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Oscar Jimenez	Keren Waters
	Sade Williams

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
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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, June 05, 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, Alfredo Castillo, Kyle Ellis, Sid Gold, Michael Greenwald, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Oscar Jimenez, Ralph Kroy, Dave Parikh, Ray Pollok,¹ Skylar Rose, Joe Vitti, Keren Waters
- (2) Absent: Chris Coyle, Rahim Kazi, Jan Subar, Andres Topete,² Sade Williams³

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

CD12 Comments (Jesse Strobel)

- (1) CM Englander submitted a motion to report on “Street Takeovers,” when dozens to hundreds of people take over an intersection to perform car tricks, from LAPD and City Attorney as well as suggestions to combat the practice. CF 18-0401.
- (2) CM Englander’s ordinance to level fees against false alarms against LAFD and paramedics was approved by the City Council, approximately 12,000 false alarms occur every year, and has cost the City about \$25 million on deployment over the last 6 years. First time offenders will be required to complete a program through an online school. Bill Hopkins asks what false alarms are represented, Jesse states that they are mainly fire alarms.
- (3) Pursuant to the latest Homeless Survey, the homeless population has been reduced by about 20% in CD12, Jesse states that this demonstrates the Neighborhoods FIRST program is achieving results.
- (4) Metro reached out to CM Englander’s office regarding Sepulveda Transit Project regarding feasibility of rail between SFV and LAX. Bill Hopkins notes that last time this happened nothing came of it as a 700 foot tall rail line would be needed to transit the Sepulveda Pass.
- (5) Wayde Hunter requests and reminds CD12 to forward information regarding the floating solar panels in the reservoir as GHNNC has received nothing yet. Wayde Hunter also comments that Accessory Dwelling Unit conversions for tiny houses, garage conversions for homeless, and the legalization of what is current illegal is a concern for GHNNC. Bill Hopkins asks for an email to go to the Board regarding the proposed changes.

DONE Comments (Kathleen Quinn)

- (1) There will be a live ethics training on Monday, June 11, at 6-9pm; July 16th with the date and time to be determined, but in the evening. There will be a regional meetup where the 2019 elections and outreach goals will be discussed; election stipulation sheet was placed in the monthly profile – DONE requests that GHNNC completes the stipulation in the July meeting; a survey is going around that DONE requests be completed. Requests that GHNNC look into the City Council motion related to changes in the NC system.

¹ Ineligible to vote due to missing ethics certificate.

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(2) Brian Allen asks that all NCs roster updates occur on the DONE website.

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

Public Comments

- (1) Barbara Malin – There is completely free pet adoptions on Brand Blvd. this Saturday and Sunday.
- (2) Jade Chen, Neha Adhlabha, and Alison Wang came by to thank GHNNC for the financial support, and report that they won the state championship and ranked 49th in the world in robotics. Over this last season they won 8 awards, including 4 tournament championships, design awards, and other major competition successes.

D. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)

- (1) Item of the month is an elastic Ace-bandage.

E. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the May 01, 2018, Board meeting minutes.

Motion: Bill Hopkins

Second: Ralph Kroy

Vote: [Yes – 12;⁴ No – 0; Abstain – 2 (Joe Vitti, Skylar Rose)]

F. Executive Committee

1. Secretary's report and introduction of our new "Actions" webpage.

- (1) Kyle Ellis comments that he has worked with our webmaster, Aaron, to implement a new website feature that includes all the actions taken by the Board, documents, and follow-up actions undertaken following a board action such as sending a letter and submitting a Community Impact Statement.
- (2) Additionally, with this new system of posting Board actions, Kyle Ellis has created a separate email account for the secretary to manage the posting, document links, as well as all other secretarial functions. The email address is Secretary.GHNNC@gmail.com.
- (3) Next, Kyle Ellis comments that the following Board Members have expired/incomplete ethics certifications: Andres Topete, Ray Pollok, and Sade Williams. Additionally, the following Board Members' ethics certifications will expire in the next two months: Dave Parikh on June 07, Alfredo Castillo on June 09, and Rahim Kazi on August 17.
- (4) Kyle Ellis described that the following actions were undertaken pursuant to the prior meeting: (A) a letter was sent to both LADOT and Councilmember Englander requesting a traffic study, (B) a community impact statement was submitted regarding the Street Vending Ordinance, and (C) a letter was sent to both Councilmember Englander and Mayor Garcetti regarding the new flag contest proposal.

2. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 to purchase Emergency Preparedness items for distribution to GHNNC stakeholders.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that this includes the EP item of the month, and other items.

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

⁴ DONE representative notes that Ray Pollok can vote on non-financial items.

3. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 to purchase a wireless microphone system.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that our wireless microphones are in need of replacement based on their performance. There are a number of options between a couple hundred and several thousand dollars.

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

4. **[FAILED]** Motion to approve up to \$2,100.00 to purchase steering wheel locking devices (The Club) for free distribution to GHNNC stakeholders to help reduce vehicle theft in our area.

Board Comment

- (1) Sid Gold asks how many this would purchase – Bill Hopkins notes that there are two types reviewed, and there will be between 29 heavy duty and 150 of lightweight ones. The lightweight ones are \$10.99, heavy duty are \$14.99. Oscar Jimenez asks about City liability for stolen vehicles with the handed out clubs
- (2) Wayde Hunter asks how these would be distributed. Bill Hopkins' plan would be to use a sign-in list at events and provide them on that basis. Wayde Hunter states we have some of the lowest stolen car rates in the City, and states that just handing them out without a reason.
- (3) Keren Waters asks about who gets them. First come first serve basis, and get more if popular.
- (4) Brian Allen comments that it was not successful at another NC, and there may be an issue regarding whether the company accepts credit cards– Bill Hopkins says they accept credit cards, Bill Hopkins notes the other NC only distributed at their monthly meeting, not other events.
- (5) Oscar Jimenez asks about getting a liability waiver. Brian Allen says you cannot require the stakeholder to sign a waiver to get it.
- (6) Dave Parikh comments that giving it away for free should be a different situation as to liability.
- (7) Brian Allen comments that this would almost certainly be bought next year.

Public Comment

- (1) DONE comments that risk management would look at the waiver issue. Comments that the NC would need to brand it with our NC in order for it to count as outreach.

Motion to Table

Motion: Brian Allen

Second: Keren Waters

Vote: [Yes – 6; No – 7; Abstain 0]

Main Motion

Vote: [Yes – 3 Ralph Kroy, Skylar Rose, Bill Hopkins; No – 9; Abstain – 1 Dave Parikh]

5. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve our continuing contract with Concept to Web through 2019 with the adjustment to \$150.00 per month.

Board Comment

- (1) Bill Hopkins asks whether the contract is a yearly or monthly basis – Brian Allen answers that it is an annual contract on a month-to-month basis. DONE representative notes that all city contracts take time to execute the contract, and the contractors need to be in touch with the city clerk.
- (2) Bill Hopkins asks about access to data, hosting, and passwords to all the data. Brian Allen states that we have ownership of the domain name.
- (3) Bill Hopkins asks whether the adjustment is up or down – it is up by \$20.
- (4) Michael Greenwald comments that Aaron is always responsive, a great webmaster.
- (5) Brian Allen notes that Aaron is the least expensive contractor that the Board has found.
- (6) Joe Vitti notes that Aaron was great for Valley Vote.
- (7) Kyle Ellis comments that Aaron did a great job with the Actions section on the website.

Public Comment

- (1) Maria Fisk asks DONE whether there must be an approved webmaster. The contracts are expiring, and DONE does not plan to pursue them further. Brian Allen states that you can select

any contractor, but they must submit a bid, subject to approval by the City Clerk. DONE
concerned about having access to data.

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

6. Discussion and possible motion on City Council recommendations for Neighborhood Councils. CF 18-0467. (Attachment #1)

Board Comment

- (1) Brian Allen comments that it is CM Ruiz's motion regarding NC reform. The motion has a number of pieces to it: name changes, \$10k non-cumulative rollover year-to-year, other small things, would allow for donations to NCs. It opens the door for NCs to provide feedback and suggestions to go along with this, and other issues that affect NCs. Recommends everybody thoroughly review it and give feedback to the Council.
- (2) Kyle Ellis suggests an *ad hoc* committee be formed: Brian Allen, Kyle Ellis, Ralph Kroy and Sid Gold to form the *ad hoc* committee.

G. Treasurer Report.

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the April MER Report.

Board Comment

- (1) Brian Allen comments that the MER includes payments to LA publishing from 2014 & 2017, and Southern California Preparedness Foundation. With that, we have \$35k available, much of this has been spend in rent and in invoices to Aaron, bringing us to \$19k as-of June 01.
- (2) Skylar Rose asks about certain documents he saw, Brian Allen comments that the documents sent around were for Budget advocates and for NC Congress.
- (3) Bill Hopkins asks whether we could have used LA Publishing; Brian Allen states that we could not while the bills were unpaid.

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

2. **[PASSED]** Approve the GHNNC 2018/2019 Budget.

Board Comment

- (1) Brian Allen passes out the budget. Does not believe rent will incur due to inevitable eviction, web cost slightly increased, moderate outreach, no newsletter this year, events increased, left in money for regular expenses (Budget advocates, GH fair, etc.); election costs at \$1,000 but hopes that we will not have to pay for them.
- (2) Bill Hopkins comments regarding phone/internet, but we do not have internet; Brian Allen comments that we paid \$115. Also asks regarding the Disaster Preparedness Fair being \$0, and asks to allocate \$1,000 to Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. Michael Greenwald comments that this is a living document, and the office will be going away.
- (3) Brian Allen comments that with the report passed, we will have access to our full budget as-of July.

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

3. Update on N.C. Equity Funding.

Board Comment

- (1) Brian Allen comments that the report is over and done with, with some overlap with CM Ruiz's motion. There are a number of proposals that would change the funding of NC's entirely, NCs would be able to do substantially more with money in the future if it is accepted its entirety.
- (2) Ralph Kroy asks what is meant by equity funding. Brian Allen comments that there are some NCs with 70-80k people, and others with 3k people, and they all get the same \$42k per year. Equity funding was set up to address this question, and other issues that were raised such as elections, rent, translation, etc.

- (3) Ralph Kroy asks why there are some NCs with only 3k people are allowed when the number should have been 20k people. Brian Allen comments that the requirement can be calculated differently, as stakeholders is a fuzzy idea, but there were other factors that were important for formation of NCs, such as historical exemption and physical isolation exception.

Public Comment

- (1) DONE states that exemptions require more proof when the number of stakeholders is less than 20k stakeholders.

4. **[PASSED AS AMENDED]** Motion to approve the 2018 inventory list. (Attachment #2)

Board Comment

- (1) Jose Galdamez made the list, Brian Allen comments that we are open to any corrections.
- (2) Michael Greenwald comments that we found two laptops in the office, one is with Kyle Ellis, and the desktop is included.
- (3) Bill Hopkins comments that this was a list that created by Jose Galdamez who did not use GHNNC's prepared list. Brian Allen comments that, as far as he can tell, the list is accurate, but if there is anything missing we need to account, and if anything we should dispose, there is a procedure.
- (4) Michael Greenwald, Bill Hopkins, and Brian Allen discuss the two laptops in the office, and discuss disposing of them.
- (5) Bill Hopkins comments that the list preparation is unfair and inaccurate as to the list, as the wireless microphone includes a receiver and a backup microphone. Brian Allen comments that we should approve the list.

Motion to Amend – *Motion to provisionally approve the 2018 inventory list subject to confirmation and approval by the GHNNC Board.*

Motion: Bill Hopkins

Second: Ralph Kroy

Board Comment

- (1) Wayde comments that there are tables, chairs, a Christmas tree and other objects that are being stored outside of the office by board members.
- (2) Kyle Ellis comments that he stores a laptop outside of the office.
- (3) Alfredo Castillo asks about salvage, and why some items are listed when we do not use them. They are still there, just not used.

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

Motion as Amended

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

H. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report.

Outreach Chair Comment (Keren Waters and Brian Allen)

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the appointment of Keren Waters, Sade Williams, Brian Allen, Oscar Jimenez and Skylar Rose to the Outreach and Publicity Committee.

Board Comment

- (1) Michael Greenwald brings this motion for procedural reasons due to confusion over prior committee membership. It is our most important committee.

Vote: [Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

I. Planning and Land Use. Report.

PLUM Chair Comment (Kyle Ellis)

1. **[PASSED]** Adoption of the PLUM homeless housing recommendation and report. (Attachment #3).

Board Comment

- (1) Bill Hopkins asks about phrasing of the recommendation.

- (2) Brian Allen comments that our area has critical resources in the area is too big a risk without additional police.

Vote: [Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

2. **[PASSED]** Adoption of the PLUM gridlock report and recommendations. (Attachment #4).

Board Comment

- (1) Ray Pollok comments that speed bumps should be looked at by the Police and Fire Department. Speed bumps also slow down ambulances. His experience is that different vehicles can handle speed bumps at different speeds. Michael Greenwald comments that the City had a moratorium on them for a while, and can now be requested, the LAFD must sign off on them.
- (2) Bill Hopkins comments that the City is not going to put them in without residents anyway. LAPD motorcycle officers monitor local traffic occasionally. But if one or two slow down, it will slow down other people.
- (3) Dave Parikh is happy that we are discussing this issue, and many comments from his neighbors. Long term solution proposed is really more of a midterm solution, and that someone will be impacted regardless, so without an alternative there will be no real solution. There will be no solution without county and cross-county
- (4) Brian Allen comments that speed bumps should not affect service.
- (5) Sid Gold comments that its great and we may improve
- (6) Keren Waters comments that they don't seem to affect her
- (7) Alfredo Castillo comments that the change in the lights for left turns have changed to allow more cars to go through lights. Michael Greenwald comments that the lights have changed. Bill Hopkins, Alfredo Castillo, Michael Greenwald, and Brian Allen comment about the issue as to only allowing two cars through lights at certain intersections.

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

3. **[PASSED]** Motion regarding the City Council's consideration of the County of Los Angeles' Safe, Clean Water Program, requesting that the City specifically identify where the expenditures from Proposition O were spent and requesting that the City make the reports from the Bureau of Street Services and Department of Water and Power regarding this program publicly available for review. Council File No. 18-0384.

Board Comment

- (1) No comments.

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

4. **[PASSED]** Motion in support of the City Council's proposed ordinance requiring all gated communities install universal emergency access systems and to give the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Fire Department the ability to automatically open gates with radios or other automated means. Further request that the City Council adopt this ordinance by no later than the end of 2018. Council File No. 16-0881.

Board Comment

- (1) Bill Hopkins comments that we should vote for it.

Vote: [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

- J. Citywide Committee Report. Sid Gold.

Citywide Chair Comment (Sid Gold and Brian Allen)

- (1) Sid Gold is now walking, but has been unable to attend Citywide meetings for the last month.

- K. Public Safety, Report. Ray Pollok.

Public Safety Chair Comment (Ray Pollok)

- (1) Nothing to report.

L. Emergency Preparedness Report. Bill Hopkins.

EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)

- (1) Capt. Szabados from Fire Station 18 spoke about general fire safety and brush clearance. High fire severity zone reporting requirements have changed significantly. Michael Greenwald comments that you need to continually log in to the website to check on whether the LAFD has inspected the area.

M. Board Member Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Board Comment

- (1) Dave Pahrik, comments that the PLUM committee has done an excellent job, hope that we will continue.
- (2) Joe Vitti thanks Kyle Ellis on his work.
- (3) Wayde Hunter comments on the issue of Wayz, on Memorial Day he had to force his way out of his driveway. South Coast Air Quality Management District is meeting soon. Also comments that trees' roots are forming their own speed bumps and injuring cyclists.
- (4) Ralph Kroy comments on trees.
- (5) Brian Allen, budget advocates day on June 23. RealID will be implemented in CA. Bill Hopkins clarifies the use of the ID for air travel.
- (6) Keren Waters thanks Kyle Ellis, mentions that the Shred Event is on Saturday. The publishing department only has one person, and the name plates are delayed.
- (7) Alfredo Castillo comments the new ordinance passed regarding solar panels are defrauding customers due to increased property taxes resulting from the improvements.
- (8) Bill Hopkins mentions that Barbara Malin was granted the Senior of the Year award, upon the recommendation of our NC.
- (9) Michael Greenwald comments that he appreciates how much everyone contributes to the board. Please come to the shredding event.

N. Adjournment

Adjourned [8:30 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	EVOG	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 Purposes 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		