

## September 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Start 7:18

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE- Michael Benedetto and Flag Salute

Roll Call- Abbey Ronquillo

### **In attendance**

Michael Benedetto, Colleen Toumayan, Abbey Ronquillo, Mark Morris, Carol Hart, John Horn, George Karam, Linda Williamson, and Kayla Owens

### **Excused**

Ashley Pena, Launa Bogartz, Sally Kolstad, Brad Smith

### **Not in attendance**

Angela Yang, Michael Koch, and Rox Poon

9 present

## **ADMINISTRATIVE/FUNDING MOTIONS**

### **A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) May, July, and August 2024-**

Mark Morris seconds- No Public or Board discussion

Michael Benedetto- yes

Colleen Toumayan-yes

Abbey Ronquillo- Yes

Mark Morris-yes

Carol Hart- yes

John Horn-yes

George Karam-yes

Linda Williamson-yes

Kayla Owens- ineligible

8 yes/one ineligible-passes

### **B. Approval of Board minutes for July 11th-**

Seconded by Carol Hart- No Public or Board discussion

Michael Benedetto- yes

Colleen Toumayan-yes

Abbey Ronquillo- Yes

Mark Morris-yes

Carol Hart- yes

John Horn-yes

George Karam-yes

Linda Williamson-yes

Kayla Owens- ineligible

8 yes/one ineligible-passes

**C. Appointments of Carol Hart to as liaison to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance**

George Karam seconds- No Public or Board discussion

8 in favor and one ineligible-passes

**Elected Officials**

**Savanna Heap- County Supervisor's Lindsay Horvath Office**

The governance reform that was co-authored by Horvath is in motion. This motion would change county charter and is ballot measure G. The three notable changes are number of supervisors would go from five to nine, it would create an elected executive position, and create independent communities.

Latino Heritage Month event is this Sunday 1-6pm

September 21 LA Opera in the park

Linda Williamson from the board asked about what it expands, Heap replied that it expands the preview of the county charter for ten years

**Brian Allen- Budget Advocate**

The Budget Advocates are in training for new members. They are going through the learning process, negotiation, and are in need of the two budget reps for this council. Please forward that information to Brian.

Comment from the public, Candice- How many budget advocates are there? Allen replied 36 budget advocates with 3 per region. There are 12 regions. The members are appointed from the Neighborhood Councils.

Comment from Carol Hart- She noticed that there is only four days of funding for emergency management services which is concerning. Allen replied that there is a system in place for that and encouraged that they would to be open and share their process at budget day in June of next year.

Gary added an Invitation to the intro to budget meeting for September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. No RSVP needed

**Richard Fisk- LAPD**

Offier Pancer not available. There is a new senior lead, Greg Anderchik. LAPD is moving to a new reporting system. One officer will be assigned to the homeless and floating.

The pasta dinner is September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Greek church from 5-8pm. 15.00 per person and there will be vegetarian options available.

**Mario Hernandez- DONE**

Some board members have expired trainings.

September 28<sup>th</sup> is the Congress of Neighborhoods. You can register online or email Erick Munoz.

**V. A Motion- approve an NPG for LAPD Devonshire PALS up to \$2000.00, to be used for their 2024 summer program to partner with Granada Hills High School to introduce 10 new classes and programs.**

Second by Mark

Sally B. says that she has been with the LAPD Senior Board for 16 years and that the after school program they are wanting to start is for girls positivity. It will be ages 10-17 and held by Officer Sanchez. The money will cover the books and journals needed for the groups.

They also have a Halloween event open to the public on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

No further comments

Roll call vote

Michael Benedetto- yes

Colleen Toumayan-yes

Abbey Ronquillo- Yes

Mark Morris-yes

Carol Hart- yes

John Horn-yes

George Karam-yes

Linda Williamson-yes

Kayla Owens- ineligible

8 yes/one ineligible-passes

**V. B Motion- approve an NPG for the YMCA for up to \$5,000.00, for the annual Thanksgiving food baskets give away program. This year they will be distributing 4,500 meals to many families in the Granada Hills South NC district.**

Second by Linda

Brain Allen says they have been doing the Thanksgiving food drive for over 17 years and the demand is much higher now. They are in need of volunteers for the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> as well.

No further comments

Roll call vote

Michael Benedetto- yes

Colleen Toumayan-yes

Abbey Ronquillo- Yes

Mark Morris-yes

Carol Hart- yes

John Horn-yes

George Karam-yes

Linda Williamson-yes

Kayla Owens- ineligible

8 yes/one ineligible-passes

**V. C Motion- approve an NPG for the Granada Hills Centennial Celebration up to \$2,000.00**

Second by Linda

Recuse Mark and Mike to step out.

Mario explains that excusing Mark and Mike will end the meeting as there no longer will be quorum. The discussion is then tabled.

**V. C, V. D, V.E, and V.F, V. G are all tabled due to quorum.**

**V. H Discussion and possible action to approve business renewal application, located at 10701 North Lindley Avenue Granada Hills CA 91344. For KJA, presented by Chelsea Mulligan.**

No representative was present.

**V. I Discussion and possible action to decide on how to navigate the grievance made by Brad Kilmovitch and the VFW regarding the handling of our web posting matters by Aaron DeVandry including and not limited to all remedies.**

Mario reported that the issue was being handled by the city and a case was being open. Mike reported that he has to abide by what Mario is suggesting. Brad walked out of the meeting and did not speak on the issue.

**V. J We need volunteers to participate in the Annual Granada Hills Street Faire**

Colleen, Mark, George, John, Linda, Carol, and Mike volunteered.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

1. Public Safety no reports
2. Beautification John Horn- new members are needed for the beautification committee as there seems to be none besides John at this time.

3. Cultural Affairs no reports
4. Education no reports
5. Homelessness John Horn- Homeless Count planning for 2025 is well under way. November there will be a meeting for the homelessness committee
6. Outreach Colleen a motion from committee

**VI. A Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$5,000.00 for Outreach giveaways and materials**

John says we need to have an inventory of all the items we have in storage. It would be better for us to give helpful items like a magnet with the 311 number for the community.

No further comments

Roll call vote

Michael Benedetto- yes

Colleen Toumayan-yes

Abbey Ronquillo- Yes

Mark Morris-yes

Carol Hart- yes

John Horn-yes

George Karam-yes

Linda Williamson-yes

Kayla Owens- ineligible

7. Planning and Land Use Committee no reports
8. Youth- The Youth Commission is working on finding more volunteer opportunities in the community
9. Sustainability George Karam- The sustainability meeting was cancelled, but there will be a meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.
10. Seniors no update

8 yes/one ineligible-passes

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT OF NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS- None

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-

VIII. ADJOURNMENT