



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**, Thursday, August 12, 2021  
Approved September 2, 2021

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 meeting instructions.**

President Mike Benedetto called the Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Colleen Toumayan.

**II. Roll Call (Secretary)**

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Ten of the 17 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Carlos Amador, Mike Benedetto, Launa Bogartz, Michael Jordan, George Karam, Jerilyn Mendoza, Carolyn Sanderson, Chantal Serrano, Chavon Smith and Colleen Toumayan. Seven Board Members were absent: John Horn (excused), Verej Isanians (unexcused), Sally Kolstad (unexcused), Christine LaMonica (unexcused), Emayatzy Oliver (unexcused), Abbey Ronquillo (unexcused) and Brad Smith (unexcused). The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 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.

**III. Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

**IV. Budget Issues:**

A. Approval of 2021/2022 fiscal year budget.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Mendoza, seconded by Ms. Toumayan): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the 2021/2022 fiscal year budget.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Benedetto explained that the storage space keeps outreach materials like bags, balloons, helium tanks and the PA system; a smaller, more affordable space used to be rented but was hard to manage because of space limitations. Storage has to be within Granada Hills South, limiting the options.

Mr. Amador explained that the long-term plan for caring for the White Oak trees is based on conversations with the City's Urban Forestry Department, which indicated that the trees can be cared for in several ways; however, the costs are not able to be met by the GHSNC. At minimum the GHSNC can provide a deep-watering session, which Urban Forestry says may cost between \$3,600-\$4,000; that is why \$5,000 is allocated.

Mr. Benedetto noted that the GHSNC may not meet in person at all this year and can move unused money around within the budget, which can be amended at any time. He confirmed that this budget had to be the same that is submitted to the City, and that it was again being voted upon even though it already got approved because the budget had to be adjusted \$300 for roll-over money from the prior year, which was added to the budget's Outreach section "helium, promotional items, misc.," which went up from \$2,000 to \$2,300.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Amador, Benedetto, Bogartz, Jordan, Karam, Mendoza, Sanderson, Serrano, Chavon Smith and Toumayan); zero opposed; zero abstained.

[*This is copied from the Agenda.*] Next Regular Meeting of the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council- Thursday September 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Benedetto reported that the Executive Committee met on Sunday, August 8th and discussed how to improve time efficiencies for meetings. He will consider imposing one to two-minute time limits for Board Member comments, to help have shorter meetings.

## **V. Adjournment**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Ms. Bogartz, seconded by Ms. Mendoza).

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:04 p.m.

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