



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

Thursday, March 3, 2016

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)	Justin Kim (Student)
Secretary: Anthony Matthews (Parks & Arts)	Sally Kolstad (Education)
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (MaL)	Deron Lopez (Youth Organizations)
Michael Benedetto (Community Organizations)	Eric Mansker (Homeowners)
Jeffrey Bohrer (MaL)	Mark Morris (Faith-Based Organizations)
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)
	At Large: pending
	Student: pending

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I. Call to order and the pledge of allegiance (Presiding officer)

President Smith called the Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Twelve of the 19 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jerry Askew, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Jett Dunlap, Sally Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Eric Mansker, Anthony Matthews, Mark Morris, Brad Smith and Ross Turmell. Two Board Members arrived later: Justin Kim and Brandon Schindelheim. Five Board Members were absent: Krisna Crawford-Velasco, Arthur Daush, Gina Greschner, Rene Trinidad and Cindy Wu Freedman (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 (At Large and Community Organizations) were vacant. [To apply, see www.ghsnc.org.] Also attending: 13 Stakeholders and Guests.

III. Approval of Minutes from prior Board Meetings (Secretary)

MOTION (by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its December 9, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Matthews) **PASSED**; zero opposed or abstained.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed or abstained.

IV. Public Comment

Dave Brown requested to Agendize allocating funds to support the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) LAPD Devonshire Division Officer Appreciation Day May 25th, 11:00-2:00 at Northridge Park. Holly Rasey, Director of Development, North Valley Family YMCA, (818-271-5059; HollyRasey@ymcala.org; <http://www.ymcala.org/north-valley>), requested Agendizing a \$500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant to support their Healthy Kids Day April 30th, 10:00-2:00; they expect 1,000 people.

V. Community Speakers

(1) Council District 12 deputy - (General update)

Erick King, Public Safety Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Erick.King@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), was not present and there was no report.

(2) LAPD Senior Lead Officer - (General update)

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), was not present and there was no report.

Melvin Canas, Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9898; cell 323-972-7782; Melvin.Canas@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), encouraged reading an information handout and notifying DONE if updates are needed. Community Impact Statement Liaisons "should receive" filing information from DONE.

Board Member Justin Kim arrived at this time (6:46), making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

Mr. Canas stated that if any Board Member has “a dependent” in a school in that Neighborhood Council’s area, the entire Board cannot allocate funds to such schools.

Board Member Brandon Schindelheim arrived at this time (6:49), making 14 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

VI. Board Issues & Updates: Election set for: Saturday April 9, 2016; Polling Hours: 11am – 5pm; Granada Hills Rec Center, 16730 Chatsworth St., Granada Hills, CA 91344. Candidate workshop – Saturday, March 5, 2:30 pm, Rawley Hall, Granada Hills Charter High School. Registration 2:30 pm - 3 pm & Workshop 3 pm - 5 pm. Special Guests North Valley Neighborhood Council Commissioner, Lydia Grant and Vivienne A. Swanigan, Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Council Division. Mr. Smith noted the above.

VII. Officers’ Reports – for consideration/response/ratification by the Board:

1. President: Pending meeting
Mr. Smith indicated that there was no report.
2. Vice-President: Pending meeting
Mr. Askew indicated that there was no report.
3. Treasurer: will present:
 - a) Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Budget Report – as needed to Feb, 2015
Mr. Schindelheim distributed and reviewed December 2015 expenses. An NPG application “has been submitted” from the Petit Park Library for a microphone system.
 - b) Monthly Expenditure Report(s) for: as needed through to Feb., 2015

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2015.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Kim, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Schindelheim reported that the December 31st balance was \$17,973.46.

- c) NC Budget Advocates report (Velasco & Wu)
Ms. Crawford-Velasco and Ms. Wu Freedman were not present; no report was made.

4. Secretary: Pending meeting
Mr. Mathews indicated that there was no report.

VIII. Committee Reports

- 1) Beautification - Report from the Beautification Chair (Bursk); nothing from Committee.
- 2) Budget - Report from the Budget Chair (Schindelheim); possible Board actions/updates on the following:
- a) Vote on unencumbering certain encumbered items that are no longer necessary to remain encumbered and how much should be left for operations for the remaining May/June 2016 fiscal year FY16. Recommendation is \$1,600: Food for May-June will be \$150 per month (\$300), David Levine is about \$150 per month (\$300), meeting copies is about \$100 per month (\$200), storage facility is about \$150 per month (\$300), Aaron DeVandry is \$250 per month (\$500). So, in total, \$1,600.
Mr. Schindelheim reviewed the Budget and recommended the above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will unencumber the following Items: \$750 rent stabilization ordinance seminar; \$400 business seminar Nov. 2015; \$800 movie night in the park Sep. 2015; \$100 Candidate Forum; and \$250 Citrus Sunday.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Schindelheim explained the Candidate Forum. There was very extensive discussion as to whether the reallocations were procedurally correct. Mr. Canas said that the Board cannot defund an approved project.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Mansker): to remove "\$750 rent stabilization ordinance seminar" from the Motion.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Kim, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- b) Consideration of Fy16 budget.
Mr. Schindelheim reported that the remaining balance as of December 2015 is around \$19,500.

- 3) Bylaws and Rules – Report from the Bylaws Chair (Matthews); nothing from Committee.

4) Education - Report from the Education Chair (Kolstad); nothing from Committee.

5) Outreach - Report from the Outreach Committee (Benedetto); possible Board actions/updates on:

A. Survey: Up to \$120.00 for printing- No mailing of a 1-page black-and-white GHSNC Survey - Outreach delivery – Food Truck, Movie Nights & upcoming events, etc.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Outreach Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council allocates \$120.00 for outreach and to grow its database.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Benedetto explained the Motion. Mr. Mansker suggested and Mr. Benedetto agreed to include a GHSNC map in the Survey. There was discussion of the Survey's usefulness.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Kim, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Status of video recording cameras, memory cards, extra batteries, for recordings of Committee and Board meetings. Seeking info on already purchased GHSNC video camera.

Mr. Askew indicated that he has the video camera.

C. Give-away items:

i. Business Decal (Cindy Wu)

Mr. Smith said he has not received an invoice to forward for payment.

D. Other Motions:

i. Purchase of a Helium tank not to exceed \$75.00.

Mr. Benedetto said the GHSNC "will rent" a helium tank.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Outreach Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council allocates \$120 to purchase a helium tank.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of whether to rent or buy it.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION (by the Outreach Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council amends the above Motion to "an amount not to exceed \$165 to procure a helium tank," so that the Motion reads "the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council allocates an amount not to exceed \$165 to procure a helium tank."

DISCUSSION: The helium tank would be used for the March 19th Spring Egg Hunt.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED; zero opposed or abstained.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Kim, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- ii. Outreach for GHSNC Elections April 9, 2016, Up to \$150.00/month, for Elections and for Candidate forum to be at GHCHS

FUNDING MOTION (by the Outreach Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$150 for outreach and other expenses for its April 9, 2016 election.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION (by the Outreach Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council amends the above Motion to “up to \$100,” so that the Motion reads “the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$100 for outreach and other expenses for its April 9, 2016 election.”

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED; zero opposed or abstained.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Kim, Kolstad, Lopez, Mansker, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

[There was no Item #VIII. 5) D. iii.]

- iv. Upton \$325 for booth at De La Salle

FUNDING MOTION (by the Outreach Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$325 for a booth at the St. John Baptist De La Salle 2016 Parish Festival, corner of Hayvenhurst Ave. and Chatsworth St., Granada Hills, April 8-10, 2016

Board Member Deron Lopez left at this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

DISCUSSION: Six Board Members volunteered to staff the booth; there was concern as to whether that was enough.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Dunlap, Kim, Kolstad, Matthews, Morris and Turmell); six opposed (Askew, Bohrer, Bursk, Mansker, Schindelheim and Smith); zero abstained.

v. Up to \$325 for booths at similar event

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

vi. Up to \$200 for Outreach on Gas Leak in Porter Ranch - Wilk, Englander, and etc.

Mr. Benedetto explained that the date is to be determined. Board Members spoke both in favor of and opposed to outreach in this area about the leak.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Outreach Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$200 for outreach on gas leak in Porter Ranch.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Kim, Kolstad, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); one opposed (Mansker); zero abstained.

vii. Up to \$340. For Member Polo Shirts

FUNDING MOTION (by the Outreach Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$340 for Board Member Polo shirts.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Kim, seconded by Mr. Schindelheim) **PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed or abstained.

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, Dunlap, Kim, Kolstad, Mansker, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

viii. Not from Committee: \$500 request from GH Rec Center for funding for the Spring Egg Hunt (March 19). Annette Dibb to present.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council allocates \$500 funding for the Spring Egg Hunt at Granada Hills Recreation Center, March 19, 2016.

DISCUSSION: The GHSNC will have an outreach booth.

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, Dunlap, Kim, Kolstad, Mansker, Matthews, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained.

6) Planning and Land Use – Report from the Planning Committee; possible Board actions/updates on the following:

- a) Unapproved Dwelling Ordinance (CPC-2015-4474-CA) - Motion from Committee: GHSNC supports the current LAMC as to the prohibition of short term rentals in the agricultural zones; the R1 and other single-family residential zones; the R2, RD, and R3 lowerdensity multi-family residential zones; and the RAS3 residential accessory service zone.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council supports the current LA Municipal Code as to the prohibition of short-term rentals in the agricultural zones; the R-1 and other single-family residential zones; the R-2, R-D, and R-3 lower-density multi-family residential zones; and the RAS-3 residential accessory service zone.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Askew explained that “short-term” is considered to be less than or equal to 30 days.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed or abstained.

- b) Citywide Ban on Large Vehicles/Overnight Parking (CF# 15-1189) - Motion from Committee: [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council supports City Council File 15-1189 to request the City Attorney to report on the feasibility of implementing a citywide ban on large vehicles that park overnight on City streets.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Askew clarified that the Motion is “to request the City Attorney to report on the feasibility,” not to ban overnight parking. “Large vehicles” includes motor homes. Mr. Bohrer was concerned that the ban would be “too restrictive” and could prompt some drivers to drive unsafely. Ms. Bursk was concerned about unforeseen negative consequences on “thousands” of large vehicles. Mr. Dunlap believed there was no legal precedent for such a ban.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with eight in favor; four opposed; zero abstained.

c) Small Lot Ordinance (CPC-2015-4499-CA) - Motion from Committee: [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council requests the City Planning Department to allow three months for Neighborhood Councils to evaluate and make recommendations on the construction of the Small Lot Ordinance.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed or abstained.

7) Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness – Report from Chair (Turmell); nothing from Committee.

IX. Board Member announcements and agenda items for next general meeting

Ms. Bursk announced that GHSNC Parliamentarian “Mike Kabo won Citizen of the Year.”

X. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Mr. Bohrer).

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed or abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:28 p.m.

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