



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Special Board Meeting Minutes, Monday, November 29, 2021
Approved December 16, 2021

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 12:04 p.m.

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 online at the Roll Call: Sam Acosta, Dave Brown (Secretary), Pat Crone (Vice-President), Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Dan Gibson (Treasurer), Punam Gohel, Carol Hart (President), David Hyman, Madlena Minasian and Kreshell Ramey. Angel Collins arrived later. Carlos Pelaez was 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. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant.

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

Ms. Hart noted that Board Members' anti-bias training and Planning 101 completion deadlines were extended.

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

A. Elected Officials' Field Representatives

There were none at this time.

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

There were none at this time.

5. Guest Speaker Public Service Announcement & Informational Presentations.

There were none at this time.

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 the Advocates' White Paper of recommendations will be released in January.

7. **General Public Comment**

There were no comments at this time.

[The following three 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.

8. **New Horizons** – Holiday Event: Outdoor Screening of the movie “Elf” with fun and refreshments - Discussion & possible action to approve up to/ not to exceed \$1,500.

Ms. Hart showed a slide of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant invoice and confirmed that the NHWNC would have an outreach booth at the screening.

Board Member Angel Collins arrived online by 12:17, making 12 Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum was seven).

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will allocate a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$1,500 to New Horizons.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Hart reminded that presentations of the funding Items on this Agenda “were all made at the last meeting.” Mr. Fordyce believed that “there’s no opportunity to ask questions.”

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Acosta, Brown, Collins, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Minasian and Ramey); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce); zero abstained. Mr. Gohel was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

9. **North Valley Caring Services** – Request for up monetary assistance with Holiday Food Drive - Discussion & possible action to approve up to/ not to exceed \$5,000.

Ms. Hart showed a slide of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant invoice.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will allocate a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$5,000 to North Valley Caring Services.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Elliott, Ms. Minasian and Ms. Ramey thought the amount was too much; Ms. Elliott preferred \$2,000. Mr. Acosta noted that NVCS did not contact him to give him the tour that had been discussed. Mr. Fordyce stated that “this appears to be all for them” [North Hills East] and “not a dime” would be given anywhere else. Mr. Hyman said “I think it’s an outstanding organization.” Ms. Hart clarified that “they do not just serve North Hills East . . . [they serve] the entire northeast Valley.” Mr. Hyman pointed out that “they do not check IDs.”

Ms. Hart **TABLED** this Item at this time; it was returned to after Item #10.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will allocate a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$2,000 to North Valley Caring Services.

Mr. Fordyce believed “there was no discussion.” Ms. Hart, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Hyman indicated that they previously had seen the facility. Mr. Gibson noted that NVCS also works with Meals on Wheels.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Acosta, Brown, Collins, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Minasian and Ramey); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce); zero abstained. Mr. Gohel was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

10. **S.O.L.I.D.** – assistance with cost of repair for Devonshire Division’s two electronic message boards - Discussion & possible action to approve up to/ not to exceed \$3,000.

An invoice for \$2,678.20 was shown. Ms. Hart noted that one message board was paid for by CD12. She described uses of the boards.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Minasian): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to S.O.L.I.D. for assistance with the cost of repair in the amount of \$1,350 for Devonshire Division’s electronic message board.

Mr. Bailey said that Northridge East could share the cost. Ms. Elliott thought other Neighborhood Councils should also contribute and wanted to allocate “no more than a thousand.” Mr. Brown noted that other Neighborhood Councils have fully funded other projects. Mr. Fordyce said “let’s just ignore credibility.”

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Ms. Elliott): **PASSED**; zero opposed; zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Acosta, Brown, Collins, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman and Minasian); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce and Ramey); zero

abstained. Mr. Gohel was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #9.

11. 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.)

This Item was not addressed.

[The following four sentences are copied from the Agenda.]

Rules & Elections Committee Recommendations (to be presented monthly on an “as available” basis):

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:

12. 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>.

This Item was not addressed.

13. Committee & Liaison Reports (if any) Discussion and possible action on the formation of new Ad Hoc Legislative changes to Standing and Ad Hoc committees as well as NHWNC Liaisons Tracking Committee,
This Item was not addressed.

14. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items

This Item was not addressed.

[There were no Agenda Item #s 15-24.]

25. Motion to adjourn

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

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 1:08 p.m.

The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been copied from the Agenda. Minutes written by DL, possibly edited by the NHWNC.

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