



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING Thursday, May 3, 2018

Granada Hills Charter 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 6:39 p.m. and explained procedures. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

The Secretary took Roll Call. Ten of the 15 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice President), Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson (Secretary), Jett Dunlap, Don Graham, Sally Kolstad, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer) and Rene Trinidad. Deron Lopez arrived later. Four Board Members were absent: Jeffrey Bohrer, Joel Lyle, Dawn Lopez and Cindy Wu Freedman (all excused). Cheri Derohanian had resigned. New Board Members Maria Fisk (At Large Seat) and Sara Tran (Youth Seat) were appointed to the Board during below Item #VII. The GHSNC quorum (minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on agendized Items) is nine. Fifteen of the 17 Board Seats were filled. Two Board Seats were vacant at the beginning of the meeting. Also attended: 32 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

Glenn Bailey, of VANC [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; VANC@EmpowerLA.org; <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2>], reported that the City’s Early Notification System was not sending agendas; the problem is being worked on. VANC’s planning forum will be in November. The September 22 Congress of Neighborhood Councils Planning Committee is meeting; feedback is encouraged. Lauri Sherbon announced the American Cancer Society June 9 Bark for Life event from 8:00-11:00 a.m. at Petit Park. Chris Pulos, an Instructor for the North Valley Military Institute, announced they are co-habiting on the Sun Valley High School campus. Cadets are CERT and medic-trained. He reported that “96% are accepted to a four-year university . . . we are a college prep . . . we need funding.” A color guard is available for events. He requested to be agendized for a \$5,000 allocation.

State 38th District Assembly Candidate Christy Smith [ChristySmithforAssembly.com] introduced herself and also is a second-term Santa Clarita School Board Member. Granada Hills Petit Park Director Michelle Gross De La Hoya reminded everyone of their Friday-Sunday June 1, 2 and 3 “Salute to Recreation” and requested a \$2,500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant. Mr. Beauvais

requested that the application be submitted by March for next year's event. Also, the Park's message board needs replacement. State 18th District Senate Candidate Rudy Melendez introduced himself; he "served on two Neighborhood Councils."

IV. Community Speakers

Tanaz Golshan, Mayor Eric Garcetti's West Valley Area Representative (213-610-4808; Tanaz.Golshan@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>), reported that "the Mayor's Budget was just released."

Board Member Deron Lopez arrived at this time (7:05), making 11 Board Members present).

Ms. Golshan described the Mayor's work to address homelessness; "we're looking at all options."

A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)

Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander), was not present and there was no report.

B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD or alternate rep (Officer DelCore)

Stakeholder Richard Fisk reported for Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011, x1727, mobile/text phone 818-634-0577; 27286@LAPD.LACity.org;,, that "Granada Hills continues to be a very safe community." He reminded not to leave valuables in vehicles.

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

Mr. Allen reported that the Budget Advocates [<http://ncbala.com>] finished their latest review of City Department budgets. He described elements that the Equity Funding Group is considering and will email information for the GHSNC website.

Jasmine Elbarbary, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Jasmine.Elbarbary@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that the City Clerk still requires that a budget package be submitted, including for outreach and goals.

V. Approval of Minutes for the March 1, 2018 regular meeting. Approval of Minutes for April 5, 2018 presentations and discussion.

MOTION (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Graham): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) approves the Minutes of its March 1, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of members present; zero opposed; one abstained).

MOTION (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Lopez): The GHSNC approves the Minutes of its April 5, 2018 Notes as written.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of members present; zero opposed; four abstained.

VI. Budget Issues

Mr. Schindelheim reviewed expenses.

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Morris): The GHSNC approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2018.

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

B. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for February 2018.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Graham): The GHSNC approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2018.

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

C. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for March 2018.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Ms. Bursk): The GHSNC approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2018.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Lopez, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VII. Board Issues

A. Board confirmation of Appointment of Sarah Tran to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Beauvais reported that he and Ms. Carson interviewed “and were very impressed” with Ms. Tran, a high school student, who introduced herself and listed her current community service work. Ms. Golshan said that “Sara’s truly a leader.” The Board CONFIRMED the appointment to the Board of Ms. Tran by a unanimous hand vote.

New Board Member Sara Tran was seated with the Board at this time, making 12 Board Members present).

B. Board confirmation of appointment of Maria Fisk to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Beauvais introduced Ms. Fisk and described her community service. Mr. Bailey said that “she has been a great ambassador for Granada Hills South.” The Board CONFIRMED the appointment to the Board of Ms. Fisk by a unanimous hand vote.

New Board Member Maria Fisk was seated with the Board at this time, making 13 Board Members present.

C. Motion of [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris): The GHSNC allocates up to \$200 to purchase a flag pole and stand for permanent display of the flag.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Lopez, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Fisk was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

D. Motion of [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Trinidad): The GHSNC will allocate up to \$4,000 to purchase a new sound system for use at meetings.

DISCUSSION: Board Members agreed to donate the GHSNC’s current equipment to the City. Dave Brown, a North Hills West NC Board Member, reported that high-quality equipment is available at a low price; he can provide training. The six-channel system also can record.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Lopez, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Dunlap). Ms. Fisk and Ms. Tran (ineligible) – see Item VII C.

E. Motion of [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Morris): The GHSNC will allocate up to \$300 to purchase name plates for Directors for use at meetings.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Kolstad gave an engraved nameplates cost quote to Mr. Benedetto.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Lopez, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Fisk and Ms. Tran (ineligible) – See VII C.

F. Approval of [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Morris): The GHSNC approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to Granada Hills Charter Elementary School in the amount of \$195.00. Funds to be used as a Cub Scout project to replace old planter boxes in the front of the school.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Sherbon reported for the Principal, who could not attend, that she would appreciate the support.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Lopez, Morris and Schindelheim); zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Trinidad). Ms. Fisk and Ms. Tran (ineligible) – See VII-C.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. PLUM (Maria Fisk)

1. Motion: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning opposes the proposed project at 17436 W. Chatsworth St. pending review of: a full Environmental Impact Report, soil testing and a traffic study; and consideration of non-tandem parking; screening on the back so that the residents living in the upper stories of the proposed development do not peer into the back yards of the single - family residences below; a sound wall; effective security; separation of guest; employee and commercial parking; and egress and ingress in the back of the building.

Ms. Fisk, Planning and Land Use Management Committee Co-Chair, described the project and neighbors’ concerns. The applicant still has not completed some Committee requests; Ms. Fisk requested that no Motion be made yet. Stakeholder Cherie Mann said “there’s not enough parking or affordable units.”

MOTION to DEFER to COMMITTEE (by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Morris).

DISCUSSION: Committee Member Larry Yoder reported that most Stakeholders at the Committee meeting were “not happy with it at all . . . because of the traffic and other issues.” Mr. Beauvais noted that it is a by right project of five parcels on the southeast corner with Encino Ave. where the body shop used to be.

MOTION to DEFER to COMMITTEE PASSED by a hand vote; zero opposed; one abstained.

Mr. Beauvais will re-Agendize this if the developer contacts the GHSNC.

2. Motion: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The GHSNC (even though the proposed project at 10537 N. White Oak Ave. does not comply to the Community Plan flag lot stipulation) supports the project on the condition that it does not interfere with the trees on White Oak Ave. and each parcel is limited to one single-family dwelling.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Fisk described the project; the owner wants to combine the five parcels into three and build three homes. She noted that “its zoning is by right but it doesn’t follow the Community Plan” [Granada Hills-Knollwood Community Plan, <https://planning.lacity.org/complan/pdf/ghlcptxt.pdf>]. Neighbor Rick Ballesteros noted “this is [the] fourth meeting on this matter” and that the owner originally promised to live in one of the homes. He described the neighborhood’s “country feeling . . . I want to keep that environment . . . it has some serious history” and the developer’s site “is a flag lot.” He indicated that he and other neighbors oppose the owner’s proposed configuration and were

concerned that “they’re going to be two-story homes.” He wanted the Board to override the Committee’s support. Ms. Fisk confirmed that the developer “can do a lot” by right, but the Board can ask for conditions. She reported that, at the Committee meeting, two or three Stakeholders said they “don’t have a problem with this.” Mr. Lopez suggested having the City designate it “as a historic site.” Stakeholders wanted the main house to face the street. Committee Co-Chair John Seletos clarified that “they want an adjustment of lines” and further explained the project. He relayed that some Stakeholders were concerned that the project could be a small lot subdivision. The lot is 18,000 square feet and the developer may construct the driveway between the Deodar trees.

MOTION FAILED by a hand vote of the 13 eligible voters present with zero in favor; 12 opposed; one abstained.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Graham): The GHSNC refers Item #VIII. A. 2 to its Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

3. Motion: [see the below Motion].

Ms. Fisk presented on behalf of Kyle Ellis and distributed copies of the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee’s “Granada Hills General Plan Report” reporting on stakeholders’ feedback from the GHNNC’s January 18th Granada Hills General Plan Community Forum. She explained General Plan elements and the Motion.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The GHSNC approves of the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council’s report on the General Plan Community Forum of January 18, 2018.

DISCUSSION: Stakeholder Ernie Hilger urged carefully reading the Report.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Tran): The GHSNC TABLES Item #VIII. A. 3. to its next General Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Graham explained that “this Report is a compilation of the comments given at the Forum,” not a policy statement or action request; the GHSNC could write its own report.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED by a hand vote of the 13 eligible voters present with nine in favor; three opposed; one abstained.

4. Request: The GHSNC to consider additional stakeholder comments to be included within the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council’s General Plan report.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council’s report on the General Plan Community Forum of January 18, 2018.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Trinidad): The GHSNC TABLES Item #VIII. A. 4.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED by a hand vote of the 13 eligible voters present with nine in favor; two opposed; two abstained.

B. Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

1. Motion of [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by the Outreach Committee): The GHSNC will allocate up to \$150 to purchase lanyards and name holders for use at public events.

Board Member Don Graham stepped out at this time, making 12 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

DISCUSSION: Ms. Kolstad explained the Motion and showed photos.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Kolstad, Lopez, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Fisk and Ms Tran (ineligible) – See Item VII-C.

2. Motion for [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by the Outreach Committee): The GHSNC will allocate up to \$2,000 for catering at our next Emergency Plan Event.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Brown reported that the Map Your Neighborhood website is very helpful with emergency preparation.

Board Member Don Graham returned to the room at this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

Mr. Brown noted that 185 people attended the recent emergency plan event.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Lopez, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Fisk and Ms Tran (ineligible) – See Item VII-C.

3. Motion for [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by the Outreach Committee): The GHSNC will allocate up to \$2,000 to publicize our next Emergency Plan Event through flyers, mailers and media advertisement.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Kolstad, Lopez, Morris, Schindelheim and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Fisk and Ms Tran (ineligible) – See Item VII-C.

4. Citrus Sunday, May 20 Outreach Event. Volunteers and Outreach discussion.

Mr. Beauvais explained the annual event which will be held from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The GHSNC is working with faith-based organizations, the Granada Hills

Charter High School and Temple Adat Shalom on publicity and participation. "We put up our canopy and our own table" and the GHSNC will publicize the event on its website, Nextdoor and more. Mr. Beauvais, Mr. Benedetto, Mr. Morris and Ms. Tran volunteered to help. Mr. Graham suggested trying to get Boy Scout volunteers.

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Ms. Carson thanked Board Members for completing their Ethics Trainings. Mr. Dunlap reported that the City quickly covered graffiti. Mr. Graham requested agendaizing discussion and possible action on L.A. Municipal Code 8502 regarding living in a vehicle, which sunsets on July 1; he wanted the GHSNC to issue a Community Impact Statement to support the Code or request a law change. Ms. Tran will recruit students to help with projects. Ms. Kolstad congratulated the Charter High School for its second-place State Academic Decathlon performance. Mr. Trinidad met with Ms. De La Hoya regarding future projects with the Park and the GHSNC possibly meeting there. Mr. Beauvais urged Board Members to attend all Board Meetings if possible "so that we can function as a Neighborhood Council" and thanked Board Members "for hanging in" through the ends of their terms.

X. Adjournment

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

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:00 p.m.

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