



**NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 16, 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 7:16 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Eleven of the 12 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: John McGovern (President), Dan Gibson (Vice-President), Debra Perkins (Treasurer), Carol Hart (Secretary), Dave Brown, Armando Diaz, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, David Hyman, Mike Khalid and Nancy Xander. Board Member absent: Carlos Maya (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. Twelve of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat was vacant. Also attending: 32 Stakeholders and guests.

2. General Public Comment

William Kuzmin announced an October 27th meeting of the Stakeholders Empowerment Enlightenment Coalition. Gary Ferajian, Vice-Chair of SOLID [Supporters Of Law enforcement In Devonshire], described recent LAPD Devonshire Station improvements that SOLID helped fund. Ray Verches, SoCal Gas Company Advanced Meter Project representative (<http://www.socalgas.com/innovation/advanced-meter>), distributed information and reported that the retrofit of existing meters to enable automated meter reading will “take trucks off the road” and help conservation. Only Gas Company employees will be switching meters; they have SCGC uniforms and badges with blue and white trucks. Call 877-268-6211 if you have special access needs. “They’ll leave a door hanger” when they are done.

Copies were distributed by Stakeholder Ernie Hilger of a “Public Comment NHWNC Boundary Change” handout. He requested “on behalf of . . . 500 plus petitioners” to change the name of an area of North Hills and that it be Agendized for the next Board Meeting to change the name of that area to Granada Hills; Stakeholders would become part of the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council. Stakeholder Anita Goldbaum was concerned regarding the whereabouts of NHWNC equipment

and that there have been no recent Committee reports at Board Meetings except for Outreach. She would like Board Member comments to be Agendized. She also believed that a vacant Board Seat has not been properly outreached. Sam invited everyone to an October 18th Granada Hills Neighborhood Watch Block Party and supported Mr. Hilger's request for an NHWNC boundary change.

Lauren Burstein, representing a land use project by the intersection of Chase and Woodley by the Budweiser plant, said "we made a couple of changes to the Application . . . it'll be fee-simple ownership . . . we'd like to be on the Agenda" to present to the NHWNC. Mr. Fordyce distributed copies of his "Public Comment" and requested revisions to six Board Rules and other procedures. Stakeholder Mary Armenteros requested that the Board discuss the recent Neighborhood Councils Congress and the formation of an NHWNC Executive Committee. She recommended for the Board to have a Retreat.

3. Public Speakers

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

Brian Gavidia, Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (818-504-0090; Brian.Gavidia@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), was not present and there was no report.

B. Councilman Englander's office - Ron Rubine

CD 12 Rep.: Ron Rubine, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Ron.Rubine@LACity.org), was not present and there was no report.

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), 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; www.EmpowerLA.org), was not present and there was no report.

Other official agencies

No other agencies were represented and there were no reports.

4. Officer Reports

A. President

Mr. McGovern encouraged voting November 4th and reminded to be careful driving Halloween night October 31st.

B. Vice-President

Mr. Gibson announced the October 25th Harvest Festival at Valley Park Church. Also, he “was assured” the “weeds . . . on Roscoe just west of Hayvenhurst . . . will be taken care of.”

C. Treasurer

Terry Gomes, representing DONE, relayed that DONE General Manager Grayce Liu reminded that Monthly Expense Reports (MERs) need to be displayed at Meetings and that she requested to TABLE the below Motion because MER copies were not at this Meeting. Ms. Perkins explained that DONE okayed the information to be presented.

1. Motion to approve SEPTEMBER, 2014 Monthly Expense Report

Mr. McGovern requested and it was agreed to POSTPONE this Motion until the next Board Meeting.

D. Secretary

Ms. Hart reported that she has “been in communication with the City Attorney and with Melvin [Canas] of DONE” regarding providing information to Stakeholders. She also is working with the NHWNC Webmaster on website updates. A questionnaire about sidewalk maintenance is available.

1. Motion to approve September GBM Minutes

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. McGovern): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 18, 2014 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern, Perkins and Xander).

5. New Business

a. Motion to accept an application for VACANT Residential Board Seat. Applicant: David Phelps will be at this meeting to be voted on per Bylaws.

Mr. Phelps introduced himself and described his background, experience, and community interests.

MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Ms. Perkins): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council accepts the application of David Phelps for its vacant Residential Board Seat.

DISCUSSION: Mr. McGovern indicated that Stakeholders will be emailed about the Seat availability. He clarified that this Motion is only to accept an application,

not to vote Mr. Phelps onto the Board. After the Motion passed he said that there will be a Seating vote at the next Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

b. Presentation by Jessica Payne - TUX team Trainer

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5. d.] Ms. Payne displayed slides and described outreach and communication strategies.

c. Presentation by Linda Gravani, president - Lake Balboa NC - (Community Impact Statements)

Ms. Gravani explained that CIS's are "to express the position of your NC on matters before the City." She described the CIS filing procedure and noted that "each time the [City] Council File is referred to another department" a new CIS must be submitted because changes to the Council File may have been made.

d. Presentation by Andres Ramos - Nation Builder.

Andrea Ramos of Nation Builder displayed slides and described Nation Builder's benefits and features. Accommodating up to 2,000 Stakeholders would cost \$30 per month; up to 5,000 would cost \$70 per month. Ms. Hart noted that the Mayor endorses Nation Builder.

Also, Mike Kabo thanked the NHWNC "for their generous support" of the Granada Hills Street Fair. Ms. Xander thanked Board Members and Stakeholders for volunteering in various events. The Outreach Committee meets on first Thursdays at Fire Station 87. Mr. McGovern announced a Planning and Land Use Management Committee Meeting on the first Tuesday in November. Ms. Hart encouraged contacting her for help with outreach technology. Mr. Fordyce would like more Stakeholders to be on NHWNC Committees.

[There was no Agenda Item #6.]

7. **Motion to adjourn**

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Ms. Hart).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes written by DL, edited by NHWNC.