



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Thursday, April 6, 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-Pres: Michael Benedetto (Community Organizations)	Deron Lopez (Member At-Large)
Secretary: Julie Carson (Member At-Large)	Joel Lyle (Member At-Large)
Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (Business)	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)

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I. Call to order (Presiding Officer)

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Fourteen of the 19 Board Members were present: Dave Beauvais, Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson, Don Graham, Sally Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Joel Lyle, Mark Morris, Rene Trinidad, Andrew Wall and Cindy Wu Freedman. Justin Kim, Anthony Matthews and Brad Smith arrived later. Jett Dunlap and Brandon Schindelheim were absent (both excused). The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 11. Nineteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats (Business and Renter) were vacant. [To apply, see www.ghsnc.org.] Also attended: 22 stakeholders and guests.

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

Stakeholder William Kuzmin spoke about "governmental law" and believed that "several items . . . on the Agenda could pose a conflict of interest." Stakeholder Eric Mansker commented about pedestrian "in-row warning lights" and the Mayor's Safe Streets Initiative.

Board Member Anthony Matthews arrived at 6:40 pm; 15 Board Members present.

Mr. Mansker encouraged allocating funding for more traffic safety. Debbie Wubin, Board Member of the Museum of the San Fernando Valley, announced their last Saturday of each month "artist speaker series" there at Nordhoff and Wilbur. Glenn Bailey, of VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, thanked the GHSNC for its support. He described the Saturday, September 9th Congress of Neighborhood Councils at City Hall. A CSUN student encouraged using "clean energy" and solar panels for street lighting.

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; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), reported that they are working with the City Dept. of Recreation and Parks regarding the Petit Park pool project. It will be 75-100 feet long, large enough for competitions; it “requires a complete redesign . . . funding will not be an issue . . . a lot of the money is coming from the Sunshine Canyon Amenities Fund . . . the pool is in really bad condition . . . construction is expected to start” around September 18 with an opening “around April 2020.” However, “it would only be down for the 2019 season.” Also, “all burglaries are really up,” especially of seniors; the Councilman led the City Council in offering a \$50,000 reward for apprehension of suspects. They are requesting funding for the June 2 Senior Dance; Mr. Beauvais said he will agendaize that for the May Board meeting. Admission will be two dollars; “nominate an outstanding senior.” The San Fernando Mission/Woodley project plans are “getting close” to being submitted.

Kevin Taylor, Mayor Eric Garcetti’s West Valley Area Representative (213-978-0600; Kevin.Taylor@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>), reported that the Homeless Connect Day will have “lots of resource providers in one place.”

Board Member Brad Smith arrived at 7:01 pm; 16 Board Members present.

Mr. Taylor described services being provided to homeless people.

B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD

Dario Del Core, Sr. Lead Officer, Devonshire Division was not present; no report.

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

Ms. Wu Freedman explained that the Budget Advocates meet monthly and make recommendations to the Mayor; their annual White Paper was submitted. Budget Day will be June 24 at City Hall.

D. Eileen Smulson, Operation Blankets of Love

Ms. Smulson described Operation Blankets of Love (OBOL) [[818-402-6586](http://www.operationblanketsoflove.org); <http://www.operationblanketsoflove.org>], which started in Granada Hills and provides “comfort items” for shelter dogs. They collect “gently used blankets and towels” and serve “1,000 homeless animals a month” in “40 shelters from Bakersfield to Orange County.” She will request a \$500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant “to help defray costs.” She noted that 50% of homeless people “are living with their pets.”

V. Approval of Minutes from the March 2 2017 regular meeting

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Lopez: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) approves the Minutes of its March 2, 2017 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 11 in favor; zero opposed; five abstentions.

VI. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for January, February, 2017.

Mr. Beauvais requested and it was agreed to POSTPONE this to the May 4 Board Meeting; no Motion was made or vote taken.

VII. Board Issues

A. The Granada Hills Improvement Association is requesting a letter from GHSNC expressing support of a project to install approximately 20 litter receptacles along Chatsworth Street from Lindley to Encino and perhaps on Zelzah Ave. Ms. Bursk explained that “the project will cost the [GHSNC] nothing.”

MOTION moved by Ms. Bursk, seconded by Mr. Graham: The GHSNC will send a letter expressing support of a project to install approximately 20 litter receptacles along Chatsworth Street from Lindley to Encino and perhaps on Zelzah Ave.

DISCUSSION: Copies were distributed of a receptacle photo. Mr. Kuzmin supported the installation but questioned the need for the letter. Ms. Bursk described the receptacles' use and value for the community. They will be secured to the cement and be "black with gold lettering and say 'Old Granada Village.'"

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 14 in favor; zero opposed; two abstentions.

- B. Neighborhood Purpose Grant for El Oro Elementary School in the amount of \$2,250 for the purpose of Next Generation Science Kits and a storage unit to store the kits.

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Deron Lopez: The GHSNC will give a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for El Oro Elementary School in the amount of \$2,250 for the purpose of Next Generation Science Kits and a storage unit to store the kits.

DISCUSSION: Corie Schiffman, PTA Board Member at El Oro Elementary School across from Knollwood Country Club, described the kits and the 8' x 10' current storage. Though the school is in the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council (GHNNC) area, she said "all of the families that go to El Oro live in the south" part of Granada Hills. She clarified that "it's not a band-aid, it's a conversion kit" and they will not be heat-sensitive. The GHNNC indicated they do not have available funding. The GHSNC contribution would be shown on various media. The total cost is \$2,250.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with 14 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Matthews, Morris, Smith, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; two abstentions: Lyle and Trinidad.

- C. Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Museum of the San Fernando Valley in the amount of \$3,500 for the purpose of purchasing a new computer, iPad for event sign-ins and meeting furniture (tables/chairs).

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Graham: The GHSNC will give a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Museum of the San Fernando Valley in the amount of \$3,500 for the purpose of purchasing a new computer, iPad for event sign-ins and meeting furniture (tables/chairs).

DISCUSSION: A GHSNC allocation "would be on the website" and other media. The computer would be used "to catalog acquisitions" and other administration such as brochure production; "the iPad is for the gift store." Ms. Wu Freedman would like all three Northridge Neighborhood Councils [South, East and West] to first consider allocating funding, since the Museum is located in Northridge.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Ms. Lopez: to add that the GHSNC will give a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Museum of the San Fernando Valley in the amount of \$1,000.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Trinidad would like funding to be spent in the Granada Hills South area. **AMENDED FUNDING MOTION FAILED** by a roll call vote with six in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Benedetto, Bursk, Graham, Dawn Lopez, Morris and Smith); eight opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Beauvais, Bohrer, Carson, Kolstad, Deron Lopez, Matthews, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); two abstentions: Lyle and Wall.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bohrer, Ms. Wu Freedman and Mr. Benedetto were concerned about the public's lack of awareness of the Museum.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Lyle: the GHSNC will refer this item to the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) for discussion and recommendation; then the GHSNC will consider it.

Board Member Mike Benedetto left the room, making 15 Board Members present

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote with 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Bohrer, Carson, Graham, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Smith, Trinidad and Wall); three opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Beauvais, Bursk and Matthews); one abstention: Wu Freedman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bailey indicated that VANC will agendaize this.

Board Member Mike Benedetto returned to the room around this time, making 16 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is 11).

D. Discussion and possible board action on additional By-Laws changes:

1. To Article V, Section 3, Official Actions to change abstentions from a yes vote to a non-vote. Copies were distributed of draft Bylaws. Ms. Carson explained the proposed revisions, including “abstentions do not count as a vote.”

MOTION moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: The GHSNC will change its By-Laws Article V, Section 3, Official Actions to change abstentions from a yes vote to a non-vote.

Board Member Sally Kolstad left, making 15 Board Members present.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with all 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Kim, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Matthews, Morris, Smith, Trinidad, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. To Article V, Section 8, Censure, to read: The Council may take action to censure a board member for violations of the Code of Conduct during meetings or action taken within the course of a board member’s official duties. A motion to censure must be placed on the agenda and approved by a majority of board members present and voting. Mr. Beauvais read aloud the proposed change.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Carson: The GHSNC will change its By-Laws Article V, Section 8, Censure, to read: “The Council may take action to censure a board member for violations of the Code of Conduct during meetings or action taken within the course of a board member’s official duties. A motion to censure must be placed on the agenda and approved by a majority of board members present and voting.”

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beauvais noted this Bylaws section previously was blank.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote with 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Matthews, Morris, Smith, Trinidad, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; one abstention: (Bohrer).

3. To Article V, Section 9, Removal, to read: The Council may take action to remove a board member for violations of the Code of Conduct during meetings or action taken within the course of a board member’s official duties. A motion to remove must be placed on the agenda and approved by a majority of board members present and voting.

MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Trinidad: The GHSNC will change its By-Laws Article V, Section 9, Removal, to read: “The Council may take action to remove a board member for violations of the Code of Conduct during meetings or action taken within the course of a board member’s official duties. A motion to remove must be placed on the agenda and approved by a majority of board members present and voting.”

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kuzmin believed that certain language must be in the Bylaws. Parliamentarian Mr. Kabo noted that language is optional.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Ms. Carson: **PASSED**; one opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with all 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Matthews, Morris, Smith, Trinidad, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) (Cindy Wu Freedman) Report.
Stakeholder Maria Fisk reported that “KFC will no longer be a tenant” at Regency. There was an application to put a cell tower at 17525 Chatsworth. According to City Council File “CF 13-1493, street vending has been decriminalized.” The “mansions Ordinance passed; . . . the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance . . . we have time” for input. Ms. Wu Freedman noted that the Committee meets on fourth Wednesdays. A Transit-Oriented Development project comment period ends May 11. The City’s General Plan will be updated.

B. Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. C.*]

1. Joint Report with Safety and Public Health

Mr. Benedetto reported that the Egg Hunt will be April 15. There will be a May 15 Forum about Aliso Canyon at Highlander Hall.

2. Motion to [see below].

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Graham: The GHSNC will support the Granada Hills Park Annual Spring Egg Hunt in the amount of \$1,000. Includes refilling helium tanks for balloons.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Smith noted that the Egg Hunt has been an annual event for many years.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”): (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Lyle, Matthews, Morris, Smith, Trinidad, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

3. Motion for \$400 to have Mark Hovatar edit and produce a video of the March 27, 2017 Homeless Forum to be placed on the GHSNC, VANC and EmpowerLA websites. It was noted that “VANC” should be “LANCC.”

[On the advice of the L.A. City Attorney, the following is included in this Minutes: “Based on the later advice of the City Attorney, the following Motion could not be effected and is nullified.”]

FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Graham: The GHSNC will allocate \$400 to have Mark Hovatar edit and produce a video of the March 27, 2017 Homeless Forum to be placed on the GHSNC, LANCC and EmpowerLA websites.

DISCUSSION: Sherry Derohanian, a Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council Board Member, relayed that the PRNC supported this. Mr. Kuzmin believed that this “really should be a volunteer task.” Mr. Benedetto clarified that Mr. Hovatar “didn’t vote to do this . . . we’ve paid Mark before to do . . . our editing.” Mr. Lyle noted that editing would take “hours and hours” to do. Mr. Bohrer believed that Mr. Hovatar was “going above and beyond.”

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Wu Freedman: to add that the GHSNC will consult with the City attorney to ensure that there is no conflict of interest in this Motion.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Lyle, Matthews, Morris, Smith, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bohrer and Wall); zero abstained.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Graham, Lyle, Matthews, Morris, Smith, Trinidad, Wall and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Board Member Justin Kim arrived, making 14 Board Members present.

C. Safety and Public Health (Deron Lopez). Joint Report with Outreach

Mr. Lopez reported that “we had a really good meeting.” The L.A. Emergency Management Dept. will speak here; Mr. Beauvais will agendize it for the June meeting. Mr. Lopez contacted LADOT regarding stoplight concerns.

Board Members Dawn and Deron Lopez left at 8:28 pm; 13 Board Members present

D. Beautification (Joel Lyle). Report.

Mr. Lyle further described the litter receptacles to be installed along Chatsworth Street from Lindley to Encino and perhaps on Zelzah Ave. The Committee had unanimously agreed to recommend that the Board send the project support letter, and will discuss with Petit Park regarding providing pet cleanup bags.

IX. Board Member comments

Mr. Benedetto will check the t-shirts status. Mr. Lyle wanted funding requestors to first ask other local organizations for funding. Mr. Smith announced that “we have a commitment from CD12 to groundbreaking for the pool.” He suggested having a “Friends of the Granada Hills Recreation Center” group, noting that “it’s the largest City facility . . . [and] recreation facility in our area.” He suggested that the GHSNC make the Park, especially the pool, “a signature project”; Mr. Beauvais will Agendize that. Mr. Benedetto thanked the Bylaws Committee for its work. Mr. Graham noted that many repeat burglary offenders are out on bail.

X. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Morris).

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:14 p.m.

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