



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**, Thursday, October 3, 2019

Granada Hills Charter H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344  
**APPROVED MINUTES** (Approved November 7, 2019)

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

President Dave Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Emayatzy Oliver.

**II. Roll Call** (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Eleven of the 17 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Bette Biers, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson (Secretary), Maria Fisk, John Horn, Sally Kolstad, Emayatzy Oliver, Brad Smith and Colleen Toumayan. Carlos Amador, Abbey Ronquillo and Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer) arrived later. Mark Morris (excused), Sarah Tran (excused) and Ross Turmell (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, 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 30 stakeholders and guests.

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

Mr. Beauvais received thank you letters from the YMCA's Jane Stanton and the Police Activity League's Thomas Christopher. Resident Brian Finnegan thanked City Council District 12 for help getting street lights working. Debbie Mayer, of SOLID (Supporters of Law enforcement In Devonshire; 818-756-9011, ext. 1200; [www.SOLIDDevonshire.org](http://www.SOLIDDevonshire.org)), announced their October 11 8:00 p.m. \$10 all-you-can-eat pasta fundraising dinner at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at Balboa and Plummer. Gene Beherns reported that a homeless camper with three shopping carts was removed by Police from Veterans Park. He described Park beautification work and said "the tree has to be pruned to get the Christmas lights to work" he will talk with Mobile Illumination, which lights the tree. Dave Brown, of the Southern California Preparedness Foundation [<http://SoCalPrep.us>], reminded of the October 12 Valley Disaster Preparedness Faire at the Northridge Mall. Patricia Wallace wanted help with housing.

*Board Member Carlos Amador arrived at this time (6:44 pm), making 12 Board Members present.*

Glenn Bailey, of VANC [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; [VANC@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:VANC@EmpowerLA.org)], announced a planning workshop to be on the second Thursday in November at CBS Studios in Studio City.

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

A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)

Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman John Lee (818-882-1212; [Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org](mailto:Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org)), reported that more funding was allocated for police overtime. Safe sidewalks applications are being accepted for repairs; up to \$10,000 will be matched by the City.

B. Budget Advocate (Brian Allen)

Mr. Allen reported that the Budget Advocates [<http://ncbala.com>] are meeting with City departments; he encouraged ideas. The budget is viewable at [LACity.org](http://LACity.org).

C. LAPD Senior Lead Officer or alternate rep (Officers DelCore/Sellers/Richard Fisk)

Stakeholder Richard Fisk, 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](mailto:27286@LAPD.LACity.org)) in January. Mr. Fisk gave crime statistics.

D. DONE Representative (Jose Galdamez)

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; [Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org](mailto:Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), reminded that the monthly Profile sent to Board Members has information about expenditure posting. Marijuana dispensary regulations are at [cannabis.LACity.org](http://cannabis.LACity.org).

Ryan Valencia, District Director for State 38th District Assemblymember Christy Smith (661-286-1565; [Ryan.Valencia@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Ryan.Valencia@asm.ca.gov); <https://a38.asmdc.org>), encouraged contacting him for help. He described 11 bills, mostly about education that the Assemblymember sent to the Governor.

*Board Member Brandon Schindelheim arrived at this time (7:01 pm), making 13 Board Members present.*

E. Presentation by Census Bureau (Beland Huang)

Mr. Huang, Partnership Specialist, showed slides and said “we want to count everybody in the country, one time.” The Census takes around 10 minutes to complete. It is required by the constitution and helps ensure fair representation; “\$675 billion of federal funding . . . every year” is apportioned. He confirmed that “we are not asking the citizenship question.” Information “is protected by law . . . It cannot be shared.” You can respond online, by phone, on paper, or in person. He asked everyone to remind others to complete the Census. See [2020Census.gov/jobs](http://2020Census.gov/jobs).

*Board Member Abbey Ronquillo arrived at this time (7:16 pm), making 14 Board Members present.*

F. Presentation by Los Angeles County Vector Control on mosquito control (Diana Gutierrez)

Ms. Gutierrez, Community Liaison (562-944-9656; [glacvcd.org](http://glacvcd.org)), showed slides and gave statistics. She reported that a mosquito carrying the West Nile Virus was detected in Granada Hills on August 15th. The greatest risk is to people

over 50 and with “weakened immune systems.” There is no cure or vaccine for West Nile Virus. Aedes mosquitoes bite all day especially around ankles, are aggressive, and “breed in man-made containers” and indoors. She urged to stay healthy while traveling and to “remove containers” that hold as little as “a cup of water” such as trash containers, plant holders and tires. “We can’t be in every backyard; we need your help”; you can anonymously report “green pools.”

- G. Remarks by State Senator Robert Hertzberg  
State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588;  
<http://sd18.senate.ca.gov/contact/email>; <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>),  
described work to identify government land for homeless housing, working with  
elected officials around the Valley. He described work to get a “dedicated BRT”  
for CSUN students; there will be an October 24th meeting downtown.

*Board Member Brandon Schindelheim left at this time (8:05 pm), making 13 Board Members present.*

Senator Hertzberg explained transportation issues and options, especially regarding the 15 blocks of the proposed BRT Nordoff route. He answered many questions regarding homelessness and transportation issues.

**V. Approval of July 11, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes, August 1, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes and September 5, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes.**

**MOTION** (moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Amador): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) approves the Minutes of its July 11, 2019 Special Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote.

**MOTION** (moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Ms. Biers): The GHSNC approves the Minutes of its August 1, 2019 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote.

No Motion was made or vote taken regarding the September 5 Minutes.

**VI. Budget Issues**

- A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for August 2019.  
Copies were distributed of the GHSNC “Monthly Expenditure Report” and Mr. Beauvais reviewed expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION** (moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The GHSNC approves its Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for August 2019.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk, Carson, Fisk, Horn, Kolstad, Oliver, Ronquillo, Smith and Toumayan); zero opposed; zero abstained.

[There was no Agenda Item #VII.]

### **VIII. Board Issues**

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

- A. Approval of By-Laws and Rules Committee: Brad Smith Chair, Julie Carson, Mark Morris, members.

**MOTION** (moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Biers): The GHSNC approves of By-Laws and Rules Committee: Brad Smith as Chair, and Julie Carson and Mark Morris as members.

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

- B. Approval of an Ad-Hoc Committee to prepare a Community Impact Statement on Council File number 19-0229, Fair Workweek Motion, Carlos Amador, Chair, Julie Carson and Abbey Ronquillo, members.

Mr. Beauvais explained the above.

**MOTION** (moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The GHSNC approves of an Ad-Hoc Committee to prepare a Community Impact Statement on Council File number 19-0229, Fair Workweek Motion, Carlos Amador as Chair, and Julie Carson and Abbey Ronquillo as Members.

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

- C. Approval of Colleen Toumayan as second card holder.

**FUNDING MOTION** (moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Oliver): The GHSNC approves Colleen Toumayan as second card holder.

**DISCUSSION:** The Budget Packet will be revised.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk, Carson, Fisk, Horn, Kolstad, Oliver, Ronquillo, Smith and Toumayan); zero opposed; zero abstained.

### **IX. Committee Reports**

- A. Cultural Affairs. Report from October 2, 2019 meeting.

Ms. Oliver reported that CD12 supports “a pilot concert . . . coinciding with our tree lighting.” Mr. Benedetto said “it’ll be like a mini-block party”; he indicated that L.A. City District 12 Councilman John Lee said “we’ll take care of it.” October 23 there will be a Joint Outreach-Cultural Affairs Committees meeting. Mr. Beauvais indicated that rollover and more funds should be available; he will agendize this in December.

- B. PLUM 1. Motion from Committee: The GHSNC supports the project at 10651 Balboa Blvd. in its entirety with the following recommendations having to do with safety and sanitation: • keeping trash areas clean and free of debris and trash

spillover; • utilizing and ensuring that there are locks on trash bin lids and that the locks are properly utilized; • ensure all areas surrounding the premises of the restaurant are kept free of debris, trash and standing water; and • ensure that security lights are turned on from dusk until dawn.

Ms. Fisk said “this is a very small remodel to the El Pollo Loco . . . they are proposing a 250-square-foot patio . . . [to] reconfigure” that area. The Design Review Board will consider it.

**MOTION** (from the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The GHSNC supports the project at 10651 Balboa Blvd. in its entirety with the following recommendations having to do with safety and sanitation: • keeping trash areas clean and free of debris and trash spillover; • utilizing and ensuring that there are locks on trash bin lids and that the locks are properly utilized; • ensure all areas surrounding the premises of the restaurant are kept free of debris, trash and standing water; and • ensure that security lights are turned on from dusk until dawn.

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

Report on other Committee matters.

Ms. Fisk reported that Committee outreach continues.

C. Outreach: Report

Mr. Benedetto described October 5 Street Faire preparation and activities; there were “a record number of 165 booths.” The tree lighting will be December 6 or 7; the Holiday Parade will be December 8.

D. Beautification: Report

Mr. Amador reported that Clean Streets/Clean Starts President Don Larson “has refused to accept the” GHSNC’s Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG); the check was returned. Mr. Beauvais had requested Mr. Amador to contact Mr. Larson to request a meeting to provide guidance on the beautification projects that would cover the NPG. Mr. Amador emailed Mr. Larson on September 19 requesting a time to meet. Mr. Larson responded on the same day expressing that he did not need any guidance, and did not have time to meet. Mr. Amador informed Mr. Beauvais about Mr. Larson’s response. On September 22, Mr. Beauvais followed up on a separate email to Mr. Larson explaining the expectations the GHSNC Board had when approving the NPG. Mr. Larson responded and ultimately informed the Board Members that he was canceling the grant. He expressed that he would send back the check he had received. Mr. Beauvais provided the address on where to return the check.

E. Public Safety: Report

Mr. Benedetto reported that the Committee will have Map Your Neighborhood [now known as RYLAN (Ready Your LA Neighborhood) <https://emergency.lacity.org/rylan>] information.

F. Education: Report on September 19, 2019 VAAS event.

Ms. Ronquillo described Committee outreach that got Stakeholder contact information. The Committee will meet October 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chamber.

Seniors: Ms. Kolstad reported that there will be a November 9 10:00-5:00 Senior Day at the Ronald Reagan Museum.

Homelessness: Mr. Horn reported that the Committee will try to meet this month.

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

Mr. Amador noted that Granada Hills Park's October 31 Halloween Night is an outreach opportunity. Ms. Bursk noted that the BID and the Granada Hills Improvement Association supported holiday decorations. Mr. Benedetto reported that City Councilmember John Lee invited him to discuss issues and will address the GHSNC's November Board meeting. Ms. Oliver noted that the GHSNC's boundaries need to be updated on the website. Mr. Beauvais attended the New Green Deal workshop at the recent NCs Congress; there is a free tree program that could be done in Spring.

**XI. Adjournment**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Bursk).

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:14 p.m.

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