



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

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Granada Hills Charter H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344
(Minutes Approved February 6, 2019)

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I. Call to order (Presiding officer)

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brad Smith.

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Nine of the 17 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Carlos Amador, Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Jeffrey Bohrer, Maria Fisk, Sally Kolstad, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer), Brad Smith and Sarah Tran. Julie Carson (Secretary) and Mark Morris arrived later. Bonnie Bursk (unexcused), Jett Dunlap (excused), Don Graham (unexcused), Joel Lyle (excused), Rene Trinidad (unexcused) and Cindy Wu Freedman (unexcused) were absent. 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 so the Board could take such votes. All 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: 32 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

Glenn Bailey, Northridge East Neighborhood Council President, reported that there will be a 25th anniversary of the Northridge earthquake Town Hall Meeting with a presentation and emergency preparedness information on January 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Northridge Women's Club; vendors and agencies will attend. Maria Smith, Granada Hills Charter High School American Sign Language Student Program Coordinator, and three students presented about the Program. They are making a movie, "Night of the Living Deaf," that "will be shown around the community" and at a School Open House. The premiere will be here in May, at which the GHSNC will be promoted. They will request and it was agreed to Agendize consideration of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$1,500. Mr. Beauvais will promote the movie on the GHSNC website. Ms. Smith gave a filled-in Grant application to Mr. Schindelheim.

Board Member Mark Morris arrived at this time (6:48), making 10 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

Mr. Beauvais announced a February 6 Special Board Meeting, since this meeting cannot be held here on February 7.

IV. Community Speakers

A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)

Matthew Vallecilla, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-882-1212; Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), reported that Councilman Greig Smith started work; a special election to replace him will be held in June.

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), that Officer Del Core's next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Euphrasia Church; Senior Lead Officer Alan Sellers' next meeting (ofc. 818-832-0633; 31934@LAPD.LACity.org) will be here February 2nd. The Police are citing for expired vehicle tags. Contact Mr. Fisk if you are interested in the CPAB [Community Police Advisory Board;

C. Budget Rep and advocates (Cindy Wu Freedman, Glenn Baily, Brian Allen)
Mr. Bailey reported that the Budget Advocates [<http://ncbala.com>] will make their annual budget recommendations to the Mayor. Budget Day will be Saturday, June 29th. Each Neighborhood Council needs to select two Budget Representatives.

Board Member Julie Carson arrived at this time (7:00), making 11 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

D. DONE Representative

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reminded that the GHSNC election filing period begins January 19. EmpowerLA Award nominations are open for the March event. There will be a January 19, 10:00-12:00 Election Workshop.

E. Congressman Tony Cardenas (Deputy Lucia Senda)

Lucia Senda, Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-221-3718; Lucia.Senda@mail.house.gov;), reminded that they can help with housing, senior services, veterans and other issues. The Congressman sponsored Alzheimer's research legislation.

F. Results for Residential, infrastructure study summary (Lalia A.)

Mr. Beauvais noted that Laila Alequresh, L.A. City Administrative Office Consultant of FUSE (Laila.Alequresh@LACity.org), was not able to be present; he will re-Agendize this.

G. Demonstration of Jascodes technology; Jason Panopio

Linda Houseman, Mr. Panopio and Eddie presented slides and explained about their free wireless marketing system.

H. Granada Hills Charter High School, presentation of proposed K-8 at former Pinecrest campus.

School Executive Director Brian Bauer introduced Marilyn Koziatek, Director of Communications; Mike Panman Facilities and Security Manager; and Jana Davenport, Administrative Director and Project Leader. Copies were distributed of “Frequently asked questions grades TK-8 program” and “Street views of Granada Hills Charter Devonshire campus.” Mr. Bauer said they’ve had 25 community meetings. He described School history and statistics. Renderings and a landscaping plan were displayed. The School is an “independent Charter School . . . one of the most diverse campuses in the country . . . more than 60 nationalities . . . more than 40 languages.” Every five years the School seeks State re-approval; most recently, last Fall. “The campus will be developed over two years in multiple construction sequences.” Greg Brindell reported that “it’s on Devonshire just west of Balboa . . . Valor” Academy Elementary School will leave. That property will be re-developed; it was re-zoned in 2016 to allow educational use. The School would have “107 employees.” A video was shown of the planned campus. They tried to “move noise as far away from residential area as possible.” In Summer 2019, during construction, there will be modular classrooms. He said “25% of this project will remain in green space . . . it also will be available to be used by the community for certain activity . . . we did an entire traffic study,” consulting with LADOT. He described traffic flow with a “drop-off and pickup plan with the [LADOT] . . . we’re going to split drop-off and pickup times . . . so that this is spread out over a couple of hours.” Balboa and Devonshire is the only intersection where traffic “mitigations may be necessary . . . we’re probably going to have to create a turn lane.” He said that foot traffic was mitigated in the study; there may be a “mid-street crosswalk.”

Mr. Bauer said students are admitted to the High School by lottery with preference given to those living in the “pre-Charter attendance area”; there is no geographic preference for TK-8 students. He encouraged attending the third parent-Teacher event the next week. Mr. Brindell said demolition is scheduled for “as soon as school is out this year” from mid-June through mid-August. Ms. Davenport said the new campus would start with 380 students; Mr. Bauer said “there will be plenty of room” for new students. “Our School is a 501(c)3 non-profit.” He described the School’s accountability and transparency; “every Fall” there is an “application process . . . community-wide” for one of their seven Board Seats. Applications are reviewed by Teachers, parents and the Board; “every year there’re two or three Seats available.” Ms. Davenport said “crossing guard-type” safety is being considered. Mr. Panman described the address of safety issues: “we are fully supported” by the LAPD Devonshire and Valley Traffic Divisions. Mr. Brindell described architecture built to protect everyone. No Motion was made or vote taken.

V. Approval of minutes for the December 6, 2018 regular meeting.

MOTION (moved by Ms. Carson, seconded by Ms. Tran): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its December 6, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

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

VI. Budget Issues

A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for October 2018.

Copies were available of and Mr. Schindelheim reviewed the Report.

FUNDING MOTION (moved by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Beauvais):

The GHSNC approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2018.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beauvais noted that the Postal Plus expenditure was for flyers and the tree lighting; Smart and Final was for the Halloween event.

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, Bohrer, Carson, Fisk, Kolstad, Morris, Schindelheim 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.

B. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for November 2018.

Copies were available of and Mr. Schindelheim reviewed the Report.

FUNDING MOTION (moved by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Beauvais):

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VII. Board Issues

A. Discussion and possible action to purchase a new table cover not to exceed \$400.

Mr. Beauvais explained the need.

FUNDING MOTION (moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Smith): The GHSNC will purchase a new table cover not to exceed \$400.

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, Bohrer, Carson, Fisk, Kolstad, Morris, Schindelheim 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.

B. Discussion regarding upcoming candidate selection period (January 19-February 19, 2019), candidate forum, and May 4 election.

Mr. Beauvais explained the above. Mr. Amador, Mr. Bohrer, Ms. Carson, Mr. Morris and Ms. Tran volunteered to be in an outreach video.

VIII. Committee Reports

PLUM Committee (Maria Fisk)

[The following paragraphs through the urging of the “licensure revocation” are copied from the Agenda.]

MOTION: While the restaurant and hospitality industry drives economic growth and is a source for local tax revenues within the City of Los Angeles, special consideration must be given to businesses that serve alcohol due to the increased crime and violence within the vicinity of these establishments. For decades, the Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) permitting procedures included public hearings that allowed for the placement of conditions to mitigate those adverse impacts. The proposed Restaurant Beverage Program Ordinance offers a streamlined permitting system that completely bypasses public participation in the development of conditions that better address a number of specific neighborhood concerns, including but not limited to:

- Types and levels of security
- Signs and advertisement
- Specific hours of operations
- Level of crime, nuisances, proximity to sensitive uses, concentration of alcohol outlets, parking
- Objective and measurable enforcement provisions
- Requirements for CUB permit renewal

The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommends to the Board to oppose the proposed Restaurant Beverage Program Ordinance, a one-size-fits-all legislative policy that fails to consider the unique and diverse characteristics of communities throughout this City. Therefore, the GHSNC Board strongly urges the following:

- Establishment of a Condition Compliance Unit that would manage and organize CUB permitting procedures; limit redundancy and duplication of work; reduce costly and timely delays; and forward complaint logs to enforcement agencies and track responses.
- Reinstatement of a discretionary CUB permitting policy that includes public hearings and early notification notices.
- Collaboration with the State Department of Alcohol Beverage Control to implement an effective mechanism for licensure revocation.

Ms. Fisk explained the above. Mr. Amador believed the Ordinance would help small businesses. Mr. Smith believed the Ordinance “would remove local input.” There was discussion of the Motion wording.

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

Outreach Committee (Mike Benedetto)
Plans for Map Your Neighborhood/Cert event.

Mr. Benedetto reported on plans for a spring event.

Beautification Committee (Joel Lyle)
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 for Mr. Lyle.

Board Member Sarah Tran left at this time, making 10 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).

Mr. Benedetto explained that panels of Granada Hills history will be installed on the fence north of the 118 Freeway at Balboa.

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

Mr. Benedetto is creating a program and volunteers are needed to collect food past its expiration date and transport it to shelters and other places. Ms. Carson explained that charter schools take money from public schools. Mr. Smith wanted to agendize funding the PLUM Committee to hire a consultant regarding the proposed Restaurant Beverage Program Ordinance. He contacted CSUN for help from a graduate student and faculty member at low cost. Mr. Schindelheim reminded that Grant requests are best submitted by May and not to wait until the June end of the Fiscal Year. Mr. Bohrer requested Agendizing increasing funding to the GHCHS ASL Program and to the Friends of the Library. He believed there is a need to fund the Charter School if it benefits the community. Mr. Benedetto wanted to Agendize replenishing outreach items. Mr. Beauvais noted that around \$18,000 in funding is encumbered; around \$6,000-\$7,000 is available to allocate.

X. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Bohrer)

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:21 p.m.

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