



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, December 16, 2021

DRAFT Minutes [to be replaced by “Approved _[Month]_ _[date]_, 202_[year]_”]

In conformity with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this duly noticed meeting was held entirely online and telephonically.

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1. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order.

President Carol Hart called the Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Nine of the 13 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Sam Acosta, Dave Brown (Secretary), Pat Crone (Vice-President), Garry Fordyce, Dan Gibson (Treasurer), Carol Hart (President), David Hyman, Madlena Minasian and Kreshell Ramey. Maggie Elliott and Punam Gohel arrived later. Angel Collins and Carlos Pelaez were absent. The NHWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was seven (see the Bylaws link at www.empowerla.org/nhwnc), so the Board could take such votes. Quorum was announced. Mr. Brown confirmed that all Board Members, except Mr. Gohel’s, trainings were compliant and they were eligible to vote. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: at least eight Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Opening Comments – Carol N. Hart, President.

A. Update on the proposed Community Partnership between NHWNC & LAHSA – Annual Homeless Count in and around the community of North Hills West, a cooperative venture with LAHSA

Ms. Hart reported on the above.

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

[There was no Agenda Item #4. A.]

B. Elected Officials’ Field Representatives

Logan Smith, a Field Representative for State 46th District Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (818-376-4246; cell phone 661-755-2368; Logan.Smith@asm.ca.gov; <http://asmdc.org/members/a46>), reported that Pfizer's COVID-19 Coronavirus vaccine booster shots are arranged so that recipients do not have to get out of their vehicle. Stakeholder Jeff Bankston reported that, even though he has health conditions, he did not suffer any complications from getting either the vaccine or the booster shots. Mr. Smith encouraged clothing donations for needy families. Their office can assist in getting stimulus checks and rental cost assistance. He will email the Board regarding whether stimulus checks are issued per tax filer or per tax return.

Board Member Maggie Elliott arrived online at 7:25, making 10 Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum was seven).

- C. City Agencies, including the City of Los Angeles' Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Stakeholder Glenn Bailey reported that there will be changes in DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment; 213-978-1551; www.EmpowerLA.org]'s budget request.

Board Member Punam Gohel arrived online at 7:36, making 11 Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum was seven).

5. Guest Speaker Public Service Announcement & Informational Presentations.

- A. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Presentation on Council File 19-0603 - the expansion of Fire District 1 – Guest Speaker has been invited to speak on this important Planning & Land Use topic.

Ms. Hart explained the Council File status. She opposed the expansion. She showed videos and there was discussion regarding building construction.

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

Mr. Bailey, a Budget Advocate [LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com; www.BudgetAdvocates.org], reported that meetings with the City are ending for now.

7. General Public Comment

Stakeholder Anita Goldbaum was concerned about DONE's performance.

8. Previous Meeting Minutes - Discussion and possible action: Motion to approve any outstanding*Minutes.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Minasian): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Special Board Minutes of its November 29, 2021 Meeting as written.

Board Member Punam Gohel was unavailable to vote on any Motions.

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

Mr. Acosta and Ms. Minasian urged anyone who has concerns to reach out to the Board before these meetings, rather than “bicker” during the meetings.

- 9. Previous Months’ MERs (Monthly Expenditure Reports)** - Discussion and possible motion to approve any outstanding* MERs.

Ms. Hart requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

- 10. Treasurer’s Report: Discussion and possible action:** Update to Administrative Packet (Budget) for FY 2021-2022.

Ms. Hart requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

[The next four lines are copied from the Agenda.]

Neighborhood Purposes Grant Applications to be considered (if any):
NPG Applications and Support documents available on our website at: www.nhwnc.net
Final amounts, if any, will be determined by board vote.
- NONE AT THIS TIME -

- 11. Budget Expenditure Recommendation for Additional Outreach Materials – Discussion and possible motion** to set aside up to \$1000 for the purchase of promotional outreach items. List of recommended items includes updated brochures, committee outreach fliers, possible promotional materials with NC Logo - pot holders, bottle openers, textured lid-opening pads, 2022 calendars, “what to do/ who to contact in an emergency” refrigerator magnets, notepads, boxed water, small snacks (pre-packaged cookies, pretzels, candy, protein bars) to be utilized as additional outreach items with NHWNC sticker affixed to item. These Items intended strictly for NHWNC co-sponsoring events/community outreach items. This will enable quick response for a “pop-up” outreach table at community events/activities, invitation working days, etc. in addition to calendared events. Small, practical items that are more durable and useful are more likely to be kept by stakeholders. Logo & website get more notice.

Ms. Hart explained the above. Ms. Elliott noted that there are outreach items in storage. There was discussion. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- 12. Budget Expenditure Recommendation for Additional Outreach Materials – Discussion and possible motion** to set aside up to \$300 for the purchase of small to medium “grab and go” storage totes for rapid deployment of outreach volunteers

at community events. Totes would hold the aforementioned promotional outreach items.

Ms. Hart explained the above. There was discussion. No Motion was made or vote taken.

13. Nomination of Committee Chairs, Members, and various NC Liaisons -

Discussion & possible action Stakeholders are welcome to nominate themselves or others. This includes but is not limited to: Data Liaison Appointments: (Carol Hart & Dave Brown have volunteered. We still need 1 additional person who will be granted both access and the authority to compile reports using available city-curated data.)

A. Carlos Pelaez – PLUM

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council nominates Carlos Pelaez to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

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

B. Kreshell Ramey - Beautification & Infrastructure (Interim Ad Hoc Parking Committee Chair).

Ms. Crone agreed to work with Ms. Ramey.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Kreshell Ramey as the Beautification & Infrastructure Committee Chair.

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

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Kreshell Ramey and Pat Crone as Interim Ad Hoc Parking Committee Co-Chairs.

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

14. Californians for Community Planning Initiative - Discussion and possible motion to approve generation of an Open Community Impact Statement - asking City Council [and other elected officials] to support putting this initiative on next November's Ballot. The following PLUM Committee motion [for Board recommendation] passed unanimously on December 2, 2021: MOTION (by Ms. Crone, seconded by Mr. Cockerell): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council recommends that the Board support the Californians for Community Planning Initiative to be on the November 2022 ballot. Board Motion: The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will submit an OPEN CIS requesting City Council and other elected officials support placing the Californians for Community Planning Initiative on the November 2022 ballot.

Ms. Crone explained the above; it would oppose State Senate Bills nine and 10 that would allow the State to control local land use zoning.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Minasian): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will issue an open CIS to the City Council and other elected officials supporting the Californians for Community Planning Initiative asking that it be placed on the November 2022 ballot.

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

[This paragraph is copied from the Agenda.] Rules & Elections Committee recommendations (to be presented monthly on an “as available” basis): None

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Community Impact Statement Proposals:

CFMS = Council File Management System (LA City Clerk)

Discussion and possible motion to approve generation of a Community Impact Statement on:

15. Council File 19-0603 - Expansion of Fire District 1 Feasibility Study – Discussion and possible action:

- A. Motion: NHWNC will issue a CIS approving the expansion of Fire District 1.
- B. Motion: NHWNC will issue a CIS opposing the expansion of Fire District 1.
- C. Motion: NHWNC will issue a CIS - opposing unless amended - the expansion of Fire District 1.

[The next three paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.] NOTE: The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance voted unanimously to oppose expansion. Some feel that this would be a boon to developers opening the door to the use of more climate-damaging concrete and steel construction used in the

building of higher density structures in what are currently low-density residential neighborhoods. Fire and Safety Codes are already in place to ensure public safety. The study is already complete. A 47-page report was generated by the Department of Building & Safety: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0603_rpt_dbs_%205-27-21.pdf.

A 2-page Public Safety Committee Report: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0603_rpt_ps_6-2-21.pdf.
<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-21/california-burning-is-it-time-to-rethink-forest-management>.

Council File 20-0668-S7 Discussion and possible motion to approve generation of a Community Impact Statement on Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission / City of Los Angeles / Council Districts / Recommended Map: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0668-S7>.

Ms. Hart requested Board Members be ready to discuss CF 19-0603 at the next Board Meeting. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- 16. Committee & Liaison Reports (if any) Discussion and possible action** on the formation of new Ad Hoc changes to Standing and Ad Hoc committees as well as NHWNC Liaisons Legislative Tracking Committee,

Ms. Crone reported that the PLUM Committee would like to tour a proposed 25-bed congregate living facility at 16243 W. Chase St.

17. Board Member Announcements and Requests for Future Agenda Items

There were none at this time.

18. Motion to adjourn

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Ms. Minasian).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:45 p.m.

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