



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING Thursday, June 7, 2018

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

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I. Call to Order (Presiding Officer)

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Beauvais.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Twelve of the 17 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson (Secretary), Maria Fisk, Sally Kolstad, Joel Lyle, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer), Sarah Tran and Cindy Wu Freedman. Jett Dunlap arrived later. Don Graham (unexcused), Dawn Lopez (excused), Deron Lopez (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 (see the Bylaws at <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. All 17 of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: 32 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

Resident Sam Kwasman reported regarding the adjustment to GHSNC borders to include the area from the 405 Freeway to Balboa Blvd. (east) and Devonshire St. to Lassen St. (north side). BONC [the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] requires a Neighborhood Council to represent at least 20,000 Stakeholders, while they (BONC) believes that only 12,000 are in the adjustment area. Mr. Kwasman said that BONC did not count workers and other Stakeholders, and BONC is concerned about Fire Station 87 being shared. The Item was Tabled by BONC.

Board Member Jett Dunlap arrived at this time (6:40), making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

Students from the Granada Hills Charter High School Robotics Team thanked the GHSNC for funding. They competed in seven tournaments this academic year.

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)

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 fire alarm fee Ordinance authored by the Councilman was passed by the City Council. L.A. Fire Dept. honorary street signs honoring “fallen firefighters” will be posted. The annual Student Film Festival is growing. The Senior Dance was “a big success.” The Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project Feasibility Study is seeking input; it would connect the Valley with LAX (L.A. Airport). Clean Streets Clean Starts [818-401-5522; don8819@gmail.com; https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D-_cLeWLOIGFJzZmvs4-M3M1fkLMeE87/view], which employs homeless people, is seeking volunteers; contact Don Larson.

B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD or alternate rep (Officer DelCore/Richard Fisk)
Stakeholder Richard Fisk reported for Dario Del Core, an 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), that false alarms also unnecessarily use Police resources. The LAHSA (L.A. Homeless Services Authority; LAHSA@NationBuilder.com; <http://lahsa.org>) Homeless Count is available; homelessness is down 19% from last year in CD12.

C. Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman, Glenn Baily, Brian Allen)
Mr. Allen reported for the Budget Advocates [<http://ncbala.com>] that the free Budget Day will be June 23rd; all are invited. Public comment is sought on City Council File 18-0467 regarding acceptable donations to Neighborhood Councils; rolling over unused funding; and more.

D. DONE Representative (Jasmine Elbarbary)

Jasmine Elbarbary, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Jasmine.Elbarbary@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that the boundary adjustment issue will be considered June 18th at 1:00 at downtown City Hall; see the Board Members’ Monthly Profile.

V. Approval of minutes for the May 3, 2018 regular meeting.

Ms. Carson confirmed that all Board Members were “eligible to vote.” “Glitches” with the Board@ghsnc.org email address are being worked on with the Webmaster.

MOTION (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 3, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with nine in favor; zero opposed; four abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions).

VI. Budget Issues

- A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for April 2018.
Copies were distributed and Mr. Schindelheim reviewed the GHSNC “April Monthly Expenditure Report.”

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Dunlap): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2018.

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, Fisk, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

- B. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for May 2018.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Dunlap): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2018.

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, Fisk, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

Mr. Schindelheim noted that \$5,871.72 in funding is available.

Board Member Brandon Schindelheim left at this time, making 12 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

VII. Board Issues

- A. Approval of expenditure to Carter House Printing in the amount of \$310.21.
Mr. Beauvais explained that Carter House moved to Santa Clarita; they could not process the credit card and needed a check.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of expenditure to Carter House Printing in the amount of \$310.21.

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, Fisk, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Wu

Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

- B. Discussion and motion to approve Dave Beauvais as the new PCard holder for the GHSNC.

Mr. Beauvais explained that Mr. Benedetto was the card holder for two years.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves Dave Beauvais as the new Purchase Card holder for the GHSNC.

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, Fisk, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

- C. Discussion and motion to approve and certify the GHSNC Inventory list is correct and completed, containing all items in the possession of the GHSNC; as reported to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment during fiscal year 2017-2018. Copies were distributed of the Inventory. Mr. Beauvais explained the above is in the GHSNC storage locker.

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves and certifies the GHSNC Inventory list is correct and completed, containing all items in the possession of the GHSNC; as reported to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment during fiscal year 2017-2018.

DISCUSSION: The American flags and poles will be added to the inventory.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Ms. Tran): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council adds the two American flags and poles to the above Motion.

AMENDMENT to the 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, Fisk, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Tran and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

AMENDED 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, Fisk, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Tran and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. PLUM (Maria Fisk)

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

1. MOTION: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee requests that the developer of the project at 10537 N. White Oak Ave. resubmit the lot line changes that includes a proposal that includes building improvements and additional building development that conform with the Granada Hills – Knollwood Community Plan.

Copies were distributed of a Lot Line Adjustment diagram. Committee Co-Chair Ms. Fisk explained that “neighbors felt that this was concerning . . . two-story . . . instead of one-story homes . . . the General Plan . . . [is] not in favor of flag lots.” Mr. Beauvais explained public comment rules. Neighbor Rick Ballesteros, who lives “directly across” from the project, said White Oak neighbors do not want flag lot development and are concerned about traffic.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council requests that the developer of the project at 10537 N. White Oak Ave. resubmit the lot line changes that includes a proposal that includes building improvements and additional building development that conform with the Granada Hills – Knollwood Community Plan.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Fisk explained more about the project and clarified that a house is there now. “There would be three lots.”

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with 12 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions).

2. MOTION: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee supports the project at 17436 W. Chatsworth St. based upon the developer’s willingness to provide the following accommodations: [see the below Motion].

Ms. Fisk read aloud the Motion.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council supports the project at 17436 W. Chatsworth St. based upon the developer’s willingness to provide the following accommodations:

- A six-foot retaining wall with shrubs will be constructed around the commercial parking lot;
- A reduction will be made to 25 feet of the rear of the building height;
- A reduction of the balconies by 50% and window sizes by 30% in the rear of the building to preserve privacy;
- support moving the gates to the commercial parking lot;
- Agreement for the commercial portion to prohibit marijuana dispensaries;
- Agreement that the configuration of the rear exit was not feasible due to lack of space; and
- The exit off Encino Ave. will be posted as right-turn only

DISCUSSION: Neighbor Andrea Reichel said no EIR (Environmental Impact Report) or traffic study was done and that “there’s also no parking on Kingsbury.” Sophie Reichel believed that “right-turn only is not going to work.” Armin Gharai, Project Engineer, stated that “we’ve done the environmental studies that’s [sic] required . . . there’s not any type of issue . . . we’ve done traffic studies . . . approved by DOT . . . we adhered to every part” of the Community Plan. He displayed renderings and described large setbacks. He stated that “we do whatever we can to increase the privacy of the neighbors . . . it’s zoned P-1; it’s zoned for parking . . . at night, it’ll be locked up and not used by anybody else. Next-door neighbor Rebecca Phelps said “a six-foot wall is not going to do it” and was concerned about noise. Mr. Gharai said “we do not have a starting date yet . . . we will have a design review meeting . . . we meet everything that’s in the Code . . . we’ve gone beyond whatever that’s required.” He added that “we could . . . put an eight-foot wall there . . . once we have Planning approval, we’ll start marketing it” and “we are so over-parked”; there would be “40 parking spaces for the commercial”; 26 are required. The commercial part of the project would be 6,453 square feet and include three to five retail stores. “Everything is facing Chatsworth.”

Mr. Bohrer noted that the project will be 20 feet high and believed that an eight-foot wall will not help. Mr. Gharai noted that “it’s going to be subterranean parking” and have 54 units above the retail space; “some are one, some are two-bedrooms.” Copies were distributed of renderings, site plans and elevations. Project representative Scott Davis explained the site design and claimed “this building really does not impact the alley.” Ms. Bursk said “this is something we’ve wanted . . . property owners to do.” She wanted an eight-foot wall, ficuses at least 10 feet tall and the alley repaved by the developer. Ms. Kolstad encouraged for there to be 15-foot to 20-foot tall shrubs along the shared property line; Mr. Gharai said “we offered to do that.” Mr. Dunlap believed that more new rental housing is needed.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE (by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council REFERS this Item #VIII. A. 2 to its Planning and Land Use Management Committee for further evaluation and meetings with the owners.

DISCUSSION: PLUM Committee Co-Chair John Seletos reported that the developer has appeared at three PLUM meetings. Mr. Bohrer believed that “further action is necessary on this.” Mr. Beauvais requested that people write suggested project conditions to the Committee Co-Chairs “or come to the meeting.”

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE PASSED by a hand vote with 11 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions).

B Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

1. Motion of up \$382.81 to purchase additional CERT kits from SOS.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Ms. Kolstad): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$382.81 to purchase additional CERT kits from SOS.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Benedetto explained the Motion.

Board Members Bonnie Bursk left and Jeffrey Bohrer stepped out by this time, making 10 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

2. Motion to unencumber \$4,000 from the 2017-2018 budget for Map Your Neighborhood outreach event.

Mr. Benedetto explained that there was no Map Your Neighborhood event.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council unencumbers \$4,000 from the 2017-2018 budget for Map Your Neighborhood outreach event.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Kolstad, Lyle and Morris); zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Wu Freedman). Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

3. Motion for up to \$8,000 to replenish giveaway items for upcoming outreach events.

Mr. Benedetto explained the Motion.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$8,000 to replenish giveaway items for upcoming outreach events.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beauvais noted that the Motion is for “up to \$8,000 . . . we’ll try to spend up to . . . whatever the balance is . . . by June 20th.”

Board Member Jeffrey Bohrer returned at this time, making 11 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

4. Motion for an additional \$200.00 for director name plates for a total of up to \$500.00.

Mr. Benedetto explained that a minimum number of name plates needed to be ordered.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Beauvais): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council allocates an additional \$200.00 for director name plates for a total of up to \$500.00.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Benedetto confirmed that price comparisons were done.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran 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. Canvass of Director availability for July 5, 2018 regular meeting.

Ms. Fisk requested that 17436 W. Chatsworth project comments be submitted to the PLUM Committee by June 15th and encouraged Board Members to attend the next Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. here in the Library. No Stakeholders attended the latest Committee Meeting. Ms. Kolstad will not be able to attend the August Board Meeting. Mr. Morris reported that “Citrus Sunday was fun.” Mr. Benedetto encouraged, regarding homeless people, that “we shouldn’t judge those people harshly.” Ms. Wu Freedman reported that the City and the County have “a zero down payment program” and that the Mayor’s Office is starting a homelessness volunteer program. The Southland Regional Association of Realtors (SRAR.com) will have a talk on Accessory Dwelling Units. Mr. Bohrer urged understanding the causes of homelessness. Mr. Beauvais reminded Board Members to attend the July 5th Board Meeting. The Executive Committee will recommend Fiscal Year 2018-2019 funding; the Park will request a Neighborhood Purposes Grant; and GHCHS will request support for their community garden. He noted Granada Hills’ amenities compared to other communities.

X. Adjournment

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

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:45 p.m.

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