



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Thursday, June 6, 2019**

Granada Hills Charter H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344  
APPROVED MINUTES – Approved July 11, 2019

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

President Beauvais called the Meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**II. Roll Call** (Secretary)

Roll Call was taken by the President. Fifteen of the 17 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Carlos Amador, Dave Beauvais (President), Michael Benedetto (Vice-President), Bette Biers, Bonnie Bursk, Maria Fisk, John Horn, Sally Kolstad, Mark Morris, Emayatzy Oliver, Abbey Ronquillo, Brandon Schindelheim (Treasurer), Brad Smith, Sarah Tran and Ross Turmell. Julie Carson (Secretary) and Colleen Toumayan were absent (both excused). Jeffrey Bohrer, Jett Dunlap, Don Graham, Joel Lyle, Rene Trinidad and Cindy Wu Freedman no longer were Board Members. 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&dlt=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. All 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: 24 stakeholders and guests.

**III. Swearing in of new Board**

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), presided.

**IV. Election of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian**

Mr. Galdamez conducted the election.

Mr. Morris nominated Dave Beauvais for President, seconded by Ms. Biers. Nomination PASSED by a hand vote; one abstained (Beauvais).

Mr. Beauvais nominated Mike Benedetto for Vice-President, seconded by Ms. Biers. Nomination PASSED by a hand vote; one abstained (Benedetto).

Mr. Beauvais nominated Julie Carson (who had agreed to accept) as Secretary, seconded by Ms. Biers. Nomination PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Ms. Kolstad nominated Brandon Schindelheim as Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Morris. Nomination PASSED by a hand vote; one abstained (Schindelheim).

Mr. Beauvais nominated Mike Kabo (who had agreed to accept) as Parliamentarian, seconded by Mr. Benedetto. Nomination PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

Jane Fowler, of Food & Water Watch (323.843.8451; [www.FoodAndWaterWatch.org](http://www.FoodAndWaterWatch.org)), announced an upcoming roundtable regarding the City's goal of using 100% renewables by 2030, and more.

**VI. 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](mailto:Matthew.Vallecilla@LACity.org); <http://CD12.LACity.org>), reported that the homeless population in L.A. increased by 16%; in L.A. County by 12%; and in CD12 by 2%. He described work to help.

B. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD or alternate rep (Officer DelCore/Richard Fisk)

Stakeholder Richard Fisk, 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](mailto:27286@LAPD.LACity.org); [http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire\\_community\\_police\\_station](http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station)), reported that crime in the area was down compared to last year. Alan Sellers, another LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer ([31934@LAPD.LACity.org](mailto:31934@LAPD.LACity.org)), reminded about Neighborhood Watch meetings on fourth Tuesdays at St. Euphrasia Church.

C. Budget Rep and advocates (Glenn Bailey, Brian Allen)

Mr. Allen, of the Budget Advocates [<http://ncbala.com>], reminded about the June 29th Budget Day. Opportunity is available to be a volunteer Budget Advocate.

D. DONE Representative (Jose Galamez)

Mr. Galdamez announced upcoming events and deadlines.

**VII. Budget Issues**

A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for April 2019.

Copies were distributed of the GHSNC April "Monthly Expenditure Report" and Mr. Schindelheim reviewed expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION** (moved by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2019.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk, Fisk, Horn, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Kolstad was ineligible to vote due to

not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

B. Approval of Dave Beauvais as Pcard holder and second signer for new term.

**FUNDING MOTION** (moved by Mr. Benedetto, seconded by Ms. Bursk): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves Dave Beauvais as P-Card holder and second signer for new term.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk, Fisk, Horn, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Kolstad was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

C. Approval of Mike Benedetto as second Pcard holder and alternate signer.

Mr. Beauvais explained this.

**FUNDING MOTION** (moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Oliver): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves Mike Benedetto as second P-Card holder and alternate signer.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Biers, Bursk, Fisk, Horn, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; one abstained (Benedetto). Ms. Kolstad was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

D. Approval of Administrative Summary Packet.

**FUNDING MOTION** (moved by Mr. Schindelheim, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves the Administrative Summary Packet.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Beauvais explained that the budget reflects the \$42,000 annual allocation from the City.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk, Fisk, Horn, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Kolstad was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

E. Approval of check for VP Benedetto in the amount of \$27.85 for plastic bins to hold speaker system equipment.

**FUNDING MOTION** (moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves of check for Vice-President Benedetto in the amount of \$27.85 for plastic bins to hold speaker system equipment.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amador, Beauvais, Benedetto, Biers, Bursk, Fisk, Horn, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Kolstad was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

A short recess was taken.

### **VIII. Board Issues**

A. Discussion and Possible action to create a Homelessness Committee.

**MOTION** (moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will create a Homelessness Committee.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Benedetto noted that the West Valley Alliance on Homelessness was founded with Susan Gorman-Chang. Ms. Gorman-Chang described Porter Ranch’s successful work and said “we need to get to know the homeless . . . they are members of our community.”

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council changes the Homeless Committee name to Homeless Solutions Committee.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Morris encouraged the Beautification and the Planning and Land Use Management Committees to work with the Homeless Solutions Committee.

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

B. Appointment of Committee Chairs and members.

**MOTION** (moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Benedetto): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will appoint the Committee Members listed on the document attached to the Agenda.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Beauvais explained Committee Member selection criteria and read aloud the listed names. He will agendaize for the Board Retreat to create a Seniors Committee.

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

- C. Appointment of designated Board members to submit Community Impact Statements (see attached resolution).

**MOTION** (moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Ms. Bursk): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Board Members Dave Beauvais, Mike Benedetto, Julie Carson, Maria Fisk and Ross Turmell to submit Community Impact Statements.

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

- D. Discussion and possible board action to approve a date and time for a Board retreat.

**MOTION** (moved by Mr. Beauvais, seconded by Mr. Morris): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves having a Board Retreat on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Home State Bank, 10820 Zelzah, Conference Room.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Benedetto confirmed “it will be open to the public.” The room comfortably holds 25 people.

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

- E. Report on Internship with CSUN.

Mr. Smith explained the concept, his organizing work and the status; the Intern would start during the Fall semester.

- F. Discussion and possible action to authorize up to \$2500 in the budget to sponsor a Music and Art Festival, date and time to be determined.

This Item was WITHDRAWN from the agenda; Mr. Beauvais noted that funding already was allocated.

*Mr. Beauvais, Mr. Benedetto and Ms. Bursk recused from voting (self-declared as ineligible to vote on the below Motion due to a possible or known conflict of interest [they are Members of the Granada Hills Community Foundation]) and left the room at this time, making 12 Board Members present with 10 eligible to vote (the GHSNC Board quorum is nine). Recusing is different from abstaining, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.” Mr. Smith was appointed as the Presiding Officer.*

- G. Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG in the amount of \$2500 to the Granada Hills Community Foundation to support the 2019 Granada Hills Street Faire. Funding to go towards city permits, equipment rental, security and marketing. Recognition on Street Faire flyers and main stage at event.

Mr. Smith noted that the GHSNC “traditionally supported it.”

**FUNDING MOTION** (moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Fisk): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Granada Hills Community Foundation to support the

2019 Granada Hills Street Faire. Funding to go towards city permits, equipment rental, security and marketing. Recognition on Street Faire flyers and main stage at 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, Biers, Fisk, Horn, Morris, Oliver, Ronquillo, Schindelheim, Smith and Turmell); zero opposed; zero abstained). Mr. Beauvais, Mr. Benedetto and Ms. Bursk recused. Ms. Kolstad was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training. Ms. Tran was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

*Mr. Beauvais, Mr. Benedetto and Ms. Bursk’s recusals ended and they returned to the room at this time, making 15 Board Members present with 13 eligible to vote (the GHSNC Board quorum is nine).*

## **IX. Committee Reports**

### **A. PLUM**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a lot split at 17240 Tribune to allow the homeowner to build a second home.

Ms. Fisk requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item to the July Meeting.

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

Mr. Smith requested and it was agreed to agendize a presentation on the North Valley Transit Project, and to adjourn this meeting in honor of Granada Hills World War II veterans. Ms. Kolstad reported that former Board Member Jeffrey Bohrer helped a vehicle accident victim. Mr. Benedetto requested and it was agreed to agendize Item #VIII. F. for the July meeting. Mr. Schindelheim encouraged Board Members to submit funding documents in a timely manner to help ensure payments. Mr. Amador noted the City Council District 12 runoff election will be August 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **XI. Adjournment**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (moved by Ms. Tran, seconded by Mr. Morris)

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:48 p.m.

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