



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Granada Hills H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344  
DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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**I. Call to order** (Presiding officer)

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Beauvais.

**II. Roll Call** (Acting Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Thirteen of the 16 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson (Secretary), Cheri Derohanian, Don Graham, Sally Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Joel Lyle, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer) and Rene Trinidad. Jeffrey Bohrer (unexcused), Jett Dunlap (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. Sixteen of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat (At Large) was vacant; to apply, see [www.ghsnc.org](http://www.ghsnc.org). Also attended: 14 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

Stakeholder Dr. Carl Melnik reported that a Veterans Park plaque is missing the GHSNC name and that “we’re going to do a new plaque”; he read aloud what the plaque will say. Stakeholder Ernie Hilger announced the availability of four annual scholarships for “graduating high school seniors who are going to college and are foster youth.”

**IV. Community Speakers**

A. Council District 12

Ms. Carson reported that Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; [Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org](mailto:Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org); <http://CD12.LACity.org>), emailed her that he could not attend this meeting.

B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD or alternate rep.

Dario Del Core, 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](http://www.LAPDOnline.org/devonshire_community_police_station)), reported that Part One (“major”) crime is down; he cited statistics. He reminded not to leave valuables in and to lock vehicles. He said regarding response time that “we’re generally getting there in under seven minutes . . . we’re getting now 1,200 calls per week.” He noted there are many social media ways to contact the Police. His next monthly [second Tuesdays] Senior Lead Officer meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at St. Euphrasia Church [11766 Shoshone Ave.]. Officer Del Core thanked Richard Fisk for volunteering. Crime tips can be given at [MyDevonshireTips@LAPDOnline.org](mailto:MyDevonshireTips@LAPDOnline.org). Mr. Graham explained school policing procedures.

C. Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman, Glenn Baily, Brian Allen)

Mr. Allen reported that the Budget Advocates [<http://ncbala.com>] will release their annual “White Paper . . . in a few weeks.” He encouraged feedback regarding Neighborhood Council funding equity.

Jasmine Elbarbary, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; [Jasmine.Elbarbary@LACity.org](mailto:Jasmine.Elbarbary@LACity.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), requested that Board Members review the new funding guidelines emailed to them.

V. **Approval of Minutes** for the January 5, 2018 regular meeting and the February 15, 2018 Special meeting.

Ms. Carson reminded that Ethics training expired for Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Graham, and will soon for Mr. Beauvais, Mr. Benedetto, herself, Mr. Morris, Ms. Lopez and Mr. Trinidad.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 4, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris and Schindelheim); zero opposed; three abstained (Derohanian, Graham and Trinidad). President Beauvais did not vote.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Ms. Lopez): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its February 15, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Deron

Lopez, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; three abstained (Derohanian, Dawn Lopez and Lyle).

## **VI. Budget Issues**

A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for January 2018.

Mr. Beauvais requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

B. Approval of Expenditure to Aaron DeVandry for Web Hosting services.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate \$1,839.16 for web hosting on Aaron DeVandry's cloud server for March 2017 through January 2018, plus domain renewal, and payments of Google Suite email for GHSNC.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Derohanian, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; one abstained (Graham).

## **VII. Board Issues**

A. Appointment of Cheri Derohanian as LANC Representative.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Cheri Derohanian as its LANCC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition) Representative.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Morris noted that Ms. Derohanian has been attending LANCC meetings.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye"); zero opposed; two abstained (Derohanian and Graham).

B. Appointment of Cheri Derohanian as NCEPA Representative

**MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Cheri Derohanian as its NCEPA (Neighborhood Councils Emergency Preparedness Alliance) Representative.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Morris noted that Ms. Derohanian has been volunteering.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye"); zero opposed; two abstained (Derohanian and Graham).

C. Appointment of Mark Morris as the Faith-based community liaison.

Mr. Beauvais explained the need.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Mark Morris as its Faith-based Community Liaison.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); zero opposed; two abstained (Derohanian and Graham).

D. Appointment of Sally Kolstad as the Education community liaison.

Mr. Beauvais explained the need.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Sally Kolstad as its Education Community Liaison.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Benedetto and Ms. Derohanian noted that Ms. Kolstad has been volunteering.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); zero opposed; two abstained (Derohanian and Graham).

E. Approval of a monthly expenditure for a minutes writer for the PLUM Committee.

Mr. Beauvais explained Planning and Land Use Management Committee changes. He said “this will come out of our Operation budget line.” Committee Chair Maria Fisk stated that “I think it’ll be a really good means of communication.” Mr. Beauvais noted that “we wait ‘til they’re approved” to post Minutes. Mr. Hilger believed that “that’s important that that gets recorded.”

**MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Derohanian): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of a monthly expenditure for a Minutes writer for the PLUM Committee.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Derohanian reported that “other Neighborhood Councils do spend money for that Committee . . . it’s especially important” for land use issues. Mr. Beauvais explained why trying to write Minutes from a recording does not work well.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris and Schindelheim); zero opposed; three abstained (Derohanian, Graham and Trinidad).

F. Approval of an expenditure of up to \$200 to have the newly adopted GHSNC logo professionally designed, funding to come from general outreach.

Mr. Beauvais explained the Motion.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Carson): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of an expenditure of up to \$200 to have the newly adopted GHSNC logo professionally designed, funding to come from general outreach.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Graham was not sure this would be a good allocation. Mr. Benedetto “would like to get additional bids.” Ms. Carson reminded that this was “to make the font . . . clearer . . . the new logo was cleaner.” Mr. Lyle said “this is the image we show our constituents . . . I don’t think that’s a big expense.” Mr. Graham suggested a graphic arts student would do it for free.

**FUNDING MOTION FAILED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Carson, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez and Lyle); five opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Benedetto, Bursk, Kolstad, Morris and Trinidad); three abstained (Derohanian, Graham and Schindelheim).

- G. Approval of an expenditure of \$850 to support the 2018 Disaster Preparedness Event to be held September 29, 2018. Funds to go to the Southern California Preparedness Foundation. Funds will be used for outreach, security, food and drink the day of the Fair. GHSNC will be provided a booth space and appear as a sponsor on outreach and marketing materials. Funding from general outreach.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Trinidad): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of an expenditure of \$850 to support the 2018 Disaster Preparedness Event to be held September 29, 2018. Funds to go to the Southern California Preparedness Foundation. Funds will be used for outreach, security, food and drink the day of the Fair. GHSNC will be provided a booth space and appear as a sponsor on outreach and marketing materials. Funding from general outreach.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Brown reported that the 11<sup>th</sup> annual event will be held at the “Northridge Fashion Center, on the north side of the mall in the theatre parking”; the mall “loves it” because the event increased their sales. He explained event planning. Free emergency preparedness kits valued at \$35 each will be given away to a limited number of attendees. Mr. Beauvais reminded that “we’ve participated every year.”

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; two abstained (Derohanian and Graham).

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

PLUM (Maria Fisk) Report

Ms. Fisk reported that the Committee will meet Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and will discuss the 54-unit mixed-use project proposed at 17436 Chatsworth Ave.

Outreach (Mike Benedetto) Report

Mr. Benedetto wanted to Agendize the next emergency preparedness event and lanyards. The Chamber of Commerce Red Carpet Gala will be held April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Porter Valley Country Club.

**IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.**

Ms. Derohanian reported that LANCC discussed “voting reform.” The NCEPA discussed ham radios. She will work to have a local town hall meeting regarding school security. Mr. Graham described “robust communications” between the LAPD and LAUSD Police; “we constantly train” and “talk with them.” He urged more input regarding the choice of the next LAPD Chief; see the “Select a Chief” Internet survey. Mr. Benedetto believed that more security measures are needed at schools. Mr. Lyle would like a stationary flag to be available here. Ms. Kolstad suggested purchasing a flag holder to be kept here and noted that LAUSD Teacher training includes student safety. Mr. Trinidad suggested a software application that students can use to receive emergency notices.

**X. Adjournment**

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

**MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED;** zero opposed.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:16 p.m.

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