



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**, Thursday, January 7, 2021  
APPROVED MINUTES: Approved at February 4, 2021 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.

**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. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerilyn Mendoza.

**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, Julie Carson (Secretary), John Horn, Sally Kolstad, Rachel Lee, Jerilyn Mendoza, Mark Morris, Abbey Ronquillo, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer), Brad Smith, Colleen Toumayan and Ross Turmell. Bonnie Bursk arrived later. Emayatzy Oliver (excused) was 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 link at [www.empowerla.org/ghsnc](http://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 14 stakeholders and guests.

**III. Public Comment:**

There were no comments at this time.

**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](mailto:Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org); [www.CD12.org](http://www.CD12.org)), listed many 2020 accomplishments of the Councilman.

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](mailto:Tara.Vahdani@lausd.net); <http://achieve.lausd.net/schmerelson>), reported that laptop donations are being accepted for “student[s] in need.” The Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences [VAAS] was approved for new water sources to be installed on campus.

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](mailto:Vanessa.Serrano@LACity.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), reported that GHSNC election candidate filing “will remain open until February 9<sup>th</sup>.”

*Board Member Bonnie Bursk arrived at this time (7:02 pm), making 16 Board Members present online.*

D. Budget Advocate (Brian Allen)

Mr. Allen reported that the BA’s [<http://ncbala.com>] work is getting more difficult due to COVID-19 virus pandemic-related budget impacts. He said the City “really do[es] have a very big shortfall.”

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](mailto:Osvaldo.Ramirez@mail.house.gov); <http://cardenas.house.gov>), noted that he represents Congressional District 29. He reported that the Congressman and his staff are safe regarding yesterday’s events at the U.S. Capitol and that the Congressman “is calling for the immediate impeachment of the President.” The Art Competition winners were students of Granada Hills Charter High School.

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](mailto:Mikayle.Lowery@mail.house.gov); <https://sherman.house.gov>), reported on available help.

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

Stakeholder Richard Fisk, for Alan Sellers, an LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011; [31934@LAPD.LACity.org](mailto:31934@LAPD.LACity.org); [http://www.LAPDOnline.org/devonshire\\_community\\_police\\_station](http://www.LAPDOnline.org/devonshire_community_police_station)), explained the LAPD’s Basic Car coverage and gave crime statistics for December 6, 2020 – January 2, 2021.

**V. Approval of December 3, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes.**

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

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Biers, Bursk, Carson, Horn, Kolstad, Lee, Mendoza, Morris, Ronquillo, Schindelheim, Smith, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; one abstained: (Benedetto).

## **VI. Budget Issues**

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

Mr. Schindelheim showed and reviewed the report.

**FUNDING MOTION** moved by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: The GHSNC approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2020.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible (Ms. Lee became 18 years of age since the last Board meeting and so eligible to vote on funding Motions) voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk, Carson, Horn, Kolstad, Lee, Mendoza, Morris, Ronquillo, Schindelheim, Smith, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

## **VII. Board Issues**

A. Discussion and possible action to purchase N-95 masks for local businesses and organizations, cost not to exceed \$1500.00.

**FUNDING MOTION** moved by Mr. Turmell, seconded by Mr. Amador: The GHSNC will purchase N-95 masks for local businesses and organizations, cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Turmell showed a video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slkbyfJ5YRQ>) describing, and explained the use and high quality of the masks. He had seen front-line workers in the area wearing lower-quality masks. He noted that “as long as you keep it dry and clean, you can use it for up to a month.” The masks would cost around \$7.00 apiece (see <https://clinicalsuppliesusa.com/collections/n95-mask>); \$1,500 would purchase 200 masks. Mr. Schindelheim reported that \$28,432 in funding was available.

**MOTION to AMEND** moved by Mr. Benedetto: The GHSNCI amends the main Motion by adding the words “with DONE’s consent.”

**MOTION to AMEND FAILED** for lack of a seconding Board Member.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk, Carson, Horn, Kolstad, Lee, Mendoza, Morris, Ronquillo, Schindelheim, Smith, Toumayan and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

### **VIII. Committee Reports and Motions**

Homelessness Report on December 7, 2020 Educational Outreach Summit.

Mr. Horn reported on the Summit. "It was a 90-minute discussion . . . very educational." The annual Homeless Count has been cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. Stakeholder John Hales described services provided to a homeless encampment.

*President Beauvais resumed as Presiding Officer.*

Discussion continued about homelessness.

*Board Member Brandon Schindelheim had left by this time (8:14 pm), making 15 Board Members present online.*

#### PLUM

Ms. Mendoza said that there was no report.

#### Outreach

Report on Election Outreach

Information was shown on the screen. Ms. Toumayan reported that the candidates list will be released February 26. The election will be April 27. Mr. Benedetto encouraged and described how to apply to be a candidate.

#### Education Report

December 9, 2020 Library Town Hall.

Mr. Morris reported on the "really great" Town Hall in which two Library staff and an author participated. He especially thanked Ms. Ronquillo. The next meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

#### Seniors

Ms. Kolstad reported that more seniors' greeting cards will be sent.

#### Youth

Ms. Lee indicated that there was no report.

#### Beautification

Mr. Amador reported that the Committee would meet this month.

#### Cultural Affairs

Mr. Beauvais indicated for Ms. Oliver that there was no report at this time.

#### Public Safety

Mr. Turmell showed an aerial photo showing vehicles waiting in line for Jamba Juice on the street and around the corner at Granada Village at Chatsworth and Lindley, blocking other vehicles and pedestrians. The lines most often occur at

lunchtime and at various times during the evening. A Jamba Juice official suggested having a no-parking (“red”) zone established on Lindley in front of the Jamba Juice. The current traffic design in the Village “was grandfathered in from the old KFC” by the City. Stakeholder Glenn Bailey and Mr. Hales suggested a traffic arrangement similar to what In-and-Out Burger has. Mr. Turmell also reported that Granada Hills has had, as of last night, 4,471 COVID-19 cases with 96 deaths, a high rate for its population.

#### **IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.**

Mr. Turmell reminded everyone to wear a mask to help avoid getting the COVID-19 virus. Mr. Morris suggested having a public official speak regarding COVID-19 vaccination issues. Ms. Lee and other Board Members reminded everyone to stay safe. Ms. Carson will email Board Members who need to renew their Funding Training certifications. Mr. Beauvais explained that front-line medical workers are the first group being vaccinated against COVID-19.

#### **X. Adjournment**

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

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:03 p.m.

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