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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, March 06, 2018 at 6:30 PM

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

Roll Call [Quorum Achieved (14 present/ 11 required)]

- (1) Present: Brian Allen, Chris Coyle, Kyle Ellis, Michael Greenwald, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Rahim Kazi, Ralph Kroy, Dave Parikh, Ray Pollok, Skylar Rose,¹ Andres Topete, Joe Vitti, Keren Waters
- (2) Absent: Alfredo Castillo, Sid Gold, Oscar Jimenez, Jan Subar,

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

CD12 Comments (Jesse Strobel)

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that United Chambers elected Jesse Strobel as Legislative Aide of the Year.
- (2) Councilmember Englander introduced a motion to allow City to leave RecyLA.
- (3) Councilmember Englander introduced a motion for creating a permitting program for dockless bicycle sharing programs.
- (4) Neighborhoods FIRST (Fully Integrated Resources and Support Team) Initiative to try to put an end to homelessness through a mix of rapid response teams, HOPE team, and eliminating Recreational Vehicle parking in CD12. There will also be a new blog for homelessness program on the CD12 website.
- (5) Kyle Ellis comments that he attended the March 05 'Conversations with Councils' meeting, and that he will place the issue of where within our community we may be able to host our proportionate share of the City's homeless population on the next PLUM agenda.

LAPD Comments

- (1) Neighborhood watch signs are available at the Devonshire Police Station.
- (2) There is a phone number directory that is now current for the Devonshire Area.
- (3) There will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser for LAPD Devonshire Area on April 21.
- (4) The Basic Car Area including GHNNC has seen a 45% downturn in by crime from last year; fewer car burglaries; fewer overall burglaries. Officer asks that stakeholders please report any unusual activities on the non-emergency line otherwise, if there is a crime in progress, call 911. There is currently a focus on stopping domestic violence because new laws have increased status of lesser acts to felonies. Finally, there continues to be road rage, please remain calm on the roads.
- (5) Michael Greenwald asks regarding police station open house, and about the dive, metro, and bomb squads' inclusion, as well as the possible inclusion of the Fire Dept.
- (6) There will be a Basic Car meeting at Granada Hills Charter High School during March; the issue to be discussed will be dealing with transients; feel free to call or email.

¹ Mr. Rose does not have a current Ethics Certificate, and his vote will not be included in determination on any motion.

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

Public Comments

- (1) Rebecca Singer, a Girl Scout in the local troop, is working on her gold star project. She is soliciting feedback from the community regarding the bike riding experience in Granada Hills – in her experience she has been hit by cars twice, and plans on doing a neighborhood-wide bike ride around Petit Park to raise awareness. Michael Greenwald comments that the location is in GHSNC, and so she may want to approach that NC, also recommends reaching out to Jesse Strobel and CD12 to help with any permits or road closures.
- (2) Luz Rivas, who is running for State Assembly District 39 to replace Raul Bocanegra. She grew up in the SFV, and her family came over from Mexico in the 1950s-60s. She became a computer scientist and went to MIT. After working for a stint at Motorola, she pursued a Masters of Arts in Education and thereafter started a nonprofit in the North SFV to help facilitate girl's science education. She has served on the City's public works commission on appointment from the Mayor, and wants to work with the NCs within State Assembly District 39 (which partially includes GHNNC), and Councilmember Englander.

D. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)

- (1) This month is a pair of safety goggles; recommends other safety gear including gloves, helmets, etc.; free items are always available at GHNNC Board Meetings to help the members of the public build their emergency kits.

E. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the February 06, 2018, Board meeting minutes.

Motion: Brian Allen

Second: Bill Hopkins

Vote: [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Chris Coyle)]

F. Executive Committee

1. **[TABLED]** Motion to approve inclusion of information on our website for the Town Hall meeting presented by Northridge West N.C. on Thursday, March 29th from 6-9 P.M. featuring Dr. Nordella. AQMD will attend and LADWP and So. Cal. Gas have been invited. We would have a table available that could be used for outreach. If you are not familiar with this gentleman you can google him or here is an article. <https://www.dailynews.com/2017/09/07/porter-ranch-gas-leak-study-hits-roadblock-after-doctor-is-forced-out/>

Motion to Table: Table the Motion and refer it to the Outreach Committee for further consideration

Motion: Kyle Ellis

Second: Michael Greenwald

Board Comment

- (1) Bill Hopkins asks whether there is any change that people will want to do outreach there? Michael Greenwald comments that it will be discussed in the outreach section.

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

2. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve up to \$850.00 for the Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on Saturday September 29, 2018.

Recusals [Board Members left the room prior to discussion and returned after the vote]

- (1) Bill Hopkins states that he is on the board of the preparedness committee that benefits from this motion.
- (2) Ralph Kroy asks whether he needs to recuse self as the safety officer on the Disaster Preparedness fair, and in an overabundance of caution, does so recuse himself.

Public Comment

- (1) Dave – States that, as to the long lines at the venue, the production team is of the opinion that they need to eliminate them and they plan on simplifying the event, opening it earlier, and make other changes to reduce the lines. As to the attendance numbers, there have been three mechanisms they use to count attendance, but in 2018 there will be no raffle, and they may change any gift giving to prizes for answering questions after presentations.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that the date has been moved to not conflict with the Granada Hills Street Fair.
- (2) Brian Allen comments that he needs all of the documents prior to processing and that there is some concern about long lines getting into the venue (addressed above). Also asks about the methodology regarding the attendance at the fair (addressed above).

Vote: [Yes – 11; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

3. **[MOTION IN OPPOSITION – PASSED]** Discussion and possible motions on Council Files 18-0002-S22 <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0002-S22>; SB 1249 and 18-0002-S21 <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0002-S21>; HR 2790 dealing with cosmetics sold in the state tested on animals.

Public Comment

- (1) Maria Fisk comments that experiments on animals is a necessary step for human safety, and that computer modeling is not ready to be relied upon.
- (2) Jesse Strobel from CD12 states that the Council File is in support of banning the sale of cosmetics tested on animals within the State of California.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that these council files regard cosmetics testing on animals; and that consumers will vote with their pocketbooks.
- (2) Brian Allen states that he concurs with Michael Greenwald and Maria Fisk, and discusses certain drugs being tested on dogs, and the necessity to protect humans.
- (3) Bill Hopkins comments that the rest of the planet is important and that he is in support of the ban on the sale of such products.

Motion In Support: *Motion to support the opinions expressed in the Council Files, to support the ban on the sale of cosmetic products tested on animals.*

Motion – Bill Hopkins

Second – No Second; Motion is Not Considered.

Motion In Opposition: Motion to oppose the opinions expressed in the Council Files, urging the City Council to vote ‘Nay’ on Council File Nos. 18-0002-S22 & 18-0002-S21.

Moves – Wayde Hunter

Second – Chris Coyle

Vote: [Yes – 9; No – 3 (Kyle Ellis; Bill Hopkins; Keren Waters); Abstain – 1 (Joe Vitti)]

4. **[PASSED]** Discussion and possible motions on Council File 18-0002-S20 <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0002-S20> dealing with more local control over traffic laws.

Public Comment

- (1) Jesse Strobel comments that Councilmember Englander proposed this motion directing the City to take any reasonable actions to assert more local control over its streets, particularly with regards to laws for speed limits.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that the council file will allow the City to better control the speed on its streets.
- (2) Kyle Ellis asks regarding superseding state law – is informed that the law itself is a blanket ‘support more local control law’ to try to persuade the State regarding traffic laws.

Vote: [Yes – 11; No – 2 (Andres Topete; Dave Parikh); Abstain – 0]

G. Treasurer Report.

1. **[PASSED AS AMENDED]** Motion to approve January and February MER Reports.

Board Comment

- (1) Brian Allen comments that the February Report is not available, offers to make a friendly amendment, Kyle Ellis notes that it would be better to move to amend.
- (2) Brian Allen states that the amounts listed in the January MER report includes \$700 is for web services, and reflects that \$2k is for the street fair and has been returned to us and we have made good on the payment due from last year. Additionally, GHNNC has approximately \$27k remaining in the budget for this year and that items paid in February include the tri-fold brochures and the repair of sound equipment.

Motion to Amend: Motion to amend the motion to remove the February MER report from mention.

Motion: Kyle Ellis

Second: Brian Allen

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

Amended Motion: Motion to approve the January MER Report.

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

2. Update on NC Equity Funding.

Board Comment

- (1) Brian Allen states that there is a work group established by BONC, next meeting is on March 14th, and is in the process of gathering and evaluating proposals presented at the meeting. Draft proposals will be available on website on Wednesday, March 7th. The current ideas include rolling over funds from previous years, population-based proposals, and possibly a base amount of funding for each NC. Average loss of funding will be \$5k for average-sized NCs, and smaller NCs will likely need to focus their entire budget on outreach.
- (2) Bill Hopkins asks who makes the final decision – Brian Allen states that the working group will make a recommendation to BONC, then BONC will review and possibly send to the City Council.
- (3) Brian Allen states that it’s not about equity, but about being as fair as possible while being able to engage in our core outreach functions as NCs.
- (4) Bill Hopkins states that there are a lot of concerns about how equity funding will be implemented and Brian Allen also mentions the need to shrink costs that do not go to the core functions of the NCs; Bill Hopkins states that if the City gives us free office space then this significantly affects the need for funding, where NCs can accept less funds if the City takes care of office space, or other basic advertising functions. Brian Allen says that the equity funding group is about funding, not spending, so the proposal will focus on that aspect.

H. Planning and Land Use. Report.

PLUM Chair Comment (Kyle Ellis)

3. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the January 18th Planning Forum.

Moves – Kyle Ellis

Second – Bill Hopkins

Board Comment

- (1) Kyle Ellis provides a basic report about the method and purpose of the Planning Forum, and the Report.
- (2) Skylar Rose asks about the request for additional parks, and Kyle Ellis states that this is to reflect the comments of the community, not necessarily a statement of the sound consideration of the Members of the Board or the practicality of the comments to implement.
- (3) Wayde Hunter agrees that this is merely a reflection of the public meeting, and that it does not necessarily reflect our personal opinions.

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

I. Outreach and Publicity Committee. Report.

Outreach Chair Comment (Brian Allen)

- (1) No meeting this last month.
- (2) Michael Greenwald states that outreach is our main mission, and we have been successful with shredding events; has requested that Keren Waters will Chair or Co-Chair the committee.
- (3) Brian Allen states that we need to re-establish outreach – there are 8 volunteers from the Board.
- (4) Bill Hopkins states that you need to agendize the outreach meeting as joint regardless.
- (5) Kyle Ellis states that the Brown Act requires joint meeting notice for Board Members not members of the committee to be allowed to comment at any meeting.
- (6) Michael Greenwald asks for someone to call Victoria Watson to come back and work on outreach, and if anyone else has stakeholders in mind, please suggest them.

J. Citywide Committee Report. Sid Gold.

Citywide Chair Comment (Sid Gold)

- (1) Sid Gold is not present.

K. Public Safety, Report. Ray Pollok.

Public Safety Chair Comment (Ray Pollok)

- (1) Asks Kyle Ellis to help prepare the letter from last month's motion.

L. Emergency Preparedness Report. Bill Hopkins.

EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)

- (1) Emergency Management Department representative came by to discuss how the citizens will interface with the overall City plan to deal REI3 from Italy was present regarding our emergency plans in Los Angeles. So because most members were talking with REI3, the Emergency Management Department presentation will be rescheduled.
- (2) Brian Allen asks about the resiliency kickoff; Keren Waters states that last night there was CD12's conversations with councils and addressing homelessness issues – and that there is such a huge component of resiliency related to homelessness. Getty House resilience was hosted by the Mayor, and that there are 96 items to improve community resilience – Bill Hopkins comments that the material is available online, and should be available to the general population in the future. Bill Hopkins comments that the City is now behind the map your neighborhood program, which is a great way to prepare. Brian Allen comments that liaisons are being requested.

M. Board member Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Board Comment

- (1) Keren Waters discusses ToolBox and HexLab, where Councilmember Englander hosted the last 'Conversations with Councils.'
- (2) Bill Hopkins adds more information regarding the educational, production, entrepreneurial resources at ToolBox/HexLab, and how impressive it is. Also request that for the next agenda, place an *alternate* second signer for financial documents.

- (3) Brian Allen comments that the alternate second signer is to keep the NCs working; additionally. Comments that on the Budget Advocate's website there is an independent study regarding street maintenance, and that there is no coordination for the various repairs that occur, which could save millions of dollars.
- (4) Kyle Ellis states that the California Supreme Court has accepted a petition regarding the consolidated Southern California Gas Cases regarding whether plaintiffs will be able to state a cause of action for negligence against the gas companies when the only damages are economic.
- (5) SCLCAC meeting on Thursday, March 8th at 3pm at the Knollwood Country Club. Also mentions that the tree cutting tha occurred on Sesnon was funded by Patriot Oil.
- (6) Ralph Kroy comments that he contacted the owner for the property on the corner of Balboa and Rinaldi regarding the palm trees and the fence, and they have stated that they will be working on the issues.

N. Adjournment

Adjourned [8:11 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
LADOT	Los Angeles Department of Transportation	LADWP	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
LANCC	Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition	LAPD	Los Angeles Police Department
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		