



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Thursday, May 2, 2019

Granada Hills Charter H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344
APROVED MINUTES – Approved June 6, 2019

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I. Call to order (Presiding officer)

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Graham.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Thirteen of the 17 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Carlos Amador, Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson (Secretary), Jett Dunlap, Maria Fisk, Don Graham, Sally Kolstad, Mark Morris, Brad Smith and Rene Trinidad. Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer) arrived later. Joel Lyle (excused), Sarah Tran (excused) and Cindy Wu Freedman (excused) were absent. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine, so the Board could take such votes. All 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: approximately 36 Stakeholders and Guests.

III. Public Comment.

Board Candidates Colleen Toumayan, Bette Biers, Emayatzy Oliver, Brian Perras and Abbey Ronquillo introduced themselves and described their backgrounds. Mr. Beauvais welcomed the GHCHS Academic Decathlon Champions [applause]. Team Members and Coaches answered questions.

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)

Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-882-1212; Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), was not present; 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 (office 818-756-9011, x1727, mobile/text phone 818-634-0577; 27286@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station), thanked the Volunteer Surveillance Team for helping identify an arson suspect and lowering property crime 10% from last year. There still are “knock-knock” burglaries and unlocked door handles; “don’t leave anything in your car.” There’s been an increase in traffic fatalities. VST Member Richard Fisk described their activities

and encouraged to “stay very alert.” The Community Policed Academy twice per year has eight weekly classes.

C. Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman, Glenn Baily, Brian Allen)
Mr. Allen encouraged giving feedback about the Advocates’ White Paper of City budget recommendations, especially regarding Council File #19-0600. Bylaws amendments can be applied for until March 31, 2020.

D. DONE Representative (Jose Galamez)
Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), announced upcoming events and deadlines.

V. Approval of the March 7 and April 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Copies were available of draft Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Smith noted that Glenn Bailey’s name is spelled that way, not, as the Agenda showed, “Baily.”

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Dunlap: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) approves the Minutes of its March 7, 2019 General Board Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; one abstained (Benedetto).

Ms. Carson noted the same correction as above.

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC approves the Minutes of its April 4, 2019 General Board Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; one abstained (Benedetto).

VI. Budget Issues

A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for March 2019.

Mr. Allen recommended not using PayPal, instead to write checks.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Smith: The GHSNC approves its Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for March 2019.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad, Morris, Smith and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VII. Board Issues

A. Discussion and possible Board action to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: The GHSNC approves the purchase of GHSNC shirts and hats to be disbursed to Board members at the June meeting. Expenditure not to exceed \$500 and contingent on the NC account balance.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Allen indicated that, in the future, the City Clerk may disallow such expenditures.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad, Morris, Smith and Trinidad); zero opposed; one abstained (Bursk).

B. Discussion and possible Board action to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Graham: The GHSNC approves up to \$250 for business cards for new Board members, contingent on the NC account balance.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad, Morris, Smith and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Discussion and possible Board action to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC approves a Board retreat, expenditures not to exceed \$500, contingent on the NC account balance.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beauvais explained the Retreat’s reason: “goal setting . . . Budget . . . Committees . . . Training . . . Team-build.” It will have breakfast or lunch . . . The public is invited” and it will be posted on the website and Facebook.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad, Morris, Smith and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VII. Committee Reports

[This was the second Item #VII on the Agenda.]

PLUM Committee (Maria Fisk)

A. Motion for Consideration: (report from Brad Smith/ad hoc committee) Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion]. 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.

Ms. Fisk read aloud the Motion.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The GHSNC 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; Researching PROPOSED LEGISLATION at the city, county, or state level that would have a direct impact on Granada Hills; Researching CRIME AND CRIME RATES in Granada Hills; Researching THE HOMELESS POPULATION in Granada Hills; Researching ZONING AND LAND USE in Granada Hills; Researching LIQUOR LICENSES in Granada Hills; 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.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Smith urged starting working as soon as possible with CSUN to implement this. Mr. Benedetto believed all the work already is done by others

and that the allocation would be too large. Mr. Bohrer believed the intern would focus on Granada Hills more than Committees can. Mr. Smith indicated that CSUN would cover liability. Ms. Bursk urged that the intern be given “real work.” Mr. Dunlap “sees it as . . . Outreach . . . A great idea.” Mr. Smith noted that he has set up other internship programs, including at CSUN.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad and Smith); three opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Benedetto, Morris and Trinidad); zero abstained.

B. Motion for Consideration: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Board [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The GHSNC 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.p.

Ms. Fisk read aloud and explained the Motion, Council File, need and issue.

DISCUSSION: There were Board comments for and against.

Board Member Brandon Schindelheim arrived at this time (8:42), making 14 Board Members present.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Trinidad): to replace the word “of” with the phrase “up to.”

DISCUSSION: Ms. Fisk noted that “this is a discounted rate.”

Board Member Sally Kolstad had stepped out by this time, making 13 Board Members present.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 11 in favor; zero opposed; two abstained.

Board Member Sally Kolstad returned by this time, making 14 Board Members present.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Graham, Morris, Smith and Trinidad); zero opposed; two abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Kolstad and Schindelheim).

C. 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. The GHSNC Board [see the below Motion]. 4. Motion for
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB50
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumb er=19-0002-S38>

Ms. Fisk read aloud the Motion.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council 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. · Overriding local zoning codes, General/Community and Specific Plans. · Eliminating the right of stakeholders to participate in local decisions that shape their community. · 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)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Allen urged supporting the Motion. Ms. Bursk reported that the United Chambers also supports the Motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

- D. 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 Council Board [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC 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.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Fisk explained that “what they’re proposing is very streamlined” and noted City Planning-recommended information documents. A City staffer said the revision is “to make it easier for developers.”

Ms. Bursk believed that “one size fits all” guidelines are not appropriate for L.A.

Board Member Jett Dunlap stepped out at this time, making 13 Board Members present.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad, Morris, Smith and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Board Member Jett Dunlap returned by this time, making 14 Board Members present.

Outreach (Mike Benedetto) Report

Mr. Benedetto reported that the GHSNC, the GHNNC, the Chamber of Commerce, the Foundation, the Rotary Club and the Women’s Club “met for the first time” together and are planning an art and music festival.

Board Member Brandon Schindelheim left around this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

VIII. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Mr. Amador reported that more than 300 people attended the Egg Hunt. Mr. Trinidad thanked for the opportunity to serve. Mr. Dunlap noted GHSNC accomplishments. Ms. Carson said “the tree trimming was amazing.” Mr. Bohrer said “it’s been an honor serving.” Mr. Graham thanked everyone for their work. Mr. Smith thanked everyone for their service. Ms. Fisk noted that it is important “to put the information out there”; she requested to Agendize communication of opposing Board views to the City. She was concerned that some land use Community Impact Statements were not posted. She requested that Board and Committee Minutes be posted in a timely manner, and that the Board support Stakeholders regarding marijuana dispensary problems. Ms. Kolstad thanked everyone for their support. Ms. Bursk encouraged visiting GranadaHillsBID.com and supporting local businesses, and noted Business Improvement District accomplishments. Mr. Morris thanked GHNNC Board Members and GHSNC Candidates for attending and is “proud of what we accomplished.” Ms. Bursk reported that former Board Member Eric Mansker passed away.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Bohrer).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED without any opposition at 5:08 p.m.

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