



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2014
New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills CA 91343

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1. Welcome, Flag Salute, Roll Call and announcement of quorum.

President John McGovern called the Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll Call was taken. Ten of the 12 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: John McGovern (President), Dan Gibson (Vice-President), (Treasurer), Carol Hart (Secretary), Dave Brown, Armando Diaz, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, David Hyman, Mike Khalid, Carlos Maya and Nancy Xander. Two Board Members were absent: Debra Perkins and Carlos Maya. The NHWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/NorthHillsWestNC-Bylaws.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. Twelve of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat was vacant. Also attending: approximately 28 Stakeholders and guests.

2. General Public Comment

Stakeholder Loren Bornstein gave a brief update on the single-family home residential project at Chase and Woodley by the Budweiser plant. The site plan is essentially unchanged from prior presentations; a presentation is available for the December Board Meeting. There will be a public hearing in January regarding the project. Sam Kwasman, a Realtor and Member of the Granada Hills Neighborhood Watch, requested an expansion of the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council boundary to include an area currently within the NHWNC boundary. Stakeholder Anita Goldbaum made requests on behalf of Debra Francisco regarding website costs, Board comments, Committee meetings, Agenda items and a Neighborhood Council inventory. Stakeholder Mary Armenteros spoke regarding Agenda items, a Board retreat, and the Neighborhood Dispute Program.

[Each Item's first paragraph is directly from the Agenda.]

3. Public Speakers

A. Councilman Englander's office - Ron Rubine

Ron Rubine, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Ron.Rubine@LACity.org), related updates regarding the upcoming March election, street re-paving, and the DWP. The Porter Ranch area fracking by Termo Energy will require an EIR (Environmental Impact Report). The new L.A. City Fire Chief is Ralph Terrazas. A FireStat LA system (similar in nature to the LAPD ComStat system) is being created. West Nile Virus is in the area; residents are requested to notify CD12 about any standing water that may precipitate mosquitos.

B. Melvin Canas, N.E.A., D.O.N.E., Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Update on items in progress, including the Code of Conduct developed by BONC due by Monday Jan 5th 2015, online signing is anticipated shortly.

Melvin Canas, Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst, DONE, (818-374-9953; cell 323-972-7782; Melvin.Canas@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported on the above.

C. Lydia Grant, B.O.N.C., representative, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Information regarding the Code of Conduct, implementation and rational Information regarding the current critical staff vacancies at present at D.O.N.E., which oversees the Neighborhood Council system.

Lydia Grant, BONC [L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] Commissioner (ofc. 213.978.1551; cell 818.470.6629; Lydia.Grant@LACity.org; Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that there are 95 Neighborhood Councils, soon to be 97 total. They are being facilitated with a 70% reduced staff because of prior budget cuts. She encouraged the NHWNC to file Community Impact Statements (CISs) about this and other issues; there are now six CIS option choices instead of the previous two of for or against.

Jay Handal, Co-Chair, Neighborhood Councils Budget Advocates (BA's) (Jay@EmpowerLA.org; www.BudgetAdvocatesLA.com), and an Independent Election Administrator and Member of Councils for Councils (C4C), reported regarding the upcoming Greek Theatre administration contract; Nederlander, the current administrator, is bidding against LiveNation for a new contract. Information is available regarding a proposed independent review and audit regarding the proposed contract.

4. Officer Reports

A. President

Mr. McGovern indicated that there was no report.

B. Vice-President

Mr. Gibson indicated that there was no report.

C. Treasurer

1. Motion to approve October & November Monthly Expenditure Reports

Ms. Perkins was not present; no report was made or vote taken.

D. Secretary

1. Motion to approve October General Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. McGovern): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its October 16, 2014 General Board Meeting Minutes as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern and Xander).

2. Motion to address the Code of Conduct and expedite compliance

The Code was reviewed and discussed. No Motion was made or vote taken.

5. **New Business**

A. Board Vacancies

1. Motion to accept letter of resignation from a Board Member

MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council accepts the resignation of current Board Member Carlos Maya due to employment conflicts.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern and Xander).

2. Motion to accept and vote on applications for VACANT Residential Board Seats

a. Applicants are: David Phelps and Patrick Henry Santos

MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Diaz): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Patrick Henry Santos to fill a Board Seat vacancy.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern and Xander).

MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Diaz): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints David Phelps to fill a Board Seat vacancy.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern and Xander).

New Board Members Patrick Santos and David Phelps were sworn in by Mr. Canas and Seated with the Board as Residential representatives.

B. Community Impact Statements

1. Community Impact Statements may be written by up to 5 Board Members

a. Motion to designate the following Board Members to write said C.I. Statements: 1. John McGovern; 2. Dan Gibson; 3. Carol Hart; 4. Debra Perkins; and 5. Dave Brown.

MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council assigns the following five Board Members to submit Board-approved Community Impact Statements on behalf of the Neighborhood Council, via the City Clerk's office, to be placed on the City Council's agenda: 1. John McGovern; 2. Dan Gibson; 3. Carol Hart; 4. Debra Perkins; and 5. Dave Brown.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern, Phelps, Santos and Xander).

b. Discussion and possible motion to send a Community Impact Statement regarding CF 14-1500 Griffith Park - Greek Theatre Concession / Operation and Management (Gohel)

MOTION (by Mr. Gohel, seconded by Mr. Diaz): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the request of the Budget Advocates regarding Council File #14-1500 that the City Administration Officer oversee an independent and transparent review, analysis, and an apples-to-apples comparison of the two proposals to manage and operate The Greek Theatre and proposed contract in its current form, via a Community Impact Statement.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern, Phelps, Santos and Xander.

It was noted that changes to the Council File would necessitate updated Community Impact Statements to be submitted.

- C. Motion to form an Ad Hoc Committee to review CF 13-1374 Prohibit the Growth of Genetically Modified (GM) Crops within City Limits (Hart)

There was discussion of effects of Genetically Modified (GM) Crops and undesirable migration into local crops, including home gardens. City Council File #13-1374 would follow State Assembly Bill AB 2470.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Khalid): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will form a GMO ad hoc Committee to further review by Dec 31st City Council File #13-1374, which seeks to prohibit the growth of Genetically Modified (GM) crops within City limits.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Canas explained differences between regular and ad hoc Committees.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern, Phelps, Santos and Xander.

6. Motion to allocate up to \$2000 to pay a new coordinator to get our website fully operational, including consolidation of all Board-owned websites into one website; move all data to a readable/editable website, setup integrated website with email/eblast capability linked to social media, and provide training for Board designees to post and edit web content as needed. (Xander)
- a. At their November 6, 2014 meeting the Events, Outreach & Marketing Committee unanimously approved a motion to recommend allocation of up to \$3500 for the website consolidation and update.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Xander, seconded by Mr. Khalid): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$2,000 towards working on the current web site.

DISCUSSION: Including consolidation of all Board-owned websites into one website; move all data to a readable/ editable website, setup integrated website with email/eblast capability linked to social media, and provide training for Board designees to post and edit web content as needed. Upon review it was determined funds have already been previously allocated for this work.

MOTION to WITHDRAW the MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Khalid): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$2,000 towards working on the current web site.

MOTION to WITHDRAW the MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern, Phelps, Santos and Xander); one abstained (Fordyce).

7. Motion to adjourn

There will be a Holiday Pot Luck event on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, the same night as the Board Meeting. The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes written by NHWNC, edited by NHWNC and DL.