



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

Thursday, January 4, 2018

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

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I. Call to order (Presiding officer)

President Dave Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and explained procedures. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Benedetto.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Eleven of the 15 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson (Secretary), Don Graham, Sally Kolstad, Joel Lyle, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer) and Cindy Wu Freedman. Jett Dunlap (excused), Dawn Lopez (unexcused), Deron Lopez (unexcused) and Rene Trinidad (unexcused) were absent. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on agenda items) is nine. Two Board Seats (both At Large) were vacant; to apply, see www.ghsnc.org. [Cheri Derohanian was appointed during below Item #VIII. A.] Also attended: 29 stakeholders and guests.

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

Glenn Bailey, Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC) President, reported that the NENC voted down a Motion regarding Granada Hills Charter School. Susan Gorman-Chang, Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council Homeless Liaison, wanted to have a Homeless Connect Day to provide services, with City Council District 12 to “take the lead.” Jon Pelzer, Congressional Candidate, introduced himself. Lauri Sherbon, Cub Scout leader, wants funding for new planters in front of Granada Hills Community Charter Elementary School; they cost \$80 each. Mr. Beauvais encouraged contacting Mr. Schindelheim regarding applying for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant.

[*This Agenda Item was continued after Item #VIII. A.*] Stakeholder Maria Fisk wanted help to beautify the Caltrans parking lot “staging area” near the 118 and Balboa. Also, the Granada Hills North NC’s land use forum will be Thursday, January 18th.

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 that the City Council passed a “Citywide marijuana Ordinance”; details are on the City website [www.LACity.org]. Regarding the vandalized mural “in the alley behind the Chase Bank” by Balboa and Mission, the artist has until January 17th to respond to CD12 with his permission to clean it or not; after that, it will be cleaned.

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; http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station), was not present; on his behalf, Stakeholder Richard Fisk reported on recent crimes and scams. There are monthly [second Tuesdays] Senior Lead Officer meetings at 7:00 p.m. at St. Euphrasia Church [11766 Shoshone Ave.] Mr. Graham encouraged searching for your own name and age to see what information is available at www.ZabaSearch.com. Also, any Police Station will take a report for any other Station. Mr. Fisk urged locking your vehicle and that ride share service drivers and cars match the descriptions given by their companies. Also, Community Police Patrol volunteer positions are available.

C. Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman, Glenn Baily, Brian Allen)

Mr. Bailey, also a Budget Advocate [<http://ncbala.com>], reported that Regional Budget Day will be January 20th at the Braude Center [6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys.] The Advocates’ “preliminary version of the White Paper” of recommendations to the City will be presented. They will meet again with the Mayor in early March; the City budget is released in April.

D. VANC Liaison Report (Eric Mansker)

Mr. Bailey, also of VANC [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; VANC@EmpowerLA.org; <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2>], announced the annual VANC Mixer will be Thursday, March 8th at CBS Studios; he asked the GHSNC to co-sponsor the event at \$250; the GHSNC would be mentioned in materials and can bring a banner.

V. Approval of October 5 Regular and November 9, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes.

The following correction to the October 5, 2017 General Board Meeting Minutes was requested: page one, Item #II: “Cindy Wu Freedman . . . (un/excused)” should read “Cindy Wu Freedman (excused).”

MOTION (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its October 5, 2017 General Board Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote; zero opposed; two abstained (Schindelheim and Wu Freedman).

MOTION (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Ms. Bursk): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 9, 2017 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; two abstained.

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

Copies were distributed of and Mr. Schindelheim and reviewed, in turn, the GHSNC "Monthly Expenditure Reports" (MERs) for July, August, September and October 2017; It was noted that the June 2017 MER already had been approved

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Morris): The GHSNC approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2017.

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, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2017.

DISCUSSION: The storage unit "late fee" was waived in September.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris and Schindelheim); zero opposed; one abstained (Wu Freedman).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Ms. Kolstad): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2017.

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, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Graham): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2017.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wu Freedman requested that receipt submitters write on top of each receipt the purpose of the expense.

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

Mr. Bailey acknowledged “access issues” with which Mr. Schindelheim had to deal to get needed Treasurer information. Mr. Schindelheim expressed his concern regarding accurately accounting for taxpayer money.

VII. Budget Issues and Motions

A. Reallocation of budget; \$6,000 from General Outreach to NPG expenses.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Graham): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will reallocate \$6,000 from General Outreach to Neighborhood Purposes Grant expenses.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beauvais noted that “this is a technical reallocation” to ensure funding for Neighborhood Purposes Grants.

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, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; one abstained (Bohrer).

Mr. Beauvais explained that the below reimbursements are “for prior events.” Mr. Schindelheim explained the need to re-vote on the allocations because the funding now was allocated to specific people.

B. Reimbursement for Homeless Event expenses, Mike Benedetto (126.67).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will reimburse for Homeless Event expenses, Mike Benedetto (\$126.67).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; one abstained (Benedetto).

C. Reimbursement for office supplies, Julie Carson (46.49).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will reimburse for office supplies, Julie Carson (\$46.49).

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

D. Reimbursement for copies, Cindy Wu Freedman (3.00).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will reimburse for copies, Cindy Wu Freedman (\$3.00).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris and Schindelheim); zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC counts abstentions as “Yes” votes) (Wu Freedman).

E. Reimbursement for tablet covers, Rene Trinidad (65.68).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Ms. Bursk): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will reimburse for tablet covers, Rene Trinidad (\$65.68).

DISCUSSION: It was explained that the tablet computers are used at outreach events; the covers are to be able to see the screens when it is sunny.

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, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VIII. Board Issues

A. Appointment of Stakeholder Cheri Derohanian to the Board.

Ms. Derohanian described her background, qualifications and desire to serve, especially on the Education Committee. She said that “within the last six to eight months” she completed the Ethics Training, the Funding Training and signed the Code of Conduct.

The Board approved Ms. Derohanian’s appointment to the Board by a voice vote; one abstained (Bohrer). Jasmine Elbarbary, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Jasmine.Elbarbary@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), led Ms. Derohanian in reading aloud the Oath of Office.

New Board Member Cheri Derohanian was seated with the Board at this time, making 12 Board Members present.

B. Approval of updated logo for Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council.

Stakeholder Mark Hovatar presented, saying “it’s basically the old logo” with “a nicer font” and the home was redesigned.

MOTION (by Ms. Kolstad, seconded by Ms. Wu Freedman): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its updated logo.

DISCUSSION: A Stakeholder expressed design concerns. Mr. Hovatar indicated that an artist, for around \$200, would enhance the design.

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, Derohanian, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Beauvais requested information to Agendize considering funding this at the next Board Meeting.

C. Approval of adjustment to GHSNC borders to include area from 405 to Balboa Blvd. (East) and Devonshire Street to Lassen Street (North side).

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Carson): The GHSNC approves the adjustment to GHSNC borders to include the area from 405 to Balboa Blvd. (East) and Devonshire Street to Lassen Street (North side).

Mr. Beauvais noted that the North Hills West Neighborhood Council (NHWNC) requested agendizing this. NHWNC Board Member Sam Kwasman presented. He noted that the area has been considered to be in Granada Hills since around 1953, including by the Granada Hills Neighborhood Watch, of which he is President. Mr. Beauvais noted that “both Councils have to approve the changes, and then DONE has to approve the change.” He explained history of the area. Mr. Bailey indicated the NENC also needs to vote on it, which he said “should be no problem.” Dave Brown, another NHWNC Board Member, was concerned that two or three NHWNC Board Members may become ineligible to serve on that Board if the borders are moved. Mr. Kwasman noted he does business in North Hills and would still qualify as an NHWNC Board Member. Ms. Wu Freedman reminded that the GHSNC approved the borders change around four years ago. Mr. Beauvais reported that the City Attorney and DONE advised that this GHSNC Board should vote and “not rely” on the previous Board’s vote. Mr. Kwasman noted that a petition supporting the borders change has “several hundred” signatures.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Bohrer).

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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, Derohanian, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris and Schindelheim); zero opposed; one abstained (Wu Freedman).

- D. Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of 1,000 dollars to the Parents, Teachers/Educators & Students in Action (PESA). This organization provides support for the Teen Court program, a diversion program for teens. The program focus is on Teens who may have been involved in hate crimes.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Lyle, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of 1,000 dollars to the Parents, Teachers/Educators & Students in Action (PESA).

DISCUSSION: Seymour Amster, Executive Director, Parents, Educators / Teachers & Students in Action [800-894-7201; pesaemmee@gmail.com; <http://parentsinactionforbetterschools.org>], explained the “juvenile diversionary . . . program is in 40 schools” in Los Angeles, “specifically, seven schools in the San Fernando Valley.” He said that “this program’s been around for 25 years” and “the main focus is mentoring the youth.” The program has three full-time and some part-time employees. Four other Neighborhood Councils have allocated “around a thousand each” and the program has received grants from government and individuals. Mr. Amster said “we have a hundred alumni . . . studies have shown that 85%” do not re-commit crime.

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, Derohanian, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- E. Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of 2500 dollars to the Granada Hills Charter High School Robotics Team. The team provides opportunities for students interested in engineering and related fields to participate in planning, building and participating in robot competition. Funds will be directed toward competition fees.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Derohanian, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of 2,500 dollars to the Granada Hills Charter High School Robotics Team. The team provides opportunities for students interested in engineering and related fields to participate in planning, building and participating in robot competition. Funds will be directed toward competition fees.

DISCUSSION: Team members described the program, which is 60% female, saying “we build from scratch” the robots. They demonstrated the robot they brought. Their School contributes \$6,000 to the Team and three other Neighborhood Councils have allocated funding to them. Ms. Carson believed “the School should support you more” since it is a charter school. The team described potential GHSNC logo appearances.

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, Derohanian, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

IX. Committee Reports

Outreach (Mike Benedetto) Report

Mr. Benedetto reported that “the Holiday Parade was a big success” and the tree-lighting ceremony was “the best attended event we’ve ever had” for tree lighting. There will be an emergency preparedness event here on February 1st at 6:00 p.m. He requested Agendizing Board consideration to purchase a sound system for meetings.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Deron Lopez) Report

Mr. Beauvais noted that Mr. Fisk already reported [in above Item #IV. B.]

PLUM (Cindy Wu Freedman)

Ms. Wu Freedman announced that the Committee will meet on third Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. here in the School Library.

A. Motion to [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will send a Letter to Councilmember Englander urging additional appointments to the Granada Hills Design Review Board.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beauvais requested Mr. Vallecilla to convey to Councilman Englander the need to have all five Design Review Board (DRB) Seats filled. Ms. Wu Freedman reported that four of the five DRB Seats are vacant. Contact Hannah Lee [Chief Planning and Land Use Deputy; 818-882-1212; Hannah.Lee@LACity.org] to apply; the Councilman appoints Members.

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

B. Motion to [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will send a Letter to Councilmember Englander regarding prior Q conditions in the prior Granada Hills Specific Plan and how they compare to zoning restrictions in the current Specific Plan.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wu Freedman explained the Motion and Mr. Beauvais provided more information.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Motion to [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council opposes marijuana sales within CD 12 because of proximity to schools, residential areas and federal law prohibition, and requests an opt-in provision.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wu Freedman explained the Motion. The Committee voted to opt out pending receipt of more information. Mr. Lyle believed it to be too late to opt out; “the Ordinance has already been written.” Others believed that some details still are to be decided. Mr. Beauvais reminded that Ordinances can be amended.

MOTION to DIVIDE the main Motion (by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Bohrer).

MOTION to DIVIDE WITHDRAWN by Mr. Graham, accepted by Mr. Bohrer.

Ms. Bursk noted that the City “can pass a law” to limit dispensary locations.

AMENDED MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council is opposed to marijuana sales within CD 12 because proximity to school, residential area, federal law prohibition and we request opt-in. We request an opt-in provision and oppose marijuana Sales within CD 12.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Derohanian, Graham, Kolstad, Schindelheim and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; four abstained (Bohrer, Carson, Lyle and Morris).

X. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Board Members encouraged bringing others to the February 1st emergency preparedness event. Mr. Graham described his recent work regarding fire preparedness and prevention. Ms. Carson encouraged recruiting youth for the Board. She reminded that Board Members need to use their official public GHSNC email accounts instead of their private accounts for GHSNC business. Mr. Bohrer would like the Board to consider buying a flag pole. Mr. Schindelheim was concerned about the health impact of the City Council having approved of marijuana dispensaries. Mr. Beauvais reported that the Friends of the Library, the Granada Hills Women’s Club and the YMCA thanked the GHSNC for Neighborhood Purposes Grants. There probably will be a Special Board Meeting on the third Thursday the 15th in February. He reported that “we have done a lot of outreach” regarding the vacant Board Seat; “we have three people interested.”

XI. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Bohrer).

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:37 p.m.

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