



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES, Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

Granada Hills Charter H.S., Library, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344
Approved May 15, 2019

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I. Call to order (Chair)

Chair Maria Fisk called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Changes in Committee Membership, Roll Call and Stakeholder Introduction:
(Chair)

Roll Call was taken by Ms. Fisk. Four of the five Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: Maria Fisk (Chair), Brad Smith, Terri Weeks and Larry Yoder. Don Graham was absent (unexcused). This Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is three (see the Bylaws at <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlta=su46~>), so the Committee could take such votes. Also attended: five Stakeholders and Guests.

III. Approval of the Minutes: March 20, 2019 Meeting

MOTION (by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Yoder): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee approves the Minutes of its March 20, 2019 Committee Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

IV. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items

There were no comments at this time.

V. New Business:

1. Motion for Consideration: (report from Brad Smith/ad hoc committee) Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves an Internship program with California State University Northridge's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, with a FY

2019-2020 budget allocation/funding category of %staff support,+not to exceed \$5,000, for the 2019-2020 academic year, and if a memorandum of understanding (MOA) is approved between the GHSNC and the university, with review by the Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and/or the City Attorney's Office, as appropriate.

The scope of work of this internship to include providing assistance in:
Drafting CIS STATEMENTS for the GHSNC;
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Researching FUNDING PROVIDED BY GHSNC VIA NPGs;
Supporting, as directed, the activities of the general board and all committees and subcommittees, including, but not limited to: staffing a GHSNC outreach event and/or attending a meeting of another organization as representative of the GHSNC and reporting back; as well as other activities that may be assigned, with the approval of the CSUN internship faculty sponsor.

Copies of results of an on-line survey of GHSNC board members regarding the internship concept will be distributed at the PLUM Committee meeting for review.

Mr. Smith explained this, which previously was considered. Board Members thought it was %overwhelmingly a good idea.+

MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Fisk): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommends to the Board to approve an Internship program with California State University Northridge's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, with a FY 2019-2020 budget allocation/funding category of %staff support,+not to exceed \$5,000, for the 2019-2020 academic year, and if a memorandum of understanding (MOA) is approved between the GHSNC and the university, with review by the Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and/or the City Attorney's Office, as appropriate.

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2. Motion for Consideration: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Board approves an allocation of \$2,000.00 to compensate a Land Use Consultant for a review and written position regarding the proposed Processes and Procedures Ordinance. Case No.: CPC-2016-3182-CA; Council File # 12-0460-S4.
http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2012/12-0460-S4_misc_10-26-2018.pdf.
http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2012/12-0460-S4_misc_2_10-26-2018.pdf

Ms. Fisk reported that the Board opposed this at its February meeting. Land Use Consultant Dick Platkin agreed to do this.

MOTION (by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommends to the Board to approve an allocation of \$2,000.00 to compensate a Land Use Consultant for a review and written position regarding the proposed Processes and Procedures Ordinance.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

3. Motion for Consideration: Regarding: CF# 19-0002-S38, SB 50 (Weiner) / High Density Multi-Family Housing Development Construction / Major Transit Stops / Out-of-Compliance with Local Land Use Regulations and Procedures / City Provisions / Amendment.
https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB50
.
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0002-S38>.

The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Board supports the following resolution:

Whereas, SB 50 (Weiner) would preempt a municipality's authority over local building and development standards by:

- Utilizing a one-size-fits-all statewide approach that supersedes municipal authority.
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- Eradicating all single family zones that are near transit stops.
- Rewarding the construction of 70- 80 ft. multi-family high rises next to single family homes.
- Incentivizing building density with limited or no parking.
- Putting developers in charge of their own planning, leaving city governments and residents with little or no say.

Therefore, the GHSNC Board supports the following Resolution proposed by Councilmembers Koretz and Harris-Dawson, in its entirety and without additional amendments: %THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-20 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB50 (Weiner) which would allow construction of higher density multi-family housing developments near major transit stops that are out-of-compliance with local land use regulations and procedures, unless amended to exclude the City of Los Angeles from its provisions.+Furthermore, The City of Los Angeles must retain its authority to expand affordable housing by resisting State legislation that overrides home rule (a municipality's right over local land use and planning decisions).

Ms. Fisk explained the issue and status.

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4. Motion for Consideration Regarding: Draft Citywide Design Guidelines. The new proposed Guidelines aim to elevate the City's design expectations for new development.

https://planning.lacity.org/urbandesign/citywide_design_guidelines/learn_more.

The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Board Supports the following resolution:

Whereas, the Los Angeles Citywide Design Guidelines serve to implement the 10 Urban Design principles, which is part of the General Plan Framework Element. These principles are a statement of the City's vision for the future of Los Angeles, providing guidance for new development and encouraging projects to complement existing urban form in order to enhance the overall environment in Los Angeles. A review of current Industrial/Residential/Commercial Citywide Design Guidelines include:

- Organized set of guidelines (along with images and diagrams) that are easily understood and clearly outline expectations for the developer, community stakeholders, and city officials.
- Specific considerations that are tailored to the distinct needs of residential, commercial and industrial districts.
- Well-thought-out tools (along with checklists) that assist city officials and neighborhood councils to assess design guidelines and formulate meaningful recommendations related to proposed development.

Therefore, the GHSNC Board opposes an overbroad/oversimplification of the proposed Citywide Design Guidelines that fail to meet the tenets of sound design principles and are too narrow in scope to meet the needs of a very diverse city and its unique neighborhoods. Furthermore, any revisions or updates to the current Citywide Design Guidelines must include best practices from: Los Angeles Downtown Design Guide and other California municipalities.

Ms. Fisk distributed copies of a %Citywide Design Guidelines Update+and explained issues.

MOTION (by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Yoder): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommends to the Board to support the following resolution:

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VI. Update on Prior Items:

1. Proposed Restaurant Beverage Program Ordinance: Case No.: CPC-2018-4660-CA, CF# 17-0981.

Ms. Fisk explained issues.

2. Sale and Dispensing of Full Line of Alcoholic Beverages, 10642 Balboa Blvd, 91344. Case Nos.: ZA-2018-5023-CUB; ENV-2018-5024-CE.

Ms. Fisk explained that the City approved the project despite GHSNC opposition. Resident Brian Finnegan noted a ~~no~~ complaint log. There was discussion that Board Members sent letters regarding the project, in which they identified themselves as Board Members.

VII. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:

1. Proposed Patio Addition, Drive Through Entry Reconfiguration, El Pollo Loco, 10651 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, 91344. Case Nos.: ZA-2019-718-PAD-DRB-SPP; ENV-2019-719-CE. Deemed to be approved Conditional Use and SP Project Permit Compliance.

Ms. Fisk explained that the developer and the City are working on this; she again will Agendize it.

Mr. Smith requested for a Metro presentation to be Agendized.

VIII. Committee Member Comments

Ms. Fisk noted that there would be an April 22nd Board Candidates Mixer.

IX. PLUM Committee Related Resources:

1. Planning 101: Project Planning with Jane Choi.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEUHGnumOFQ&feature=youtu.be>
2. LA Dept. of Building and Safety Newsletter (quarterly) 2019.
<http://www.ladbs.org/docs/default-source/publications/newsletters/2019/newsletter-issue-21-021419-final.pdf?sfvrsn=8>
3. City of Los Angeles Planning Department Newsletter (quarterly).
https://planning.lacity.org/Newsletters/2018_Fall.pdf
4. Community Corner, Los Angeles Department of City Planning 2019.
https://planning.lacity.org/CommunityCorner_Newsletter/files/2019/mar.pdf
5. Housing Progress Report 2018.
https://planning.lacity.org/Documents/ExternalAffairs/HousingProgressRpt/2018_Q4.pdf
6. City of Los Angeles Planning Department, Annual Report 2018.
<https://planning.lacity.org/annualreports/2018AnnualReport.pdf>
7. City of Los Angeles Planning Department General Plan Update.
<https://ourla2040.org>
8. City of Los Angeles Planning Department Comprehensive Revision of the Zoning Code. <https://recode.la>

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X. Upcoming Events:

1. Department of City Planning . PlanningSeries: Planning 101: Planning for the Environment. For details and registration:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TPpL1HI_zmKJ3Nq0Fopw8uLCb_5IBKP4aTYMHMgx6s/viewform?edit_requested=true
2. PlanCheck NC: Education programs and forums are held on the second Saturday of each month. All interested stakeholders are invited to participate. 10AM -1PM; Hollenbeck Police Station, 2111 East 1st St, Los Angeles
<http://plancheckncla.com/>

3. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC): Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. 6:30-9:30PM; Sherman Oaks Hospital, 4929 Van Nuys Blvd, Doctor's conference room (validated parking).

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XI. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Yoder).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:53 p.m.

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