



Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Monday June 30th, 2014, Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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

GHSNC Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee Members (Representation Category)

Chair: Ross Turmell (Member-at-Large)

Varun Khurana (Students Director)

Members: Arthur A. Daush (Seniors)

Deron Lopez (Youth Org. Director)

Michael Benedetto (Member-at Large)

Minutes of the Monday June 30th GHSNC Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ross Turmell at 6:40 pm

Roll Call taken by the Chair

Ross Turmell	Present	Varun Khurana	Present
Arthur A. Daush	Not Present (excused)	Deron Lopez	Present
Michael Benedetto	Present		

Stakeholders Present

Linda J. Williamson	William Kuzmin
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A quorum was present and noted by the Chair.

Public Comment:

Linda J. Williamson (Stakeholder) made a statement about the pending People Street project at Veterans Triangle at the corner of Chatsworth and Zelzah. Linda J. Williamson (Stakeholder) requested that the Committee provide feedback and asked for our support for the project. The Committee member feedback was largely positive with questions and answers focusing on safety. The Chair reminded the Committee that no vote or safety assessment can be taken as the project is pending and does not exist with the City of Los Angeles or the Los Angeles Department of Transportation at this point in time.

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Mr. William Kuzmin made a statement regarding the prior minutes as to the spelling of his name Kuzmin with an "i" not Kuzman with an "a" as it stated in the Stakeholders Present section of the May 27th 2014 minutes. Mr. Kuzmin also advocated the use of Nextdoor.com and asked Stakeholder Williamson to provide her website addresses for the Committee.

Linda J. Williamson (Stakeholder) provided the following web addresses:
GigaGranadaHills.com
Facebook.com – GigaGranadaHills
Nextdoor.com

A discussion was held with regard to the meeting minutes from the May 27th Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness meeting.

The Committee voted on a motion to support the adoption of the meeting minutes. The motion to support the adoption of the meeting minutes was brought to the floor by Committee Member Benedetto and seconded by Committee Member Khurana incorporating the corrections to the May 27th minutes brought to the Committee by Mr. Kuzmin. The motion passed unanimously with all Committee members present voting in the affirmative.

A discussion was held regarding the Committee's potential request for in-pavement lights to be added to the pedestrian activated crosswalk at the intersection of Chatsworth Street and Yarmouth Avenue in Granada Hills.

The Committee viewed a video brought by the Chair taken at the intersection of Yarmouth and Chatsworth on June 27th 2014 during the Granada Hills Grub Fest. The video clearly allowed the viewer to witness numerous near misses of vehicular traffic and pedestrians crossing at the walkway while the Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon was flashing.

The Chair provided several supporting documents to the discussion (attached).

The Chair asked the Committee and Stakeholders present to assist with the editing of a letter drafted to request that Councilman Englander's Office and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation continue the outstanding work they have already done at the corner of Yarmouth Ave. and Chatsworth St. The letter specifically asks for a completion to the RRFB installation with the addition of in-pavement lighting and/or an above ground installation like a High intensity Activated crosswalk (HAWK System) above the pavement to be installed.

The Committee and Stakeholders present reviewed the letter brought to the Committee by the Chair. Numerous changes were made (red-lined document attached).

The Committee voted on a motion to support the adoption of the Committee and Stakeholder edited letter to be sent to (at minimum) to the following City Personnel: Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitchel Englander, CD12 District Director Megan Cottier, CD12 Field Deputy Tania Oronoz and City Engineer Ken Firoozmand. The motion to support the adoption of the letter was brought to the floor by Committee Member Lopez and seconded by Committee Member Benedetto. The motion passed unanimously with all Committee members present voting in the affirmative.

A discussion was held regarding our committee web page found on the internet at:

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**<http://ghsnc.org/committees/public-safety-and-emergency-preparedness/>.
Discussion and possible action recommending a mission statement to be placed on the webpage.**

Committee Member Khurana brought a slogan for the Committee to incorporate on our webpage.

“First to Prepare for the Worst”

Committee Member Benedetto brought a mission statement for the Committee to incorporate on our webpage. Linda J. Williamson (Stakeholder) offered to edit the mission statement as her profession is writing.

“Mission Statement

The Mission of the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee is to serve and safeguard our community through efficient and effective volunteer service, which helps protect life and property ensuring the best interest of our community. Spearheading our program is our CERT. The CERT Program (Community Emergency Response Team) which is comprised of volunteer teams who are trained in basic safety and emergency preparedness. This community based program helps provide rapid and safe care for South Granada Hills residents in the event of a major incident or large scale disaster. When called upon, our CERT volunteers provide basic care, stabilization and information within our community until emergency responders can arrive on the scene, and upon request, will remain on scene to assist emergency responders as long as necessary. During non-emergency situations, our Committee focuses on public education and awareness to help increase the emergency preparedness of all residents in Granada Hills.”

The Committee voted on a motion to support the adoption of both the slogan and the mission statement for incorporation to our webpage. The motion to support of the adoption of both the slogan and the mission statement for incorporation to our webpage was brought to the floor by Committee Member Lopez and seconded by Committee Member Khurana. The motion passed unanimously with all Committee members present voting in the affirmative.

The Committee voted on a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was brought to the floor by Committee Member Khurana and seconded by Committee Member Lopez.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm with no closing remarks.

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