



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 4, 2019 Time: 6:30 pm

Granada Hills H.S. Rawley Hall 10535 Zelzah, Granada Hills CA 91344

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All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible board action.

I. Call to order (Presiding officer)

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

III. Public Comment: Community and Public Comment on non-agenda items. The Public may present concerns to the Board on any issue of interest in the Community. The Board will not be able to discuss or take action on any matters brought up during public comment. However, issues raised during public comment may be agendized for discussion at a future board meeting. Normally limited to 2 minutes.

IV. Community Speakers

- A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)
- B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD or alternate rep (Officer DelCore/Richard Fisk)
- C. Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman, Glenn Baily, Brian Allen)
- D. DONE Representative (Jose Galamez)
- E. Councilman Paul Koretz (5th District)
- F. Assemblywoman Christy Smith (38th Assembly District)

V. Budget Issues

- A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for February 2019.

VI. Board Issues

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A. Discussion and possible board action to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) Summary supporting Council File 19-0046 to limit the influence of non-individuals and developers in our city. We urge the council to support all of the recommendations unanimously approved by the Ethics Commission on February 19th, including:

- Ban on contributions and fundraising by non-individuals and developers
- Ban fundraising and bundling by non-individuals, developers, bidders, lobbyists, and contractors
- Ban behested payments from restricted sources and enhance disclosure

A review by Ethics Staff found 33 enforcement orders involving developers and development projects. This amounted to over \$1 million in administrative penalties, over half of the penalties for that period. The recent news coverage raises further ethical concerns about pay-to-play politics occurring in City Hall. By banning contributions from those with projects requiring discretionary approval we remove a clear conflict of interest. The proposal offers a closely drawn solution that also covers applicants and principals. It additionally closes fundraising and bundling loopholes for developers, contractors, and lobbyists. Banning contributions from non-individuals increases transparency to voters, and offers administrative, auditing, and enforcement clarity for donors, candidates, campaign staff, and Ethics Staff. To ensure that these recommendations effectively restrict developers' ability to influence elected officials, we also encourage City Council to consider restricting electeds' ability to solicit behested payments from developers. This measure would prevent developers from circumventing the contribution ban by gaining influence through behested payments.

VII. Committee Reports

PLUM Committee (Maria Fisk)

- A. MOTION:** The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the proposed expansion of the Granada Hills Charter Devonshire Campus located at 17081 Devonshire St., Northridge, Ca. 91325 based on a majority of Stakeholders who attended this meeting to support the proposed project along with more than 1,400 signed petitions, with the understanding that;
- Not all traffic studies are complete and other studies are pending.
 - The Committee recommends full support of speed bumps, four-way stop signs at Genesta Ave. and Hiawatha St. and mitigating traffic flow obstructions at all egress and ingress to the campus.
 - Additionally, the Committee is asking for City Councilmember support for those mitigations and to ensure that lighting spills over the block wall onto the sidewalk adjacent to Hiawatha St. for safety purposes.
 - Additionally, the Committee recommends the School establish a hotline so that Stakeholders and parents can register complaints.

At the March 7, 2019 regular meeting the Board tabled the motion and returned it to the PLUM committee for consideration of the impact of the athletic field lighting and possible noise issues related to after-school activities on the field. The

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Committee heard from 46 Stakeholders. Resident Stakeholders expressed concerns over use of the field into the evening hours and possible related noise. The current lighting and sound mitigations associated with the athletic field were reviewed for clarification:

- Musco Lighting design and engineering consultants advised on mitigations to light spillage onto nearby residential districts.
- Height of field lights reduced from 60-70 ft. to a final height of 40 ft
- The number of poles was reduced from 8 to 6.
- Each pole contains only 3 lights instead of 8 or more that could have been used.
- The lamps are shielded to reduce light spillage and visibility of the of the lamps from the side
- The lights are strategically placed only to cover the field area and use directional lighting.
- The lights average about 26 foot candles. This is equal to an office with LED lighting.
- The poles do not have provisions for mounting loud speakers.
- The field lights are not the intensity/height of typical stadium lighting (as with John Elway Stadium at the main campus).
- The athletic field was strategically placed as far away from residential homes as possible.
- The size of the field was reduced to a less than regulation field in size, 232' x 135'.
- There are no bleachers/stadium seating or grandstand around the field, the field will be used mainly for soccer team practice after school hours.
- Hours of operation for the athletic field has been changed from 10:30 to 10:00 p.m. in the final application.
- Hours of evening use will vary. Current soccer practice hours usually conclude at 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- No limits on the number of evening weekly events, some weeks may be a few nights, other weeks may be five or more evenings.

Outreach (Mike Benedetto)
Report

Beautification Committee (Joel Lyle)
Report

VIII. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

IX. Adjournment

The public is requested to fill out a "**Speaker Card**" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at: **1) Granada Hills Chamber of**

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Commerce, 17723 Chatsworth St. Granada Hills, CA 91344; and 2) GHSNC Website: www.ghsnc.org and address: 11024 Balboa Blvd., Box 767; Granada Hills, CA 91344. In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the committee members in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website by clicking the following link: www.ghsnc.org, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Julie Carson at jcarson@ghsnc.org. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council c/o the president, via e-mail to board@ghsnc.org or Richard Ray, Los Angeles Department on Disability, ADA Coordinator, at Richard.Ray@lacity.org or (213) 202-2753. Meetings may be recorded. **Note that** any stakeholder comments must be made during the appropriate public comment period, and either during an individual's allotted time or if an individual stakeholder has been invited to speak by a board member. Audience members may not approach the board during a meeting except to hand out materials during the allotted speaking time, and then only with the permission of the presiding officer. If a stakeholder has any requests that cannot be addressed during the allotted speaking time, the items may be e--mailed to the board or to our Secretary.

Note that Government Code section 54957.9 provides: *In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the members of the legislative body conducting the meeting may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session. Only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the legislative body from establishing a procedure for readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for willfully disturbing the orderly conduct of the meeting.*

Please note further that Penal Code section 403 states: *Every person who, without authority of law, willfully disturbs or breaks up any assembly or meeting that is not unlawful in its character, other than an assembly or meeting referred to in Section 302 of the Penal Code or Section 18340 of the Elections Code, is guilty of a misdemeanor.* The board reserves its rights to exercise appropriate remedies in the event of disruption of board or committee meetings.

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