



**NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**General Board Meeting Minutes**, Thursday, June 20, 2019  
at New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, CA 91343  
Minutes Approved 7/18/2019

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**1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.**

President Dan Gibson called the Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum and Voting Eligibility.**

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Eleven of the 13 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Gil Brenner, Heather Hudson Beeber, Dave Brown (Secretary), Pat Crone, Shirley Dabit, Maggie Elliott, Dan Gibson (President), Carol Hart (Vice-President), Madlena Minasian (Treasurer), Carlos Pelaez and Kreshell Ramey. Punam Gohel arrived later. David Hyman was 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: approximately 45 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.

**4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.**

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5.*] Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-882-1212; [Matt.Hernandez@LACity.org](mailto:Matt.Hernandez@LACity.org); <http://CD12.LACity.org>), encouraged contacting 3-1-1 or CD12 for bulky item pickups.

Michelle Vergara, Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-221-3718; [Michelle.Vergara@mail.house.gov](mailto:Michelle.Vergara@mail.house.gov); <http://cardenas.house.gov>), encouraged contacting her for help with federal agencies, such as Social Security and passports.

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reminded Board Members to check their monthly Profiles.

Mike Benedetto, of the West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness, introduced fellow members Olivia Naturman and Corinne Ho. The Alliance meets on Sundays; all are invited. Ms. Naturman said 13 Neighborhood Councils, other government agencies, non-profits and others participate.

Alan Sellers, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (ofc. 818-832-0633; cell/text phone 818-325-7749; 31934@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDOnline.org/devonshire\_community\_police\_station), on behalf of Efren Corral (ofc. 818-634-0579; 35472@LAPD.LACity.org), described recent break-ins, reminding to lock doors, and traffic enforcement work, especially about speeding. He explained State speed law criteria; "it's not the City, it's not the Police."

Carolyn Hogikyan, Field Representative for State 46th District Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (818-376-4246; Carolyn.Hogikyan@asm.ca.gov; https://a46.asmdc.org), reported that AB 761 is about using State armories as homeless shelters. The AB 15 Child Services Account Bill would create services accounts for California children for education, homes and retirement.

#### **5. General Public Comment**

Resident Anita Goldbaum wanted transit issues to be considered.

*Board Member Punam Gohel arrived at this time (7:09), making 12 Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).*

*[This Agenda Item was returned to after Item #4.]* CD12 Chief of Staff John Lee, candidate for CD12 Councilmember in the August 13th election, introduced himself and said he is endorsed by Heather Beeber and the Police Protective League. Jay Beeber said he endorses Mr. Lee. Resident Fran Potaski encouraged supporting City Council File 17-1421 regarding illegal fireworks use reduction. Ms. Beeber said that Metro had not notified Neighborhood Councils or Stakeholders near the proposed Nordhoff St. bus line. Resident Linda Erdman announced that petition signatures are sought regarding parking on Haskell Ave.

#### **6. 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.

Mr. Gibson noted that Committee Chairs were appointed last month.

Beautification & Infrastructure Committee Chair Carlos Pelaez noted that Kathy Cryer, Gil Brenner and Maggie Elliott want to be Committee Members.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Kathy Cryer, Gil Brenner and Maggie Elliott to the Beautification & Infrastructure Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Planning and Land Use Management Committee: Mr. Gibson noted for Chair Heather Beeber that Jay Beeber, Pat Crone, Kathy Cryer, Punam Gohel and Anita Goldbaum want to be Committee Members.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Jay Beeber, Pat Crone, Kathy Cryer, Punam Gohel and Anita Goldbaum to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Budget and Finance Committee: Mr. Gibson noted for Chair Madlena Minasian that Helen Donovan, Dan Gibson and Anita Goldbaum want to be Committee Members.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson and seconded): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Helen Donovan, Dan Gibson and Anita Goldbaum to the Budget and Finance Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Gibson noted for Events, Marketing and Outreach Committee Chair Carol Hart that Kathy Cryer, Shirley Dabit, David Hyman, Helen Donovan and Anita Goldbaum want to be Committee Members.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Kathy Cryer, Shirley Dabit, David Hyman, Helen Donovan and Anita Goldbaum to the Events, Marketing and Outreach Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Gibson noted for Rules & Elections Chair Committee Chair Punam Gohel that Dave Brown and Shirley Dabit want to be Committee Members.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Dave Brown and Shirley Dabit to the Rules & Elections Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Gibson and Mr. Brown noted that, for the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee, Jill Akahoshi, Jim and Bonnie Cockerell, Maggie Elliott, Tina Perwin and Kreshell Ramey want to be Committee Members.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Jill Akahoshi, Jim and Bonnie Cockerell, Maggie Elliott, Tina Perwin and Kreshell Ramey to the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Gibson noted for ad hoc Haskell/Aqueduct Parking Committee Chair Carol Hart that Gil Brenner, Pat Crone and Carlos Pelaez want to be Committee Members.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Gil Brenner, Pat Crone and Carlos Pelaez to the ad hoc Haskell/Aqueduct Parking Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Gibson noted that, for the ad hoc Executive Committee, he, Carol Hart, Dave Brown and, as an Alternate, Madlena Minasian would be Committee Members.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Ramey): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Dan Gibson, Carol Hart, Dave Brown and, as an Alternate, Madlena Minasian to the ad hoc Executive Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Minasian): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council creates an ad hoc Homelessness Committee with Kreshell Ramey as Chair, and Heather Beeber, Jay Beeber and Carol Hart as Members.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

7. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the April 25, 2019 General Board Meeting Minutes.

Copies were distributed of the draft Board Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Beeber): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its April 25, 2019 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

8. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the May 16, 2019 General Board Meeting Minutes.

Copies were distributed of the draft Board Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 16, 2019 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

9. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the May 28, 2019 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Copies were distributed of the draft Board Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Elliot): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 28, 2019 Special Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

10. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the May 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report.

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

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2019.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Brenner, Beeber, Brown, Crone, Dabit, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to \$350.00 per monthly Board meeting for security to be provided by an off-duty LAPD police officer for the entire 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Gibson explained the reasons and that the LAPD will allow one Officer to be present.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Brenner, Beeber, Brown, Crone, Dabit, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Ramey): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the NHWNC Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Administrative Packet.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Gibson explained the purpose, and he and Mr. Brown explained possible expenditures. Mr. Brown encouraged sending ideas to Board@nhwnc.org.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brenner, Beeber, Brown, Crone, Dabit, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 13. Discussion and possible action** to support Council File 19-0580, 2019 Point-Time Count/ Homeless Individuals/Policy Guidance and Recommendations. Introduced to the City Council on May 31, 2019 and referred to the Homelessness and Poverty Committee – a motion requesting that the City Council request the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to report to Council addressing new solutions for homelessness in consideration of the 2019 Point-In-Time Count of homeless individuals and include policy guidance and recommendations.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council supports Council File 19-0580, 2019 Point-Time Count/ Homeless Individuals/Policy Guidance and Recommendations.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Hart explained the above.

Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to REFER this to the ad hoc Homelessness Committee. No vote was taken.

**14. Committee Reports**

Mr. Pelaez, for Beautification & Infrastructure, encouraged street and pothole repair requests, and thanked Ms. Hart for her Haskell Ave. parking work. Mr. Brown, for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, reported that the Neighborhood Councils Community Emergency Plan will be unveiled at the NCs Congress [September 28<sup>th</sup>]. He reminded to get illegal fireworks users’ street addresses and report them to the Police. The Police’s National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. He and Mr. Benedetto announced a July 20<sup>th</sup> CD 12 Candidate Forum at Granada Hills Charter High School. Ms. Beeber indicated that the Planning and Land Use Management will meet. Ms. Ramey reported about the Homelessness Committee. Mr. Gohel said the Rules & Elections Committee will meet. Ms. Minasian reported for Budget and Finance that new Fiscal Year forms are awaited.

**15. Board Comments**

Ms. Ramey requested that receipts be confirmed. Ms. Hart encouraged Newsletter content submission and outreach ideas. Mr. Brenner thanked the Police for their homelessness work.

**16. Adjournment**

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

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:39 p.m.

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