



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

Thursday, December 4, 2014

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President: Brad Smith (Member-at-Large)	Gina Greschner (Renters)
Vice-President: Jerry Askew (Business)	Varun Khurana (Students)
Secretary: Anthony Matthews (Parks & Arts)	Sally Kolstad (Education)
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (MaL)	Deron Lopez (Youth Organizations)
Michael Benedetto (MaL)	Eric Mansker (Homeowners)
Jeffrey Bohrer (MaL)	Jim Summers (MaL)
Bonnie M. Bursk (Commercial Property Owners)	Rene R Trinidad (MaL)
Krisna Crawford-Velasco (MaL)	Ross Turmell (MaL)
Arthur A. Daush (Seniors)	Cindy Wu Freedman (MaL-CI)
Jett Dunlap (MaL)	Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian)
	Community Organizations: Pending
	Faith-Based: Pending

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**I. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice-President Jerry Askew called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Twelve of the 19 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jerry Askew, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Krisna Crawford-Velasco, Jett Dunlap, Gina Greschner, Deron Lopez, Eric Mansker, Anthony Matthews, Jim Summers, Rene Trinidad and Cindy Wu Freedman. Michael Benedetto and Brandon Schindelheim arrived later. Five Board Members were absent: Arthur Daush, Varun Khurana, Sally Kolstad, Brad Smith and Ross Turmell (all excused). The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 11 (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/GranadaHillsSouthNC->

Bylaws.pdf), so the Board could take such votes. Nineteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats (Community Organizations and Faith-Based Organizations) were vacant. Also attending: 16 Stakeholders and Guests.

### **III. Approval of Minutes from the October and November 2014 regular meetings**

**MOTION** (by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Ms. Crawford-Velasco): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 6, 2014 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Bohrer, Crawford-Velasco, Dunlap, Greschner, Lopez, Mansker and Summers); four abstained (Bursk, Matthews, Trinidad and Wu Freedman).

[*This Agenda Item was continued after Item #IV.*] The October 2, 2014 General Board Meeting Minutes page one, Item #2 phrase “Board Members absent: Krisna Crawford-Velasco (unexcused)” should be “Board Members absent: Krisna Crawford-Velasco (excused).”

*Board Member Michael Benedetto arrived at this time, making 14 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).*

**MOTION to POSTPONE** (by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Mr. Summers): to the January 8, 2014 Board Meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** There was discussion of the merits of the Motion to Postpone.

**MOTION to POSTPONE FAILED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Bohrer and Trinidad); eight opposed (Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Dunlap, Greschner, Mansker, Matthews, Schindelheim and Summers); one abstained (Wu Freedman).

**MOTION** (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Matthews): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its October 2, 2014 General Board Meeting as corrected.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Dunlap, Greschner, Mansker, Matthews and Wu Freedman); three opposed (Bohrer, Summers and Trinidad); two abstained (Benedetto and Schindelheim).

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

Glenn Bailey, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9953; Glenn@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), encouraged attending the December 11<sup>th</sup> VANC Planning Forum (VANC@EmpowerLA.org). Mr. Bailey also is a Candidate for the L.A. Community College Board. Tom Nachtrab of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (mail@ssmpa.com; www.ssmpa.com) distributed informational brochures about the former Santa Susana Field Laboratory cleanup.

*Board Member Brandon Schindelheim arrived at this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).*

Mr. Nachtrab described the SSMPA's efforts to ensure a proper cleanup. Stakeholder William Kuzmin announced "I am submitting another Grievance" about Board and Land Use Committee Meeting Agenda postings. He listed other procedural concerns. Ms. Bursk reported that the business improvement project on White Oak Ave. will be breaking ground and that the Granada Hills Women's Club will have a January 25<sup>th</sup> event.

#### **V. Community Speakers**

(1) Council District 12 – Tania Oronoz

Tania Oronoz, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Tania.Oronoz@LACity.org; http://CD12.LACity.org), described recent legislation on which the Councilman is working, including increasing zoning and land use regulations; asking City Departments to report on having Neighborhood Council liaisons; and creating Neighborhood Council project funds that would be held by City Council Districts.

(2) LAPD Senior Lead Officer - Dario Del Core

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011, x1727, mobile/text phone 818-634-0577; 27286@LAPD.LACity.org), reported that crime is down 6% from last year. Burglary theft from vehicles is still the main problem. Emergency response time is down to just under six minutes. Alin Sahagian, L.A. City Deputy Attorney, Devonshire Division, Neighborhood Prosecutor Program (818-374-7534; Alin.Sahagian@LACity.org; http://atty.LACity.org/CRIMINAL/NeighborhoodProsecutorProgram/index.htm), introduced herself and described her responsibilities.

#### **VI. Board Issues and Updates**

1. Appointment and confirmation and/or oath of office of new Board Members/assignments

Community Organizations: Pending

Faith-Based: Pending; note that President has met with one candidate and application is pending; may nominate in January pending reference check, discussion with DONE and CA, etc.

Mr. Askew reported that Mr. Smith is discussing the vacant Board Seats with potential candidates. Mark Morris, of the Valley Interfaith Council and Faith-Based Organizations candidate, introduced himself and described his community interests and service.

## **VII. Officers' Reports**

### 1. President

Mr. Askew relayed for Mr. Smith that there was no report.

### 2. Vice-President

Mr. Askew reminded about the December 7th Granada Hills Holiday Parade.

### 3. Treasurer

Copies were distributed and Mr. Schindelheim reviewed the "[GHSNC] Monthly Expenditure Report for: November 30, 2014" and the "[GHSNC] Budget Report FY 2015 – as of November 30, 2014."

*Board Member Cindy Wu Freedman left at this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).*

Mr. Schindelheim recommended re-allocating \$1,000 from the Temporary Services Budget category to the General Outreach category.

- a) Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Budget Report FY 2014 - as of Nov., 2014

See below Item #VIII. 2.

- b) Monthly Expenditure Report(s) for: November, 2014

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Ms. Crawford-Velasco): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for November, 2014 and re-allocates \$1,000 from the Temporary Services Budget category to the General Outreach category.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Crawford-Velasco, Dunlap, Greschner, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Schindelheim, Summers and Trinidad).

Mr. Schindelheim reported that the quarterly balance is \$3,456.51; the total funding remaining this Fiscal Year [ending June 30, 2015] is \$13,080.37

c) NC Budget Advocates report (Crawford-Velasco /Wu Freedman)

Ms. Crawford-Velasco reported that the Budget Advocates (www.BudgetAdvocatesLA.com) are working to strengthen communications with City Councilmembers. See their website survey.

#### 4. Secretary

Mr. Matthews indicated that there is no report.

### **VIII. Committee Reports**

#### 1. Beautification

Update on holiday tree lighting event; tree was to be decorated Dec. 2 (weather permitting) by Chris Ray Tree Service. Lighting (tentatively) set for Dec. 5 after sunset.

Ms. Bursk reported that the tree lighting will be December 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Board Member Krisna Crawford-Velasco left at this time, making 12 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).*

#### 2. Budget

Mr. Schindelheim indicated that there was no report at this time.

#### 3. Bylaws and Rules - Report from the Bylaws and Rules Chair; Motions to require second for Board actions on the following issues (see supplementary materials from Chair):

a) Bylaw Committee recommendation to establish a Government Affairs Committee. The Government Affairs Committee's duties would be to submit and monitor all council files and report back to the Board of any changes to files GHSNC has already submitted and recommend a position for any and all CFs that effect the Granada Hills area and the City at large. The Government Affairs Committee would be made of up to five Members. Members of the Committee could be both Board Members and stakeholders; however, only Board Members would be allowed to have passcodes and ID# to submit to the City's Council File. All submitted Council Files, must be accompanied by minutes of the Board Meeting and the vote count. Note the Motion was passed unanimously by Committee.

Copies were distributed of "Summary Information Regarding Community Impact Statements." Mr. Mansker explained the issue, the need to form the Committee, and the Community Impact Statement (CIS) filing procedure.

**MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will establish an ad hoc Government Affairs Committee. The Government Affairs Committee's duties would be to submit and monitor all council files and report back to the Board of any changes to files GHSNC has already submitted and recommend a position for any and all CFs that effect the Granada Hills area and the City at large. The Government Affairs Committee would be made of up to five Members. Members of the Committee could be both Board Members and stakeholders; however, only Board Members would be allowed to have passcodes and ID# to submit to the City's Council File. All submitted Council Files, must be accompanied by minutes of the Board Meeting and the vote count.

**DISCUSSION:** There was extensive discussion about forming the Committee and the submission of CIS's.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Schindelheim and Trinidad); three abstained (Dunlap, Greschner and Summers).

- b) Discussion and possible Board action to establish Funding Guideline. The Guidelines would be part of the Rules of the Bylaws and Rule of the GHSNC. Note the Motion was passed unanimously by Committee.

Copies were distributed and Mr. Mansker read aloud most of the proposed "[GHSNC] Funding Guidelines (December, 2014)." There was extensive discussion.

**MOTION to REFER** (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will REFER this Item to its Budget Committee.

**DISCUSSION:** There was discussion of possible uses of the guidelines.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Schindelheim, Summers and Trinidad).

- c) Note that Mr. Kabo (parliamentarian) advises the Bylaws Committee make clear whether it is proposing the formation of an ad hoc Committee or recommending amendments to the existing Bylaws. In the case of the latter the modifications to the Bylaws should be made available and will require a two-thirds majority to pass.

The above was noted.

4. Education

Ms. Kolstad was not present and there was no report at this time.

5. Outreach - Report from the Outreach Chair and possible Board action/updates on the following issues:

The Committee meets second Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church.

- a) Holiday Tree Lighting event; note that both Granada Hills and Valley Academy high schools have indicated their interest in performing; details being arranged. May need sound system.

Volunteers were requested to help with the tree lighting.

- b) Discussion on GHSNC participation in annual Granada Hills Holiday Parade; GHSNC is a sponsor and has the opportunity to participate in the parade as a unit (walking, biking, in motor vehicles); participation has to be planned, however. Note that President and Vice President have driven/participated as volunteers in the parade in prior years. President has offered car and driver for this year. Mr. Benedetto has offered car and driver for this year. Also, parade Committee has requested to borrow GHSNC PA system, as in past years, and as done recently for Street Fair.

Equipment being loaned and used was described.

- c) GHSNC Street Banners: L.A. City permit costs for up to \$400.00 for 2015 for the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Street Banners. See supplementary material from Chair for bid.

Mr. Dunlap reported that some banners have been blown down and/or damaged. Ten are installed; ten are in reserve. The installation cost is approximately \$500 for each banner.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by the Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council allocates exactly \$285.00 from its Outreach Budget for 2015 for L.A. City permit costs for the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Street Banners.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Askew, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Greschner, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Schindelheim and Summers, Trinidad and Wu Freedman).

6. Planning and Land Use

a. Project presentation, reports and/or PLUM action re: projects

Mr. Askew reported that the Committee tried to meet but did not have a quorum. It next will meet on January 7<sup>th</sup> and discuss proposed cell tower at 10341 N. Woodley Ave. (ZA 2014-1075-CUW).

7. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Askew relayed for Mr. Turmell that there was no report at this time.

**IX. Board Member comments, announcements and Agenda Items for next general meeting and Committee meetings.**

Mr. Askew announced that the next Board Meeting will be January 8<sup>th</sup> [here at 6:30 p.m.] Mr. Mansker reminded that Parade volunteers are needed. He encouraged reading GHSNC-related emails, especially regarding items upon which there may be a vote. Mr. Summers noted that outreach is improving.

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Schindelheim).

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:42 p.m.

*The first paragraph of some Items was copied directly from the Agenda.*

**Approved by Board Secretary**

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