



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, September 20, 2018
at New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, CA 91343
Approved 10/18/2018

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1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dan Gibson called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

2. Roll Call and the announcement of Quorum and Voting Eligibility.

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Ten of the 13 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dan Gibson (President), Dave Brown (Secretary), Madlena Minasian (Treasurer), Pat Crone, Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, Carol Hart, Carlos Pelaez and Kreshell Ramey. David Hyman arrived later. Jay Beeber (Vice-President) and Sam Kwasman were absent. The NHWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see the Bylaws at <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. Quorum was announced. Mr. Brown reported that all Board Members were eligible to vote; two need to renew their Code of Conduct. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attended: 29 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Comments – President.

Mr. Gibson thanked resident Helen Donovan for printing materials, Mr. Brown for providing and operating the sound system, and the Minutes Writer for writing the Minutes.

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Matt.Hernandez@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), reported regarding the City’s homeless peoples’ housing program that no walk-ups would be allowed. The City Council approved a “dockless ride sharing” pilot program for bicycles and scooters; Transportation Deputy Eric Moody [Eric.Moody@LACity.org] has details.

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported on the “IgniteLA for young women” program that has more than 120 applicants and teaches leadership skills and civic engagement.

[*This Agenda Item was continued after Item #7.*] Glenn Bailey reported on the Metro Bus Rapid Transit project.

Board Member David Hyman arrived at this time (8:05), making 11 Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

Mr. Bailey explained the \$180 million project going through North Hills; the exact route is to be determined.

[*This Agenda Item was continued after the recess.*] Carlyne Hogikyan, Field Representative for State 46th District Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (818-376-4246; Carlyne.Hogikyan@asm.ca.gov; <https://a46.asmdc.org>), announced a coffee with the Assemblymember on October 4th. He “has 10 bills on the Governor’s desk.”

5. General Public Comments

Resident Fran Potaski reported that illegal fireworks have been used nightly until after midnight since May 30th. She asked for the NHWNC to join with other Neighborhood Councils in submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) for City Council File 17-1421 “on the illegal sales, use and purchase of fireworks.” Mr. Brown noted that the CIS can, if already filed, be updated. Resident Anita Goldbaum urged the NHWNC to request Councilmember Englander to explain homeless housing location considerations. She noted greatly increased DWP bills for many residents. Resident Bonnie Cockerell reported that L.A. County Vector Control gives free mosquito fish [<https://www.glacvcd.org/vector-information/mosquitofish>] to help control the mosquito population.

6. Presentation from Samantha Delagardelle Associate Director, Alumni Relations California State University, Northridge regarding CSUN’s 60th Anniversary Grand Reunion Weekend Oct 12th – 14th.

Ms. Delagardelle announced that there will be “a series of events on Saturday and Sunday . . . the campus has grown tremendously . . . parking is free . . . we will have . . . reunions for most departments . . . games . . . kids and family entertainment . . . tours . . . open house.”

7. Presentation from Dan Mabe and Luke Massman-Johnson of the American Green Zone Alliance. AGZA is on the forefront of providing clean technology equipment and operational strategies for the grounds maintenance industry and residential property owners. “AGZA is a sustainable grounds maintenance consultancy, and global leader in low-noise zero-emission strategies. Our mission is to transition the entire grounds maintenance industry from noisy, highly polluting gas-powered machines into quieter, zero-emission electric equipment and sustainable operations. We help municipalities, schools, commercial property owners, and residents make the transition quickly, safely, effectively, and profitably.”

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #11.*] Mr. Mabe and Mr. Massman-Johnson showed slides and presented. Mr. Mabe noted “problems with gas”-powered equipment including noise and pollution. Mr. Massman-Johnson said the

Alliance does “Green Zone Certification” for switching “from gas to electric” and that there is “a web of problems with gas,” including that using gas-powered equipment exposes people to a number of carcinogens. He described solutions provided by using electric-powered equipment. Mr. Mabe indicated that gas-powered equipment costs \$2.45 per hour to operate, while electric-powered equipment costs 15 cents per hour. They are working with the Neighborhood Councils Sustainability Alliance.

8. **Presentation** from Susan Shelly, a columnist who writes twice-weekly opinion columns for the Southern California News Group, eleven newspapers and their digital editions including the Los Angeles Daily News and the Orange County Register. Susan writes on national, state and local issues with a rare common-sense perspective. Her columns are loved by readers for their blend of deep research, clear thinking and humor. She will be focusing on a variety of issues for us to consider at the November Election.

Ms. Shelly opined about election issues.

There was a RECESS at this time.

9. **Update from Budget Advocates.**

Brian Allen, a Budget Advocate [<http://ncbala.com>], reported they are “finalizing [City] department meetings” regarding City services; he encouraged questions and feedback. They soon will meet with Mayor Garcetti.

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

Ms. Ramey reported that she is “working on a Homeless Connect Day” with CD12 and Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s Office. Mayor Garcetti wants “bridge housing” location suggestions; contact Tanaz Golshan, Mayor Eric Garcetti’s West Valley Area Representative [818-778-4990; Tanaz.Golshan@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>].

11. **Update from Beautification and Infrastructure** Chair Carol Hart regarding the Clean Streets/Clean Start activity in North Hills West.

President Don Larson described cleanup results of sidewalks near 405 Freeway ramps at Roscoe Blvd. and at Nordhoff St. He suggested funding a retainer wall to help prevent dirt from sliding. Ms. Minasian requested that Clean Streets/Clean Start tag their Facebook page to help direct Stakeholders to the NHWNC.

12. **Discussion and possible action** to [see the below Motion].

Ms. Hart reminded that the letter already “has been extensively discussed for many months.” She read aloud the draft letter from the Committee to City Councilmember Englander that lists dangerous conditions. She also read aloud a draft letter from the Committee to Stakeholders regarding a Preferential Parking District that could be on Haskell Ave. from Chase St. to Nordhoff St. Haskell residents described going door-to-door multiple times on Aqueduct Ave. to include Committee participants. Mr. Pelaez explained issues and activity regarding area parking, saying “we have to keep working.” Ms. Hart is suggesting to Councilmember

Englander “to partner with” Councilmember Nury Martinez. Mr. Fordyce believed that mitigation measures will push problems westward.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the letter from Ad hoc Parking Committee Chair Carol Hart to Councilmember Englander (with companion letter to stakeholders) regarding possible solutions to the parking issues on Haskell Ave. and surrounding streets.

MOTION PASSED with 10 in favor; one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce); zero abstained.

13. **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.

There were no appointments or changes at this time.

14. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the August 16, 2018 General Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its August 16, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Hart “read them and found them to be complete and accurate.”

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

15. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the August 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report. (available on NC Funding System online portal: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>).

Copies were distributed of the August “Monthly Expenditure Report,” and a receipt(s), statement(s) and/or invoice(s).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the August 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gibson explained that “if it’s an approved vendor,” the City allows the use of PayPal.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

16. **Discussion and possible action** to the payment of \$353.29 to Moore Business Results for communication services. (Invoice# NHWNC 2018 0801 dated Aug. 1, 2018).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will make a payment of \$353.29 to Moore Business Results for communication services.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Brown described website work by himself and Webmaster Wendy Moore.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian and Pelaez); zero opposed; one abstained (the NHWNC does not count abstentions as votes) (Ramey).

17. **Discussion and possible action** to the payment of \$347.07 to Moore Business Results for communication services. (Invoice# NHWNC 2018 0901 dated Sept. 1, 2018).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will pay of \$347.07 to Moore Business Results for communication services. (Invoice# NHWNC 2018 0901 dated Sept. 1, 2018).

DISCUSSION: Ms. Minasian explained the need due to City technicalities. She “attempted to pay her but it was declined.”

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Minasian and Pelaez); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Gohel); one abstained (the NHWNC does not count abstentions as votes) (Ramey).

18. **Discussion and possible action** to revise the Budget and Fiscal Year Administrative Package approved at the June 21st board meeting.

Mr. Gibson explained the need.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will revise the Budget and Fiscal Year Administrative Package approved at the June 21st board meeting and add a Line Item / Budget Category of outreach for Moore Business Results for up to \$400 per month.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of the website’s quality, cost and maintenance.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian and Pelaez); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce and Ramey); zero abstained).

19. **Discussion and possible action** to approve providing one CLUB (automobile anti-theft device) at our local Neighborhood Watch monthly meeting for a Stakeholder in attendance. To be presented by either the Senior Lead Officer or NHWNC Board member in attendance.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves providing one CLUB (automobile anti-theft device) at our local Neighborhood Watch monthly meeting for 12 months for a Stakeholder in attendance.

DISCUSSION: The Neighborhood Watch meeting is monthly at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church [9501 Balboa Blvd., Northridge 91325]. The LAPD Senior Lead Officer is Efren Corral. There was discussion of how to select the CLUB recipient. Mr. Pelaez reported that the Watch Meeting mostly is attended by North Hills West residents. He volunteered to bring CLUBs to the Watch meetings. Mr. Brown noted that the NHWNC already has “cases” of CLUBs.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman and Pelaez); four opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Crone, Fordyce, Minasian and Ramey); zero abstained.

- 20. Discussion and possible action** to [see the below Motion]. This NPG was originally approved by NHWNC on February 15, 2018 by a vote of 11 for, 0 against, with one abstention. However, this NPG was not processed in the time allowed.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$500 to the Gledhill Street Elementary School to purchase miscellaneous two-way radio items to replace damaged and missing radio components such as antennas, rechargeable batteries, and charging bases. The radios will be used for emergencies and emergency drills, communication amongst yard supervision during recess and lunch schedules, and amongst the administrative team.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gibson said “through a series of circumstances” this NPG was not processed before. He re-explained the funding’s use. Mr. Fordyce stated that “this is getting to sound like a shell game”; he believed that it may be a donation and can’t be “just a blank check.”

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce); zero abstained.

21. Committee Reports

There were no reports at this time.

22. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Minasian).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:05 p.m.

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