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## CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



## GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### BOARD MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

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## GHNNC BOARD MEETING Location

Saint Euphrasia School Auditorium,  
11766 Shoshone Ave.

Granada Hills, CA 91344

Tuesday October 03, 2017 at 6:30 PM

### A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome/Introductions/Calendar.

#### **Roll Call** [Quorum Achieved (13 present /11 required)]

- (1) Present: Michael Greenwald, Brian Allen, Ralph Kroy, Alfredo Castillo, Skylar Rose, Rob Sherman, Andres Topete, Joe Vitti, Rahim Kazi, Ray Pollok, Oscar Jimenez, Wayde Hunter, Dave Parikh (arrived at 6:38pm)
- (2) Absent: Jan Subar, Kyle Ellis, Sid Gold, Bill Hopkins,

### B. Comments from CD 12, LAPD Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies.

#### *Senator Robert Hertzberg SD18 Comments*

- (1) Senator Hertzberg provided a legislative update. He stated that he is working to ensure the State receives their share of Federal money. He is concerned about the proposed federal tax reforms and the impact to California residents.
- (2) Senator Hertzberg is working to ensure the transportation infrastructure taxes are allocated properly to get the roads repaired.
- (3) He is also working to address the housing shortage within the State and local community.
- (4) Senator Hertzberg was questioned by a number of board members and community members regarding his position on various tax and legislative proposals he is supporting. He invited the members of the board and community to reach out to his office to schedule a time where he can spend adequate time talking through the complex issues.

#### *CD 12 Comments*

- (1) Jessie Strobel outlined a number of staff changes in CM Englander's office.
- (2) The Neighborhoods First Program is off to a good start to address ongoing issues in our community and efforts to combat the homelessness crisis
- (3) The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual community free drive-in movie event is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 at the Shadow Ranch Park (22633 Vanowen St. West Hills). Although the event is free, those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to (818) 882-1212 or email Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org

#### *DONE Comments*

- (1) Seme Park introduced Jose Galdamez as the new Neighborhood Council Advocate
- (2) The City Council recently approved moving the neighborhood council elections to 2019.

#### *SoCal Gas Comments*

- (1) David Meza distributed information on "common scams targeting utility customers".
- (2) SoCal Gas will have booths at the upcoming Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair and Granada Hills Street Faire on October 7th. Everyone is welcome to stop by with any questions.

#### *CA 29<sup>th</sup> District Comments*

- (1) Abigail Moreno shared an update on what Congressman Tony Cardenas has been working on in the state legislature.
- (2) Congressman Cardenas is hosting a Veterans Day Forum on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 4pm-7pm at the Airtel Plaza Hotel (72277 Valjean Ave, Van Nuys, CA)

- (3) Congressman Cardenas' office has various youth programs available including internships. Interested youth should reach out to his office directly.
- (4) Congressman Cardenas is also supporting the "House App Contest." This competition is a nationwide event that allows high school students from across the country to compete by creating and exhibiting their app for mobile, tablet, or computer devices on a platform of their choice. Information can be found at [www.challengepost.com](http://www.challengepost.com)

C. Public Comment on non-agenda items (limited to two minutes).

*Public Comments*

- (1) A representative from Pacoima Beautiful distributed information on upcoming Urban Gardening Workshops. The next workshop is on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am at the LA Sanitation Lopez Canyon Environmental Education Center. (11950 Lopez Canyon Rd, Lake View Terrace). The topic this month is Winter Vegetables.
- (2) Seymour Amster from Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action (PESA) discussed their neighborhood purpose grant submittal. PESA is the non-profit that provides support and funding for the Teen Court Program.
- (3) William Kunzman complimented the neighborhood council for starting the meetings on time. He stated that he also appreciates the outreach the council does. He suggested that a notebook be added to the meetings that can be used by the attendees to review the current agenda, past meeting minutes, by-laws and monthly expenditure reports. He also expressed concern regarding posting and derogatory remarks made by a vendor on his website.
- (4) Board Member Rob Sherman introduced Chris Coyle as the new General Manager for Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Chris shared with the attendees his familiarity with the site as part of the previous management team at Sunshine Canyon and his great appreciate to be able return to the Valley where he has family and friends.

D. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

*EP Comments (Ray Pollok)*

- (1) States that the emergency preparedness item of the month is wound wipes.

E. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the September 5, 2017 Board meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Brian Allen

**Second:** Dave Parikh

*Board Comments - None*

**Vote:** [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

F. Executive Committee

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to appoint Keren Waters to an open District 3 position on the Board]

*Board Comment*

- (1) Everyone is pleased to have Keren join the Board.

**Vote:** [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

2. Review and possible motion on funding for armbands that have been previously approved.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Brian reported that the processing of the payment is still with the City Clerk. He asked Jose Galdamez from DONE to assist.

3. Board member updates on the recent NC Congress

*Board Comment*

(1) Brian Allen reported that GHNNC sent 3 attendees to the NC Congress including himself. There was a lot of information available for the attendees who attended. As the information is valuable he encouraged more board members to attend in the future.

4. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve up to \$1,500.00 for 120 new chairs for the Granada Hills Woman's Club.

*Board Comment*

(1) Various questions were asked and answered regarding the GH Woman's Club activities and their mission within the community.

**Vote:** [Yes – 11; No – 2 (Dave Parikh, Joe Vitti); Abstain – 1 (Keren Waters<sup>1</sup>)]

5. Volunteers for the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair and Granada Hills Street Faire.

*Board Comment*

(1) Brian Allen will send out an email to the board members with their volunteer assignments

6. Establish program and review and process Neighborhood Purpose Grants.

*Board Comment*

(1) It was decided that an ad-hoc committee will be formed to review NPG's to ensure they align with the council goals. Committee volunteers were Alfredo Castillo, Brian Allen, and Oscar Jimenez.

G. Treasurer Report.

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve August Report.

*Board Comment - None*

**Moves:** Alfredo Castillo

**Second:** Oscar Jimenez

**Vote:** [Yes – 13; No – 0 ; Abstain – 1 (Keren Waters)]

2. Follow up on outstanding items.

*Board Comment - None*

3. Budget Advocate Report.

*Board Comment*

(1) Brian Allen stated that he is working with other NC's to formally object to Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon's comments that elected volunteers serving on L.A.'s Neighborhood Councils have "strangled" and "handcuffed" and issued "threats" against the Los Angeles City Council over housing development in L.A.

(2) Mr. Allen also stated that additional committee members are needed to participate in the Budget Advocate program.

H. Planning and Land Use. Report.

*PLUM Comment*

(1) The Board officially thanked Agnes Lewis for her time chairing the PLUM Committee and as a member of the PLUM Committee. She has resigned effective September 27, 2017. Although Agnes was not able to attend this meeting, the Council expressed their deep appreciation for her years of outstanding service.

(2) **[PASSED]** Motion to host one or more meetings in the next 90 days regarding the Los Angeles General Plan, possibly in conjunction with Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council, in order to

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<sup>1</sup> Karen Waters is not eligible to vote until training with DONE is complete.

discuss and elicit community feedback on the community's vision for the Granada Hills community for the next 50 years.

**Moves:** Wayde Hunter

**Second:** Brian Allen

**Vote:** [Yes – 13; No – 0 ; Abstain – 1 (Keren Waters)]

- (3) **[TABLED]** Motion to adopt the attached Street Vending Permit Proposal and submit the proposal to Councilman Englander and the City Council for their consideration and action.

*Board Comment*

- a. Community member Maria Fisk expressed concern regarding the proposed street vending language. She passed out a summary list of organizations that listed whether they supported, opposed, or were neutral to street vending
  - b. The decision was made to return the motion back to PLUM for further consideration and review.
- (4) Request that if any of the Board members will not be in attendance at the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair or the GH Street Faire, that they volunteer for the Plan Check Meeting

I. Outreach and Publicity Committee. Report.

*Board Comment*

- (1) No meeting held in September
- (2) The next shredding event is on hold until a date is finalized
- (3) Keren Waters has volunteered to join the Outreach Committee
- (4) Board Members are encouraged to reach out to their friends and neighbors and encourage them to join the Outreach Committee.

J. Citywide Committee Report. Sid Gold.

*Citywide Chair Comment (Sid Gold)*

*Board Comment*

- (1) No update as Mr. Gold was absent.

K. Public Safety, Report. Ray Pollok.

*Public Safety Chair Comment (Ray Pollok)*

*Board Comment*

- (1) No meeting held in September

L. Emergency Preparedness Report. Bill Hopkins.

*EP Comments (Ray Pollok)*

- (1) The last meeting was very good with great discussion around the Map Your Neighborhood and CERT.

M. Board member Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Board Comment*

- (1) Dave Parikh: Would like to see better control on public comment time limits. Stated that he would like to see increased scrutiny on NPG to non-profit organizations to ensure the money is well spent.
- (2) Joe Vitti: Wants to ensure we have a good understanding of the volunteer schedule for the Street Faire and Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair.
- (3) Oscar Jimenez: Has found the app MyLA311 to be a very helpful tool in communicating with the City to keep our community safe and clean.
- (4) Brian Allen: Would like to see the palm trees trimmed at the corner of Rinaldi and Balboa. Ralph Kroy volunteered to reach out to the property owner.
- (5) Ray Pollok: Complimented the City's 311 phone line to address community issues. He called in a report of a leak in the street and it was addressed the following day.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Community members complimented the neighborhood council for their assistance in addressing issues with the riding trails in their community. An issue they have been trying to resolve over many years was taken care of quickly with the assistance of the Council.

N. Adjournment

**Adjourned** [8:15 P.M.]

Abbreviation Guide			
BA	Budget Advocates	BONC	Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
CD	Los Angeles City Council District	CERT	Community Emergency Response Team
CIS	Community Impact Statement	CM	Los Angeles City Council Member
DONE	Department of Neighborhood Empowerment	EVOC	Emergency Vehicle Operations Center
GHNNC	Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council	HOPE	Homeless Outreach Partnership Endeavour
LAPD	Los Angeles Police Department	LADWP	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
NC	Neighborhood Council	NPG	Neighborhood Purpose(s) Grant
PLUM	Planning and Land Use Management Committee	SCL	Sunshine Canyon Landfill
SCLAF	Sunshine Canyon Landfill Amenities Fund	SCLCAC	Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee
SFM	San Fernando Mission Boulevard		