



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Thursday, November 5, 2020
APPROVED Minutes - Approval at December 3, 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 and shown online.

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.

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 6:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Participation instructions were given.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Eleven of the 17 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Carlos Amador, Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson (Secretary), John Horn, Mark Morris, Abbey Ronquillo, Brad Smith, Colleen Toumayan and Ross Turmell. Bette Biers and Emayatzy Oliver arrived later. Sally Kolstad (excused), Rachel Lee (excused), Jerilyn Mendoza (excused) and Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer) (excused) were absent. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on agenda items) is nine (see the Bylaws link at www.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 18 stakeholders and guests.

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

CSUN student Talar Boyadjian commented.

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)

Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman John Lee (ofc. 818-882-1212; Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org; www.CD12.org), was not present and there was no report.

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>), reported on upcoming events and announced a Vintage School fundraiser. Grab-and-go food distributions are happening at some local schools from 7:00-10:00 a.m.

Board Member Bette Biers arrived at this time (6:50), making 12 Board Members present online.

C. DONE, (NEA Vanessa Serrano)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV. G.*] 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 DONE will review all NCs' Bylaws regarding inclusion of the new, as of Oct. 16th, Stakeholder definition. Some Board Members were concerned about DONE raising the minimum Board Member age.

D. Budget Advocate (Brian Allen)

Mr. Allen reported that another group also is asking NCs about their City budget concerns. The City expects a \$500 million to \$1 billion deficit this year.

E. Congressional District 25 (Osvaldo Ramirez)

Osvaldo Ramirez, Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-221-3718; Osvaldo.Ramirez@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), was not available and there was no report.

F. Congressional District 30 (Mikalye Lowrey)

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>), was not available and there was no report.

Board Member Emayatzy Oliver had arrived by this time (7:00), making 13 Board Members present online.

G. LAPD Senior Lead Officer or alternate rep (Lead Officers

Sellers/Parker/Volunteer Richard Fisk).

LAPD Valley Traffic Officer Benavidez (32153@LAPD.LACity.org) encouraged contacting him with traffic concerns. He reported that there have been many accidents on Devonshire Blvd. from Woodley to Parthenia mainly due to excessive speed and illegal left turns. He will, by Nov. 9th, check out the Jamba Juice [at Granada Village at Chatsworth and Lindley] traffic situation. There is a monthly meeting for Stakeholders regarding Valley traffic problems.

V. Approval of October 3, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Amador: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council [GHSNC] approves the Minutes of its October 3, 2020 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Biers, Bursk, Carson, Horn, Kolstad, Lee, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; two abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Benedetto and Smith).

VI. Budget Issues

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

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2020.

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, Carson, Horn, Kolstad, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Smith, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; one abstained (Bursk).

VII. Board Issue

A. Appointment of Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza as Chairperson of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

Mr. Beauvais noted Ms. Mendoza’s meeting experience.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Smith: The GHSNC appoints Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza as Chairperson of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

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, Horn, Kolstad, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Smith, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Removal of Larry Yoder from the Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

Mr. Beauvais explained that no replies have been received from Mr. Yoder to many months’ various communication attempts.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Smith: The GHSNC removes Larry Yoder from the Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Biers, Bursk, Carson, Horn, Kolstad, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Smith, Toumayan and Turmell); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Benedetto); zero abstained.

C. Appointment of an Ad Hoc Election Committee for the 2021 GHSNC election.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Toumayan: The GHSNC Outreach Committee is designated as our Election Committee and will develop a marketing plan for the 2021 election.

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, Horn, Kolstad, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Smith, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. Discussion and possible action to purchase greeting cards for the Senior writing project in the amount of \$600. Cards will be sent to various assisted living facilities within GHSNC boundaries for seniors who may not be able to be with family during the holidays.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Carson: The GHSNCI will purchase greeting cards for the Senior writing project in the amount of \$600.

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, Horn, Kolstad, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Smith, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VIII. Committee Reports and Motions

Homelessness

A. Discussion and possible action that GHSNC participate in the 2021 Greater LA Homeless Count (motion from committee).

MOTION (by the Homelessness Committee): The GHSNC will participate in the 2021 Greater LA Homeless Count.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Horn explained the Motion. The January 2021 Count details still are being worked out.

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, Horn, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Smith, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. Discussion and possible action to support the purchase of a Travelodge Motel in Chatsworth as part of Operation Roomkey which will provide shelter for dozens of unsheltered persons in Council District 12. (will require a motion).

Mr. Horn explained this.

MOTION moved by Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Amador: The GHSNC supports the purchase of a Travelodge Motel in Chatsworth as part of Operation Roomkey which will provide shelter for dozens of unsheltered persons in Council District 12.

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, Horn, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Smith, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- Presentation on the Community Fridge and how this resource works for a community.

Ms. Ronquillo spoke about a proposed “Community Refrigerator” project. Project volunteer Kira Morrison spoke of her experience. Stakeholder Peter Genovese opposed the project. Stakeholder Jason Hector believed this is “a compassion issue.” Various Stakeholders and Board Members spoke in support of and opposition to the project, noting food insecurity and homelessness, and safety and security concerns.

- Update on Virtual Community Forum on Homelessness and response to Councilmember John Lee’s call for potential housing sites (interim and permanent) within GHSNC boundaries.

Mr. Horn reported that the next Committee meeting would be November 16 at 6:30 p.m. The Forum will be Monday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Cultural Affairs/Outreach

Progress report on Social Justice/Equality Town Hall scheduled for October 17, 2020 (postponed).

Ms. Oliver reported that the event may be postponed.

PLUM

Mr. Beauvais announced that the next Planning and Land Use Management Committee meeting would be November 18.

Public Safety Report.

Mr. Turmell reported that the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic has so far caused, in Granada Hills, 1,504 cases and 68 deaths, not at least 81 as last reported. He urged wearing a mask and washing your hands; vaccines do not give full protection.

Education Report from Oct. 15, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Morris reported that the next Committee meeting will be Wednesday, November 19 at 4:00 p.m. There will be a Library Appreciation Town Hall meeting on December 9.

Youth Report

There was no report.

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Mr. Amador indicated that there was no report.

Seniors Report (see board issue above).

Mr. Morris reported about the senior writing project.

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Board Members made various comments. Mr. Smith requested to adjourn in honor of Veterans Day. Ms. Toumayan requested solidarity with the Armenian community. Mr. Benedetto encouraged Board Member retreat discussion ideas.

X. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Benedetto.

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

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

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