



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



JOINT BOARD & RULES & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Draft

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Monday, March 12, 2018 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Mid-Valley Regional Library, 16244 Nordoff Street, NORTH HILLS, CA 91343

Punam Gohel - Chair, Jay Beeber, Dave Brown

Note that the item numbers correspond to the published agenda numbers.
As there were two item #4's on the agenda, they were divided into A and B
Item #5 was taken out of order.

1. Welcome and Flag Salute followed by Roll Call and announcement of quorum and qualifications
Quorum was announced at 6:10 p.m. with members Beeber & Brown, all members in compliance.

1. **Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes** of November 22, 2017: Mr. Brown motioned
to approved the Nov 22, 2017 meeting minutes, Mr. Beeber 2nd. Motion approved

2. **General Public Comments** -

All comments were related to agenda item #4(A), and are combined in that discussion for clarity.

5. Discussion & possible motion regarding adding Alternate Board Member seats
at the next scheduled Neighborhood Council Election,

It was decided to Table this item for additional discussion.

Mr. Gohel arrived at 6:35 p.m. making a full Committee, (3 of 3)

4(A).A request from a NHWNC Board Member to re-draw the NHWNC boundary, with the northernmost
NHWNC boundary, Devonshire St., being moved southwards to Lassen St. Initial discussion heard the
name, area history, current use and trends, initial survey results and difficulty experienced by realtors
listing properties as Granada Hills instead of as North Hills.

It appeared during discussion and in survey results that many Stakeholders were under the impres-
sion that the requested change would involve more than only Neighborhood Council representation.
However, the requested change **only** would affect Neighborhood Council representation and nothing
else. If enacted, residents in the described area would become represented by the Granada Hills
South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) (see <https://www.ghsnc.org>) instead of by the NHWNC
(see <http://www.nhwnc.net>).

It was noted that two current NHWNC Board members reside in the area being discussed.
The requested boundary change would have the result of disqualifying them from remaining
as NHWNC Board Members. A means to address this with a Bylaws change was discussed
and tabled for additional information.

Fire Station 87 (FS87) on Balboa is currently within (on) the North Hills West NC west border and shared with Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC). The requested boundary change would have the effect of placing FS87 wholly within the GHSNC. Discussion ensued regarding protocols of NCs sharing public meeting places. It was thought that all three NC's (NHWNC, GHSNC and NENC) could "share" the facility and thus have legal meetings there. Normally an NC meeting has to be held within its own boundaries. It was noted that the NHWNC already is a "small" NC, being currently the 12th smallest by population (approximately 21,000) out of the 97 current NC's. The GHSNC is larger at #34 (approximately 28,000). When the NC system was originally implemented it was held that 20,000 would be the minimum viable size. The area under discussion has approximately 6,000-7,000 Stakeholders. So, a possible reduction of 6,000-7,000 would result in North Hills West becoming the 6th smallest NC.

A future potential NC funding change under current discussion could already mean reduced funding for the NHWNC based upon the current Stakeholder population size. See: <http://empowerla.org/funding-equity-working-group-report/>

Under any future funding formula that considers NC size, the NHWNC will already definitely lose annual funding compared to the current annual \$42,000. To reduce the NHWNC Stakeholder population by an additional 1/3 would potentially result in at least a 50% overall reduction in annual funding if a per capita funding aspect is included, which is a main point of the discussion to remove the financial incentive for an NC to subdivide.

Additional discussion ensued about demographics with regards to representation requesting the change of NC boundary. It was noted the requesting faction was disproportionately not representative of the area demographics. A survey is still available here for you to provide comment on this topic at <http://www.nhwnc.net/take-our-boundary-survey-now> or you are invited send an email to: survey@nhwnc.net. This item will be agendaized for the Thursday March 15th General Board meeting at New Horizons 15725 Parthenia Street beginning at 7:00 p.m.

4(B). **Review of existing Board Member attendance policy.**

Current policy, per bylaws, Section 7, is:

Upon a Board Member missing three (3) consecutive or a total of five (5) Board Meetings during any twelve (12) month period, the Presiding Officer shall notify the Board member that their seat has been declared vacant and that the Member is removed from the Board.

This item was Tabled.

There were no items 6 thru 8 on the agenda, these minutes follow the agenda numbering.

9. Discussion & possible motion regarding lowering Board Member **minimum age** and Stakeholder voting age from current 18 to 17 years of age

This item was Tabled.

10. Discussion & possible action regarding all Board Members being members of all **Committees**

This item was Tabled.

11. Committee Member Comments (1 minute each)

12. Requests For Future Agenda Items: no items were presented at this time

13. Motion to Adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Beeber/Gohel 2nd, passed.