



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, October 18, 2018
at New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, CA 91343
Approved 11/15/2018

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1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dan Gibson called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

2. Roll Call and 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), Jay Beeber (Vice-President), Dave Brown (Secretary), Madlena Minasian (Treasurer), Pat Crone, Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, Carol Hart and Sam Kwasman. David Hyman arrived later. Carlos Pelaez and Kreshell Ramey 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. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attended: 23 Stakeholders and guests. Quorum was announced. Mr. Brown reported that all Board Members were eligible to vote.

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.

Lucia Senda, new Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-221-3718; Lucia.Senda@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), reported on upcoming events, and described her background and community service. Carolyn Hogikyan, Field Representative for State 46th District Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (818-376-4246;

Carolyn.Hogikyan@asm.ca.gov; <https://a46.asmdc.org>), announced that the Assemblymember will donate 200 safety vests. She encouraged advising her of freeway trash, DMV or other State issues.

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>), reminded that coyotes are around and to protect your pets; he will relay the idea of spaying and neutering coyotes; the Councilman is working to re-start the coyote catch-and-release program. The Councilman will vacate his City Council Seat on January 1, 2019; staff still will be available; “we’re not closing.” Regarding a homeless encampment under the 405/Plummer overpass, Mr. Hernandez described possible Police procedures and HOPE team work. The City will not force anyone to stop blocking sidewalks. Streetlight wiring that had been stolen, causing the lights to not operate, was replaced and the lights now operate.

Gibson Nyambura, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 213-978-1551; Gibson.Nyambura@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that he is helping with Neighborhood Council election outreach; the Department will meet with the NC Outreach and/or Election Committee(s) Chair(s). Demographic information is available to help identify potential voters.

5. General Public Comments

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #7.*] Resident Anita Goldbaum encouraged voting November 6th and relayed that the Library, in its newsletter, thanked the NHWNC for “Hot Off the Press” funding. Mr. Beeber, speaking not in his role as a Board Member, noted that a “yes” vote on Proposition Six means you want to repeal the latest State gas tax increase.

6. **Presentation** from State Senator Robert M. Hertzberg providing an update on his 2018 legislation and previewing his 2019 legislative priorities. Senator Hertzberg was unable to attend; he will present at another meeting.

7. **Presentation** by Musa Khan, City of Los Angeles Office of the City Clerk - Election Division, concerning the Neighborhood Council election process. [*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #8.*] Nathan Singh [213-978-0444; Nathan.Singh@LACity.org; <http://clerk.LACity.org/elections>], for Mr. Khan, reported that the City Clerk’s Office will be “staffing the polling place . . . DONE will be in charge of all outreach” for the NHWNC’s Saturday, May 4, 2019 1:00-7:00 p.m. election. Candidate filing will be from January 19 – February 19th. Location preferences are The Onion [Sepulveda Unitarian Universalist Society; 818-894-9251; office@sepulvedauu.org; <http://sepulvedauu.org>; 9550 Haskell Ave., North Hills, CA 91343] or the Mid-Valley Regional Library [818-895-3650; <http://www.lapl.org/user/82/contact>; <http://www.lapl.org/branches/mid-valley>; 16244 Nordhoff St., North Hills, CA 91343]. Mr. Nyambura reminded that the NHWNC Bylaws have election guidelines. Board Members noted that being a Board Member is “a volunteer

position” for which Members need to know about the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, City regulations and more; there is no need to be a citizen.

8. Update from Budget Advocates.

Brian Allen, a Budget Advocate [<http://ncbala.com>], reported “we’re still meeting with [City] departments” and will have more “news in about a month.”

9. Report from Homelessness Liaison Kreshell Ramey, by Carol Hart

Ms. Hart reported that there will be a “West Valley Alliance for Homelessness” and that the Clean Streets Clean Starts program feeds homeless people.

10. Update from Ad-committee chair Carol Hart concerning Haskell/Aqueduct parking issues.

Ms. Hart relayed from Eric Moody, Transportation Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Eric.Moody@LACity.org; www.CD12.org), that the City currently is not painting red curbs. Regarding a Preferential Parking District (PPD), she said that “there is an existing PPD . . . we may append” additional area onto it.

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.

There were no appointments or changes at this time.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve the September 20, 2018 General Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kwasman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 20, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kwasman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2018.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Allen believed that PayPal was not allowed to be used to pay vendors. Ms. Donovan suggested using Venmo. Mr. Fordyce was concerned about the authenticity and accuracy of receipts.

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

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the payment of up to \$600.00 over the remaining course of the Fiscal Year to Partners in Diversity for administrative services including, but not limited to, Treasurer assistance.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gibson explained the need in view of increasing Board Member responsibilities. Assistance could include completing Board Action Certification forms and other Treasurer assistance, Committee Agendas and more.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Kwasman and Minasian); zero opposed; zero abstained.

15. Discussion and possible action to revise the Budget and Fiscal Year Administrative Package approved at the June 21st board meeting. Mr. Gibson noted that this Item was not needed.

16. Committee Reports

Emergency Preparedness / Public Safety. Mr. Brown reported that he presented at the recent NCs Congress and the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair, where 2,000 free emergency preparedness kits were distributed. Regarding the Fair, “the Mall” where it was held “is ecstatic” with the results and benefits; “some of their merchants” may participate. The Neighborhood Watch will have a pot luck dinner meeting Nov. 8th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church [9501 Balboa Blvd., Northridge 91325]; all LAPD Devonshire Division areas are to be represented. There will be a Business Watch meeting Monday, Nov. 19th, 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Farmer Boys at 9010 Reseda Blvd., Northridge 91324 with Senior Lead Officer Patti Petekue; make a reservation with Andrea Alvarado, (818) 903-8194, NorthridgeBeautification@gmail.com. Ms. Minasian reported that the Granada Hills Street Fair was successful.

Outreach. Mr. Kwasman reported that the NHWNC Holiday Party will be December 20th; details to follow.

Board Member David Hyman arrived at this time (8:17), making 11 Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

Rules & Elections. Mr. Gohel reported that volunteers are needed for the Election Committee.

Education. Mr. Fordyce indicated that there was no report.

Budget & Finance. Ms. Minasian reported that “all the bills are paid . . . we have over \$38,000 remaining.”

Land Use. Mr. Beeber reported that a proposed Metro Rapid Transit Bus Line would go through North Hills; Metro is considering three possible routes: two that would run on Nordhoff St. and one that would run on Roscoe Blvd. He said the Line “would likely require the removal of parking and a travel lane . . . this could impact land use issues” such as Transit-Oriented Development. He was concerned that, after January 1st, there [temporarily] will not be a City Councilmember representing this area.

17. Adjournment

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

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:36 p.m.

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