



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Thursday, January 5, 2017
Granada Hills H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills CA 91344
APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Dave Beauvais (Seniors)	Dawn Lopez (Member At-Large)
Vice-President: Michael Benedetto (Comm Org)	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)
Jeffrey Bohrer (Member At-Large)	Mark Morris (Faith-Based Organizations)
Bonnie M. Bursk (Comm'l Prop. Owners)	Brad Smith (Member At-Large)
Jett Dunlap (Member At-Large)	Rene R. Trinidad (Homeowners)
Don Graham (Member At-Large)	Andrew Wall (Student)
Justin Kim (Youth Activities)	Cindy Wu Freedman (MaL-Com'y Interest)
Sally Kolstad (Education)	Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian)
Eun Hee (Jennifer) Lee (Renters)	

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I. Call to order (Presiding officer)

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Secretary took roll. Eleven of the 20 Board Members were present: Dave Beauvais, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson, Sally Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Anthony Matthews, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim, and Andrew Wall. Don Graham, Brad Smith and Cindy Wu Freedman arrived later. Six Board Members were absent: Jett Dunlap, Justin Kim, Eun Hee (Jennifer) Lee, Dawn Lopez, Joel Lyle and Rene Trinidad (all excused). The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 11 Also in attendance: 17 stakeholders and guests.

III. Public Comment

Stakeholder William Kuzmin announced a January 15 disco dance and the availability of cold weather shelter information. Stakeholder Richard Fisk reported on an increase in home burglaries; he encouraged reporting if you see someone sitting in a rental or high-end car while using a cell phone in front of a home.

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12

Millie Jones, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Millie.Jones@lacity.org), reported that the Councilman testified

on the “sidewalk vending policy” and asked for “common sense regulation.” The City Council supported his motion for L.A. to host the 2017 World Police and Fire Games. Regarding the proposed 440-unit mixed use development at 16201 San Fernando Mission, he answered questions at the GHNNC (Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council) meeting; she said “the Councilman has no position on this project . . . it’s premature at this point . . . he said `it’s too big.” He will meet January 13 with community representatives. Ms. Jones encouraged letting her, the Councilman or Hannah Lee [Chief Planning and Land Use Deputy; Hannah.Lee@lacity.org] know what could improve the project. There will be a Hearing in mid-January or early February.

Melvin Canas, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9898; cell 323-972-7782; Melvin.Canas@LACity.org), encouraged appointing Liaisons and giving the City feedback about whether Neighborhood Councils should be allowed to roll over funds from one fiscal year to the next.

B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD: no rep present

C. Reports from VANC (Eric Mansker)/LANCC Liaisons (Mark Morris), Budget Reps (Krisna Crawford-Velasco and Cindy Wu Freedman).

Mr. Mansker reported that VANC (the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; discussed online voting and the Code of Conduct. Mr. Morris announced that a new LANCC (the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition) representative will be needed.

Jason Powell, L.A. Fire Dept. Station 87 Engineer (818-756-8687), reported that their Community Room is available that seats around 40 people. He encouraged visiting the Station; you can bring children. The LAFD Planning Section will review the proposed 16201 San Fernando Mission project.

D. Report from 12/21/16 Homeless Liaison meeting (Josefina Bohrer/Mark Morris).

Ms. Bohrer reported on the meeting, which discussed available services, including of LAHSA (L.A. Homeless Services Authority; and HACLA [Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles], and the proposal to make parking lots available for homeless people to temporarily park. The homeless “Count” will be January 24th-26th; volunteers are needed.

V. Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Beauvais requested and it was agreed to TABLE this item until the February 2 Board meeting.

VI. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for October, November, 2016. Mr. Beauvais requested and it was agreed to TABLE this item until the February 2 Board meeting.

Board Member Cindy Wu Freedman arrived at this time (7:16), making 12 Board Members present.

VII. Board Issues

A. Motion to fund a request from Tulsa Elementary School in the amount of \$3000 to support their robotics program. The program wants to purchase three ipads and

covers that will be used to program and direct the robots. Currently parents are donating their iPads. This item carried over from December 1, 2016 meeting. Public comment: none. Board comment: Mr. Lopez reported that Lester Powell, Tulsa Principal, has made many improvements. Public comment: There was discussion of which iPads to purchase and putting the GHSNC logo on them.

Board Members Don Graham and Brad Smith arrived at this time (7:20 and 7:22), making 14 Board Members present.

Board comment: Mr. Benedetto encouraged also having the school newsletter mention the GHSNC.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION made by Ms. Carson.

MOTION to CALL the QUESTION PASSED by a hand vote with 11 in favor.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Carson, Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Matthews, Schindelheim and Smith); five opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Morris and Wu Freedman); one abstention: (Graham). As a minor, Mr. Wall is ineligible to vote.

VIII. Committee Reports

By-Laws and Rules (Jeffery Bohrer)

- A. Up to 30 minutes of general discussion regarding proposed by-laws changes. Public comment to be taken at conclusion of board member discussion.

Mr. Bohrer reported on previous by law changes from April 2015 but were never submitted to the City. He reported on discussion about adding specific resignation wording, reducing the number of board seats from 21 to 17, and eliminating or combining some special interest seats, as well as allowing the public to vote on all seats. Extensive discussion by board members ensued.

Board Member Julie Carson left at this time (7:57), making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

Mr. Bohrer said the By Laws Committee will meet this month; he asked and Mr. Beauvais agreed to agendize this for the February or March Board meeting.

Beautification (Joel Lyle)

- A. Motion to sponsor a Spring Clean-up project, targeting a specific area within our boundaries. This referred to committee at the December 1, 2016 meeting. It was agreed to POSTPONE this Item to the February Board meeting.

Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) (Cindy Wu Freedman)

- A. Report on December 27, 2016 San Fernando Mission/Woodley project planning meeting (Maria Fisk, John Seletos)

Ms. Wu Freedman reported that the Committee will meet this month. Mr. Benedetto expressed concerns about the project. Stakeholder Maria Fisk described a recent community meeting about it.

Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

Mr. Benedetto reported that the Committee met December 28.

Board Member Anthony Matthews left at this time (8:30), making 12 Board Members present.

Mr. Benedetto reported that the #1 homelessness issue is health.

A. Discussion and possible Board Action to appoint the following Liaisons:
Homeless, Film, Animal Control.

Mr. Benedetto encouraged nominations.

B. Discussion and possible Board Action regarding the GHSNC website including status of current webmaster, Nationbuilder and other alternatives.

There was discussion of options.

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Mr. Graham encouraged urging the City Council to have the Bureau of Sanitation fill its open positions and for people not to hold only the police accountable for dealing with homelessness; many other Departments must help. Ms. Wu Freedman encouraged submitting pothole filling requests by January 15. Mr. Bohrer was concerned about increasingly dangerous and falling trees. Mr. Beauvais announced that the Renter Board Seat soon may be vacant. He may call a Special Board Meeting only to consider Bylaws changes.

X. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Bohrer.

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:07 p.m.