



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

Approved Minutes

Thursday, September 1, 2016

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Dave Beauvais (Seniors)	Dawn Lopez (Member At-Large)
Vice-President: Jerry Askew (Business)	Deron Lopez (Member At-Large)
Secretary: Julie Carson (Member At-Large)	Joel Lyle (Member At-Large)
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (MaL)	Anthony Matthews (Parks & Cultural Arts)
Michael Benedetto (Community Org's)	Mark Morris (Faith-Based Organizations)
Jeffrey Bohrer (Member At-Large)	Brad Smith (Member At-Large)
Bonnie M. Bursk (Comm'l Prop. Owners)	Rene R. Trinidad (Homeowners)
Jett Dunlap (Member At-Large)	Andrew Wall (Student)
Don Graham (Member At-Large)	Cindy Wu Freedman (MaL-Com'y Interest)
Sally Kolstad (Education)	Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian)
Eun Hee (Jennifer) Lee (Renter)	

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I. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance (Presiding Officer)

President Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

The Secretary took Roll Call. Ten of the 20 Board Members were present at the Roll Call (no quorum): Jerry Askew, Dave Beauvais, Jeffrey Bohrer, Julie Carson, Jett Dunlap, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Joel Lyle, Mark Morris, and Brad Smith. Three Board Members arrived later: Don Graham, Brandon Schindelheim and Cindy Wu Freedman. Seven Board Members were absent: Michael Benedetto (excused), Bonnie Bursk (excused), Sally Kolstad (excused), Eun Hee (Jennifer) Lee (excused), Anthony Matthews (excused), Rene Trinidad (excused), Andrew Wall (unexcused). GHSNC quorum is 11. Twenty of the 21 Board Seats are filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat (Youth Activities) is vacant. [To apply, see www.ghsnc.org.] Also in attendance: 36 Stakeholders and Guests.

Mr. Beauvais announced the withdrawal of Item # VII regarding co-sponsoring a debate; and Item #s "Planning and Land Use" a. and b.

Board Member Brandon Schindelheim arrived at 6:41p.m.; quorum of 11 reached.

III. Public Comment

Stakeholder William Kuzmin believed there was not enough outreach regarding Item # "Planning and Land Use a.," Small Lot Ordinance . . . Code amendment."

Board Member Don Graham arrived at 6:45 p.m.; 12 Board Members present.

Mr. Kuzmin announced an adult volleyball league on Fridays 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Nobel Middle School; tryouts are September 9. David Cain of America's Healthy Kids, a 501(c)3 non-profit, seeks sponsorship for family events with hundreds of children participants "to get kids moving." He has submitted a Neighborhood Purposes Grant application; two other Neighborhood Councils have allocated funding. Mr. Beauvais requested that this be re-agendized for the Outreach Committee.

Stakeholder Liz Ragaza expressed concern about a homeless encampment off Celtic Ave. and asked for help; "we know drugs are being sold." She described other criminal activity happening there "for almost a year," including public drinking. She stated the community is tired and frustrated at the continuing problems.

Board Member Cindy Wu Freedman arrived at 6:53 p.m.; 13 Board Members present.

Mr. Graham clarified that the area under the freeway is in Caltrans' jurisdiction. Ms. Ragaza said that Caltrans has not helped. Stakeholder Burton Hunter was concerned about drivers doing illegal maneuvers such as spinning their cars around, usually at night. Paul Lekayo, Granada Hills Holiday Parade Chair, reminded about the Sunday, December 4th event and that cars and drivers are needed.

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12

Erick King, Public Safety Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander, announced a September 12 public safety Town Hall Meeting. (It will be put on the GHSNC website.) Mr. King added that every Tuesday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. a City Code Enforcement Inspector is in their office to meet with the public.

B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer was not present and there was no report.

C. Reports from VANC/LANCC Liaisons and Budget Reps.

Stakeholder Krisna Crawford-Velasco reported that the Budget Advocates are developing their annual survey, which will help guide their next White Paper of "ideas and proposals for the Mayor's Office." The annual Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be Sat., Sept. 24, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at City Hall. Mr. Morris explained that LANCC and VANC meetings are "open to everyone." Mr. Beauvais reminded us that we are governed by the City Charter and are under the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment. Melvin Canas, Field Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9898; cell 323-972-7782; Melvin.Canas@LACity.org), reported that he works with 12 Valley NC's. The next iteration of NC funding will be shifted to the City Clerk's Office and his duties will focus more on day-to-day operations of the NC's. He encouraged reviewing the NC monthly profile and encouraged the NC to get more involved in Community Impact Statements (CIS). He encouraged everyone to attend the Congress of NC's.

V. Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2016 Regular Meeting

Mr. Beauvais reiterated that minutes are not a transcript of what happens at meetings.

The following corrections to the August 4, 2016 General Board Meeting Minutes were requested: Page six, Item #VIII: "*Board Member Joel Lyle recused himself and left the room at this time, making 12 Board Members present . . .*" should read "*Board Member*

Joel Lyle recused himself at this time, making 12 Board Members eligible to vote . . .” and “Board Member Joel Lyle returned to the room at this time” should read “Board Member Joel Lyle’s recusal ended at this time . . .”

► **MOTION** (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) approves the Minutes of its August 4, 2016, General Board Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with 10 in favor; zero opposed; three abstentions (Askew, Dunlap and Graham).

VI. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for July 2016

Mr. Schindelheim distributed and reviewed the GHSNC “July Monthly Expenditure Report” and “Budget Report FY 2017 – as of July 31, 2016.” Balance: \$33,302.74.

► The **FUNDING MOTION** was moved by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Smith: The GHSNC approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2016.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beauvais is arranging account access signatures.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Beauvais, Bohrer, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstentions.

At this time Mr. Beauvais acknowledged Mr. Askew’s community service “for almost 10 years” as a Board Member of the GHSNC and the Chamber of Commerce and presented a plaque to Mr. Askew. Stakeholder Mark Hovatter noted Mr. Askew’s Granada Hills Grub Fest work and presented him with a framed photo of Mr. Askew and Mr. Askew’s wife. Mr. Askew “thank[ed] the community.” Former City Councilman Greig Smith also recognized Mr. Askew’s work.

VII. Board Issues

► Motion to formally join the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance advances sustainability and resilience across Los Angeles through advocacy, sharing of best practices, and community action.

Mr. Morris explained this is to work with the Mayor’s program.

The **MOTION** was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Bohrer.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Bohrer, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; one abstention (Askew).

► Appointment and confirmation of Mark Morris as representative to the Neighborhood Sustainability Alliance.

The **MOTION** was moved Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Bohrer.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Beauvais, Bohrer, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstentions.

► Motion to support the annual Granada Hills Street Faire in the amount of \$2,500. Funds to the Granada Hills Chamber Foundation (501c3) who is sponsoring the event. (It was noted that the organization name is Granada Hills Community Foundation, not Granada Hills Chamber Foundation.)

Board Members Jerry Askew and Dave Beauvais recused themselves and left the room at this time because they are active with the Chamber of Commerce, making 11 Board Members present.

The **FUNDING MOTION** was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Morris.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bohrer, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstentions; two recused:(Askew and Beauvais).

► Motion to support the annual Granada Hills Holiday Parade in the amount of \$1,500. Funds to the Granada Hills Chamber [Community] Foundation (501c3) who is partially sponsoring the event.

The **FUNDING MOTION** was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Graham.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Smith noted regarding banners “we get plenty of recognition.” There was discussion of what the GHSNC would get in return for funding. Mr. Lekayo indicated that the GHSNC can have three banners and one shared Daily News ad.

► **AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION** moved by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Ms. Wu Freedman amending the allocation amount to a Silver Sponsorship of \$1,000.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Lyle believed the amount should continue to be \$1,500.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION FAILED by a hand vote of the 11 eligible voters present with one in favor (Bohrer) (“Yes” or “Aye”); ten opposed (Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Wu Freedman) (“No” or “Nay”); zero abstentions.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bohrer, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; one abstention: (Dawn Lopez). Two recusals: Askew and Beauvais

Board Members Jerry Askew and Dave Beauvais returned to the room at this time, 13 Board Members present.

Board Member Cindy Wu Freedman left at this time (8:16), making 12 Board Members present.

► Motion to co-sponsor Supervisory District 5 debate with League of Women Voters on September 22, 2016 at the Valley Korean United Methodist Church 10408 Balboa Blvd. Item was withdrawn at beginning of meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports

Beautification (Joel Lyle)

A. Report of Committee activities.

Mr. Lyle reported that the demonstration showed that “the [tree] lighting was inadequate”; an alternative or improvement will be considered. He relayed from Ms.

Bursk that “the clock has been shipped . . . the anticipation is that the clock will be installed in October.”

- B. ► Motion [from Beautification Committee] to fund lighting for the Holiday Tree at Veteran’s Memorial Park. Cost not to exceed \$3,500.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Dunlap believed there should not have been a need to buy more lights. Mr. Bohrer was concerned that nearby lights were dimming the effect of the Holiday Tree.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Beauvais, Bohrer, Carson, Dunlap, Graham, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Smith); zero opposed; zero abstentions.

Planning and Land Use (Jerry Askew/Cindy Wu Freedman)

- A. Small Lot Ordinance (CPC-2015-4499-CA) Code amendment to require greater front & rear setbacks, create a division of land process for "adaptive reuse" small lots, add an incidental administrative clearance process & establish design standards for small lots. Item withdrawn at beginning of meeting.
- B. Second Dwelling Units (CF# 14-0057-S8) City Council considering repeal of current LAMC regarding second dwelling units, grandfathering of SDUs approved or applied for in the city since 6/23/03, urgency clause is included. Item withdrawn at beginning of meeting.
- c. Home Sharing (DIR-2016-1243-CA, CF# 14-1635-S2) Department of City Planning Recommendation Report for proposed LAMC amendments to: permit sharing of one's primary residence; establishing and application fee and administrative fines for Home Sharing; and directing Transient Occupancy Taxes derived from Home-Sharing to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Mr. Askew reported that the Committee opposed the amendments, believing that the City plan is “unachievable . . . [and] could lead to policies that could lead to a bit of an invasion of privacy . . .”

► **MOTION** (by the Planning and Land Use Committee): The GHSNC opposes the Home Sharing (DIR-2016-1243-CA, CF# 14-1635-S2) Department of City Planning Recommendation Report for proposed LAMC amendments to: permit sharing of one's primary residence; establishing and application fee and administrative fines for Home Sharing; and directing Transient Occupancy Taxes derived from Home-Sharing to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kuzmin wanted more discussion and asked that the issue be referred back to the Committee. Stakeholder Maria Fisk distributed information and reported, “it’s technically illegal to begin with” to do such home sharing; she believed the Ordinance “is unworkable.” Stakeholder Jim Summers stated “the law now is, there’re absolutely no short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods.”

Board Member Joel Lyle recused himself and left the room at this time because he works for City Councilman Paul Koretz, making 11 Board Members present.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Askew said that a Stakeholder mentioned a recent shooting believed to have occurred at a party in a one-day short-term rental home.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Askew, Beauvais, Bohrer, Carson, Graham, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Smith); zero opposed; one abstention (Dunlap); one recusal: (Lyle).

Board Member Joel Lyle returned to the room at this time, making 12 Board Members present.

Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

Report of Committee Activities

Mr. Morris reminded that the 9th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Faire will be Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, 10:00-1:00 at Fire Station 87 at (10124) Balboa Blvd. just south of Devonshire St. Committee Member Kammie Furman described the NationBuilder [www.NationBuilder.com] program.

Public Safety (Deron Lopez)

► Appointment and Board confirmation of Mike Benedetto as a Committee Member.

MOTION comes from the Public Safety Committee

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

IX. Board member comments and submission of agenda items

Ms. Lopez requested agendizing the allocation of up to \$1,000 for a Halloween event at Petit Park. Mr. Lyle encouraged “better outreach.” Mr. Morris requested agendizing the allocation of \$500 each for the VANC Planning Forum and the March 9 Mixer. Mr. Beauvais noted widespread homelessness. The next GHSNC Board meeting will be October 5; he urged early agenda requests. Mr. Bohrer requested considering agendizing City trees “encroaching on streets.” Mr. Graham announced a Boy Scouts Haunted House with food at the Granada Hills Masonic Lodge. He requested to consider agendizing a presentation and discussion of government accountability. Speaking as an LAPD Captain, Captain Graham was concerned about epidemic use of the synthetic marijuana “Spice”; he urged helping homeless people. Mr. Smith noted regarding the November transit bond measures that Metro is proposing conversion of the Orange Bus Line to light rail; a tunnel through the Sepulveda pass; and a subway under the 405 Freeway. He asked and the Board agreed to have a Special Board Meeting in October with transportation speakers. He also requested having a future speaker regarding the City’s consideration of replacing, not fixing, the Petit Park pool. Mr. Dunlap requested and it was agreed to agendize having a holiday party at the end of the December Board Meeting. He encouraged supporting new Board Members. Mr. Beauvais said there would be a bylaws Committee meeting. Movie Night will be September 24.

X. Adjournment

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

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstentions. Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:56 p.m.

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