



**NORTH HILLS WEST
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Posted 72 hours prior to meeting - All Meetings are open to the Public



Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 7:00 - 9:30 pm

NEW HORIZONS - SAM'S CAFÉ @ 15725 PARTHENIA STREET NORTH HILLS, CA 91343

Refreshments and Meet & Greet @ 6:30 PM

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Dan Gibson - President, Jay Beeber- Vice President, Madlena Minasian - Treasurer, Dave Brown - Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

Pat Crone, Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, Carol Hart, David Hyman,
Sam Kwasman, Carlos Pelaez, Kreshell Ramey

**ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD.
PLEASE NOTE THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE BOARD MAY TAKE ITEMS OUT OF ORDER.
ALL SPEAKER CARDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS.**

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker.

**Supporting documents available on our website at
www.nhwnc.net**

- 1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2. Roll Call and announcement of Quorum and Voting Eligibility.**
- 3. Announcements and Comments - President.**
- 4. Discussion and possible action to approve the February 15, 2018 General Board Meeting Minutes.**
- 5. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.**
- 6. Special Presentation: Setting Proper Speed Limits - NHWNC Vice President, Jay Beeber, will give a presentation explaining the legal requirements for setting and enforcing speed limits, why speed limits are sometimes raised or lowered, and how the laws protect you while allowing the police to catch dangerous drivers.**

7. Discussion and possible action for the NHWNC to file a Community Impact Statement opposing Council File No: 18-0002-S20 (Englander): Resolution that the City of Los Angeles include into its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation and/or administrative action that would increase local control of speed limit setting and enforcement.

Councilmember Englander, in response to the need to update some speed limits in Los Angeles after new speed surveys were recently conducted, has introduced a Motion for the City of LA to support a change in state law to allow cities to set speed limits lower than is justified based on the way the roadway has been built. This will lead to the city being able to set speed traps on roadways throughout LA and would gut the protections afforded to motorists under the state's anti-speed trap laws. A full explanation of the issue will be provided during the presentation by Vice President Jay Beeber on how speed limits are set under current state law. <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=180002-S20>

8. General Public Comments - 2 minutes per Speaker

The public may provide comments to the Board on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is agendaized for discussion at a future public meeting.

9. Update from Budget Advocates.

10. Report from Homelessness Liaison Kreshell Ramey.

11. Discussion and possible action to ratify the President's recommended Chair and Member appointments and changes to Standing and Ad Hoc committees as well as NHWNC liaisons.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve the February 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding the Rules and Elections Committee recommendations concerning the requested boundary change with the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council. Supporting documents, attachments and Survey results are on the Neighborhood Council website at: www.nhwnc.net by clicking on the agenda for this meeting.

14. Discussion and possible motion that the NHWNC form an ad-hoc committee chaired by the NHWNC Treasurer to establish guidelines for expenditures of Neighborhood Purposes Grants and Community Improvement Projects consistent with the Neighborhood Council Funding Program Policies & Guidelines.

The NHWNC routinely receives requests for expenditures of NC funds for Community Improvement Projects and Neighborhood Purposes Grants from local public-benefit

organizations and schools. During Board consideration of these requests, concerns are often raised as to what constitutes a “community benefit”, the extent to which that benefit extends to the North Hills West community as a whole, the appropriateness of expending public funds for “charitable causes”, and the proper amount of funds to allocate to a specific project or purpose to ensure all applicants are treated equitably and funds are not depleted by a limited number of requests.

15. Motion and possible action to approve up to \$600.00 payable to Racks 4 Less to purchase shelving for the NHWNC storage container.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to the Southern California Preparedness Foundation for the 11th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held Saturday, September 29, 2018.

This Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Fair, which regularly draws over 3,000 participants, benefits the Neighborhood Council and surrounding communities by increasing neighborhood awareness, providing education and training, and enhancing whole community disaster preparedness. This event is family-friendly, open to the public, and free to attendees. Free Family Emergency Preparedness (EP) Starter kits (while supplies last), will be given to registered families attending the Fair. Additionally, a free lunch is offered while supplies last. The grant money will be used to procure supplies, services, and rentals in support of the Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair which provides Family Emergency Preparedness starter kits, informative presentations, displays and basic trainings, in a family-friendly and accessible environment.

17. Discussion and possible motion to enter into a preferred contractual arrangement (per LA City Clerk Funding Procedures and Guidelines) with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the annual Community Clean-up and Weed Abatement Project.

18. Committee Reports

19. Motion to Adjourn

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council Agenda is posted for public review at the following North Hills West locations: Uncle Joe’s Donuts - 8704 Woodley Avenue and on our website at www.nhwnc.net

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS – The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any item on the Agenda PRIOR to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments on other matters, not appearing on the Agenda that are within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items period.

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting Dan Gibson, Board President, via email at dgibson.nhwnc@gmail.com or by phone 818-903-2259.

RECONSIDERATION PROCESS - Reconsideration of a vote by the Board may be called as a Motion by the Board members that voted on the prevailing side of the decision.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS - A stakeholder or group of stakeholders may present a grievance concerning the legality of actions by the Board during public comment. Substantive grievances will be examined by a panel set by the Board and the decisions may be appealed to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS - In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the Board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda please contact Dan Gibson, Board President, via email at dgibson.nhwnc@gmail.com, by phone 818-903-2259 or mail to NHWNC – PO Box 2091 – North Hills – CA – 91393.

NHWNC BYLAWS - Please be advised that the Bylaws of the North Hills West Neighborhood Council provide a process for reconsideration of actions as well as a grievance procedure. For your convenience, the Bylaws are available during every meeting.

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR AL CONCEJO VECINAL 3 DÍAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR CONTACTE A DAN GIBSON, PRESIDENTE DE LA MESA, POR EMAIL A dgibson.nhwnc@gmail.com O POR TELEFONO 818-903-2259.

Please Do Not Remove Before March 16, 2018