



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR BOARD DISCUSSION NOTES*, Thursday, June 15, 2023
Granada Hills Charter H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344
Approved July 6, 2023

* No quorum (required minimum number) of Board Members was present, so no Motions were made or votes taken. The City Attorney has designated such events as “discussions,” not “Meetings” and the record of them as “notes,” not “Minutes.”

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I. Call to order, Flag Salute

President Mike Benedetto started the discussion at 6:47 p.m.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Only seven of the 14 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call, which is not a quorum: Carlos Amador, Dave Beauvais, Mike Benedetto (President), Christine LaMonica (Secretary), Mark Morris, Brad Smith and Colleen Toumayan (Vice-President). Seven Board Members were absent: Launa Bogartz, Cheri Norum Derohanian, John Horn, Sally Kolstad and Abbey Ronquillo, Chavon Smith and Christina Wallis (Treasurer). 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 at this time the Board could only take public comments, could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes. Fourteen of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Three Board Seats were vacant [all At Large]. Also attended: approximately 115-120 Stakeholders and Guests.

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

IV. Community Speakers

- A. LAUSD District 3 (Tara Vahdani/Tammy Ramirez, Scott Schmerlson).
Tara Vahdani, Deputy Director of Community Engagement for LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerlson [ofc. 818-654-3785; Tara.Vahdani@lausd.net; <http://achieve.lausd.net/schmerelson>], was not present and there was no report.

- B. County Supervisor's Office Lindsay Horvath – Rep Myrna Gutierrez.
Myrna Gutierrez, a Caseworker for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Lindsey Horvath (213-440-0927 or 818-901-3831; MGutierrez@bos.LACounty.gov; <https://lindseyhorvath.lacounty.gov>), was not present and there was no report.
- C. Senator Caroline Menjivar District 3.
A Representative for State 3rd District Senator Caroline Menjivar [ofc. (818) 901-5588; [_@mail.house.gov](mailto:___@mail.house.gov); <https://senate.ca.gov/Menjivar>], was not present and there was no report.
- D. Congressional District 25 -Congressmen Mike Garcia's office (Garrett Henry).
Garrett Henry, Field Representative for U.S. 25th District of California
Congressman Mike Garcia [ofc. 661-568-4855; Garrett.Henry@mail.house.gov; <https://mikegarcia.house.gov>], was not present and there was no report.
- E. Assembly District 40 – Pilar Shiva rep Gabby Guerrilla.
Gabby Guerrilla, a Deputy for State 40th District Assemblywoman Pillar Shiva [Gabby.Gurrola@asm.ca.gov; <https://ad38.asmr.org>], was not present and there was no report.
- F. Council District 12 (John Lee) Jonathan Coto..
Jonathan Coto, Special Projects Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilmember John Lee [ofc. 818-882-1212; Jonathan.Coto@LACity.org; www.CD12.org], reported.
- G. Mayor's Office Karen Bass (Erin Seinfeld).
Erin Seinfeld, West Area Representative for Mayor Karen Bass (323-552-6730; Erin.Seinfeld@LACity.org; <https://www.lamayor.org/WestValleyAreaRep>), was not present and there was no report.
- H. DONE, (NEA Marilu Guesvara).
Marilu Guevara, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment [DONE; 818-374-9890; Marilu.Guevara@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org], did not give a report.
- I. Budget Advocate (Brian Allen).
Mr. Allen, a Budget Advocate [LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com; www.BudgetAdvocates.org] was not present and there was no report.
- J. Congressional District 29 (Osvaldo Ramirez).
Osvaldo Ramirez, Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California
Congressman Tony Cardenas [ofc. 818-221-3718; cell 818-388-0685; Osvaldo.Ramirez@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>], was not present and there was no report.
- K. Congressional District 30 (Kimberly Caseres).
Kimberly Caseres, a Field Deputy for U.S. 30th District of California
Congressman Brad Sherman [818-501-9200;

Kimberly.Caseres@mail.house.gov; <https://sherman.house.gov>], was not present and there was no report.

L. LAPD Senior Lead Officer or alternate representative.

There was no report from Alan Sellers, an LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer for the east and south (of Chatsworth St.) sides of Granada Hills [office 424-364-5568; 31934@LAPD.LACity.org; DevonshireSLO@LAPD.Online; <https://www.lapdonline.org/lapd-contact/valley-bureau/devonshire-community-police-station>] or John Parker, a Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer for the north side (north of Chatsworth St.) of Granada Hills [cell/text phone 424-364-9377; office 818-832-0633; 36560@LAPD.online].

V. Approval of the Minutes

A. The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes for May 4, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Benedetto explained that no Motion could be made or vote taken to approve the Minutes because a voting quorum of Board Members was not present.

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

A. NONE

Mr. Benedetto explained that, at the July 6th Board Meeting, a new Board will be sworn in and a new Fiscal Year budget begun. Board Candidate Michael Koch will be certified in July, as can Candidate Linda Williamson.

VII. Budget Issues

A. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report (MERs) for May, 2023 if ready.

Mr. Benedetto explained that no Motion could be made or vote taken to approve the Treasurer's Report because a voting quorum of Board Members was not present.

VIII. Board Issues

- A. Up-Date for By-laws Committee- most likely after the new board is sworn in July.
- B. 2023-2024 Budget-to be worked on when the new board is seated.
- C. We still need to move our storage unit from public storage to Nova storage; volunteers needed.

IX. Committee Reports and Motions

A. PLUM- Report

A. PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PLUMC)

[This was the second Item #IX. A. on the Agenda.]

1. Discussion and possible action on a Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommendation to the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) Board regarding Los Angeles City Planning Case Number ZA-2022-2796-CUB (17511-13 CHATSWORTH ST., GRANADA HILLS, CA, 91344); i.e. Project Description: "A request for a full-line, on-site alcohol sales in an existing

- 3,075 sq ft restaurant with 88 indoor seats, and daily hours of 11:00am to 1:00am.” On May 11, 2023, the PLUM Committee voted 4-0 not to oppose this request. a. DRAFT Motion: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (“Neighborhood Council” or “GHSNC”) accepts the recommendation of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUMC) not to oppose this request.
2. Discussion and possible action on a Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommendation to the Board regarding testimony and information presented by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) at the Tuesday, May 2 meeting of the Van Nuys (VNY) Airport Citizens Advisory Council.
- a. See “Vision Study,” regarding the capacity expansion proposals; note that all three alternatives include aviation capacity expansion (i.e. from 2-4 new “change to Aviation Area,” options, all beyond current uses, at the airport). Also note that the “Vision Study” is the first step for future planning,” at Van Nuys Airport, according to LAWA, and that LAWA is at the “select Vision Study Preferred Land Use Alternative” as of May, 2023.
- b. See [upcoming-procurements.ashx \(lawa.org\)](https://procurements.ashx(lawa.org)), page one, regarding the “Leasing opportunity for continued use as a big box store on commercial land” (16800 Roscoe Blvd; 20-year-lease); page one, regarding the “Leasing and redevelopment opportunity for continued recreational uses on open space/recreational land” (6550 Odessa Ave., 20- year-lease); and page eight “Reconstruction of six crossing taxiways and three exit taxiways at Van Nuys Airport (VNY).” (\$30M); “Leasing and redevelopment opportunity of commercial land (7277 Valjean Ave.)” (30-year-lease); and “Leasing and redevelopment opportunity of aviation land.” (Note: this refers to two separate 30-year-leases, 7701 Woodley Ave. AND 16425 Hart St. / 16431 Vanowen St.); and page nine “Planned reconstruction of Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Airfield.” (\$15-\$25M), among others.
- c. See “Van Nuys Airport History of Aircraft Operations” (2017: 231K; 2021: 301K); and “Santa Monica Airport 2021 Annual Operations Report, Jet Aircraft Trend” (2017: 15,360); 2021: 2,725.
- d. Note the Los Angeles City Council in 2022-23 has adopted three motions (22-1125, 22- 1127, and 22-1489) dedicated, in part, to investigating and addressing the: (aa) increased jet charter activity at VNY airport, (bb) a new specific plan for the airport, and (cc) projects that have allegedly allowed for changes in aviation capacity at VNY.
- e. May 11, 2023, the PLUM Committee voted 4-0 to recommend the following to the GHSNC Board:
- f. DRAFT Motion: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (“Neighborhood Council” or “GHSNC”) accepts the recommendation of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUMC) to contact other Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley to determine their interest in co-sponsoring a joint public forum on issues regarding the management of Van Nuys Airport, at a date and location to be determined.
3. Discussion and possible action on a Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommendation to the Board regarding Los Angeles City Planning Case Number CPC-2022- 1981-CU-DRB-SPP-SPR; (i.e. proposed Home Depot development located at 16830 West Devonshire Street (CPC-2022-

1981-CUSPP-SPR/ENV-2022-1982-EAF) by representatives of the applicant. On May 11, 2023, the PLUM Committee voted 4-0 0 to recommend the following to the GHSNC Board:

- a. DRAFT Motion: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (“Neighborhood Council” or “GHSNC”) accepts the recommendation of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUMC) to request the City of Los Angeles require a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on Los Angeles City Planning Case Number CPC-2022- 1981-CU-DRB-SPP-SPR; (i.e. proposed Home Depot development located at 16830 West Devonshire Street (CPC-2022-1981-CUSPP-SPR/ENV-2022-1982-EAF), in order to comply with all requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
4. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board regarding the status of the Design Review Board and Granada Hills Specific Plan.
5. Note that there is one open seat on the committee.
- B. Outreach- Report
 1. Update on how movie night went on May 27, 2023
 2. Update on Certificate Presentation to JFK High School for special recognition to their first graduating class of 1973; 50-year Reunion.
 3. Report on New Certificate program
- C. Homelessness
- D. Education- Report
- E. Youth- Report
- F. Cultural Affairs
- G. Seniors
- H. Beautification
- I. Public Safety- Report
- J. Sustainability

No Committee reports were given, and no Motions were made or votes taken.

X. Board Members Comments and Submission of Agenda Items.

There were no comments or submissions at this time.

XI. Adjournment

NOTE: Next Regular Meeting of the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council - Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 6:30 PM

The discussion ended at 7:15 p.m.

The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been copied from the Agenda. Discussion notes written by DL, possibly edited by the GHSNC. The GHSNC Board Meeting Minutes page is <http://www.ghsnc.org/resources/minutes-and-agendas>.