



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

Thursday, August 2, 2017

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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| President: Dave Beauvais (Seniors)                          | Sally Kolstad (Education)               |
| Vice-President: Michael Benedetto (Community Organizations) | Dawn Lopez (Member At-Large)            |
| Secretary: Julie Carson (Member At-Large)                   | Deron Lopez (Member At-Large)           |
| Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (Business)                  | Joel Lyle (Member At-Large)             |
| 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)                                | Cindy Wu Freedman (MAL-Com'y Interest)  |
| Justin Kim (Youth Activities)                               | Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian)       |

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**I. Call to order** (Presiding officer)

President Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

**II. Roll Call** (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Eight of the 17 Board Members were present: Dave Beauvais, Michael Benedetto, Julie Carson, Don Graham, Joel Lyle, Mark Morris, Brad Smith and Cindy Wu Freedman. Brandon Schindelheim arrived at 6:57 pm when quorum was achieved. Eight Board Members were absent: Jeffrey Bohrer (excused), Bonnie Bursk (unexcused), Jett Dunlap (unexcused), Justin Kim (unexcused), Sally Kolstad (excused), Dawn Lopez (excused), Deron Lopez (excused) and Rene Trinidad (excused). Andrew Wall had resigned the Youth Seat. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on agenda items) is 9 due to recent modification of Bylaws reducing number of board seats. Also attended: 17 stakeholders and guests.

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

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV. D.*] Mireya Valencia, of Pacoima Beautiful [<http://www.pacoimabeautiful.org>], announced monthly free gardening events at Lopez Canyon on fourth Saturdays, 9-11:00 a.m. Raquel Villalta proposed

a skate park on Chatsworth to accommodate skateboarders and provide a community resource for youth and families.

*Board Member Brandon Schindelheim arrived at this time (6:57), making a quorum of 9 Board Members present.*

Mark Hovatar encouraged using Northridge Park, not Petit Park, for a skate park. Eric Mansker encouraged the GHSNC to file Community Impact Statements. William Kuzmin noted the presence of GHSNC document binders at this Meeting. David Meza, SoCal Gas Public Affairs Manager, reported that the State granted permission for their Aliso Canyon facility to re-start; flyovers are checking for methane. He encouraged to call the 8-1-1 “national service . . . free number . . . before you do any sort of digging . . . if you have a leak, don’t call 9-1-1; call the Gas Company” (323-605-9393). He described gas well safety measures: “we walk every single well four times a day.” He explained well safety measures; “if there’s a leak, it’s detected right away.” He said that 41 of the 114 wells have been inspected and approved and are being used; the remainder will be tested. Realtor Terri Weeks reported that her Community Investment Department can assist with home loans and that free home buyer seminars are available.

Barry Stone, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), urged planning as if the next Neighborhood Council election will be in Spring 2018, saying “we have not heard from the City Council . . . please start forming your election committee as soon as possible . . . the City Clerk will be running your elections.” He requested that an equipment inventory be submitted to the City Clerk and City Controller; a database is being created. He announced an August 28<sup>th</sup> Planning 101 Workshop at Pacoima City Hall and reminded about the Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> [7:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m.] Congress of Neighborhood Councils at City Hall [NCCongressLA.com, 213-978-1551]. Mr. Stone urged reading the Monthly Profiles sent to Board Members and to share them with Stakeholders.

#### **IV. Community Speakers**

##### **A. Council District 12**

Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), reported that they are aware of the homelessness “crises,” including crime and illegally parked RVs: “we’re getting a priority on this.” They are working with the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission and will have community meetings about this. Mr. Graham explained enforcement options and limits.

##### **B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD**

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer was not present.

##### **C. Reports from VANC (Eric Mansker)/Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman)**

Mr. Mansker indicated that there was no report. Glenn Bailey, of VANC [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; announced their November 9 Planning and Transportation Forum. Brian Allen, a Budget Advocate, noted their meetings.

- D. Presentation by Office of Community Beautification (Dept. of Public Works regarding services available to the community. (Ana Huizar)

Ana Huizar, Community Coordinator, L.A. Bd. of Public Works, Ofc. of Community Beautification (213-978-0224; Ana.Huizar@LACity.org; www.laocb.org), encouraged using the MyLA311 phone app, saying “it is imperative that you be detailed” about “surface type . . . color of the wall” and other details. If possible, take a “picture . . . the more specific you are, the more it helps . . . we also provide clean-up tools . . . free of charge . . . also community garden supplies.” She explained service procedures for bulky-item pickup, graffiti removal and more. They can remove graffiti from private property “if we have consent from the business owner . . . submit it when in doubt . . . we strive for 72 hours” response . . . anyone can report” service needs; “it is anonymous . . . you don’t have to give your name.”

**V. Approval of Minutes** from the July 20, Special Board meeting

**MOTION** moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Benedetto: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) approves the Minutes of its July 20, 2017 Special Board Meeting as written.

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

**VI. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for June, 2017.**

Mr. Beauvais indicated that the Monthly Expenditure Report will be addressed at the next General Board Meeting.

There was a brief recess at this time.

**VII. Approval of fiscal year 2017-18 Strategic Plan, Outreach Survey and Self-Assessment.**

Copies of each were distributed and available.

**MOTION** moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Ms. Wu Freedman): The GHSNC adopts its 2017-2018 Strategic Plan.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Benedetto reported that the email database had around 725 Stakeholders.

**MOTION** moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Morris): The GHSNC adopts its 2017-2018 Outreach Survey.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with eight in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (Wu Freedman).

**MOTION** moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC adopts its 2016-2017 Self-Assessment.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with eight in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (Wu Freedman).

## **VIII. Board Issues**

- A. Approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to support the Granada Hills Street Faire scheduled for October 7, 2017 in the amount of \$2500.00. Funds to go to the Granada Hills Foundation, a non-profit organization who is sponsoring the event. Funds will be used for rental of event equipment, permits, parking control

and security costs. GHSNC will have a reserved location at the Street Faire to provide outreach and public engagement.

Mr. Beauvais explained that, if the Board voted upon this, he would need to recuse himself because he was a member of the Granada Hills Community Foundation Board; however, if he recused, there would not be a quorum to vote. He requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

- B. Approval of up to \$200 for business cards for fiscal year 2017/18,

**FUNDING MOTION** moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Mr. Smith: The GHSNC approves of up to \$200 for business cards for fiscal year 2017/18.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Beauvais noted that all Board Members have business cards; "this is to encumber the funds" in case more or new business cards are needed.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beauvais, Benedetto, Carson, Graham, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- C. Discussion and possible board action to advise Council District 12 and the Dept. of Transportation on the following regarding the restriping of Louise Ave. between Devonshire and Chatsworth:

Mr. Beauvais explained this.

1. Use of high visibility paint for the cross walks at Louise and San Jose.

**MOTION** moved by Ms. Wu Freedman, seconded by Mr. Graham: The GHSNC will advise Council District 12 and the Dept. of Transportation regarding the restriping of Louise Ave. between Devonshire and Chatsworth to use of high visibility paint for the cross walks at Louise and San Jose.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Installation of a stop sign in the street at Louise and San Jose.

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. C. 3.]*

**MOTION** moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Morris: The GHSNC will advise Council District 12 and the Dept. of Transportation regarding the restriping of Louise Ave. between Devonshire and Chatsworth that it supports the installation of a stop sign in the street at Louise and San Jose.

**MOTION FAILED** by a hand vote of the nine eligible voters present with two in favor; six opposed; one abstained.

3. Reduction of lanes on Louise from two lanes to one each way.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Graham, seconded by Ms. Carson): The GHSNC will advise Council District 12 and the Dept. of Transportation regarding the restriping of Louise Ave. between Devonshire and Chatsworth that it approves the reduction of lanes on Louise from two lanes to one each way.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Mansker thought that it was “a bad idea . . . no one has called for it.” Mr. Bailey described the “safety issue there.” Stakeholders supported and opposed the lane reduction, with or without a bike lane being installed. Mr. Braham described the potential creation of traffic jams during nearby school drop-off and pickup times.

**MOTION FAILED** by a hand vote of the nine eligible voters present with three in favor; five opposed; one abstained.

## **IX. Committee Reports**

*[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]*

### A. Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

1. Motion for up to \$850.00 to cover upgrade the quality of emergency kits to be purchased from SOS as give-away items. Previous quote was for 26 units, but minimum order is now 48 units. New kits will include GHSNC logo.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Morris): The GHSNC approves of up to \$850.00 to cover upgrade the quality of emergency kits to be purchased from SOS as give-away items. Previous quote was for 26 units, but minimum order is now 48 units due to printing concerns. New kits will include GHSNC logo.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Benedetto noted that \$400 already had been allocated; “the printing requirements changed.” Each unit costs approximately \$20 and would be given away. Ms. Wu Freedman suggested accounting for who receives each unit.

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

### B. PLUM (Cindy Wu Freedman)

Ms. Wu Freedman reported that around 50 Stakeholders were emailed from the Committee’s own database and that all Stakeholders in the GHSNC database will be emailed regarding street repair locations. She said “we’re working on” a newsletter; a rough draft will be emailed to Board Members. The Committee may move its meeting date to avoid conflict with the Granada Hills North NC PLUM meeting date.

### C. Public Safety (Deron Lopez)

Mr. Lopez was not present and there was no report.

## **X. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.**

Mr. Morris reported that City Council File 17-0447 would prohibit oil drilling within 2,500 feet of hospitals, schools and more. He requested and Mr. Beauvais agreed to Agendize this; Mr. Stone requested and it was agreed to Agendize this as consideration of a Community Impact Statement. Mr. Graham said creating a skate park is “an excellent idea”; he requested and it was agreed to Agendize this “and invite back” Ms. Villalta to give a more complete presentation. He said “when the

kids don’t have any place to skate . . . they tend to break into schools on weekends.” Mr. Smith suggested inviting the DWP to assist in identifying a skate park location. Mr. Beauvais noted that the next GHSNC General Board Meeting will be on September 14<sup>th</sup>, not the usual first Thursday. Mr. Benedetto is working on establishing a Farmers Market. Mr. Schindelheim reported that inexpensive food storage kits are available.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** moved by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Ms. Wu Freedman.

**MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED** by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained. The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:34 p.m.

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