

## GHSNC Minutes 2/1/2024 Regular Board Meeting

Start 6:40 PM

I. Flag Salute- Lead by Michael Koch

II. Roll Call

9 in attendance/ 3 excused/1 coming late/2 not in attendance

### Attended

Michael Benedetto

Colleen Toumayan

Launa Bogartz

Carol Hart

John Horn,

George Karam

Michael Koch

Ashley Pena

Michelle Waldenmeyer

### Excused

Mark Morris

Sally Kolstad

Brad Smith

### Not attended

Rox Poon

Linda Williamson

### Coming Late

Abbey Ronquillo

### III. Approval of the Minutes

September 2023- Launa Bogartz makes the motion and Carol hart Second- Unanimous approval

January 2024- Carol Hart makes the motion and Launa Bogartz seconds with unanimous approval

### iV.

- A. Nomination for GHSNC Presidency- After discussion and hearing from DONE the board decided to do the election as our Bylaws were not clear on if the President was stepping

down that the VP would take over. Carol Hart Nominates Micahel Benedetto and Carol Hart seconds- Micahel Benedetto accepts nomination for President- The board votes unanimously to elect Michael Benedetto to President

- B. Nomination for Vice President- Michael Benedetto nominates Colleen Toumayan and Launa Bogartz seconds- Colleen Toumayan accepts nomination for Vice President. The board voted unanimously to elect Colleen Toumayan as Vice President
- C. Nomination for Secretary- Ashley Pena volunteers and Launa Bogartz seconds. The board voted unanimously to elect Ashley Pena as Secretary
- D. Motion to appoint of Colleen Toumayan to co-chair the Outreach committee- Michael Benedetto makes the motion and Carol Hart seconds. Voted unanimously by the board to appoint Colleen Toumayan to co-chair the Outreach committee
- E. Motion for Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for January, 2024- Tabled as Partebnrs in Diversity item flagged

#### V. ELECTED OFFICES/ DEPARTMENTS/ ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS-

DONE- Mario Hernandez- Went over conflicts of interest/recusal  
April 1st to submit bylaws changes/ February 5th zoom bylaws event

LAPD- Richard Fisk- Burglary still issues with one person linked to 56 burglaries- Staffing at LAPD still an issue- Coffee with Cop being held on February 13th at Coffe Bean at 11:00am  
DA Candidate forum- February 13th- ABC TV will be there  
California Pizza Kitchen all day eat there event for SOLID

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG for NPG for Meals in motion in the amount of up to \$4000. Carol Hart makes a motion to approve an NPG for Meals in motion in the amount of up to \$4000, and George Karam seconds the motion. There was a presentation Meals in Motion fights food insecurity with cooking classes- Last year, the board approved \$1,500 and was the first to fund- They have served over 2,600 families out of Van Nuys- 30% are from Garnda Hills. The board discussed about if we had the funding, and Abbey Ronquillo said we have close to \$19,000  
Board approves- 10 yes as Abbey Ronquillo is now in the meeting

7:37 pm Michael Koch leaves the meeting

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTING PRESIDENT - We need to move our storage from public storage to nova storage at the end of February, as previously passed

Micael Beneddetto, Carol Hart, George Karam, Ashley Pena, and Colleen Toumayan agree to help

A. Public Safety- No report

B. Cultural Affairs- Chair Launa Bogartz talks about Black History Month- February 2nd and 4th  
Black owned business event on Paramount Studio lot- Go to 15shop pop-up site to RSVP-  
Black in the Valley Events go to [Blackinthevalley.org/](http://Blackinthevalley.org/) Black Chamber events - February 8th from  
4-7 pm

7:44 Launa Bogartz leaves the meeting and no longer a quorum

C. Education- Abbey Roquillo announces a contest for Youth to create a new logo for GHSNC

D. Homelessness – John Horn Chair- Report- Jan 17th meeting- Josh Yeager came from John  
Lee’s office talking about Inside Safe- Trying to get grant funding for clean-up- March 11th  
meeting Lutheran Services are attending- The homeless count had 30 volunteers- There were 4  
tracks that could not be done - More board participation next time- Abbey Ronquillo participated-  
John Horn feels that Granada Hills North NC should participate.

E. Outreach- Colleen Toumayan Co-Chair/ Special Meeting on February 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm for  
the Institute for Nonviolence event-Night of Dialogue. The board has already voted to have this  
event. Encourage all to attend

F. Planning and Land Use- Brad Smith absent so no report.

G. Sustainability- George Karmam spoke about the following but the board could not vote on  
anything due to not having a quorum anymore

Discussion and possible action for the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council to adopt  
more sustainable practices.

- Practices agreed upon by the Sustainability Committee include eliminating the use of  
single-use

plastic water bottles and, where possible, reduce the number of paper materials used at  
meetings, transitioning to virtual materials (i.e., QR codes), purchasing more sustainable  
marketing goods for events, use of non-plastic storage materials (i.e., bankers boxes)

b. Discussion and possible action for the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council to invite  
LADWP/SoCalGas representatives to the Spring Egg Hunt (or other GHSNC event).

- By inviting our utility agencies to the event, Granada Hills residents will be able to get accurate  
information on efficiency incentives, utility discount programs, and sustainable home practices  
like use of greywater, xeriscaping/dryscaping, etc.

H. Seniors- No report as Silly Kolstad absent

I. Youth-

J. Beatification - Report

#### IX. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT OF NON-AGENDIZED ITEM

Johnathan at John Lee’s office- Spoke about the Granada Hills Rec Pool and there would be a  
Zoom meeting on Feb 16th to discuss artwork and the plan  
Conversation with Council next week

