



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, October 20, 2022
Minutes Approved 12/15/2022

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.

Document copies were available at <https://www.nhwnc.net/agendas/october-20-2022-general-board-meeting-agenda> and shown online.

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1. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order and Flag Salute.

President Madlena Minasian called the Meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, and Voting Eligibility Report and call for agenda item(s) recusals.

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Ten of the 11 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Dave Brown (Secretary), Angel Collins, Pat Crone (Treasurer), Maggie Elliott, Linda Erdman, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, Carol Hart (Vice-President), Madlena Minasian (President) and Kreshell Ramey. David Hyman arrived later. No Board Member 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 link at www.empowerla.org/nhwnc), so the Board could take such votes. Quorum was announced. All Board Members were eligible to vote on funding items. Eleven of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats were vacant (one General and one Residential); to apply, email Secretary@nhwnc.net. Also attended: at least 29 Stakeholders and guests.

3. President Comments, Announcements and Meeting Logistics – Madlena Minasian, President. Note: we're currently seeking applicants for 2 Vacant Board Seats: 1 Residential & 1 General (see below) <https://www.nhwnc.net/board-vacancies-seeking-new-board-member-nominees>. The White House joined hundreds calling for the resignation of three LA City Council members after leaked audio revealed racist comments. <https://patch.com>.

Ms. Minasian noted the above and that the website is regularly updated with new information. A Special Board Meeting will be convened next week to address Community Impact Statements [CISs] needing to be addressed.

Board Member David Hyman arrived online at 6:17, making all 11 Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

Ms. Minasian reported that, as the Board requested, she emailed on September 20th (none of the recipients replied) and October 16th, about the DWP MOU regarding the LA100 Study validating possible tripling of rates by 2035 that needs more analysis, to L.A. Department of Water & Power General Manager Martin Adams, the DWP SLTRP Team, the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (BWPC), and City Council District 12 Councilmember Lee. The email was adapted from a VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) email that the Board had approved; only the BWPC acknowledged receipt of her October 16th email. She also mailed three letters on September 20th to Councilmember Lee, LAPD Captain John Burns and LAPD Chief Moore requesting that a Senior Lead Officer be assigned to the NHWNC area. She did not receive a reply from Councilmember Lee, so she emailed his Field Deputy Lorena Espinal. Ms. Minasian attended the October 19th LAPD Devonshire Division Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting, at which it was said that: a new Senior Lead Officer (SLO) will be assigned; soon she will have more information on that. The new SLO will join the NHWNC at its next Board meeting.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve September 15, 2022 General Board Meeting Minutes.

<https://www.nhwnc.net/minutes/august-18-2022-general-board-meeting-dras-minutes>

MOTION (by Ms. Minasian, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 15, 2022 General Board Meeting as written.

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

5. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

a. Elected offices representatives.

Lilly Sarafian, a Field Representative for State 46th District Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian [818-376-4246; Lilly.Sarafian@asm.ca.gov; <http://asmdc.org/members/a46>], reported on legislation requiring that doctors disclose business relationships; declares April 24th as a genocide holiday; and a dog trainer disclosure bill regarding past convictions.

Lorena Espinal, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilmember John Lee [818-882-1212; Lorena.Espinal@LACity.org; <https://CouncilDistrict12.LACity.gov>], reported on upcoming events and that the Section Eight wait list lottery reopened.

b. Government agencies, including the City of Los Angeles’ Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

John Darnell, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org], encouraged comments regarding the recent Congress. Legislative updates were sent to Board Members; NCs can file Community Impact

Statements. Ms. Minasian asked and Mr. Darnell said about hybrid meetings that “it’s not going to happen anytime soon.” All City meetings “except for the full City Council” are meeting online.

Ms. Minasian received an email from Freddy Cupen-Ames, another DONE NEA, regarding administration of the NHWNC’s two Zoom accounts; she replied October 5th to Mr. Cupen-Ames, with a copy to Mr. Darnell; she’s received no reply. Mr. Darnell promised to follow up.

Efren Corral, an LAPD Devonshire Division (east of CSUN) Senior Lead Officer [Desk: (818) 832-0746; Cell: 424-339-4079; 35472@LAPD.Online; http://www.LAPDOnline.org/devonshire_community_police_station], communicated that “the new Senior Lead Officer for the North Hills West area of Devonshire Division is SLO Jerome Knopp #37244. This is his email address is (37244@lapd.online). He wont be available for the next (4) weeks, and will probably start this new SLO position on November 20th, 2022. Until he starts his new position, you can continue to email, text, or call me and I will do what I can to assist.” [sic]

6. General Public Comment

Former Board Member Jay Beeber updated, regarding the proposed bus line on Nordhoff or Roscoe, that no more Nordhoff dedicated lanes are proposed; it will be a hybrid that would “take away a travel lane, for the most part.” Pilar Schiavo (Pilar@Pilar4ca.com or 818-350-2484), State Assembly candidate, introduced herself. She supports permanent supportive housing and healthcare legislation.

Guest Glenn Bailey, “speaking as an individual” about the Metro bus project, suggested “put that on your Agenda with the link to the web page . . . and also include the recording of the public presentation . . . we have been doing that in Northridge East for months.” Regarding ongoing and upcoming hybrid meetings information, “you may want to put that topic on your Agenda . . .” Ms. Minasian noted that “. . . they’re looking for a pilot NC to have those hybrid meetings; we are willing to be one of the NCs.”

7. Report from Budget Advocates or Budget Representative.

Mr. Fordyce, a Budget Advocate [LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com; www.BudgetAdvocates.org], said to Ms. Minasian, “I don’t know how I could’ve responded to you. You reduced me from a panelist to an attendee . . .” Ms. Minasian replied, “. . . I did not do that . . . go ahead, Garry, you have the floor.” He replied, “Are you suggesting . . .” She replied, “Garry, can you please do the Budget Advocate report?” He replied, “There’s no truth allowed, I guess.” He indicated that trainings are available on the Budget Advocates website.

8. Discussion and possible action for the North Hills West Neighborhood Council to Censure Board Member Garry Fordyce for repeatedly violating the NHWNC’s Bylaws, Standing Rules, Code of Conduct, Code of Civility, the L.A. City Municipal Ethics Code, and the Brown Act. Of the five Board Members (“movants”) who made written requests to Agendize censuring Garry Fordyce, three movants are Carol Hart, Dave Brown and Punam Gohel. “NHWNC Bylaws Article Five,” “Governing Board,” Section Eight, “Censure,” Supplemental / supporting documents, in agenda order,

are following underneath the meeting agenda at: <https://www.nhwnc.net/agendas/17448>.

Ms. Minasian read aloud citations from the above-noted governing documents, which were noted as being supplemental documents available on the NHWNC website [<https://www.nhwnc.net/agendas/october-20-2022-general-board-meeting-agenda>] by 72 hours before this meeting. An “NHWNC GF conduct violations” spreadsheet [GF = Garry Fordyce] was presented and screen-shared. Ms. Minasian pointed out the following documents included in the spreadsheet:

August 18, 2022: GF emails showing him not consulting with the President.
August 11, 2022: Stakeholder Steve Thomason email about GF’s impact.
July 22, 2022: Stakeholder Susan Dushane email about GF’s impact.
May 16, 2019: Meeting Minutes: GF lied at a Feb. 11, 2019 City Zoning Hearing.
June 28, 2018: Vicky Magaw email about Garry’s Apr. 19, 2018 “forged” claim.
Nov. 16, 2017: Meeting Minutes: GF lied at pre-Oct. 18, 2017 City Zoning Hearing.

Ms. Minasian read aloud the proposed Motion as follows:

MOTION (by Ms. Erdman, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council censures Board Member Garry Fordyce for repeatedly violating the NHWNC’s Bylaws, Standing Rules, Code of Conduct, Code of Civility, the L.A. City Municipal Ethics Code, and the Brown Act. Of the five Board Members (“movants”) who made written requests to Agendize censuring Garry Fordyce, three movants are Carol Hart, Dave Brown and Punam Gohel.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Minasian noted that “this is not a debate” and explained the comment procedure in which Board speakers would have up to two minutes one time each, except Mr. Fordyce, who would have up to five minutes one time; Stakeholders would have up to one minute one time each. Ms. Ramey said “I had my hand up first and you muted me . . . and you muted me.” Ms. Minasian explained that Mr. Gohel, having trouble unmuting himself, had been waving his hand. Mr. Gohel said, “I want to thank Glenn Bailey and Brian Allen . . . we tried so many times, including me, to put Garry in the right way, but Garry does not change. Garry continues what he is doing . . . to . . . intimidate and to harass people. Several of our Board Members have left and some of them don’t want to come back, so it’s time for Garry to go.”

Ms. Ramey said “Garry just made a believer out of me, because now I believe that whoever’s doing the controls is controlling the people and . . . Garry is not the only one; so everything that you brought up tonight, somebody fits in the box out of all these Board Members including yourself, the President, just by showing me what you just did. Then, also I recused myself last week . . . and I got off the line not knowing that this was going to be a topic . . . Garry may have irritated some people and I’m sure a lot of us have irritated each other on this Board . . . everyone is not considerate . . . I’ve had things missing off of the Agenda, people being rude, and I could go on and on . . . about each, probably each Board Member that is on the call right now . . . I should’ve resigned and got off the Board . . . I’m irritated now because Madlena . . . I really didn’t like . . .”

Ms. Erdman said “My first experience with the Neighborhood Council was back in 2018 . . . I did witness some aggressive and disruptive behavior from Garry and it really did make it difficult . . . it’s been hard to get work done, from the nitty-gritty kind of [Garry] just wanting to be difficult, not . . . reading and getting the information he needs to do what he needs to do before our meetings . . . I did read the documents and the Bylaws and I believe that the case [for censure] has been made. I’m especially concerned about [Garry] talking to other people and representing yourself as the Neighborhood Council when you are not speaking on behalf of the Neighborhood Council.”

Mr. Brown said “Thank you . . . for this opportunity to get our Neighborhood Council back on track in a positive, productive direction if we approve the Motion for censure. We have suffered chronic violations for a long time, resulting in losing Members and driving away Stakeholders. As Board Members, we sign our name that we understand Neighborhood Council rules and regulations and will adhere to them. A Neighborhood Council Board Member breaking or violating the Neighborhood Council rules is grounds for a Motion for censure.”

Ms. Hart said “. . . communicating . . . it’s about, whether you agree with someone or not, learning how to communicate in a constructive manner that’s not hurtful, it’s not attacking people, it’s not aggressive and openly hostile . . . it really hurt to have to write this letter because I have tried over many years to counsel and advise and really begging and hoping that . . . Garry would work with me, would work with others, and find a more constructive way to go about effecting change . . . If the Council . . . makes an error . . . it’s fine to call it out publically, but to do so in a respectful manner and then to allow us to address that.” Ms. Elliott said “I agree with Carol . . . Garry never seemed to want to get involved and do anything . . . it just hasn’t happened.”

Ms. Minasian said, “Garry, you have five minutes. Go ahead.” Mr. Fordyce said “obviously the scales are tipped in your favor with inordinate amounts of time. It begins with a letter that makes multiple allegations within each of the public documents: the Brown Act, the Bylaws, the Standing Rules, the Code of Conduct, the Code of Civility, the Oath of Office and the L.A. City Ethics Code. I don’t think you missed a single document within the entire government. The allegations on that spreadsheet, 20 pages worth, were 44 dates and 86 violations, again, accused throughout the whole gamut of all those documents. The Oath of Office reveals that this Board refuses to respect or consider my opinion or my point of view on any matter . . . Further, the Code of Civility states that “freedom to express one’s views about public matters is a cornerstone of the democratic process.” That freedom is not allowed in my case. Your allegations are entirely, and by the way, all these allegations go back eight years, 86 of them, they are . . . out of context and they misrepresent the facts. Totally out of context. This is bullying, this is harassment, and this entire process has the intent to dehumanize. No information was adequately provided that could be responded to. I was denigrated for not emailing the President. Amazing. She has never talked to me in years, and I’m going to have a fair exchange of information? The doors were closed. There is a pervasive attitude of accusing me of being off-topic on virtually every item . . . Attempts to correct Minutes this evening were accusatory and I was, in fact, correcting Minutes, and yet I’m off topic? And this is a perfect example of the contention that is directly

expressed toward me. You heard the tone of voice; this is what I deal with and, you know, that bounces back and forth. Kreshell said it right: there's not one of you who walk a straight path; there's not one of you who has been civil or friendly . . . you're gonna total up probably an hour to my five minutes. I'll never get justice."

Guest Brian Allen said "You don't give us much time to talk; that's a shame. I am appalled at this Council right now. I know Garry better than anybody here . . . Goat Puppet . . . is absolutely correct: it's appalling that you try to go back eight years. He was off the Council for two or three of those years. You are all very childish. You don't like him; there's a couple of people on your Board that hate him. There are people on your Board that interrupt him and make snide remarks when he's talking. You are not doing the right thing and, if I think about it, I will probably place a Grievance myself. This is a railroad. You have given no factual information here. It is taken out of context. You have not identified anything that he has specifically done wrong. You are absolutely unreal. I am sorry to even be here."

Resident Debra Francisco said "I've known Garry . . . since before 2012 . . . he is going to continue to do this; he has done this for years . . . and will disrupt this Board. I'm not doing anything maliciously; I am just telling you this is how it is. He deals in the minutiae, which makes these meetings go to four hours -- could go longer because he will not address the situation and the issues directly with the Board Members before getting on to cause nothing but delays and issues and trying to resolve his -- whatever he wants to do . . . he should be (censured); . . . it's about time."

Guest Cindy Cleghorn, "speaking for myself," said "the points in your spreadsheet are subjective . . . you haven't described the conduct . . . did you give him notice of conduct?" Guest Marlin said "what your movement, your coup is doing is borderline criminal in censoring someone's right to free speech. It's absolutely ridiculous. Because you don't agree with someone's opinion, and even facts, to censor them to keep your movement going is just unbelievable . . . you don't agree with and appreciate the way Garry votes, yet you're going to censor him. That's taking away freedom of speech . . ." Guest Sharon Brewer claimed that Mr. Brown and Mr. Gohel agreed to provide behavior examples [of Mr. Fordyce]. Mr. Bailey, "speaking as an individual," said "I also recognize that Garry is a difficult person . . . and I have tried to give him my perspective on how he can be less difficult . . . listing allegations back prior to May 2021 . . . you can't go back . . . you have tainted this process . . ." He believed that the NHWNC violated its Bylaws; he added "shame on you." Guest Steve Slutzah, "speaking . . . as an individual," noted a similarity between Mr. Fordyce and "Goat Puppet." Guest Leila Garcia said she worked the NCs Congress with Mr. Fordyce and that "Garry . . . doesn't drive, so he can't volunteer . . . you're denying him his right to speak up." Resident Joni Diamond said "you did a gorgeous job of outlining it . . . and sharing it with everybody . . . nobody is saying Garry can't be a community member . . . Garry, step down please."

Mr. Darnell said "As far as the censure is concerned, there is a process to go through. So as far as those procedures go, our Department feels that not all the procedures have been done correctly and not have all been done yet and we would ask that this Motion be postponed and that the process start over again and that the process to give it proper 30-day notice to the potential person, Garry, who would

potentially have a censure against him and, to answer the question about what happens to somebody, it's basically symbolic in nature; he's not removed from Committees, he's not told he can't serve on certain things. It's basically symbolic in nature saying but if you get a certain amount of grievances I believe a Board Member might be up for removal, depending on the nature of that . . . It's basically showing that someone has broken the rules and that the Board is wants to go to the step called "censure" to basically have it formally, you know, voted on that someone has violated some kind of policy or rule That's it from the Department."

Ms. Minasian said "Garry Fordyce has repeatedly shown and demonstrated to Board Members, our Stakeholders, public officials and guests, attitudes and behaviors that have persistently disrupted, unnecessarily delayed and misinformed dozens of Board Members and Stakeholders, and frustrated, disappointed, exhausted and alienated them for more than eight years of severe disrespect, false claims and accusations, derogatory comments and harassment about nearly everything from the Monthly Expenditure Reports, the Meeting Minutes, funding long-time well-regarded local community organizations, to refusing to serve on Committees. He has violated and abused all of our governing documents and acted on behalf of the Board without authorization. He has not truthfully represented the NHWNC; instead, he has unethically misrepresented and mischaracterized NHWNC positions, as in City Zoning Hearings on February 11, 2019 and approximately early October 2017.

"Garry Fordyce's conduct in our Board meetings frequently is not professional, civil, respectful, safe, or orderly; it is disruptive, disrespectful, disorderly, condescending, chastising, insulting, bullying, harassing, threatening, intimidating and hostile. Frequently, as it says in the Code of Conduct, he "adversely affects the ability of Board Members and other Stakeholders to participate in or benefit from Neighborhood Council programs, activities and events because his conduct, as reasonably perceived by other Board Members and other Stakeholders, is so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive as to have those effects."

"Garry Fordyce's constant complaining, focus on minutiae and unnecessarily drawing attention to himself has driven away and exhausted countless people. He constantly delays proceedings and frustrates and exasperates everyone else by obstructing and blocking even the simplest work and procedures from being accomplished in and out of meetings. He has caused many Stakeholders and potential Board Members to never again, avoid and/or leave participating in, supporting or joining the NHWNC. Because of Garry Fordyce, for many people the NHWNC has not been and is not a safe and effective environment for conducting business.

"Garry Fordyce shows unwillingness to follow basic applicable procedures, rules, laws, customs or best practices that govern the NHWNC, the City Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and other City entities. He plays gotcha, in which he tries to catch, corner and entrap people when they did nothing wrong or illegal. This unchanging and torturous conduct must be addressed with the only tool this Board has at this moment: to censure Garry Fordyce.

"This is not coming from me; this is coming from the Board and our Stakeholders. This is about facts, not feelings. We also have received requests from Stakeholders to remove Garry Fordyce from the Board; their written requests are included in the

documentation provided to everyone for this meeting. Former Board Members and formerly involved Stakeholders also have expressed their utter frustration and belief that Garry Fordyce should not be on this Board, but they did not want to say it in writing.

“This Board and community has suffered for so long and so badly because of Garry Fordyce, that we have no choice but to take this action to censure him. It is painful for all of us, yet long overdue and needed for this Board and community.”

Board Member David Hyman was unavailable to vote at this time, making nine Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Elliott, Erdman, Gohel and Minasian); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Ramey); three abstained (the NHWNC does not count abstentions as votes) (Collins, Crone and Hart). The Bylaws say in Article V, Section 8, #5 that “The Board shall decide by a majority vote of those present and voting whether or not the Board member should be censured. The Board member who is the subject of the censure motion shall not be counted as part of the majority present and voting and shall not be allowed to vote. For the purpose of censure motions, abstentions shall not be counted as votes.”

Ms. Crone’s original vote was “yes.” After voting closed, she requested to change her vote from “yes” to “abstain,” as follows: Ms. Minasian said “Pat, go ahead, you had your hand up. Pat.” Ms. Crone replied “I wanted to change my vote to “abstain.” Ms. Minasian said “We’ve already closed the vote. Ms. Crone replied “Well I tried to do it but you didn’t recognize me.” Ms. Minasian replied “I understand, but we were in the middle of calling votes and you had already voted. I thought you had a comment afterwards; that’s why.” Mr. Gohel said “The vote is closed.” Ms. Minasian said “Okay, thank you.” Mr. Darnell opined that “This is John Darnell. Actually, per Robert’s Rules of Order, if someone’s trying to change their vote during the time they’re allowed to, and if she’s claiming that she was trying to get your attention and wasn’t, my advice would be to recognize Pat and . . . Ms. Minasian replied “Sure.” Ms. Ramey said “Thanks, John.” Ms. Minasian added “Sure. Sure John, thank you.” Mr. Darnell added “. . . not just, you know, close the door like that.” Ms. Minasian replied “No no, I get it, thank you for the clarification. Pat, what is your vote? Can you please state again?” Ms. Crone said “I would like to abstain.” Ms. Minasian replied “Okay, thank you.”

9. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the September 2022 Monthly Expense Report: Treasurer – Pat Crone.
<https://www.nhwnc.net/reports/august-2022-monthly-expense-report>

Ms. Crone explained why there was a late payment fee for the Post Office Box.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Minasian, seconded by Ms. Erdman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2022.

Board Member Punam Gohel had left by and Board Member David Hyman was again available to vote at this time, making 10 Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

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

10. Guest Speakers and Informational Presentations.

There were none.

11. Discussion and possible motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant, (NPG) Not to exceed (NTE) \$2,500 for YMCA 2022 Thanksgiving Basket Program. – Pat Crone & Anita Goldbaum Supplemental / supporting documents, in agenda order, are following underneath the meeting agenda at: <https://www.nhwnc.net/agendas/17448>.

North Valley YMCA Executive Director David Hartmire presented.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Budget & Finance Committee): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the North Valley YMCA 2022 Thanksgiving Basket Program.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hartmire said “we work with all the schools in the Valley . . . we work with schools in your area . . . they connect directly . . . [with] families.” Ms. Crone pointed out that “Thanksgiving is not a religious holiday . . . it is a national holiday.” Mr. Fordyce claimed that “there are some problems with this NPG . . . “the signature at 12. b. . . . is invalid.” Mr. Hartmire offered to remove Sepulveda Middle School from the application. Ms. Goldbaum and Ms. Crone noted that there are North Hills West students who attend that school. Mr. Fordyce stated that “we can’t just take care of everybody on both sides” of North Hills.” He also believed that no one but the YMCA’s Secretary should’ve signed the application. Mr. Hartmire reported that their Board Chair signed the application and that “we’ve already received funding from several different Councils for several years and this year we’ve received already some checks from the City Clerk . . . if you want me to dig through our Executive Committee and find another signature we can do that . . . we haven’t had that problem for years now.” Mr. Darnell encouraged going forward with the vote. Mr. Hartmire reported that “we’ve had no issues with the City Clerk with that.” Mr. Allen said “I would . . . advise that you get a new NPG that is properly executed and, if you don’t, I can assure you that I will mention it to NC funding myself . . .” Mr. Hartmire offered to resubmit the application with a different signature “by tomorrow.” There was discussion of whether and Ms. Minasian said that “Mr. Hartmire has submitted the correct NPG,” which Mr. Brown confirmed and showed on screen for everyone. Mr. Fordyce stated that he “will not support tax dollar shenanigans.”

Board Member Angel Collins left at this time (8:47), making nine Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

Ms. Goldbaum noted that “it’s an aggregate collection of money . . . this is for all the schools.” Ms. Elliott agreed, saying “it is, Anita . . . it does say `at schools from the area, including Sepulveda Middle School and Monroe High School.” Mr. Allen noted that “the . . . school name is not an issue. You’re giving money to a 501(c)3; you cannot control what they do with that money once you give it to them.”

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

12. Discussion and possible action to add NHWNC Standing Rule (SR): All NHWNC Board members must at minimum be on one NHWNC Committee.

MOTION (by Ms. Minasian, seconded by Ms. Erdman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council adds NHWNC Standing Rule (SR): All NHWNC Board members must at minimum be on one NHWNC Committee.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Erdman “hopes that everybody steps up” to work. Mr. Bailey said “it looks like you’re excluding putting Garry Fordyce on any Committee and I know that there may have been something he was asked to join that he declined, but he also . . . did ask to be on some committee . . . because then I see the next setup that you’ll want to do is remove him because he’s violating, you know, this rule because he’s not on a committee.” Ms. Minasian said “Glenn, I don’t know why you made that comment . . . you’re on all of our meetings and . . . two months ago [August 18, 2022], when we were re-assigning Committee involvements, you pointed out that Garry would be good at Legislative Committee and I had also asked [Garry] to be part of the CIS Filer[s], part of that work; he had refused and he did not even want to participate as a Legislative Committee Board Member or any other Committee [July 21, 2022], so, he has been asked time and time again and his Committee, actually went away, he was part of the Education Committee.

Mr. Allen said “I’m just agreeing with Glenn . . . Garry has asked to be on a couple of committees and he was mercilessly criticized because you didn’t want him on a couple of committees. That is an absolute fact. So, you need to give up on this challenging him on everything that he does. If you are going to act the way you want him to act, then you need to be inclusive.” Ms. Goldbaum agreed that there should be “mandatory” and active committee participation by Board Members. Ms. Cleghorn, “speaking for myself,” said “you might consider adding Liaisons . . . people should get involved.” [See below Item #15.]

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

13. NHWNC Board Member Committee Reports.

Ms. Minasian noted that the Budget & Finance Committee met. Ms. Erdman reported that [September 29th] the Planning and Land Use Management Committee discussed the 15701 Roscoe Blvd. project and the potential school on the historic site on Plummer.

14. NHWNC CIS Filer(s) Report. – Linda Erdman

Ms. Minasian reported that Ms. Erdman was preparing more CISs and is willing to work on more to be presented at a Special Board Meeting. Ms. Erdman reported that she already “filed five [previously approved] CISs . . . with the City Clerk’s Office . . . and then I prepared 11 [more] CISs . . .” She encouraged Stakeholders to file their own individual statements because the Board only meets once per month and must approve CISs.

15. NHWNC Board Member Liaison Report.

- DWP Advocacy and MOU Oversight Committee

<https://empowerla.org/DWPMOU>

Ms. Erdman reported that “they’re still doing a study . . . which probably means we’re going to see . . . rate increases . . .” She encouraged signing up for DWP’s newsletter.

- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)

<https://empowerla.org/lancc>

There was no report.

- Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (NCEPA)

<https://empowerla.org/ncepa/>

Earlier, Mr. Brown announced that, on October 22nd, a climate scientist would present on a predicted “megaflood.” Sunday November 13th is the Westside Safety Fair and Tuesday, November 22nd the LAPD Valley Armenian Town Hall.

- Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

<https://www.ncsa.la>

Ms. Hart reported that the Alliance “thanked us for Linda Erdman’s efforts” and support.

- Plan Check Neighborhood Councils

<https://empowerla.org/planchecknc>

Ms. Minasian reported that Plan Check is open to everyone.

- Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC)

<https://vanc34.org>

Mr. Brown reported on a “very informative meeting . . . I highly recommend attending that particular meeting.”

- West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness (WVNAH)

<https://wvnah.org>

Ms. Ramey reported that “anyone can attend . . . our area is somewhat cleaned up . . . all crime is up in our Valley area.”

- 2022 Congress of Neighborhood Councils Videos

<https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la>

Ms. Minasian reported that Congress recordings are available at the above link.

15. General Board member announcements on non-agenda items.

[This was the second Item #15 on the Agenda.]

Mr. Fordyce's announcement was that since 6:35 "I haven't been allowed to be a "participant" . . . this is more evidence of bullying and harassment." Ms. Hart announced that a "Great Shakeout" recording is available. Mr. Brown earlier announced the Saturday, November 12th American Heroes Air Show at Hansen Dam.

16. Requests for Future Agenda Items:

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Ms. Minasian reminded that there will be a Special Board Meeting "to address CISs and possibly a couple of the land use issues"; she requested that Board Members email her with their availability; eight Board Members indicated that they are available Wednesday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Brown requested to Agendize discussion of hybrid meetings and the status of meeting venues. Mr. Fordyce's request was to say "no co-host made me a panelist . . . and you did not allow me to see who the participants are . . . you want to keep me in the dark." Ms. Minasian asked and Board Members agreed that they saw Mr. Fordyce on the panelist list for the entire meeting. She noted that he, like the other Board Members, had automatically entered the meeting as a "panelist," not as a "participant." Ms. Hart suggested having five to 10-minute "in-service trainings" and requested to Agendize empowering her, as the NHWNC NCSA Liaison.

16. Adjournment

[This was the second Item #16 on the Agenda.]

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Ms. Minasian, seconded by Ms. Hart).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:52 p.m.

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