



CITY OF LOS ANGELES

GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Thursday, October 4, 2018

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

APPROVED Minutes ~ Approved December 6, 2019

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I. Call to order (Presiding officer)

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by resident Larry Yoder.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Nine of the 16 Members were present at the Roll Call: Carlos Amador, Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Bonnie Bursk, Maria Fisk, Don Graham, Sally Kolstad, Sarah Tran and Rene Trinidad. Seven Board Members were absent: Jeffrey Bohrer (un/excused), Julie Carson (Secretary), Jett Dunlap, Joel Lyle, Mark Morris, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer) and Cindy Wu Freedman. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine). One Board Seat (At Large) was vacant; to apply, see www.ghsnc.org. Also attended: 29 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

Jane Fowler reported on the Aliso Canyon gas storage facility methane leaks that Dr. Jeffrey Nordella did a health study regarding the spread of toxins and that a documentary film, “The Blowout: What’s Next” is available. Porter Ranch resident and Garvey Elementary School employee Diedre Bolona said “you’ve all been exposed to harmful chemicals” and it continues “every day . . . it still leaks.” She said that SoCalGas admitted that it has a minimum of two leaks every day. Benzene levels are “much higher than they admitted.” A benzene blood test is available which can contribute to Dr. Nordella’s study.

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)

Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org;

<http://CD12.LACity.org>), noted the Councilman’s legislation regarding “trap and release” of coyotes. He reminded to be cautious if you see one; “the animals are

getting more aggressive.” He said “we’re working on bridge housing” for homeless people.

- B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD or alternate rep (Officer DelCore/Richard Fisk)
Dario Del Core, an LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-756-9011, x1727, mobile/text phone 818-634-0577; 27286@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station), was not present; there was no report.
- C. Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman, Glenn Bailey, Brian Allen)
Mr. Allen (BAllen@ghnnc.org) noted that input is sought; “we’re already working with the Mayor.”
- D. DONE Representative (Jasmine Elbarbary)
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV. E.] Jasmine Elbarbary, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Jasmine.Elbarbary@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that online election outreach materials are available; “by the end of the year” there also will be online training.
- E. Robert Hertzberg, State Senator
State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; <http://sd18.senate.ca.gov/contact/email>; <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>), reported that he is working to arrange more funding and coordinate services for mental health services. He will introduce legislation to “bolt your house” for earthquake safety. Stormwater Measure W is to help “capture rainwater” and treat it instead of putting it in the ocean. Hannah Kelly, a District Representative for Senator Hertzberg (Hannah.Kelly@sen.ca.gov), reported that L.A. Family Housing would work with the Neighborhood Council. Sen. Hertzberg seeks ideas for bridge housing locations. A Stakeholder suggested land in the back of the Sepulveda VA property.

V. Approval of Minutes for the September 13, 2018 special meeting.

MOTION (by Ms. Tran, seconded by Mr. Graham): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 13, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Trinidad).

VI. Budget Issues

- A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for August 2018.
Copies were distributed of and Mr. Beauvais reviewed the GHSNC August “Monthly Expenditure Report.”

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Amador): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2018.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

VII. Board Issues

A. Board discussion and action to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Ms. Kolstad): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves up to \$1,200 for advertising materials and other outreach expenditures for upcoming events; Map Your Neighborhood, CERT and Speakers Series.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

B. Board discussion and action to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Mr. Graham): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves up to \$230 for color flyers advertising the December 1, 2018 Holiday Tree lighting ceremony.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

C. Board discussion and action to [see the below Motion].
Copies were distributed of an information flyer.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Bursk, seconded by Ms. Kolstad): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council supports the North Valley YMCA annual Thanksgiving dinner project in the amount of \$2,000. This project provides all the food necessary for a Thanksgiving dinner for disadvantaged families in the North Valley. Families are nominated by local schools.

DISCUSSION: Jane Stanton, of the North Valley Family YMCA (818-368-3231; <http://www.ymcala.org/north-valley>), explained the 12th-year program; they “give away 3,600 baskets . . . we raise about \$40,000-\$45,000 to buy” the food. Volunteers are needed. Some other Neighborhood Councils are funding it. Some Granada Hills families connected with Patrick Henry Middle School, Granada Hills Elementary School and Granada Hills Charter High School will be served. The GHSNC would be recognized.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad and Trinidad); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. PLUM Committee (Maria Fisk)

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

1. Short-Term Rentals/Preparation of Ordinance / Home Sharing Ordinance, CF# 14-1635-S2: In Los Angeles, short-term rental (STR) refers to any portion of a residential building that is designed or used for occupancy for fewer than 30 days per year. STRs are prohibited in the vast majority of the City except through a Conditional Use Permit. With the growth of online rental services, however, there has been a significant rise in this activity and Los Angeles is a top market. While there are benefits to the sharing of one's own home, it also presents challenges for the City's neighborhoods, its zoning regulations and already limited housing stock.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-1635-S2>

<https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/HomeSharing/StaffRept.pdf>

<https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/HomeSharing/UpdatedDraftOrd.pdf>

<https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/HomeSharing/FAQ.pdf>

[See the below Resolution.]

Copies were distributed of “Background & Frequently Asked Questions.” Ms. Fisk explained the background and Resolution. Mr. Graham also explained home-sharing issues. Ms. Fisk noted that short-term rentals are happening illegally in apartments as well as single-family homes.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council supports the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the city of Los Angeles continues to struggle with the affordable housing - due to their profitability and economic advantage, short-term rentals will continue to force long-term rental units from the market; and

WHEREAS, the primary residence requirement in which a host resides for more than six months of the year is nearly impossible to enforce; and

WHEREAS, other municipalities such as San Francisco, New York, San Diego, Santa Monica, Laguna Beach and Palm Springs continue to face a number of challenges with short-term rentals and have little to offer in terms of sound and effective regulations; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult to regulate an underground economy when hosting platforms have been uncooperative and unwilling to share information with city agencies; and

WHEREAS, the environmental analysis failed to address the negative impacts on supporting infrastructure, traffic, housing, public services, land use and planning; and WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance encourages the commercialization of the single-family residence that undercuts the fundamental tenets of the Los Angeles

General Plan to preserve and ensure the stability, character and scale of the City's single-family residential neighborhoods; and
WHEREAS, short-term rentals pave the way for other illicit uses such as unregulated group or boarding homes with a higher turnover rate of a larger number of tenants/residents; and
WHEREAS, through long-term rentals homeowners can share a room or a unit on their property to help offset expenses and offer more affordable housing options; and
WHEREAS, short-term rentals will have a negative impact on the hotel/motel and services industries; and
WHEREAS, there is the potential for the rent stabilization ordinance (RSO) to be circumvented and there is no consideration for future rental units that would come under the RSO; and
WHEREAS, short-term rentals are currently permitted by a conditional use permit;

THEREFORE, the GHSNC Board opposes any changes or amendments to the current zoning codes regarding CF#14-1635-S2, Short-Term Rentals / Home Sharing Ordinance.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the nine eligible voters present with eight in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad, Tran and Trinidad); zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Bursk).

2. SB 827 (Weiner) Housing Development Housing Construction/Near Transit Stops/Non-Compliance with Local Land Use Regulations, CF#18-0002-S13: With the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 827 (Weiner), which would allow the construction of housing developments near major transit stops without compliance with local land use regulations.
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0002-S13>
The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee [see the below Motion].

Copies were distributed of the Resolution. Ms. Fisk explained SB 827 and issues.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council makes the following Resolution regarding CF#18-0002-S13 regarding Senate Bill 827 (Weiner) Housing Development Housing Construction/Near Transit Stops/Non-Compliance with Local Land Use Regulations, and urges the City Council, with concurrence of the Mayor, to adopt a Resolution to oppose SB 827 in its entirety, subsequent amendments and future such legislation. The City must make every effort to expand affordable and moderate-income housing but not at the expense of local control over land use and community-driven planning.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Fisk said the Bill "would supercede our Community Plan."

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the nine eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad, Tran and Trinidad); zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Amador).

B. Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

Recap of Disaster Prep Event. Additional volunteers for Granada Hills Street Faire on October 6, 2018. Participation Granada Hills Holiday Parade.

Mr. Benedetto reported that the Disaster Preparedness Fair “was a great event” and noted the above.

C. Beautification Committee (Joel Lyle). Progress Report on Caltrans yard project at the 118 freeway and tree trimming project.

Mr. Benedetto reported that, regarding the fence north of the 118 Freeway at Balboa, “Senator Hertzberg’s “Office was instrumental in getting Caltrans to put up a new fence”; they are working to “spruce up” that area with fence panels of Granada Hills scenes. The panels will cost \$180 apiece, totaling \$2,375 for one set of panels. He asked and the Granada Hills North NC will Agendize discussing sharing the cost.

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Mr. Graham described danger of over-density.

Board Member Sarah Tran left at this time (8:32), making eight Board Members present, one short of the GHSNC quorum of nine.

Mr. Graham noted that, when there is over-density, there often is no increase in support services. Mr. Beauvais announced that the next Board Meeting will be [Thursday] November 1st and that the February Board Meeting may be relocated or cancelled. Mr. Benedetto described homeless services work. Mr. Trinidad said he and Mr. Lyle are “working with the City” regarding tree trimming. Ms. Bursk reported that the Business Improvement District is installing “pretty” trash cans on Chatsworth and did tree-trimming.

X. Adjournment

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

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:42 p.m.

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