



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL BOARD MEETING** Thursday, July 5, 2018

Granada Hills Charter H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344  
APPROVED MINUTES (Approved September 13, 2018)

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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 Don Graham.

**II. Roll Call** (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Twelve of the 16 Members were present at the Roll Call: Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson (Secretary), Maria Fisk, Don Graham, Sally Kolstad, Joel Lyle, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer), Sarah Tran, Rene Trinidad and Cindy Wu Freedman. Jeffrey Bohrer and Mark Morris arrived later. Deron Lopez (excused) and Jett Dunlap (unexcused) were absent. Dawn Lopez had resigned. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine. Sixteen of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat (At Large) was vacant; to apply, see [www.ghsnc.org](http://www.ghsnc.org). Also attended: 21 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

Glenn Bailey, "speaking as an individual," reported that the September 22nd Congress of Neighborhood Councils is "all day, City Hall . . . 30-40 workshops . . . 800-900 of your fellow [NC] Members." The next VANC [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; [VANC@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:VANC@EmpowerLA.org); <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2>] meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Planning Forum on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> with workshops and speakers.

**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](mailto:Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org); <http://CD12.LACity.org>), reported that the new LAPD Chief is Michael Moore. A street racing Ordinance was introduced by the Councilman. The City Council gave a six-month extension for L.A. Municipal Code 8502 regarding living in a vehicle. The Rapid Response Team removed "50 illegally placed signs" on Reseda Blvd. Mr. Benedetto requested and Mr. Vallecilla "will mention it to the

Councilman” regarding modified vehicles, including motorcycles, that emit hi-decibel noise; Mr. Graham noted that “it’s already illegal.”

*Board Member Mark Morris arrived at this time (6:47), making 13 Board Members present*

A Stakeholder reported that, near CSUN, groups of motorcyclists ride. Stakeholder Cherie Mann was concerned about airplane noise at all hours; Mr. Vallecilla noted that “the FAA controls the flight patterns.”

- 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, that “home burglars” hit around O’Melveny Park. The Police hand-delivered letters to local addresses known to have had fireworks on their premises, reminding the occupants that all personal fireworks are illegal in the City of L.A. Officer Del Core’s next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be July 9 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Euphrasia Church. He will be retiring by January 2019. The annual National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 2 at Northridge Park. Louise Ave. between Chatsworth St. and San Fernando Mission Blvd. will be repaved. Councilman Englander wants input about the possibility of installing a stop sign at one of those intersections. Mr. Graham explained that the Police are restricted by law from removing homeless people’s belongings from public rights-of-way and that unidentified shopping carts cannot be removed. The CD12 HOPE Team provides services to homeless people.
- C. Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman, Glenn Baily, Brian Allen). Mr. Bailey reported for the Budget Advocates [<http://ncbala.com>] that the June 23 Budget Day had “approaching 200 people” attend. He encouraged viewing the City Chief Administrative Officer’s presentation. The BA’s will have a July 14 retreat to form committees regarding next year’s City budget.
- D. DONE Representative (Jasmine Elbarbary) Gibson Nyambura, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 213-978-1551; [Gibson.Nyambura@LACity.org](mailto:Gibson.Nyambura@LACity.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), reported on July 10 and 24 live downtown Ethics Trainings. The Election Stipulation Worksheet is due by August 1.
- E. Marilyn Koziatek Granada Hills Charter High School. Ms. Koziatek reported with Jennie Acosta about the former Pinecrest School property. She said “we’re in a petition process . . . from LAUSD” collecting signatures from parents that will be submitted to LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson. They are “completely separate from LAUSD,” which may consider the petition in September. She described their program and facilities.

*Board Member Jeffrey Bohrer arrived at this time (7:12), making 14 Board Members present.*

They confirmed that the School is funded with taxpayer money.

- F. Small Asphalt Repairs by Street Services submit by July 16, 2018. Mr. Beauvais reported that, at the end of July, the City will repair up to 15 spots.

Mr. Beauvais noted at this time the recent resignation of Board Member Dawn Lopez; he will note on the website and Facebook the vacancy and encouraged submitting candidates. The term would serve 11 months through June 2019.

**V. Approval of Minutes** for the June 7, 2018 regular meeting.

**MOTION** moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Graham: The GHSNC approves the Minutes of its June 7, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 12 in favor; zero opposed; two abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Bohrer and Trinidad).

**VI. Budget Issues**

A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for June 2018.

Mr. Beauvais relayed that Mr. Schindelheim notified him that the MER (Monthly Expenditure Report) awaits end-of-Fiscal Year (June 30) information from the City to complete that MER. It was requested and agreed to TABLE this Item.

B. Approval of fiscal year 2018/2019 Budget.

Copies were distributed of a "Fiscal Year Administrative Packet."

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Lyle, seconded by Ms. Carson): The GHSNC adopts its fiscal year 2018/2019 Budget.

**DISCUSSION:** Copies were distributed of and Mr. Beauvais reviewed the proposed Budget. The "Meeting Refreshments" \$3,800 cost includes "a Map Your Neighborhood event" with \$1,600 of refreshments. He clarified that "this isn't all of our outreach." "Granada Hills Rec Center events" includes Halloween and Spring Egg Roll events. He described possible projects. "NPG's for Community events" includes the Street Fair, Holiday Parade and emergency preparedness events. He reminded that funding can be reallocated by a Board vote. Ms. Wu Freedman wanted more funding budgeted for NPG's and "to decrease our office expenditures." Mr. Schindelheim clarified that "some of these office expenditures . . . really are outreach." Ms. Fisk noted that much land use projects outreach is needed. Mr. Lyle reminded that "nothing is written in cement . . . most of the money we spend goes back to the community."

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beauvais, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Benedetto). Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

**VII. Board Issues**

A. Discussion and motion to [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Ms. Carson: GHSNC approves Dave Beauvais as the second signer and Mike Benedetto as the alternate signer for GHSNC.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Beauvais explained the need and will be "both Second Signor and Cardholder."

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad 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 Concept to Web’s proposal for GHSNC website hosting and maintenance.

Mr. Beauvais explained that “the only proposal we got was from Aaron DeVandry, our current vendor,” whose company is Concept to Web.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Bursk, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves Concept to Web’s proposal for GHSNC website hosting and maintenance.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Beauvais explained the posting procedure and that Concept to Web is “24-7” available.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Tran and Trinidad); zero opposed; one abstained (Wu Freedman).

- C. Discussion and motion to [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Tran, seconded by Mr. Schindelheim): The GHSNC approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$3,000 to the Granada Hills Friends of the Library. Purpose will be to buy additional books and library materials for the Granada Hills Library.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Beauvais reported that the Library has “a number of sources of funding” including their quarterly book sale.

**AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION** moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Bohrer: The GHSNC Council amends down to \$2,500 the funding amount in the original Motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Wu Freedman was concerned about the large amount of the NPG since the annual NPG budget is only \$4,000. Mr. Bohrer was concerned that “the same people” keep requesting funding; he believed that “we really need to expand our outreach” to the community. Mr. Schindelheim noted that, each year, the GHSNC returns unspent funding to the City, including \$4,000-\$5,000 last year.

**AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION FAILED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Graham and Schindelheim); 10 opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Fisk, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

**AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Schindelheim): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council amends down to \$1,700 the funding amount in the original Motion.

**AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); five opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Fisk and Wu Freedman); zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

**AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); five opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Fisk and Wu Freedman); zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### **A. PLUM Committee** (Maria Fisk)

1. MOTION: The GHSNC Planning and Land Use Management Committee [see the below Motion].

Ms. Fisk reported that the Committee “had many meetings” about this. Shlomi Asiss, Developer and Contractor, described the project “on the corner of Chatsworth and Encino . . .” in a “P-1 zone . . . across from the alley” with “54 units of apartments.” This is their “seventh meeting” with the GHSNC. He said they “have an excess of 20 additional parking” spaces; “we reduced the height of the building by 25 feet . . . window sizes by 30%.” There would be an “access gate” that “after hours would automatically close . . . we would not have any marijuana dispensaries . . . the driveway [would be] located on Encino” with “a right-turn only . . . sign” and eight feet of shrubbery in back. He displayed a diagram and distributed copies of elevations, site plans and a parking plan. He stated that “we . . . would maintain the trees and plants in the back . . . we would have a building manager available on-site . . . parking lot lighting . . . wouldn’t shine on neighbors” and there would be a “designated area for animal waste.” Ms. Fisk said “we understand it’s a by right project.” She displayed an around seven-inch stack of documents the Committee reviewed and said the “vetting process” was “quite intense.”

**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.
- The exit off Encino Ave. will be posted as right-turn only.
- Construct fences behind the customer parking lot.
- Construct 8 ft. wall located at the rear of parking lot, abutting the single family residence at 17457 Kingsbury St. To include trees at least 14 ft. Include ongoing maintenance and automatic watering system.

- Tall trees to be planted on building side of fence for privacy.
- Plants/trees to be watered and maintained/trimmed by developer.
- Keep commercial lot open for overnight parking for guests and overflow vehicles for tenants. Close gates to public after business closing.
- Put in electric gate to close lots at night and provide units with a key/pass for nighttime entry and exit.
- Tenants to be allowed to use commercial parking lots for overflow parking and guest at night.
- Building manager will be available.
- Safety lighting is to be turned away from neighborhood.
- There will be an area designated for animal waste.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Mann was concerned about traffic and believed that “the parking is going to be inadequate” and the housing “isn’t affordable.” Committee Co-Chair John Seletos encouraged the developer to “talk with some of the real estate developers in the area . . . the concern with one-bedrooms is . . . you’re going to have a pretty good turnover.” Mr. Bohrer “visited the site . . . submitted written inquiries” and supports the project. Mr. Morris noted that “community members” were not at this meeting and “seem to be okay with it.” Mr. Asiss indicated that they have 81 residential and 40 commercial parking spaces, 1.5 spaces per resident. Trees will already be near 14 feet in height when planted. He agreed to the removal from the original Motion sentence “To include trees that grow to at least 14 ft.” the phrase “that grow to.”

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 13 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Wu Freedman).

2. **MOTION:** The GHSNC Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) recommends to the Board to [see the below Motion].

Ms. Fisk noted that this is a by right project for which a six-bed license application has not yet been submitted.

**MOTION** (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council requests that the architect for the project at 17227 Simmonds St., Granada Hills, 91344 contact either PLUM Co-Chair John Seletos or Co-Chair Maria Fisk if there will be a submittal for more than six (6) beds.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Seletos reported that “there was very strong opposition” to the project from the community and that the project is for “highly disabled care.” Committee Member Larry Yoder was concerned about “the noise.” No permits are posted at the project site and there are other community concerns.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote with 14 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Beautification (Joel Lyle)

1. Motion: The Committee recommends that GHSNC [see the below Motion].

Mr. Lyle explained the proposed Motion and that “the fence . . . is north of the freeway . . . it also affects us.”

**MOTION** (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The GHSNC supports the “Welcome to Granada Hills” project. This project is located at Balboa and the 118 Freeway Caltrans yard. The project proposes to re-fence the east side of the yard (facing the freeway off-ramp) and erect panels depicting scenes from Granada Hills. This would be a joint project with other community organizations.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Bohrer: The GHSNC replaces in the original Motion the word “supports” with the phrase “will participate in.”

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Beauvais noted that CD12 and other sources may fund this.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Motion: The Committee recommends GHSNC [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by the Beautification Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council sets aside and dedicates \$4,500 of the fiscal year 2018/2019 budget for a tree trimming and removal beautification project.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Lyle explained the need and that Kingsbury St. residents have been trying for 10 years to get nearby trees trimmed by the City. Ms. Mann noted the importance of trees. Mr. Bohrer opposed this, believing the City should pay for it. Mr. Trinidad believed that the neighborhood cannot wait for the City. Mr. Benedetto believed this would “establish a precedence” of Neighborhood Council funding of City services and that we should “save lives,” not trees. Resident Mike Kabo and others believed that \$4,500 would not pay for much. Mr. Lyle noted that the City does list service requests. Mr. Graham noted that Neighborhood Council funding “is the City’s money . . . we have this discretion to spend this money . . . to augment” other City funding. Ms. Carson noted that there are “seven [City employees] for the whole west Valley” trimming trees. Mr. Beauvais believed that “this . . . is a safety issue” and noted that “it’s a pilot project.”

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Carson, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); three opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Benedetto, Bohrer and Bursk); 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.**

Ms. Kolstad will not be able to attend the August meeting. Ms. Fisk requested to Agendize consideration of the City Council File 18-0467 Neighborhood Councils reform Motion. Mr. Morris suggested that every PLUM Committee meeting be a joint Board/Committee meeting because of high attendance, including by Board Members. Mr. Beauvais clarified that the quorum of a GHSNC Board quorum of

nine equals five. Mr. Lyle lauded the PLUM Committee for its work. Mr. Graham requested to Agendize consideration of L.A. Municipal Code [**DL CLARIFY: “8502” OR “85.02”?**] 8502 regarding living in a vehicle and of submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding a six-month extension. He also requested to Agendize consideration of a CIS regarding ABC liquor license approvals and renewals. Ms. Wu Freedman attended the June 14<sup>th</sup> Mayor’s Volunteer L.A. (<https://Volunteer.LAMayor.org>) launch. Grants are available for home repairs for homeowners at least 62 years old. Ms. Tran encouraged to keep urging CD12 to provide services. Mr. Morris requested to Agendize consideration of a CIS regarding Council File 18-0247 regarding the DWP’s 100% renewable energy program; he will draft a CIS. Mr. Beauvais recognized “Dawn Lopez for over two years of service.” Also, “we are in limbo” regarding the boundary adjustment.

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Mr. Graham, seconded by Ms. Tran).

**MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:26 p.m.

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