



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

Thursday, November 9, 2017

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Dave Beauvais
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Cindy Wu Freedman
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I. Call to Order (Presiding Officer)

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call (Acting Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Twelve of the 16 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto, Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Jett Dunlap, Sally Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Joel Lyle, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer) and Rene Trinidad. Brad Smith and Cindy Wu Freedman arrived later. Julie Carson (Secretary) and Don Graham were absent (both excused). The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on agenda items) is nine. Sixteen of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One board Seat was vacant. Also attended: approximately 41 stakeholders and guests.

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

Seymour Amster, Executive Director, Parents, Educators / Teachers & Students in Action [800-894-7201; pesaemmee@gmail.com; <http://parentsinactionforbetterschools.org>], described the “juvenile diversionary” program. Long-term resident Beth White wanted Granada Hills South to work with North on an “opt-in” program regarding street vending and marijuana dispensaries. Stakeholder William Kuzmin suggested GHSNC procedural revisions.

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 on the vandalized mural near San Fernando Mission Rd. that CD12 is trying, within the allowed

90 days, to get the artist's permission to clean; the artist has been difficult with which to communicate.

Board Member Cindy Wu Freedman arrived at this time (6:44), making 13 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

Mr. Vallecilla reported that the City will map marijuana dispensaries. He described CD12 work regarding homeless people; contact him for help.

B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD or alternate rep.

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011, x1727, mobile/text phone 818-634-0577; 27286@LAPD.LACity.org; was not present; there was no report.

C. Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman, Glenn Baily, Brian Allen)

Mr. Allen reported that the Budget Advocates [<http://ncbala.com>] are meeting with City departments and that Regional Budget Day will be around January 20th.

Board Member Brad Smith arrived at this time (6:55), making 14 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

V. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for June, July, August, September, October 2017.

Mr. Beauvais requested and it was agreed to DEFER this because access to needed information has been difficult for the Treasurer.

VI. Board Issues

A. Approval of updated logo for Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council.

MOTION to DEFER (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Ms. Lopez): The GHSNC DEFERS this Item to its December General Board Meeting.

MOTION to DEFER PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Approval of up to \$100 for purchase of a flag for meetings.

MOTION to DEFER (by Mr. Bohrer, seconded by Mr. Morris): The GHSNC DEFERS this Item to its December General Board Meeting.

MOTION to DEFER PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Blankets of Love Foundation. Funds will be used to support the 501c3 in their efforts to furnish shelter dogs with blankets, toys and other comfort items and to assist in adoptions of local shelter animals.

Eileen Smulson, Founder, Operation Blankets of Love [818-402-6586; <http://www.OperationBlanketsOfLove.org>], explained that "we provide at no cost . . . to shelters . . . gently used items . . . we cover 47 shelters." She described educational work they do about animal handling and ownership.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Schindelheim): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Blankets of Love Foundation. Funds will be used to support the 501(c)3 in their efforts to furnish shelter dogs with blankets, toys and other comfort items and to assist in adoptions of local shelter animals.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Smulson passed around animal care booklets she said were approved “by L.A. City Shelter.” Ms. Wu Freedman requested Ms. Smulson to present to Granada Hills South schools. Mr. Bohrer believed “this is a luxury, not a necessity.” Mr. Schindelheim believed the funds would be better allocated now than later in this Fiscal Year [ending June 30, 2018].

MOTION to AMEND (by Mr. Trinidad, seconded by Ms. Wu Freedman): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council amends the main Motion amount to \$500.00.

MOTION to AMEND FAILED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with four in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benedetto, Bursk, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); ten opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Beauvais, Bohrer, Dunlap, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Smith); zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Dunlap, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim and Smith); three opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Bohrer, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero abstained.

- D. Approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the North Valley YMCA’s annual Thanksgiving dinner program for needy and disadvantaged families in the North Valley. Funds will be used to purchase food items for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for those in need. Goal this year is to reach 3500 families. Jane Stanton, of the North Valley Family YMCA (818-368-3231; <http://www.ymcala.org/north-valley>), described the program and basket contents to help needy families, saying “we talk to over 50 Principals,” who give names to whom volunteers deliver the baskets. She said “the whole project costs over \$40,000.” In the GHSNC area, Granada and Tulsa Elementary Schools, and Patrick Henry and Porter Middle Schools would be served.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Bursk, seconded by Ms. Wu Freedman): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the North Valley YMCA’s annual Thanksgiving dinner program for needy and disadvantaged families in the North Valley. Funds will be used to purchase food items for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for those in need.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Schindelheim said “it’s a very worthy cause.”

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- E. Approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$2500 to Granada Hills Charter High School’s ASL program. The funds will be used to sponsor (set materials, advertising, playbills, technical support) a spring musical play that will be produced by the ASL students at GHCHS.

Kim Brown presented along with an American Sign Language Teacher. The annual play is attended by around 500 people “with reserved seats for the deaf.” Funding was reduced. The dialog is signed and voiced. The GHSNC’s sponsorship would be noted on marketing materials.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Wu Freedman, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to Granada Hills Charter High School’s ASL program. The funds will be used to sponsor (set materials, advertising, playbills, technical support) a spring musical play that will be produced by the ASL students at GHCHS.

DISCUSSION: Stakeholders expressed support. Ms. Brown reported that last year’s expenses were around \$3,000; \$400 has been raised so far. She noted fundraising challenges.

MOTION to AMEND (by Ms. Wu Freedman): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council amends the main Motion amount to \$3,000.00.

MOTION to AMEND FAILED for lack of a seconding Board Member.

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, Dunlap, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained; one recused (Smith).

- F. Approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$1500.00 to the Granada Hills Women’s Club. Funds will be used to assist this 501c3 in buying new chairs for their meeting hall. Total estimated cost for the project is \$3644.

Copies were distributed of a Funding Request Form. President B.J. Addis and Debbie Pietraszko described the need for the Club’s 109 members, who rent the hall for various events to fund helping domestic violence victims and other causes.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Bursk, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the Granada Hills Women’s Club. Funds will be used to assist this 501(c)3 in buying new chairs for their meeting hall. Total estimated cost for the project is \$3,644.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Attis indicated that the GHSNC would be credited in the Club’s yearbook.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- G. Approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$5000.00 to the Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences Cyber Vipers Robotics Team. Funds will be used for event registrations, outreach, and replacement parts for 2 existing robots and new parts for a 3rd robot.

Two Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences students presented and demonstrated a robot.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Ms. Kolstad): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences Cyber Vipers Robotics Team. Funds will be used for event registrations, outreach, and replacement parts for two existing robots and new parts for a third robot.

DISCUSSION: The Team has 29 members. The presenters explained that the funding would be used to enter three robots in competitions. They are partnering with other local schools. They spent \$3,000 last year; \$5,000 will be spent this year. The GHSNC logo would be included on their materials and a display at competition sites.

MOTION to AMEND (by Mr. Trinidad, seconded by Ms. Wu Freedman): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council amends the main Motion amount to \$2,500.00.

MOTION to AMEND PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); three opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez and Smith); zero 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”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Dunlap, Kolstad, Dawn Lopez, Deron Lopez, Lyle, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VIII. Committee Reports

Outreach (Mike Benedetto): Report

Mr. Benedetto reported that the annual tree lighting ceremony will be December 2nd and the holiday parade December 3rd; volunteers are needed. He thanked volunteers for support at the Street Faire, the Valley Disaster Preparedness Faire and the Halloween Haunt.

Public Safety (Deron Lopez): Report

Mr. Lopez reported that the CERT [Community Emergency Response Team; 818-756-9674; www.cert-la.com, lafdcert@LACity.org] class has been delayed until March and that the Committee is looking into other CERT providers.

PLUM (Cindy Wu Freedman)

- A. Motion by the PLUM committee to support the GHNNC Neighborhood Council to change the City Notification system by amending Section 16.05(G)(3) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. This amendment would allow Neighborhood Councils to require a public hearing on developments during the planning process.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will support the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council to change the City Notification system by amending Section 16.05(G)(3) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. This amendment would allow Neighborhood Councils to require a public hearing on developments during the planning process.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wu Freedman reported that the PLUM Committee unanimously supported this.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Bohrer, Bursk, Kolstad, Morris, Schindelheim, Smith, Trinidad and Wu Freedman); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Dawn Lopez); four abstained (the GHSNC counts abstentions as “Yes” votes) (Benedetto, Dunlap, Deron Lopez and Lyle).

- B. Motion; PLUM committee recommends the appointment of three additional Stakeholders to the committee; Larry Yoder, Terri Weeks and Eric Mansker.

Ms. Wu Freedman relayed that all three expressed interest to be on the Committee. She described, in time, each candidate’s qualifications.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Larry Yoder to its Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

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

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Terri Weeks to its Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; zero opposed; one abstained (Bohrer).

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Eric Mansker to its Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wu Freedman reported that the Committee voted unanimously in support of all three candidates. The Committee has five members of which three regularly attend. There was very extensive discussion regarding merits and concerns regarding Mr. Mansker’s candidacy.

MOTION FAILED by a hand vote with one in favor; eight opposed; five abstained (the GHSNC counts abstentions as “Yes” votes).

Ms. Wu Freedman will invite Mr. Mansker to attend Committee Meetings.

C. Motion; PLUM committee recommends the Board submit a community impact statement an opt/in procedure for the Sidewalk vending/Special sidewalk vending district program, with a default position of no sidewalk vending within Council District 12 should an opt in/opt out procedure not be included in the ordinance CF#13-1493.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will submit a Community Impact Statement with an opt-in procedure for the Sidewalk vending/Special sidewalk vending district program, with a default position of no sidewalk vending within Council District 12 should an opt in/opt out procedure not be included in the ordinance Council File #13-1493.

DISCUSSION: Committee Co-Chair John Seletos explained the issue. Mr. Vallecilla relayed that City Councilman Englander encourages supporting this.

MOTION PASSED by a vote of the eligible voters present with five in favor; two opposed; six abstained (the GHSNC counts abstentions as “Yes” votes).

D. Motion; PLUM committee recommends disapproval for a conditional use permit for off-site sale of alcoholic beverages at 17020 Chatsworth (Walgreens) unless the applicant complies with the same guidelines as spray can monitoring regulations. (Case ENV-2017-3557-CE & ZA-2010-1302-CUB-PA1).

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council disapproves a Conditional Use Permit for off-site sale of alcoholic beverages at 17020 Chatsworth (Walgreens) unless the applicant complies with the same guidelines as spray can monitoring regulations. (Case ENV-2017-3557-CE & ZA-2010-1302-CUB-PA1).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Seletos explained the need to help prevent theft of alcoholic beverages. There was extensive discussion of merits and concerns about the Motion.

MOTION FAILED by a voice vote.

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Mr. Lopez noted that Ms. Lopez “worked extremely hard” on the Halloween Haunted House; “it was a great event.” Mr. Morris reported that First Presbyterian Church “is developing a homeless program.” Mr. Trinidad reported that the Street Faire produced many GHSNC sign-ups. Ms. Wu Freedman believed there has been a lack of follow-up by funding recipients. The next PLUM Meeting will be December 15th. Ms. Kolstad said the Education Committee will help the Outreach Committee with the January Homeless Count. Ms. Bursk reminded that the Holiday Parade will be the first Sunday in December [the 3rd]. Mr. Benedetto requested help distributing holiday tree fliers. Mr. Beauvais thanked Mr. Benedetto for Meeting preparation and encouraged attending the GHCHS spring musical play. Mr. Smith reported that Petit Park pool project bidding began and announced that he was resigning as of this meeting. Mr. Beauvais noted the vacancy.

X. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Trinidad).

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:20 p.m.

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