



**NORTH HILLS WEST
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**
Posted 72 hours prior to meeting - All Meetings are open to the Public



Thursday, August 16, 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 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 the announcement of Quorum and Voting Eligibility.**
- 3. Announcements and Comments - President.**
- 4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.**
- 5. 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.

6. **Presentation from Lynne German, Adult Literacy Coordinator Adult Literacy Services, Mid-Valley Regional Branch Los Angeles Public Library.**

7. **Presentation from Crisanta Gonzalez Emergency Management Coordinator IDMB - Valley Bureau of the Community Preparedness & Engagement Division Los Angeles Emergency Management Department.**

The City of Los Angeles is developing a program called **Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN)** to help your family and your neighborhood prepare for disasters. RYLAN gives you the steps to take immediately after a disaster to help keep you and your family safe. It provides the tools to prepare and organize your neighborhood to respond together in that first hour after a disaster to reduce injuries, protect your property and the environment, and most importantly, to save lives.

8. **Update from Budget Advocates.**

9. **Report from Homelessness Liaison Kreshell Ramey.**

10. **Update from Board Member Carol Hart regarding Haskell/Aqueduct parking issues.**

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.**

Jay Beeber as Liaison to the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC)

Dave Brown as Liaison to the Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Alliance, North Hills West Neighborhood Watch 17A95, and Devonshire Community Police Advisory Board

Maggie Elliott as Liaison to Resilience Los Angeles

12. **Discussion and possible action to approve the July 19, 2018 General Board Meeting Minutes.**

13. **Discussion and possible action to approve the July 2018 Monthly Expenditure**

Report. (available on NC Funding System online portal: [https://cityclerk.lacity.org/](https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html)

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14. **Discussion and possible motion upon recommendation from the Outreach**

Committee to approve change of date for the December General Board Meeting &

Annual Holiday Party from December 20th to Dec 13th to maximize stakeholder

attendance.

15. **Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$250 for the Valley Alliance of**

Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Election Forum to be held October 11, 2018 at

Carla's Café at CBS Studio Center 4024 Radford Ave. Studio City, CA 91604.

16. **Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$250 for the Valley Alliance of**

Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Anniversary Mixer to be held March 14, 2019 at

Carla's Café at CBS Studio Center 4024 Radford Ave. Studio City, CA 91604.

17. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Ad -hoc Committee on Expenditures**

for Neighborhood Purposes Grants and Community Improvement Projects

recommendations and proposed guidelines for qualifying and processing

Neighborhood Purposes Grants and Community Improvement Projects. See website for complete details www.nhwnc.net

18. Discussion and possible action to file a Community Impact Statement in support Council File 18-0467 to reform and improve the Neighborhood Council system. The Rules and Election Committee makes the following recommendations as to LA City Councilmember David Ryu's motion Council File: 18-0467 regarding changes to the NC system. The full council file can be found here: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0467>

The motion can be found here: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0467_mot_05-25-2018.pdf

This discussion consists of the final item not considered (due to time constraints) at the board meeting of July 19th.

R&E Recommendation 2 - Support elimination of "Community Impact/Community Interest Stakeholder". To prevent the substantial confusion, disputed elections, and potential takeover of Neighborhood Councils by outside interests that has occurred in the past or may occur in the future, the NHWNC supports a narrow definition of "stakeholder". Any person deemed a stakeholder that is eligible to vote or serve as a board member must have a substantial, ongoing, stake in the neighborhood. Residents, owners of real property, and owners of licensed businesses where their primary place of operation is located within the Neighborhood Council's boundaries fit this definition. The following persons, among others, would not necessarily meet this narrow definition of stakeholder:

Parents of children attending a school within the NC

Persons who simply work within the boundaries of the NC

Persons who are members of a secular or religious institution, organization or club which meets or is located within the NC.

Persons who avail themselves of governmental services within the NC.

Persons who patronize businesses within the NC.

Persons who recreate within the NC

Further, the NHWNC believes in the concept of "one person, one vote". Therefore, stakeholders should be limited to stakeholder status in one and only one NC

19. Discussion and possible action to support the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance position on Sidewalk Repair and Tree Removal.

NCSA statement: "We support a policy of repairing sidewalks while maintaining a healthy, safe and sustainable urban forest and urge the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services to reaffirm its own 2001 policy goals:..." See website for details www.nhwnc.net

20. Committee Reports

21. Adjournment

22. Upcoming events, more details at: <https://www.nhwnc.net> under calendar
Saturday, August 18th, Neighborhood Council Congress production meeting
Saturday, August 18th, Free classes at SOS, Active Shooter & Emergency Power

Saturday, August 18th, 38th Annual Government Day
Saturday, August 25th, Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance
Thursday, September 20th, North Hills West NC General Board Meeting
Saturday, September 29th, Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair
Thursday, October 4th, Meet & Greet with Assemblymember Nazarian
Saturday, October 6th, Granada Hills Street Faire

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.

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