



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Thursday, July 11, 2019

Granada Hills Charter H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344
APPROVED MINUTES (approved October 3, 2019)

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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 Brad Smith. Mr. Beauvais explained that Item #IV. D., about the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Corridor, is "a presentation, not an action item."

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Fourteen of the 17 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Carlos Amador, Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Bette Biers, Julie Carson (Secretary), Maria Fisk, John Horn, Mark Morris, Emayatzy Oliver, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer), Brad Smith, Colleen Toumayan, Sarah Tran and Ross Turmell. Sally Kolstad and Abbey Ronquillo were absent (both excused). Bonnie Bursk arrived later. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on agendized items) is nine so the Board could take such votes. All 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: approximately 59 stakeholders and guests.

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

Duski Wanamaker reminded about the August 13 City Council District 12 election and supported Candidate Dr. Loraine Lundquist. Joe Kozul supported Candidate John Lee.

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)

Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman John Lee (818-882-1212; Matt.Hernandez@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), reported that August 6 will be National Night Out at the Northridge Recreation Center. The GetHelp app has homeless services information. He encouraged having a "go bag" for emergencies.

B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD or alternate rep (Officer DelCore/Richard Fisk)

Alan Sellers, an LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011; reported that the Division is “down 9.9%” in crime since last year and cited other statistics. There will be an August 31 Open House. He reminded to close and lock windows, including second story, before leaving home and to set the alarm. Don’t leave anything visible in vehicles.

C. DONE Representative (Jose Galamez)

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), said there would be July 30 funding workshop and a July 31 Ethics Training. Rollover funds will be available August 12. Bylaws amendments applications will be accepted until April 15.

D. Presentation by the Metropolitan Transit District on the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Corridor.

Mr. Benedetto said all are invited to a Saturday, July 20 1:00 pm Town Hall here at Raleigh Hall. The MTD’s Tito Corona (213-408-3082; Metro.net/nsfvbrt) showed slides and presented. There will be an August 12 information meeting. The MTD’s Sarah Syed (SyedS@Metro.net) said “we’re still very early in the process” and explained project goals. “We’re building a better Orange [bus] Line . . . and a light rail line.”

Board Member Bonnie Bursk arrived at this time (7:11 pm), making 15 Board Members present.

Ms. Syed continued that, last Fall, the MTD proposed three alternate BRT routes and got community feedback. She described “evaluation criteria” and the most common feedback. She explained reasons for certain route rejections and why the MTD believes that Nordhoff, with some on Roscoe, is the best route. They will propose that route “for environmental review” though “important . . . features haven’t yet been finalized . . . we will be disclosing the environmental impacts” and “our decision-making process” and “enhancing public participation . . . we’re quite a long ways away” from final approval. Next fall there will be scoping meetings; she showed a timeline. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be worked on into 2021; construction is scheduled to start in 2022 and the project open by 2025. Metro’s Corey Zalmer said “we will work with the City . . . to understand how” traffic diversion “can be mitigated.” He clarified that zoning is done by the City Planning Department, not Metro. Ms. Syed clarified that the Metrolink train “serves very different trip types” than a bus line. There were Stakeholder comments preferring or urging other routes and alternatives, and concern that they did not know until recently of the project. Ms. Syed indicated that there will be a traffic study during the scoping process.

V. Approval of June 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and July 2, 2019 Special Meeting/Retreat Minutes.

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Ms. Tran: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its June 6, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Morris: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its July 2, 2019 Special Meeting/Retreat as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

VI. Budget Issues

- A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for June 2019.
Copies were available of the April and June 2019 Monthly Expenditure Reports.
Mr. Beauvais WITHDREW this Motion from the agenda.

VII. Board Issues

- A. Report on Internship with CSUN.
Mr. Smith updated that the internship may begin in the spring.

Board Member Brandon Schindelheim had left by this time, making 14 Board Members present.

- B. Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG in the amount of \$800 to the Southern California Preparedness Foundation to support and cosponsor a presentation by Dr. Lucy Jones at the Knollwood Country Club on August 16, 2019. Funding to go towards refreshments and publicity.

Foundation representative Dave Brown reported that the event will be 7:00-9:00 p.m. and urged quickly registering for the free event.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$800 to the Southern California Preparedness Foundation to support and cosponsor a presentation by Dr. Lucy Jones at the Knollwood Country Club on August 16, 2019. Funding to go towards refreshments and publicity.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Biers, Carson, Fisk, Horn, Morris, Oliver, Smith, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; two abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Benedetto and Bursk). Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

C. Discussion and possible action to appoint Garry Fordyce and Bette Biers as GHSNC Budget Reps.

Copies were distributed of a list of agendas, minutes, transcripts and a letter. Mr. Brown indicated that Mr. Fordyce violated North Hills West Neighborhood Council Bylaws “on five separate occasions . . . it’s all documented . . . the Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council has asked for Mr. Fordyce to be investigated.” Mr. Fordyce noted his recent community activities and believed the accusations to be “unsubstantiated, rumor, innuendo.” Mr. Benedetto noted concerns cited by Mr. Brown regarding Mr. Fordyce’s actions and his own experiences with Mr. Fordyce.

MOTION to SEPARATE the VOTES moved by Mr. Turmell, seconded by Mr. Benedetto.

MOTION to SEPARATE the VOTES PASSED by a hand vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); zero opposed; one abstained (Beauvais).

MOTION moved by Mr. Turmell, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Garry Fordyce as a GHSNC Budget Rep.

MOTION FAILED by a hand vote of the 14 eligible voters present with one in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); nine opposed; four abstained.

MOTION moved by Mr. Turmell, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Bette Biers as a GHSNC Budget Rep.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

VIII. Committee Reports

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

A. PLUM

1. MOTION: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee will ask the Board to allocate up to \$2,000 for mailers for outreach regarding two proposed projects to be reviewed at the July 17, 2019 Committee meeting.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Turmell: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$2,000 for mailers for outreach regarding two proposed projects to be reviewed at the July 17, 2019 Planning and Land Use Management Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Fisk explained the need to outreach to all residents within 500 feet of a land use project and described social media outreach. Mr. Beauvais encouraged activating a Nextdoor GHSNC account like other

Neighborhood Councils have; Mr. Galdamez said to email Communications@EmpowerLA.org to activate it.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION; PASSED with nine in favor; zero opposed; four abstained.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Carson, Fisk, Horn, Morris, Oliver, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; five abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Amador, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk and Toumayan). Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

B. Outreach. Status report on July 20, 2019 Council District 12 Election Forum/Debate.

Event flier copies were distributed. Mr. Benedetto reported that six Neighborhood Councils are co-sponsoring the Forum/Debate to be held from 1:00-3:00 p.m. here at Highlander Hall; outreach will include emailing and posting on the website and Facebook.

IX. Continuation of Retreat Items (discussion only, no action will be taken)

A. Formation of additional committees:

- a. Seniors
- b. Youth

Mr. Morris described the need for the above committees. He, Ms. Carson, Ms. Tran and Ms. Kolstad were interested in volunteering. There was discussion on whether to make these ad hoc or standing committees and extensive discussion of committee structure and relationships.

c. Cultural Affairs

Mr. Beauvais will Agendize this and Item #'s IX. A. b. and c. for the August Board meeting.

B. Committee Assignments

This was discussed.

C. Collaboration with other NCs. Coalitions and Community Groups.

Ms. Fisk encouraged attending other Neighborhood Councils' and other City and community-related organizations' meetings. There was discussion of having a community groups forum.

D. Guest Speakers

Mr. Smith noted the value of this meeting's Metro presentation; he encouraged having such presentations two to four times per year.

Board Member Carlos Amador had left by this time, making 13 Board Members present.

Mr. Beauvais suggested having a presentation late in this year by the new City Council District 12 Councilmember. There was discussion of possible presentation ideas.

E. Stakeholder recognition award
Mr. Smith explained the idea.

X. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Ms. Bursk requested agendaizing consideration of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Granada Hills Parade Foundation. Ms. Oliver requested the same about Concerts in the Park and Mr. Benedetto about the 2010 Initiative. Ms. Fisk distributed copies of Planning and Land Use Management Committee decision-making information.

XI. Adjournment

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

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:15 p.m.

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