a supply of extra banners” and display them “year-round.” There was extensive discussion of possible banner materials and display locations.

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Ms. Carson); zero opposed; zero abstained.

**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, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Motion in support of putting on a C.E.R.T. event at GHCHS as part of and in conjunction of The Granada Hills Emergency Plan with up to \$500 for a CERT Kit to be given to each graduate of that Program.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by the Outreach Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will put on a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) event at Granada Hills Charter High School as part of and in conjunction of the Granada Hills Emergency Plan with up to \$500 for a CERT kit to be given to each graduate of that program.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Benedetto listed contents of the 40 kits that would be purchased (“roughly \$14 a kit”) and clarified that this event is not part of the Emergency Plan forum scheduled for February.

**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, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained.

*Board Member Jeffrey Bohrer left at this time (8:53), making 10 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).*

B. PLUM (Cindy Wu Freedman) Report

Stakeholder Maria Fisk reported that the Committee may change its regular meeting date.

C. Public Safety (Deron Lopez) Report

There was discussion about having the February Emergency Plan forum here.

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

Mr. Beauvais reported that Youth Director Justin Kim resigned; a candidate is considering being appointed. The next Board Meeting will be the second (not the usual first) Thursday, November 9th; Ms. Carson will not be able to attend. Ms. Kolstad said the Education Committee will meet “this month.”

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Mr. Lyle, seconded by Mr. Morris).  
**MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED** by a voice vote with no opposition.  
The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:08 p.m.

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