



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

Thursday, March 17, 2016

New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills CA 91343

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**1. Welcome and Come to Order; Flag Salute; & 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. Ten of the 13 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: John McGovern (President), Dan Gibson (Vice-President), Patrick Santos (Treasurer), Dave Brown, Armando Diaz, Garry Fordyce, David Hyman, Mike Khalid, Daniel Mick and Nancy Xander. Carol Hart (Secretary) and David Phelps arrived later. One Board Member was absent: Punam Gohel (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: 20 Stakeholders and guests.

**2. Motion to review and take action & approve prior Board Meeting Minutes.**

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #3.*] The following correction and addition to the February 18, 2016 General Board Meeting Minutes were requested:

Page three, Item #6 correction: “Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair” should read “Southern California Disaster Preparedness Foundation”; and page four, Item #9 Discussion addition: add the sentence “This was addressed in response to a Stakeholder’s request.”

**MOTION** (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Fordyce): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its February 18, 2016 General Board Meeting as amended.

**MOTION PASSED** with 11 in favor; one abstained (Mick).

## **ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>.**

*[This Item was not numbered on the Agenda.]* Mr. McGovern explained Election procedures. There will not be an Election Manager. Candidates Antonino Lovato, Kreshell Ramey and Sam Kwasman explained their backgrounds, community service and goals.

### **3. Public Agencies - Speakers**

Erick King, Public Safety Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Erick.King@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), announced a March 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30 p.m. community goals meeting. Kevin Taylor, Mayor Eric Garcetti's West Valley Area Representative (213.978.0600; Kevin.Taylor@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>), reported that the Mayor is working to secure transportation funding.

*Board Member David Phelps arrived at this time (7:15), making 11 Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).*

Also, the Mayor is working on DWP reform and on homelessness, especially of veterans; many have been housed. Jaqueline Serrano, Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-781-7407; cell 818-821-4684; Jaqueline.Serrano@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), encouraged contacting her for help with veterans, housing, banking, Social Security, Medicare, mail receipt and more issues.

*Board Member Carol Hart arrived at this time (7:18), making 12 Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).*

A Congressional art competition is "open to all high school students"; the winner gets two tickets to Washington, D.C. A Congressional Internship Program is available. Julio Anleu, Field Deputy for LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff (ofc. 818-241-6388; cell 818-935-7049; Julio.Anleu@lausd.net; <http://Ratliff.LASchoolBoard.org>), reported that the March 1<sup>st</sup> Town Hall Meeting with Michelle King, new LAUSD Superintendent, Ms. Ratliff and other officials "was a huge success."

- 4. REWORDING ON PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION** to "SUPPORT" Verizon Wireless' Permit Application to build a new 10 antenna system with new control system and power system Directly on top of an existing Cell platform used by and rented by AT&T wireless. The existing site is located at Nordhoff st. and Woodley Blvd. in the SEAFOOD CITY PARKING LOT, east of Dos Arbolitos resurant at the rear of the facility. The new height of the new antenni will be approx. 60 feet. The purpose of THE new antenni are to handle Verizon customer "DEAD SPOTS" in the immediate southern area towards Roscoe Blvd. They will build a new cosmetic tower cover at an existing cell cite on Nordhoff street and Woodley Ave. Security of the site is handled by a ten foot chain link and razor wired surrounding with locked gates.

The above was corrected from “Woodley Blvd.” to “Woodley Ave. and “antenni” to “antennae.”

**MOTION** (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Gibson): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the Verizon Wireless Permit Application to build a new 10-antenna system with new control system and power system directly on top of an existing cell platform used by and rented by AT&T wireless. The existing site is located at Nordhoff St. and Woodley Blvd. in the Seafood City parking lot east of Dos Arbolitos Restaurant at the rear of the facility. The new height of the new antennae will be approximately 60 feet. The purpose of the new antennae are to handle Verizon customer “dead spots“ in the immediate southern area towards Roscoe Blvd. They will build a new cosmetic tower cover at an existing cell site on Nordhoff St. and Woodley Ave. Security of the site is handled by a ten-foot chain link and razor wired surrounding with locked gates.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Fordyce noted that Verizon did not attend the Land Use Committee Meeting.

**MOTION to POSTPONE** (by Mr. Fordyce, seconded by Ms. Xander).

**MOTION to POSTPONE FAILED** by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Fordyce, Hart, Khalid, Phelps and Xander); seven opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Brown, Diaz, Gibson, Hyman, McGovern, Mick and Santos); zero abstained.

**MAIN MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, McGovern, Mick and Santos); four opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce, Khalid, Phelps and Xander); zero abstained.

Mr. Fordyce believed the above was an illegal vote.

- 5. Discussion and Possible Action** on an NPG Request in the amount of \$2000.00 from the “Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences”, located at 10445 Balboa Blvd, Granada Hills ,Ca 91344 . The academy is a public school system that handles students from Monroe High School, which is 47% of their roster, and located in North Hills West NC area also. The program teaches and allows student to compete with other students from schools in the City and State in the Science program of Robotics. The money will be used for cost of parts only and NOT persons involved with the program. The School will report back to the NHWNC and DONE in October 2016 with its findings and results of events for the year.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Fordyce): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will allocate funds for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant request in the amount of \$2000.00 from the Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences

located at 10445 Balboa Blvd, Granada Hills, CA 91344. The Academy is a public school system that handles students from Monroe High School, which is 47% of their roster, and located in North Hills West NC area also. The program teaches and allows student to compete with other students from schools in the City and State in the Science program of Robotics. The money will be used for cost of parts only and NOT persons involved with the program. The School will report back to the NHWNC and the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment in October 2016 with its findings and results of events for the year.

**DISCUSSION:** Jay Handal, Citywide Neighborhood Councils Elections Director from the City Clerk's Office, clarified regarding whether the Board can vote on an NPG Motion if a Board Member's child attends the school because the Board Member may have "a direct benefit." If so, the parent/Board Member must recuse from voting on that Motion. Mr. Anleu clarified that the Academy (VAAS) "is a High School . . . they do not handle students from Monroe High School." Ms. Xander noted that there is no language in the Motion regarding whether VAAS will advertise the NHWNC.

**MOTION to TABLE** (by Ms. Xander, seconded by Mr. Khalid).

**MOTION to TABLE PASSED** by a roll call vote of 11 of the 12 eligible voters present with seven in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Brown, Hart, Khalid, Mick, Phelps, Santos and Xander); four opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Diaz, Gibson, Fordyce and Hyman); zero abstained; Mr. McGovern did not vote.

## **6. Committee reports**

Emergency Preparedness / Public Safety - Dave Brown attended an "active shooter" presentation. CERT [Community Emergency Response Team, 818-756-9674; [www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com), [lafdcert@LACity.org](mailto:lafdcert@LACity.org)] training will be held for 17 ½ hours over seven weekly classes, the dates to be determined.

Outreach -- Nancy Xander reported that she inventoried outreach materials and will advise the Board. She was concerned about website improvements requests made of the Webmaster but never implemented.

*Board Member David Phelps left around this time (8:46), making 11 Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).*

Education – Garry Fordyce attended the March 1<sup>st</sup> Town Hall Meeting. He is working with the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Education Committee, the LAUSD and local schools on education issues. He also is recruiting students to be Neighborhood Council Election Poll Workers.

## **7. Motion to approve any outstanding MERS**

Mr. Santos reviewed February expenses; the balance is \$18,999.67, of which \$18,422.03 is available.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Santos, seconded by Mr. McGovern): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its February 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Fordyce, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern, Mick, Santos and Xander); zero opposed; zero abstained.

**8. BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Hyman reported that five Board Members attended the March 10th VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Mixer. Ms. Hart encouraged attending the Neighborhood Councils Sustainability Alliance [<http://ncsa.nationbuilder.com>].

**9. Public Comments**

Stakeholder Mary Armenteros commended Ms. Xander for her outreach work.

**10. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED** by a voice vote; zero opposed or abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:10 p.m.

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