



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 17, 2015
New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills CA 91343

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1. Welcome and Flag Salute AND Roll Call FOR announcement of quorum

President John McGovern called the Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Twelve of the 13 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: John McGovern (President), Dan Gibson (Vice-President), Patrick Santos (Treasurer), Carol Hart (Secretary), Dave Brown, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, David Hyman, Mike Khalid, Daniel Mick, David Phelps and Nancy Xander. One Board Member was absent: Armando Diaz. The NHWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see <http://nhwnc.server284.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/NorthHillsWestNC-Bylaws1.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: 26 Stakeholders and guests. It was announced that there is a quorum.

2. Motion to review and approve prior Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 19, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with 11 in favor; one abstained (Fordyce).

ANNUAL SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE – This was noted.

3. Public Agencies - Speakers

Fran Piazza, Independent Election Administrator (IEA) of DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment; 818-522-7175; Fran@EmpowerLA.org;

www.EmpowerLA.org], introduced himself and is available to help with the Election Saturday, April 9, 2016 [2:00 – 8:00 p.m. at The Onion, 9550 Haskell Ave., North Hills, CA 91343]. Vicky Magaw, Branch Manager, Mid Valley Regional Library (818-895-3650; <http://www.lapl.org/user/82/contact>; <http://www.lapl.org/branches/mid-valley>), reported that the Library re-opened; a pipe was fixed. She requested to be Agendized to present to the NHWNC. Jay Handal of the City Clerk's Office thanked the Board for its "wonderful" work.

4. Public Comments

William Kuzman described changes and concerns with the City's Baseline Mansionization Ordinance. Ms. Hart, as a Stakeholder, announced that the Neighborhood Councils Sustainability Alliance and other organizations will have a December 27th event.

5. MOTION TO ACCEPT MER'S FOR PREVIOUS MONTH OF NOVEMBER

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Ms. Xander): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2015.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Santos reviewed recent expenses, including the October 10th barbeque. He noted that "we're all caught up now." Mr. Phelps and Ms. Xander thanked Mr. Santos for his work. Mr. McGovern encouraged Board Members to submit "any outstanding expenses."

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Brown, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern, Mick, Phelps, Santos and Xander); zero opposed; zero abstained.

6. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS

Discussion and possible Motion: Shall NHWNC join the City's Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance? The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA), founded in 2014, advances sustainability and resilience across Los Angeles through advocacy, sharing of best practices, and community action. The NCSA holds regular public forums and events, and collaborates with Neighborhood Councils, City agencies, and environmental and other community organizations to support effective engagement on L.A.'s new Sustainable City Plan, drought response strategies, the region's Climate Action Framework, and other timely sustainability initiatives. The NCSA governing Board is comprised of Stakeholders from NCs across the City, and holds monthly meetings at TreePeople, an environmental non-profit. They invite all Neighborhood Councils to join the alliance. The Board has reviewed the Bylaws of the council and, if membership is approved, agrees to the following resolution: We the North Hills Neighborhood Council formally agree to be a member of the

Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance advances sustainability and resilience across Los Angeles through advocacy, sharing of best practices, and community action.

Upon recommendation from the Emergency Preparedness Committee - Motion and Possible action concerning filing a Community Impact Statement to support CF 14-1697. Establishes enhanced mandatory minimum standards for both existing wood frame and non-ductile concrete buildings applicable to all buildings constructed prior to January 13, 1977. Wood frame construction: Except: 3 dwelling units or less, residential only use. Concrete construction: Except detached single family dwellings or detached duplexes in both types of construction if tenant ability is affected for more than 30 days. The affected tenant has the option to voluntarily terminate the tenancy in exchange for permanent relocation assistance. Plus applicable return of security deposit.

MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Ms. Xander): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council agrees to the following resolution: We the North Hills Neighborhood Council formally agree to be a member of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance advances sustainability and resilience across Los Angeles through advocacy, sharing of best practices, and community action.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement to support CF 14-1697.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gibson and Mr. McGovern explained the citywide issue. Mr. Mick said it is expected to affect “about 15,000 buildings,” which is “small” for Los Angeles.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

- 7. Discussion and possible motion** to allocate \$400.00 for funding the catering food costs at an event for the Devonshire Police Station’s annual “ OFFICER APPRECIATION DAY “. Catering will handle all 3 shifts for that day and costs will be shared from all local N C ‘s and businesses. The event is scheduled for April 2016.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will allocate \$400.00 for funding the catering food costs at an event for the Devonshire Police Station’s annual “Officer Appreciation Day“ in April 2016.

DISCUSSION: Mr. McGovern explained the event, which costs around \$4,000.

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

8. COMMITTEE REPORT – SUSPENDED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Mr. McGovern noted the above.

9. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Brown encouraged recruiting Candidates for the April 9th Election. Ms. Xander announced the January 7th Outreach Committee Meeting. Mr. Gibson reported that the two Community Impact Statements approved at the last Board Meeting were filed. Mr. Mick encouraged more appearances by the Police at these meetings. Ms. Hart noted that the Sustainability Alliance is available to help with community groups. Mr. McGovern reminded to lock your vehicles.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. McGovern).

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no opposition.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:48 p.m.

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