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## North Hills West Neighborhood Council

### FINAL General Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:00–9:00 PM

**FINAL Agenda** shall be Posted 72 Hours Prior to Meeting – All Meetings are open to the Public  
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#### **NHWNC Executive Officers:**

Carol Hart – President, Pat Crone – Vice President, Dan Gibson – Treasurer, Dave Brown – Secretary

#### **Board Members:**

Maggie Elliott, Punam Gohel, David Hyman, Madlena Minasian, Carlos Pelaez, Kreshell Ramey

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY.

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**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** The public is requested dial \*9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda - *which are within the Board's jurisdiction* - will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting.

Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

*The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs.*

*We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.*

**Supporting documents available on our website at: [www.nhwnc.net](http://www.nhwnc.net)**

**ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD**

1. **Welcome & Call Meeting to Order** (7:00 pm)

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

3. **Announcements and Opening Comments** – President – These may include but are not limited to:

a. Join the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates for their annual Budget Day event! Everyone interested in learning more about how the City spends its money - and how to create influence regarding spending decisions in Los Angeles are welcome to attend. [Save the date Flier to be posted soon]

b. By popular demand we'll request an ongoing update of the **West Valley Animal Shelter** (After last month's announcement about re-opening, additional study and oversight has been requested by concerned citizens. Discussion and possible action later in tonight's meeting. Please stay with us to participate. [Possible motion]

c. Notice of one additional Board Seat vacancy – residential stakeholders are encouraged to apply. Residential seat will be filled by confirmation after the April 27<sup>th</sup> election is certified.

d. Empower LA's General Manager, Raquel Beltran, has recommended that all newly elected Board Members take the oath of office and begin their service at the first meeting of the new FY. This would be July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

4. **Public Agency Speakers and Announcements**

5. General Public Comments (2 minute per speaker) NOTE: This time is set aside for *non-agendized* items.

6. Discussion and possible action: **Motion to approve the March 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes.**

7. Discussion and possible action: **Motion to approve the MER** (Monthly Expenditure Report) for March 2021.

8. **Report from Budget Advocates** – Glenn Bailey and/or NHWNC Budget Representative Pat Crone

9. **City Budget Priorities** – Discussion as needed: Recommendations have been completed and their annual White Paper has been submitted but the Budget Advocates welcome additional budget priority suggestions all year long!

Items 10 – 15 are recommendations for approval forwarded from the Budget & Finance Committee (No 2<sup>nd</sup> needed)

10. Discussion and possible action: **Motion to approve payment of \$1,959.81 to the LAPD for monthly meeting security services provided by off-duty LAPD officers from July – December of 2019.** (See Attached sheets)

**Note:** Expenditure of “up to \$350 monthly” for Board meeting security was authorized at the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 General Board Meeting. An invoice in the total amount of \$1,959.81 was submitted to DONE in April of 2020 and forwarded to NHWNC in September of 2020, in the following Fiscal Year 2020-2021 with its own separate budget.

11. Discussion and possible action: **Motion to approve a ‘Friends of the Mid-Valley Library’ Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$1,497.99.** Funding of this grant is requested to assist with the purchase of a laminator for use in producing durable signage for classes, workshops, and special community events. (See Attached sheets)

12. Discussion and possible action: **Motion to approve ‘Devonshire is S.O.L.I.D.’ Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to the requested amount of \$5000.** **Note:** This is in lieu of their previous NPG request. Funding of this grant is requested to assist with the costs of a gym renovation at LAPD's Devonshire Division. It is for the purpose of maintaining officers' physical fitness training, which is vital for the overall physical and mental health needed in the performance of their duties. In addition to improvements to the room itself, some of the gym equipment will be refurbished and additional equipment will be installed. The closure of public gyms has necessitated these crucial improvement plans. (Full details attached with NPG & Tax Docs)

13. Discussion and possible action: **Motion to approve ‘LAPD Devonshire P.A.L.S.’ Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to the requested amount of \$2,500.** Funding of this grant is requested to assist with the purchase of supplies for PALS Youth Center agricultural (\$500), robotics (\$1000), and auto shop programs (\$1000) for a total grant request in the amount of \$2,500. (Full details attached with NPG & Tax Docs)

14. Discussion and possible action: to approve **Motion to approve ‘Community Disaster Preparedness Foundation’ Neighborhood Purpose Grant** not to exceed, \$2680 to purchase a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Staging Area Kit to be placed within the North Hills West NC boundaries. (Full details attached with NPG & Tax Docs)

15. Discussion and possible action: **Motion to approve a NHWNC Expenditure of \$4,974.00 for a 20’ one-trip shipping container, for storage of the CERT Staging Area Kit as detailed in item 14, above.** This includes **taxes plus Shipping & Handling.** (Full details attached with NPG & Tax Docs)

16. Discussion and possible action: Motion to approve adjustments to the 2020-2021 NHWNC Budget and Administrative Packet. (See revised Budget & Administrative Packet submitted for Board approval attached)

17. Discussion and possible action: **Motion to support Emergency Preparedness & Public Safety Committee recommendations for City Council ACTION as regards Illegal Fireworks – Proposed City Ordinances CF 21-0318** Motion ( Rodriguez – Koretz) relative to the Los Angeles Fire Department and Los Angeles Police Department examining the feasibility of implementing new programs to curtail fireworks usage, including the creation of a reward program to encourage individuals to report major suppliers of illegal fireworks in the City, and a fireworks buyback program based on the City’s Gun Buyback Program. [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0318\\_mot\\_03-17-21.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0318_mot_03-17-21.pdf)

18. **CF 21-0002-S18 Housing Development Ministerial Approval / Duplex and Parcel Map Division / Environmental Review Exemption** Resolution (Koretz - Krekorian) relative to including in the City's 2021-22 State Legislative Program its position on SB 9 (Atkins), which would require cities and counties, including charter cities, to provide for the ministerial approval of a housing development containing two residential units (a duplex), and a parcel map dividing a lot into two equal parts, for residential use; and exempts environmental review. <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/m.clerkconnect/#CFIResult&ui-state=dialog>

19. **CF 21-0002-S21 Midrise, Medium-Density Housing / Public Transportation / Jobs-Rich neighborhoods** Resolution (Koretz - Krekorian) relative to including in the City's 2021-22 State Legislative Program its position on SB 10 (Wiener), which requires that cities allow midrise, medium-density housing on sites that are either within one-half mile of high-quality public transportation, or within a jobs-rich, high-opportunity neighborhood close to key job centers, without affordability requirements or sensitivity to the character of existing neighborhoods. <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/m.clerkconnect/#CFIResult&ui-state=dialog>

20. Committee & Liaison Reports

21. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items

22. Motion to adjourn

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the Public Comment period. During the current situation requiring that we conduct meetings online, please send your request to make a public comment to [Secretary@nhwnc.net](mailto:Secretary@nhwnc.net). Please include the item number along with an indication that you support, oppose, or support conditionally - naming your conditions.

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**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.

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**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 which were approved on 6-17-2020 are available during every meeting and online at: [www.http://nhwnc.net](http://nhwnc.net).

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For More Information About The NHWNC Please Call – 818-903-2259 – Or Send Mail To P.O. Box 2091 – North Hills CA 91393-2091. We look forward to hearing from you!

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