



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**, Thursday, December 6, 2018  
Granada Hills Charter H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344  
APPROVED Minutes ~ Approved January 3, 2019

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

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**II. Roll Call** (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Eleven of the 16 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Jeffrey Bohrer, Bonnie Bursk, Julie Carson (Secretary), Jett Dunlap, Maria Fisk, Sally Kolstad, Mark Morris, Sarah Tran and Cindy Wu Freedman. Five Board Members were absent: Carlos Amador, Don Graham, Joel Lyle, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer) 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 nine (see the Bylaws at <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlta=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. Sixteen of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat (At Large) was vacant [new At Large Seat Board Member Brad Smith was appointed to the Board during below Item #VII. A.] Also attended: 26 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

Maria Smith, GHCHS American Sign Language Student Program Coordinator, will request a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$1,500 for a May 19<sup>th</sup> screening of the movie “Night of the Living Deaf,” an exploration of deaf culture and history. Three students presented. The School is giving “a little funding.” Mr. Bohrer noted that, previously, the Program acknowledged GHSNC support.

**IV. Community Speakers**

A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)

Mr. Beauvais reported that Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; [Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org](mailto:Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org); <http://CD12.LACity.org>), could not attend.

- B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD or alternate rep (Officer DelCore/Richard Fisk). Stakeholder Richard Fisk reported for 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](http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station)), that former Councilman Greig Smith will, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, replace retiring Councilman Mitch Englander until a special election in June and a runoff election in August. “Crime overall is down” but Mr. Fisk reminded not to leave packages in vehicles.
- C. Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman, Glenn Baily, Brian Allen). Mr. Bailey reported that Budget Advocates [<http://ncbala.com>] volunteers are needed and that Budget Day will be June 29<sup>th</sup>. The BA’s soon will release their annual White Paper of budget recommendations to the Mayor.
- D. DONE Representative (Jasmine Elbarbary)  
Jasmine Elbarbary, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; [Jasmine.Elbarbary@LACity.org](mailto:Jasmine.Elbarbary@LACity.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), reminded Board Members to check the Monthly Profile sent to them. DONE is working with the County on the Vote Center placement program; location ideas are sought. She agreed that Board Members can attend Committee Meetings but cannot vote, and can comment within guidelines.
- E. Congressman Tony Cardenas Deputy Lucia Senda  
No representative was present and there was no report.
- F. Josue Marcus, Election Administrator  
E.A. Sofia Anguiano reported that the GHSNC May 4<sup>th</sup> election filing period will be January 19<sup>th</sup> – February 19<sup>th</sup>. Stakeholders must have at least a “substantial and ongoing” interest, or “have, work or own property.”
- G. Laila A, Results for Residential, infrastructure study summary  
Mr. Beauvais reported that Laila Alquersh will present in January.

*[The following was reported after Item #VIII. 1.]* Mr. Benedetto introduced Clean Streets/Clean Starts President Don Larson, who explained the program and that other Neighborhood Councils fund it. “We take care of roughly a one-mile area . . . it’s about teaching how to have a job” and provide services. They help people find housing and employment; most return to homelessness. They work with Van Nuys’ Hope of the Valley and will apply for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant. It is “roughly a six-week program, twice a week for three hours a day.” Around “10 people at a time” get a \$25 stipend and “sometimes a meal . . . sometimes a bus pass.”

- V. **Approval of minutes** for the October 4, 2018 regular meeting.  
Mr. Bailey requested that the Agenda show his correct name spelling of Bailey, not as on page two, Item #IV. C. “Baily.”

**MOTION** (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Ms. Tran): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its October 4, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

## **VI. Budget Issues**

- A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for September 2018.  
Mr. Beauvais reviewed and copies were available of the GHSNC September "Monthly Expenditure Report."

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2018.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Kolstad, Morris, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

## **VII. Board Issues**

- A. Board discussion and action to appoint Brad Smith to a vacant At-Large position on the Board of Directors.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Brad Smith to a vacant At-Large position on the Board of Directors.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 10 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (Wu Freedman).

Ms. Elbarbary led Mr. Smith in reading aloud the Oath of Office.

*New Board Member Brad Smith was Seated at this time, making 12 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).*

- B. Board discussion and action to appoint Brad Smith to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee.  
It was noted that John Seletos resigned as PLUM Committee Co-Chair.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Brad Smith to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 10 in favor; zero opposed; two abstained (Smith and Wu Freedman).

C. Board discussion and possible action to advise the City Council GHSNC supports a special election to fill the remainder of the term of Councilmember Mitch Englander.

Mr. Beauvais WITHDREW this Agenda Item, saying “that decision’s already been made.”

D. Board discussion and action to support the Granada Hills Charter High School Model United Nations program. School NPG in the amount of \$3,000 to host a conference at GHCHS.

Copies were distributed of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant application.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Bohrer): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council supports the Granada Hills Charter High School Model United Nations program. School NPG in the amount of \$3,000 to host a conference at GHCHS.

**DISCUSSION:** Josh Vendell explained the program: “a global citizenship team . . . focus on . . . diplomacy.” They “hope for 300-500 students” from here and “around the San Fernando Valley.” Students are taught to and produce public speaking and sharing with other students. They have solicited other funds. Ms. Carson said “this is a great program.” There was extensive discussion of the amount.

**AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Amador): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council amends the funding amount to \$1,500.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Bursk wanted to ensure that enough funds are left for GHSNC election outreach. Ms. Fisk cautioned “we need to be sure we’re equitable” about school funding.

**AMENDED to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Dunlap, Fisk, Graham, Kolstad, Lyle, Morris and Schindelheim); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

**AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bohrer, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Kolstad, Morris, Smith and Wu Freedman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

*Board Members Jeffrey Bohrer and Cindy Wu Freedman left at this time (7:29), making 10 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).*

E. Appointment of Mike Benedetto as Liaison to West Valley Neighborhood Council Homelessness Solutions.

Mr. Benedetto corrected the organization name.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints of Mike Benedetto as Liaison to the West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Benedetto explained the Alliance and need.

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

- F. Approval of use of the GHSNC logo on West Valley Neighborhood Council Homeless Solutions material.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Kolstad): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of use of the GHSNC logo on West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness material.

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

- G. Board discussion and action for an expenditure of funds not to exceed \$2,000 to make a joint video with other Region 2 Neighborhood Councils and a GHSNC video for election outreach.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Fisk): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will make an expenditure of funds not to exceed \$2,000 to make a joint video with other Region 2 Neighborhood Councils and a GHSNC video for election outreach.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Beauvais noted that “we have it allocated in the budget.” There was discussion of the best media on which to show the video.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Carson, Fisk, Kolstad, Morris and Smith); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Dunlap); two abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Benedetto and Bursk). Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

- H. Board discussion and possible action to co-sponsor the March 14, 2019 VANC mixer in the amount of \$250 (food services by JCS Catering Company). Approval will assure GHSNC's name on Mixer invitations, program and will entitle GHSNC banner to be prominently displayed during the event.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Fisk): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will co-sponsor the March 14, 2019 VANC mixer in the amount of \$250 (food services by JCS Catering Company).

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Fisk stated that “it’s an amazing educational opportunity.”

**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, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Kolstad, Morris and Smith); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

I. Board discussion and possible action to approve up to \$200 for business cards.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Carson): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves up to \$200 for business cards.

**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, Bursk, Carson, Dunlap, Fisk, Kolstad, Morris and Smith); 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**

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

#### 1. PLUM (Maria Fisk)

- a. MOTION: from committee that the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee allocate \$2,000 for support services for mailers including to notify approximately 200 commercial and residential property owners located within a 500’ radius of 10642 N. Balboa Blvd regarding proposed sale of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption; and \$1,000.00 for mailing service notification for future proposed land use projects. (Funding to come from Outreach budget line.)

Copies were distributed of project-related documents. Ms. Fisk explained extensive Committee outreach work.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council allocates \$1,000.00 for mailing service notification for future proposed land use projects.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beauvais, Benedetto, Bursk, Carson, Fisk, Kolstad, Morris and Smith); zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions) (Dunlap). Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

- b. Motion: The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommends to the Board to support the wireless telecommunications project location at 16924 S. San Fernando Mission Blvd.

Verizon Wireless representative Justin Robinson said “we did meet with the PLUM Committee twice . . . it’s designed to be a faux pine tree . . . we couldn’t

reach an agreement” with the previous site owner . . . we discussed all aspects of the site . . . their questions . . . to the Committee’s satisfaction.” Ms. Fisk reported that neighbors have had recent coverage drops and that the Committee “thoroughly looked at other sites . . . probably the best place for it would be the shopping center.” Mr. Robinson reported that the cell tower has been out of operation for 3 ½ - four months.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council supports the wireless telecommunications project location at 16924 S. San Fernando Mission Blvd., Case #ZA-2018-4712-CUW.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with eight in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (Kolstad).

Mr. Robinson added that neighbors were notified; “nobody opposed it.”

- c. **MOTION:** The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommends to the Board to [see the below Motion].

Project Expeditor Mr. Rojas explained that “the site used to be a market”; the project “is 50% less than that footprint . . . 20% of that footprint” would be alcohol and it is “600 feet” from the Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences. The CUB was approved in 2006. He said there used to be six nearby liquor licenses; now there are two: Walgreens and 7-Eleven. The owner has “had no issues within 15 years” for his Torrance business and there have not be any negative public communications to the ABC Agency. Owner “Mark has signed a 20-year lease.” A neighbor was concerned about a homeless encampment and traffic, and a church and nursing home being nearby. Local business owner Ken Symonds reported that the shopping center has heavily invested in upgrades and keeps clean. Mr. Rojas said the owner will also provide “breads, hams, cheeses.” Ms. Bursk said there’s a need to “promote small businesses.” Mr. Rojas noted that the “7-Eleven sells alcohol until 2 a.m.” Ms. Fisk believed that homeless and the availability of alcohol are greater than in 2006. Mr. Benedetto believed that homelessness is not a major issue with this project.

**MOTION** (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council opposes the CUB application for the sale and dispensing of full line of alcoholic beverages at 10642 Balboa Blvd., Case #s ENV-2018-5024-CE and ZA-2018-5023-CUB.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with four in favor; three opposed; two abstained.

## 2. Outreach (Mike Benedetto)

- a. Recap of Granada Hills Street Faire, Tree lighting ceremony and Granada Hills Holiday Parade.

Mr. Benedetto reported that the October 6<sup>th</sup> Street Faire “was a tremendous success . . . 200 emails” were gotten from attendees. The tree lighting had

“about 150 people . . . it was a great event.” In the Holiday Parade “we had a great time . . . engaged the people.” Mr. Beauvais said “there were a lot of people.”

3. Beautification Committee (Joel Lyle)

- a. Progress Report on Caltrans yard project at the 118 freeway and tree trimming project. Progress report on tree trimming project. Discussion on possible Off Leash Dog Park.

Mr. Benedetto reported that State Senator Bob Hertzberg’s Office got the fence north of the 118 Freeway at Balboa fixed within 1 ½ weeks and fence panels of Granada Hills scenes will be installed.

**IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.**

Ms. Kolstad said the School will present at the next Board Meeting. Ms. Fisk indicated the Pinecrest School expansion may be Agendized. Ms. Bursk thanked parade volunteers. Mr. Benedetto suggested having a late January – early February Map Your Neighborhood presentation. Ms. Carson was “concerned about the expansion of the High School.” Mr. Smith thanked people for support for him returning to the Board. He encouraged tracking both Neighborhood Purposes Grants over time and local alcohol licenses. He suggested hiring a student researcher and requested Agendizing budgeting for that. Mr. Beauvais thanked Mr. Smith for providing a Parade vehicle on very short notice. He encouraged Board Members to run again for election; 17 Seats are available. This space is not available for the February Board Meeting; he suggested Wednesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> here. The next Board Meeting will be January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Benedetto).

**MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:15 p.m.

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