



**NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**General Board Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, December 18, 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 7:47 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Eleven of the 13 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: John McGovern (President), Dan Gibson (Vice-President), Carol Hart (Secretary), Dave Brown, Armando Diaz, Punam Gohel, David Hyman, Mike Khalid, David Phelps, Patrick Santos and Nancy Xander. Two Board Members were absent: Garry Fordyce and Debra Perkins (Treasurer) (both excused). 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. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: 24 Stakeholders and guests. Mr. McGovern explained the procedure arranged with the City to post this Meeting’s Agenda.

**2. General Public Comment**

Stakeholder Mary Armenteros encouraged having a “Board Member Comments” Agenda Item.

**3. Public Speakers**

A Boy Scout Troop leader explained about the Scouts in attendance that Scouts get Merit Badge credit for attending and “learning about the community.”

**A. U.S. Congressman Tony Cardenas - Brian Gavidia**

Brian Gavidia, Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (cell 818-781-7407; office 818-504-0090; [Brian.Gavidia@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brian.Gavidia@mail.house.gov); <http://cardenas.house.gov>), reported that their Office is at 8134 N. Van Nuys Blvd., Panorama City. The Congressman was appointed to the Energy and Commerce Committee. Congress’s cybersecurity legislation passed.

B. 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), reported that the Councilman is working to pass legislation about hit-and-run drivers. The Museum of the San Fernando Valley is open.

Alin Sahagian, L.A. City Deputy Attorney, Devonshire Division, Neighborhood Prosecutor Program (818-374-7534; Alin.Sahagian@LACity.org; <http://atty.LACity.org/CRIMINAL/NeighborhoodProsecutorProgram/index.htm>), introduced herself. She prosecutes "quality of life issues." She described her role and the process of working with the LAPD, the LA Dept. of Building and Safety and various other City Departments.

C. DONE REP: Melvin Canas

DONE Rep.: Melvin Canas, Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst, DONE, (818-374-9953; cell 323-972-7782; Melvin.Canas@LACity.org; [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), was not present and there was no report.

D. BONC REP: Lydia Grant

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](mailto:Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), was not present and there was no report.

**4. Officer Reports**

A. President - Spark of Love Toy Drive – LA Fire Dept. Please bring a toy for a child up to 13 years of age unwrapped please - boy or girl - Wrap up of end of year questions and future year ahead goals.

Mr. McGovern noted the above; bring toys to Fire Station 87. Donations are needed including unwrapped sports equipment.

B. Vice President - Thanksgiving luncheon for the homeless and needy from our neighborhood

Mr. Gibson noted the above.

C. Treasurer

1. Motion to approve PRIOR Monthly Expense Reports

Ms. Perkins was not present and there was no report or Motion made.

#### D. Secretary

Ms. Hart reported that Mayall Street School wants to work with the NHWNC on the School's planter boxes. She read aloud a letter from Principal Linda Kim that said an irrigation system is needed for their garden. Volunteers are needed.

##### 1. Motion to approve PRIOR GBM Minutes

No Motion was made.

#### 5. New Business

A. discussion and possible Motion to address boundary changes to affect North Hills West and Granada Hills South Neighborhood Councils per a request by a stakeholder per our bylaws.

There was discussion that an ad hoc Government Affairs Committee may be established. It also was mentioned that the Webmaster expects to be finished by January with fixing and updating the website. No Motion was made.

#### 6. Committee Reports

##### A. Planning and Land Use

Mr. Gohel described his work on the Budget Advocates' City Council connection project.

##### B. Outreach

Ms. Xander reported that the Committee will meet January 7<sup>th</sup> at Fire Station 87. She described the Presidential Service Award program and encouraged outreach ideas.

##### C. Rules and Elections

Mr. Brown encouraged contacting him with questions or interest.

##### D. Beautification and Infrastructure

There was no report at this time. Mr. Brown reported that more Neighborhood Watch signs will be installed.

#### 7. Motion to adjourn

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Hyman).

**MOTION PASSED** with no objection.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:38 p.m.

Minutes written by DL. *The first paragraph of some Items is directly from the Agenda.* Edited by NHWNC.