



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 12, 2023
Mid Valley Regional Library Computer Rm., 16244 Nordhoff St., North Hills CA 91343
DRAFT Minutes [to be replaced by "Approved _[Month]_ _[date]_, 201_[year]_"]

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1. Welcome, Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-Chair Anita Goldbaum called the Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. The Pledge was said.

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

Roll Call: two of the three Committee Members were present: Pat Crone (Chair) and Anita Goldbaum (Co-Chair). Garry Fordyce arrived later. No Committee Member was absent. Dave Brown confirmed that all Board Members' trainings were compliant and they were eligible to vote. The Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was two, so the Committee could take such votes. Also attended: three Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Opening Comments

It was announced that Saturday, May 13th is Fire Service Day. CERT Battalion Coordinator Christy Adair was nominated as Fire Chief of the Day. Valley Vote will meet Monday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss issues related to Van Nuys Airport.

Committee Member Garry Fordyce arrived at this time (2:10), making all three Committee Members present (the Committee quorum is two).

4. Approval of prior B&F Committee meeting minutes of April 17, 2023.

<https://www.nhwnc.net/minutes/4-17-23-budget-finance-committee>.

No corrections or amendments were made.

MOTION (by Ms. Goldbaum, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its April 17, 2023 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote of the three eligible voters present with all three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Crone, Fordyce and Goldbaum); zero opposed; zero abstained.

5. General Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

6. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements

A. Elected Officials’ and Field Representatives

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

There were no speakers or announcements.

7. Guest Speakers, Public Service Announcements, & Informational Presentations.

There were no speakers or announcements.

8. Discussion and possible motion to approve NPG not to exceed, (NTE) \$10,000, from Friends of Vintage Magnet, a Title 1 school in North Hills, to facilitate the Vintage Robotics program. See following link for details: <https://www.nhwnc.net/agendas/may-12-2023-budget-finance-committee-agenda>

Robotics program representative Samantha gave background regarding Vintage and the program’s 50 to 60 (of a total of approximately 750) students’ demographics. She gave a detailed description of Robotics Program development, current achievements and issues. Competitors contribute at least two hours a day, five days per week. There’s a need for “field,” the operating area used for robots; additional robot parts; upgrading or replacing components; and storage / organizational units for operational and sub-assemblies. Plans include establishing a Robotics Club to include more students. Mr. Fordyce requested that a public comment about the Robotics program be submitted in writing; this was accommodated for his review. He claimed that, “in spite of arithmetic irregularities,” he would support this.

MOTION (by Mr. Fordyce, seconded by Ms. Goldbaum): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council Budget & Finance Committee approves an NPG for Friends of Vintage Magnet School in the amount of \$5,000.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the three eligible voters present with all three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Crone, Fordyce and Goldbaum); zero opposed; zero abstained.

9. Discussion and possible motion to recommend re-allocation of funds within various budget categories.

MOTION (by Mr. Fordyce, seconded by Ms. Goldbaum): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council Budget & Finance Committee moves \$13,000 from category General/Operational/Expenditures to NPG category.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the three eligible voters present with all three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Crone, Fordyce and Goldbaum); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Fordyce said he had difficulty downloading finance information from the NHWNC website while using his smartphone. Access information was provided to him.

9. **Member and Attendee Announcements and Requests for Future Agenda Items.** *[This was the second Item #9 on the Agenda.]* Mr. Fordyce requested a formal demonstration of a Robotics example at the May 18th Board Meeting.

10. **Motion to Adjourn.**

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Goldbaum).

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 2:59 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 NHWNC. The NHWNC Minutes page is <https://www.nhwnc.net/committees/budget-finance>.