



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020
APPROVED Minutes - Approved at the November 5, 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.

Document copies were available at www.ghsnc.org.

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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 6:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said / led by Bonnie Bursk.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Twelve of the 17 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Bette Biers, Bonnie Bursk, Sally Kolstad, Rachel Lee, Jerilyn Mendoza, Mark Morris, Emayatzy Oliver, Abbey Ronquillo, Colleen Toumayan and Ross Turmell. Carlos Amador and John Horn arrived later. Julie Carson (Secretary), Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer) and Brad Smith (all 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 through <https://empowerla.org/ghsnc>), so the Board could take such votes. All 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: at least 14 stakeholders and guests.

III. Public Comment:

There were no comments at this time.

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV. B.*] Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman John Lee (ofc. 818-882-1212; Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org; www.CD12.org), reported on available small

business financial help and housing for unhoused people; housing location ideas are welcomed.

B. LAUSD District 3 (Tara Vahdani)

Tara Vahdani, Deputy Director of Community Engagement for LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson (ofc. 818-654-3785; Tara.Vahdani@lausd.net; <http://achieve.lausd.net/schmerelson>), showed slides and reported that a college application event was held. She noted that “it’s not too early to think about where your child will go to school next year.” Mayall Elementary School will exhibit student artwork and some students are taking coding classes. Ms. Vahdani explained LAUSD outreach.

Board Member John Horn arrived around 6:45 pm, making 13 Board Members present online.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #IV. A.

Board Member Carlos Amador arrived around 6:55 pm, making 14 Board Members present online.

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 ideas are sought for vote-by-mail box locations for the local to national elections. She asked that a GHSNC Elections Chair be appointed for the Tuesday, April 27th GHSNC election.

D. Budget Advocate (Brian Allen)

Mr. Allen reported that the BA’s [<http://ncbala.com>] have been dealing with two Grievances filed against them. He noted that the BA’s “funds are actually handled by DONE.” The BA’s are “very active” with outreach. He noted that the BA’s are an alliance which is not subject to the Brown Act.

President Beauvais turned over the Presiding Officership to Vice-President Benedetto at this time.

E. Assembly District 38 (Ryan Valencia)

Ryan Valencia, District Director for State 38th District Assemblymember Christy Smith (661-286-1565; Ryan.Valencia@asm.ca.gov; <https://a38.asmdc.org>), reported that freeway ramp area cleanups are being done. He noted that there will be a District staff transition after the November election.

F. Congressional District 25 (Osvaldo Ramirez)

Osvaldo Ramirez, Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-221-3718;

Oswaldo.Ramirez@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), was not available and there was no report.

- G. Congressional District 30 (Nikole Gonong)
Mikayle Lowery, a Field Deputy for U.S. 30th District of California Congressman Brad Sherman (818-501-9200; Mikayle.Lowery@mail.house.gov; <https://sherman.house.gov>), reported on available help.
- H. City of Los Angeles Deputy (Tanaz Golshan)
Tanaz Golshan, Mayor Eric Garcetti's West Valley Area Representative (213-610-4808; Tanaz.Golshan@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>), was not available and there was no report.
- I. LAPD Senior Lead Officer or alternate rep (Lead Officers Sellers/Parker/Volunteer Richard Fisk).
Resident Richard Fisk reported that LAPD parking enforcement will continue starting October 15th; make sure your license tag is current.

V. Approval of September 10, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

President Beauvais resumed as Presiding Officer.

MOTION moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Mendoza: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council [GHSNC] approves the Minutes of its September 10, 2020 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Amador, Beauvais, Biers, Bursk, Horn, Kolstad, Lee, Mendoza, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; one abstained (Benedetto).

VI. Budget Issues

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

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Morris: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2020.

DISCUSSION: A slide was shown and Mr. Beauvais reviewed the MER.

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, Horn, Kolstad, Mendoza, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Toumayan and Turmell); 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 up to \$500 for a virtual Halloween Eve event. Zoom event will include a children's movie and costume contest. Funding for movie licensing and media outreach.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: The GHSNC approves up to \$500 for a virtual Halloween Eve event. Zoom event will include a children's movie and costume contest. Funding for movie licensing and media outreach.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Morris explained the Motion. Stakeholder Heather Budman added that the event would be October 30th and how it can be done.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Horn, Kolstad, Mendoza, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Bursk). Ms. Lee was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

VIII. Committee Reports and Motions

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

Cultural Affairs/Outreach: Progress report on Social Justice/Equality Town Hall scheduled for October 17, 2020.

Ms. Oliver reported that the Implicit Bias Training was accepted by the City Council. Outreach started for the October 17th 1:00-3:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting; all are welcomed to help and to attend.

PLUM

Mr. Beauvais reported that the Committee will meet the usual third Wednesday this month [October 21].

Public Safety

Mr. Turmell reported that the Jamba Juice at Granada Village [at Chatsworth and Lindley] had "not anticipated" long drive-through lines; they appear willing to work on traffic mitigation measures. According to County Public Health, Granada Hills has to date had 1,987 COVID-19 cases, including 81 deaths; see http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19_surveillance_dashboard.

Homelessness: Report on proposed Homelessness roundtable October Committee meeting.

Mr. Horn reported that the Committee will meet October 6th. City Councilman John Lee seeks housing location ideas.

Education: Report from Sept. 17, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Morris reported that each Committee Member is a liaison to a school. The Committee next will meet October 15th at 7:00 p.m.; “everyone’s invited.”

Youth: Report on Civics Delivered project.

Ms. Lee reported that the Voter Education Week event “went really well”; around 100 students registered.

Beautification

Mr. Amador indicated that there was no report.

Seniors: Progress report on Assisted Living Home writing project.

Ms. Kolstad would “like to do a Thanksgiving card for the seniors”; a volunteer artist and writer are sought to help get the cards to seniors by November 1st.

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Mr. Horn wanted to adjourn in memory of Sylvia Maglia. Ms. Kolstad encouraged getting a flu shot. Mr. Beauvais noted that the Board Retreat may be held “sometime in November.” Mr. Turmell reported that “incredible teams” have been working hard to develop safe and effective vaccines. Mr. Beauvais appreciates Board Members’ work and dedication and reminded to set Zoom meetings for the meeting’s start time as well as the date.

X. Adjournment

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

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:17 p.m.

Mr. Beauvais noted that the next Board Meeting will be November 5.

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