



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Thursday, September 10, 2020
APPROVED Minutes - Approved at the October 1, 2020 meeting

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this duly noticed meeting was held entirely online and telephonically.

GHSNC (and all other) Meeting Minutes are a summary; Minutes were not, are not and are never meant to be an exact, verbatim, word-for-word transcript or comprehensive record of what was said at a Meeting. Exceptions: Motions/Resolutions (as stated at the Meeting, which take precedence over versions written on the Agenda, if different); quotes (words that have quotation marks ("") at the beginning and ending of a word or words); and other wording from the Agenda such as the first paragraph(s) of some Items. Items are listed in and match the same order as on the Agenda.

Document copies were available at www.ghsnc.org.

I. Call to order, flag salute and instructions for participating in the virtual meeting (Presiding officer and moderator).

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

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Fifteen of the 17 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Carlos Amador, Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Bette Biers, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson (Secretary), John Horn, Sally Kolstad, Rachel Lee, Jerilyn Mendoza, Mark Morris, Abbey Ronquillo, Brad Smith, Colleen Toumayan and Ross Turmell. Emayatzy Oliver (excused) and Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer) (unexcused) were absent. Sarah Tran had resigned. 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&dlta=su46~>), 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 12 Stakeholders and Guests.

III. Public Comment

A resident was concerned about how long it will be until homeless people will no longer be staying at the Recreation Center. A Dept. of Public Health Town Hall regarding Aliso Canyon will be held on September 30; see AlisoHealthStudy.org

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV. D.*] Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman John Lee (818-882-1212; Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org; www.CD12.org), reported that the Small Business Relief Fund is available. Help also is available for families.

B. LAUSD District 3 (Tara Vahdani)

Ms. Vahdani was not present and there was no report.

C. DONE, (NEA Vanessa Serrano)

Vanessa Serrano, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9889; Vanessa.Serrano@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that an NC elections information webinar will be held September 30.

D. Budget Advocate (Brian Allen)

Mr. Allen reported that the BA's [<http://ncbala.com>] are looking for input on the City budget.

E. Assembly District 38 (Ryan Valencia)

Mr. Valencia was not present and there was no report.

F. Congressional District 25 (Osvaldo Ramirez)

Mr. Ramirez was not present and there was no report.

G. Congressional District 30 (Nikole Gonong)

Ms. Gonong was not present and there was no report.

H. City of Los Angeles Deputy (Tanaz Golsham)

Ms. Golsham was not present and there was no report.

I. LAPD Senior Lead Officer or alternate rep (Lead Officers Sellers/Parker/Volunteer Richard Fisk)

No representative was present; there was no report.

V. Approval of August 6, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes.

Slides were shown and Mr. Beauvais reviewed the documents.

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Morris: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council [GHSNC] approves the Minutes of its August 6, 2020 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with 14 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk,

Carson, Horn, Kolstad, Lee, Mendoza, Morris, Ronquillo, Smith and Toumayan); zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Turmeil).

VI. Budget Issues

A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for July, 2020.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Ms. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: The GHSNC approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2020.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk, Carson, Horn, Kolstad, Mendoza, Morris, Ronquillo, Smith, Toumayan and Turmeil); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Lee was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

VII. Board Issues

A. Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG from the North Valley YMCA in the amount of \$2,500 for their annual Thanksgiving dinner project. This project works with local schools to identify families in need and provide them with groceries for a Thanksgiving dinner.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Ms. Bursk: The GHSNC approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant from the North Valley YMCA in the amount of \$2,500 for their annual Thanksgiving dinner project.

DISCUSSION: Jane Stanton, of the North Valley Family YMCA (818-368-3231; [<http://www.ymcala.org/north-valley>]), explained the program; they “give away 3,600 baskets” that will be “given out on November 16th and 17th” to 60 schools via drive-through due to COVID-19. Mr. Morris requested and Ms. Stanton agreed to include Patrick Henry Middle School.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk, Carson, Horn, Kolstad, Mendoza, Morris, Ronquillo, Smith, Toumayan and Turmeil); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Lee was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

B. Discussion and possible action to draft a Community Impact Statement opposing any changes to the West Valley Animal Shelter from its current status as a city operated shelter.

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC approves submitting a Community Impact Statement opposing any changes to the West Valley Animal Shelter from its current status as a city operated shelter.

DISCUSSION: Stakeholder Pat believed that closing the West Valley Shelter would overburden the East Valley Shelter. Michelle, Gail, Kathy and Carolyn also opposed closing West Valley, as did Barbara Hadley, an Animal Services Animal Control Officer. Carolyn noted that the Valley has 42% of the City's population but only one of the six City Animal Shelters; she wanted the West Valley Shelter to be a full Shelter, not a "hybrid" Shelter. Mr. Morris noted that "this is the only Shelter that can take large animals" such as horses and was concerned about the privatization of public facilities. Mr. Beauvais will draft a CIS (Community Impact Statement) and distribute it to Board Members for comment.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with all 15 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk, Carson, Horn, Kolstad, Lee, Mendoza, Morris, Ronquillo, Smith, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VIII. Committee Reports and Motions

Cultural Affairs/Outreach

Report on Business Town Hall held August 29, 2020.

Mr. Amador reported that the Town Hall was well attended, "a good event." Mr. Benedetto named a number of participating businesses and government representatives.

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[This sentence is copied from the Agenda.] No report. Mr. Beauvais said there probably would not be a Committee meeting this month.

Public Safety

[This sentence is copied from the Agenda.] No report. Mr. Beauvais said the CIS draft is "in progress." Mr. Turmell described the Jamba Juice drive-through traffic line at Chatsworth and Lindley as "unsafe"; he is trying to communicate with their corporation.

Homelessness

Report on proposed Homelessness roundtable.

Mr. Horn reported on roundtable organizing progress and local homelessness.

Education

Report from August 20, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Morris reported on Committee work.

Youth

Report on Civics Delivered project.

Ms. Lee reported on project progress, it will be October 2 at 7:30 pm.

Beautification

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Seniors

[*This sentence is copied from the Agenda.*] No report. Ms. Kolstad described a possible project of writing to COVID-19-isolated seniors.

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Ms. Kolstad wanted to agendize considering the writing-to-seniors project. Mr. Turmell reported on Granada Hills COVID-19 illnesses and deaths. He urged to “wear your mask . . . do not shake people’s hands . . . do not get near people who don’t believe it’s serious.” Ms. Carson, Mr. Amador, Ms. Bursk and Mr. Smith were concerned that the CD12 representative did not stay to answer questions. Mr. Benedetto encouraged thinking of questions for the GHSNC’s October 15th Retreat. Mr. Beauvais encouraged soon sending him things to Agendize for next month’s meeting.

X. Adjournment

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:28 p.m.

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