



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Thursday, September 1, 2022
Approved October 6, 2022

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

President Mike Benedetto called the Meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Resident Mark Morris.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Nine of the 16 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Carlos Amador, Mike Benedetto (President), Launa Bogartz, John Horn, Michael Jordan, George Karam, Christine LaMonica (Secretary), Abbey Ronquillo and Carolyn Sanderson. Cheri Norum Derohanian (excused), Verej Isanians, Sally Kolstad, Colleen Toumayan (Vice-President) (excused), Brad Smith, Chavon Smith and Christina Wallis (Treasurer) (excused) were absent. Chantal Serrano 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 link at www.empowerla.org/ghsnc), so the Board could take such votes. Sixteen of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat was vacant [At Large]; to apply, see www.ghsnc.org. Also attended: at least 11 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

There were no comments.

IV. Community Speakers

A. DONE, (NEA Maryl Guesvara).

Mr. Benedetto said that there would be no speakers at this meeting.

V. Approval of the Minutes

A. The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its August 4, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Benedetto requested and it was agreed to Table the above Item.

VI. Appointment of Board, Committee Members & Swearing-in

A. None

VII. Budget Issues

A. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report (MERs) July 2022.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Ms. Sanderson): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2022.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bogartz reviewed expenses.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Benedetto, Bogartz, Horn, Jordan, Karam, LaMonica, Ronquillo and Sanderson); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VIII. Board Issues

A. Home Depot Town Hall for September 18, 2022 Update.

Mr. Benedetto reported that DONE, the City Attorney and the City Clerk approved the event. He described extensive outreach. The event will start at 2:00 p.m. and go until five or 6:00. Volunteers are needed to arrive by 1:00 to get ready and start checking attendees’ COVID-19 vaccination cards (or proof of a negative COVID test 72 hours or less before the start of the event) to admit them. Resident Maria Fisk urged that the GHSNC Land Use Committee make relevant documents available for public viewing, and to make a recommendation in favor of, opposing, or in favor of with conditions. Mr. Benedetto said the event’s focus will be on the building and also consider parking. Mr. Horn and Mr. Amador were concerned about attendees commenting during the event on social issues. Mr. Amador encouraged not considering a Committee recommendation. Ms. Sanderson encouraged having speaker time limits. Ms. Guevara reminded that the City Attorney needs to review the Agenda and that time limits are acceptable.

B. Volunteers needed to pass out flyers, to help with parking at the event along with gathering emails on the way in to the event.

Mr. Benedetto noted the above.

C. Four volunteers to be part of Civic U.

Ms. Guevara described Civic University classes to be held on Thursdays October 6, 13 and 27 at 6:30 p.m. She will provide registration information.

D. GHSNC Board retreat.

Ms. Guevara showed slides and presented. She reviewed the Brown Act; Robert's Rules of Order; Agendizing and posting; public participation requirements for meetings; and more. The GHSNC's quorum of a quorum is five (at least half of the quorum of nine Board Members). This means that if at least five Board Members meet or have a discussion of Board business -- in-person or electronically -- that is considered a meeting that must have been properly Agendized ("Brown-Acted") as a public meeting. If the discussion or meeting was not properly Agendized, it may have violated the Brown Act. The Board needs to "make sure that [Board] actions taken are done in a public setting." An exception would be "a purely social event."

IX. Committee Reports and Motions - NONE

X. Board Members Comments and Submission of Agenda Items.

Mr. Benedetto announced that the Street Fair will be October 22nd from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; volunteers are needed. The Holiday Parade will be December 4th. Mr. Amador relayed a landscaping company update that the Cedar Deodar Trees on White Oak Avenue were watered in mid-July and that the company received a check from the City Clerk. Also, VCC (Volunteers Cleaning Communities) is organizing a cleaning on Devonshire from Chatsworth to Mission Hills on Saturday, September 17th starting at 8:00 a.m.

[*This is copied from the Agenda.*] Next Regular Meeting of the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council - Thursday October 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Benedetto declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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