



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING Thursday, August 2, 2018

Granada Hills Charter H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344
APPROVED MINUTES (Approved September 13, 2018)

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I. Call to order (Presiding officer)

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by Mr. Beauvais. Twelve of the 15 Members were present at the Roll Call: Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Maria Fisk, Don Graham, Joel Lyle, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer), Sarah Tran, Rene Trinidad and Cindy Wu Freedman. Julie Carson (Secretary), Jett Dunlap and Sally Kolstad were absent (all excused). Dawn Lopez and Deron Lopez had resigned. New At Large Seat Board Member Carlos Amador was appointed to the Board during below Item #VII. A. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine. Fifteen Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats (both At Large) were vacant at the start of the meeting; to apply, see www.ghsnc.org. Also attended: 22 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

Glenn Bailey reminded that the September 22 Congress of Neighborhood Councils will have 800-900 Board Members and 30+ workshops. The VANC [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; VANC@EmpowerLA.org; <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2>] Land Use Planning Forum may be in October, not November. Stakeholder Ernie Hilger announced that the Disable American Veterans are sponsoring an October 27th event for 30 veterans “to Monterey to go fishing . . . a good therapeutic vacation for the veterans”; they seek bus transportation funding; the total cost is \$2,000-\$3,000. Resident Sam Kwasman reported that “our neighborhood . . . is officially Granada Hills”; he presented a cake of appreciation. Ms. Bursk announced that the Granada Hills Holiday Parade will be the first Sunday in December [the 2nd]; local organizations are wanted to participate and volunteers are needed. Ms. Wu Freedman announced that the Southland Regional Association of Realtors (SRAR.com) is “looking for donations of blankets and socks . . . they’re going to give it away to homeless people.”

IV. Community Speakers

- A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)
Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), was not present and there was no report.
- B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD or alternate rep (Officer DelCore/Richard Fisk)
Dario Del Core, an LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer thanked Mr. Fisk for his service and partnering with the Police. Knock-knock burglaries were reduced. He reminded to lock vehicles. Part One crime is down 20% from last year. Retired Senior Lead Officer Janine Angeles soon will be replaced. "The Ring" device helps prevent crime; he reminded to keep paying the monthly service fee. He said "we're aware" of sporadic street racing. New "oversized vehicles" parking restriction signs will be installed. He will follow up regarding stoplight running at Zelzah and Yarmouth.
- C. Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman, Glenn Baily, Brian Allen)
Mr. Allen reported that they had a retreat "to set the priorities" for how the City will be financing this Fiscal Year. They will be "meeting with City Departments."
- D. DONE Representative (Jasmine Elbarbary)
Jasmine Elbarbary, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Jasmine.Elbarbary@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), thanked the GHSNC "for completing . . . [the] inventory." Information is available "encouraging young women to run for office."
- E. State Senator Bob Hertzberg (Raj Dhillon)
Hannah Kelly, District Representative for State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; Hannah.Kelly@sen.ca.gov; <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>), is available to help and "will be handling transportation issues."

V. Approval of Minutes from the July 5, 2018 regular meeting.

Mr. Beauvais requested and it was agreed to TABLE approval of the Minutes.

VI. Budget Issues

- A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for June 2018.
Mr. Schindelheim distributed and reviewed the GHSNC June "Monthly Expenditure Report," noting that backup information is available "online." At the end of last Fiscal Year [June 30th] \$661.08 in unused funding was returned to the City.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2018 as presented.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Fisk, Graham, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

VII. Board Issues

- A. Discussion and motion to approve Carlos Amador as an At-Large Director on the GHSNC Board.

Mr. Beauvais explained that another candidate became unavailable. Resident Mr. Amador described his background, community service and desire to serve.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC approves Carlos Amador as an At-Large Director on the GHSNC Board.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 10 in favor; one opposed; one abstained. Ms. Elbarbary led Mr. Amador in reading aloud the Oath of Office.

New Board Member Carlos Amador was Seated at this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine). Mr. Beauvais noted that “Carlos has already taken all of his training.”

- B. Discussion and motion that the GHSNC Public Safety Committee craft a Community Impact Statement to advise the City Council of our position regarding the current state of Section 85.02 LAMC and recommend the City Council take action in the crafting of this and related legislation. (Section 85.02 of the LAMC, which was introduced in January of 2016, was set to sunset on July 1, 2018. The expectation of the community is that the LA City Council would use the two and a half years to craft better legislation to protect the residential and commercial communities of LOS ANGELES, ensure that public thoroughfares are utilized for the purpose that they were designed, paid for by tax dollars, and built; and to protect our waterways from unnecessary exposure to human waste. The City Council did not and the provision was extended for six months.)

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VII. F.] Board Members Mr. Beauvais and Mr. Benedetto, who had recused from voting, returned to the room at this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

MOTION moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: The GHSNC Public Safety Committee will craft a Community Impact Statement to advise the City Council of our position regarding the current state of Section 85.02 LAMC and recommend the City Council take action in the crafting of this and related legislation.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Graham explained the issue and need for legislation, noting the large increase in the homeless population and health and safety issues. Mr. Benedetto said the focus needs to be on services and resources for homeless people.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 13 eligible voters present with ten in favor; zero opposed; three abstained.

- C. Discussion and motion to submit an election information worksheet to the City Clerk for the 2019 election with the following: hours of 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Location Granada Hills Recreation Center, back up location, Granada Hills Charter High School, translation needs, none.

MOTION moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: The GHSNC will submit an election information worksheet to the City Clerk for the 2019 election with the following: hours of 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., location: Granada Hills

Recreation Center; back-up location, Granada Hills Charter High School; translation needs, none.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION moved by Ms. Wu Freedman, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC replaces, in the above Motion, the phrase “translation needs, none” with the phrase “translation needs, Spanish.”

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 12 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (Schindelheim).

AMENDED MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 13 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. Discussion and motion that GHSNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Tran: The GHSNC will submit a Community Impact Statement SUPPORTING L. A. City Council Motion 18-0247, which requests the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to model a 100% renewable energy scenario in the 2018 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

DISCUSSION: Copies were distributed of a draft letter from the GHSNC to City “Councilmembers Bonin and Koretz.” Mr. Fisk explained the issue and urged not supporting this. He noted that “renewable power is a goal that LADWP has been planning and working towards for years; he believed that “Motion 18-0247 should not be supported until there is a unified consensus with the City and DWP about what the true facts of biogas are.” Mr. Morris believed there is a need to use more renewable energy. Ms. Fisk believed that the DWP may be “moving too fast.” Mr. Morris and Ms. Tran agreed to **WITHDRAW** the above Motion.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Graham): The GHSNC REFERS this Item #VII. D. to its Public Safety Committee.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

E. Discussion and motion for [see the below Motion].

Mr. Beauvais and Mr. Benedetto recused from voting (self-declared as ineligible to vote on the below Motion due to a possible or known conflict of interest [they are Members of the Granada Hills Community Foundation Board]) and left the room at this time, making 11 Board Members present and eligible to vote. Mr. Schindelheim became the Presiding Officer.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Bohrer: The GHSNC approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Granada Hills Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 to support the Granada Hills Street Faire. Funds to be spent on permits, rental equipment and operating expenses.

DISCUSSION: Copies were distributed of a filled-in Neighborhood Purposes Grant application. Chamber of Commerce Member Larry Fleck thanked the GHSNC for previous Faire funding. The total Faire budget is \$42,000-\$47,000. Mr. Fisk and Mr. Graham explained that barricades (K-rails), considered a safety necessity, are rented through the L.A. Dept. of Transportation. Mr. Fleck said they also are working to have large vehicles as barricades.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Bohrer, Bursk, Fisk, Graham, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters. Mr. Beauvais and Mr. Benedetto recused.

F. Discussion and motion for [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Ms. Bursk: The GHSNC approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Granada Hills Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 to support the Granada Hills Holiday Parade. Funds to be spent on permits and operating expenses.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bursk confirmed that she is not a Granada Hills Community Foundation Board Member. She explained the first Sunday in December event, which draws people “from all over the Valley”; 10,000 are expected. The marching band judges are paid. The GHSNC “will have at least three banners out”; she described outreach opportunities and encouraged “to put a car in the parade.” Different sponsorship levels are available and volunteers are needed. A booth is available. An application was made to the L.A. Dept. of Cultural Affairs.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Schindelheim; zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION FAILED unanimously; 11 opposed; zero abstained.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bursk said that there will be 3,100-3,500 participants.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Bohrer, Bursk, Fisk, Graham, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters. Mr. Beauvais and Mr. Benedetto recused.

President Beauvais ceded the Presiding Officership to Mr. Benedetto at this time.

G. Discussion and motion to reimburse Dave Beauvais in the amount of \$273.40 for rent at Public Storage (Pcard not available).

Mr. Benedetto explained that “we were between p-cards.”

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Ms. Bursk): The GHSNC will reimburse Dave Beauvais in the amount of \$273.40 for rent at Public Storage.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Fisk, Graham, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; one abstained (Beauvais) (the GHSNC does not count abstentions). Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

Mr. Benedetto returned the Presiding Officership to President Beauvais at this time.

VIII. Committee Reports

PLUM (Maria Fisk)

Ms. Fisk reported that the Committee discussed outreach and having a timer. Mr. Beauvais noted that each Committee’s Agendas and Minutes need to be posted on the website “under the Committee” heading. He urged ensuring that Agendas are submitted to and posted by the Webmaster in a timely manner.

Beautification (Joel Lyle)

Mr. Lyle reported that CD12 and the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council are helping regarding the Granada Hills monument sign at the 118 Freeway and Balboa Blvd. The Committee is working with CD12’s Jonathan Coto regarding tree

trimming. Mr. Beauvais reported that he and Mr. Benedetto “did a walkabout” with Raj Dhillon, Sen. Hertzberg’s Deputy District Director. Mr. Beauvais described options; there will be a meeting at CD12 with Caltrans.

Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

Mr. Benedetto reported that the Committee met and discussed “making LAHSA [L.A. Homeless Services Authority; LAHSA@NationBuilder.com; <http://lahsa.org>] more accountable” regarding services provision.

Public Safety and Health (Deron Lopez)

Mr. Beauvais reported that a meeting will be scheduled.

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Ms. Fisk requesting agendaizing the Neighborhood Councils Reform Motion, Council File #18-0467. Mr. Bailey will email information. Mr. Trinidad reported that a parking sign was replaced. Mr. Morris requested agendaizing Council File #18-0350 regarding City-funded housing allowing small pets. Ms. Tran reported that school starts again on August 9. Mr. Graham encouraged having “adequate lighting” for home video systems night vision and reminded that many homeless people want and need help. Ms. Wu Freedman reported that the SRAR “are going to build 140 condos” on their Koreatown lot and that this idea may also be locally done. Mr. Amador encouraged welcoming former North Hills West Neighborhood Council (NHWNC) Stakeholders who now are part of the GHSNC. Mr. Beauvais encouraged submitting agenda suggestions. He thanked Dawn and Deron Lopez for their two years of service. There will be outreach regarding Board openings and he hopes to recruit from the former NHWNC area. He encouraged Board Members to consider remaining for another term and would like to have at least 20-25 candidates for the 17 Board Seats.

X. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Ms. Tran, seconded by Mr. Morris).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:46 p.m.

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