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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, December 04, 2018 at 6:30 PM**

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

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

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

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

- (1) Michael Greenwald announces that there will be a farewell breakfast for CM Englander on December 13, between 8-11 A.M.

##### *DONE Comments (Jose Galdamez)*

- (1) Jose Galdamez is being reassigned, the next liaison for GHNNC will be Cathleen Quinn.
- (2) EmpowerLA awards and vanguard award nominations are coming up, requests that submissions be sent in through the link in the monthly profile.
- (3) Regarding the holidays, send in forms to the department ahead of time to avoid rush.
- (4) IgniteLA elections workshop for women candidates – January 19 and February 2 in the San Fernando Valley; March 11 in Downtown Los Angeles.
- (5) There will be candidate workshops regarding filing, and other events in the future.
- (6) Funding roundtable will be on Saturday, January 12 in Reseda (18118 Sherman Way), for board members to discuss the NC funding program, including everything the NC may spend money on and the processes involved.
- (7) NC elections are coming soon, and anyone interested in running for a board position will need to file candidate forms
- (8) On Monday, December 10, there will be a holiday event for DONE and other community groups in Downtown Los Angeles City Hall.
- (9) Michael Greenwald asks whether information is usually sent to the entire board, he does.
- (10) Brian Allen comments that he is sad Jose is leaving, but happy to get Cathleen as a replacement.

##### *CD12 Comments (Jesse Strobel)*

- (1) Last week City Council adopted a regulatory framework for street vending ahead of the State deadline of January 1. There will be two types of vending – one for parks requiring City Council approval, and one without permitting other than existing law. Health and safety approvals rely on County approval. Brian Allen asks about the number of vendors – estimate is 50,000. Ralph Kroy asks how the government can control the number of street vendors. The current framework is based on what currently existed to avoid the state's liberal restrictions. CM Englander is against the bill.

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<sup>1</sup> Arrived after the meeting had commenced.

- (2) City Council requested drafting of ordinance to ban plastic straws. Kyle Ellis asks how this is different from the state law – unsure what the City’s goals will be. Sid Gold asks whether there will be fines – possibly up to 2500/day 300k/annually. Michael Greenwald comments that the facts relied upon by the City Council to justify this ban is wholly inadequate and based on de-bunked information.
- (3) Informs us about the farewell breakfast for CM Englander on December 13, between 8-11 A.M.

*US29 Comments (Lucia Senda)*

- (1) Informs the public about the services available through Congressman Cardenas to help with Federal agencies.
- (2) Congressman Cardenas provided a gift basket to the NC.

*AD39 (Jude Hernandez)*

- (1) There will be a food drive at Assemblywoman Rivas’ office in Arleta ending December 14.
- (2) Comments that 30% of students at Assemblywoman Rivas’ old elementary school are facing some form of homelessness. As a result, the Assemblywoman is looking to invest in homes for homeless families, increase the number of homeless coordinators, add a Department of Education representative to the homeless council, ensure that the definition of “homeless” is consistent throughout all California agencies.
- (3) Brought over some magnets with emergency contact information.
- (4) Sid Gold asks about Assemblywoman Rivas’ voting record on the street vending bill – Assemblywoman Rivas voted yes. This bill set a framework to decriminalize street vending statewide, but permitting local entities to set local regulations on legal vending. Brian Allen asks about why we should allow street vending – Jude responds that street vending has been around forever, this will allow the State and Local governments to legalize, tax, and regulate the practice. Berj Demirjian states that the issue is the damage to brick and mortar stores. Kyle Ellis asks Jesse about Hollywood corridor – street vending is banned there for safety reasons. Keren Waters comments that the use of hot oil is dangerous.
- (5) Keren Waters asks about sober living homes – there was some form of legislation passed last session, and the Assemblywoman is looking into it for next legislative session.
- (6) Sid Gold asks about the philosophy of Assemblywoman Rivas as to state control versus city control. Assemblywoman Rivas wants there to be local control to some extent.
- (7) Oscar Jimenez asks how many homeless coordinators we need, and how do we fund them. Assemblywoman Rivas wants to find enough people to fit the need, and funding is once the numbers are determined. Keren Waters asks for more specific information next month.
- (8) Michael Greenwald says that he is tired of taxes of going up – if we need to invest in homeless services, there should be cut backs in other services.

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

*Public Comments*

- (1) David Messa SoCal Gas announces that they provide home gas as well as gas for electricity throughout the state. The State has a goal to do 100% electricity in the future. Advocates for choice in options for gas availability in the home, and advises that laws can be passed without significant public scrutiny. Ralph Kroy says that the electric grid is incapable of handling a transition to 100% electric heating, cooking, etc. Keren Waters asks the name of the bill AB 3232, regarding transitioning to 100% electric. Berj Demirjian asks why the state had the bill proposed. Messa asserts that it is based on clean energy goals. Oscar Jimenez asks about the bill, and why it did not pass – Messa states that there were a mix of people in both parties, depending on geography.
- (2) Dr. Loraine Lundquist announces that she intends to run for CD12 City Council position. She is a scientist, mother, and a NC Board member in Northridge East. She is a Professor teaching physics, mathematics, and sustainability at California State University Northridge, works with schools, and is active with trying to resolve homelessness in the San Fernando Valley. Is running because she wants to bring exceptional public services to the City, especially potholes, trees, and parks; and she is passionate about environmental issues and climate change.

D. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

*EP Chair Comments (Michael Greenwald on behalf of Bill Hopkins)*

- (1) Item of the month is a hand warmer. It maintains its warmth for approximately 7 hours.

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

**Motion:** Oscar Jimenez

**Second:** Andres Topete

**Vote:** [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Skylar Rose); Ineligible – 0]

F. Executive Committee

1. Motion to accept the resignation of Joe Vitti.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Joe Vitti thanks the Board for all the work we've done. Joe Vitti was on the original formation committee for GHNNC.

**Vote:** [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Joe Vitti); Ineligible – 0]

2. Update on office search.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Michael Greenwald states that the group will be meeting in the future.

3. **[PASSED]** Motion to support the special election to fill CD12's forthcoming vacancy, rather than an appointment.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Sid Gold comments that no input should be made until the names for candidates for CD12 are submitted. Michael Greenwald says that we probably do not have the time to decide on anyone.
- (2) Skylar Rose asks about what the motion is; Kyle Ellis says that there are two options for what the City Council may do, either appoint a person for the rest of the term or hold a special election.
- (3) Ralph Kroy asks whether we should recommend someone because he doesn't want Council President Herb Wesson to appoint someone.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Joe Vitti comments that there is a plan to place someone in there to hold the seat.

**Motion to Amend:** Motion to amend to designate a specific person to be a placeholder for the CD12 position.

**Motion:** Sid Gold

**Second:** Ralph Kroy

*Board Comment*

- (1) Skylar Rose states that says the motion does not support the amendment.
- (2) Michael Greenwald comments that this is intended to affect the 'caretaker' appointment until an election.
- (3) Kyle Ellis comments that we do not have any means to consider prior to December 31, when the 'deadline' is.

**Vote:** [Yes – 5 (Andres Topete, Keren Waters, Ralph Kroy, Rahim Kazi, Brian Allen); No – 6; Abstain – 0; Ineligible – 0]

**[Amendment Fails]**

***Original Motion***

**Vote:** [Yes – 10; No – 1 (Ralph Kroy); Abstain – 1 (Sid Gold); Ineligible – 0]

4. Determine Holiday meeting schedule.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Christmas Day and New Year's Day are regular meetings days, but no meetings will be held then.
- (2) Michael Greenwald suggests that the January meeting be on Monday, January 7 for the monthly meeting, and the executive meeting on Wednesday, December 26. Those days are agreed-to by the Board.

5. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve up to \$500 as a sponsor of VANC's 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary mixer on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

*Board Comment*

- (1) No comments from the board or public.

**Vote:** [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 0; Ineligible – 0]

G. Treasurer Report.

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the October 2018 MER.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Brian Allen comments that the main expenses are due to rent being in arrears. Kyle Ellis asks if the rent being tardy causes there to be a penalty – it does not.

**Vote:** [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 0; Ineligible – 0]

2. Budget Advocates Report.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Nothing new. But the white paper is being prepared, and are 1-2 months ahead of where they have been in the past, and the white paper will be forthcoming in January 2019. Meeting with departments as needed, and requesting NCs and public members to weigh in on the Budget Advocate survey, available at: [www.ncbala.com](http://www.ncbala.com)
- (2) Michael Greenwald comments that we need to send the survey out to the board and to the GHNNC email list and on our website.

H. Planning and Land Use. Report.

*PLUM Chair Comment (Kyle Ellis)*

1. **[PASSED]** [Council File Nos. 13-1320-S2 and 18-1094] Motion to oppose the disbursement of funds due to (1) Failure to set up an Advisory Committee for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Amenities Fund and (2) failure to notify Neighborhood Councils in the affected areas of the planned disbursement of funds. Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council nevertheless commends the fact that the funds are going towards projects within the Granada Hills community, as it is the most impacted by the Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Michael Greenwald fully supports the motion, as the committee has not been put together despite numerous requests throughout the years. GH is the most impacted from the dump, and is horrified that \$1 million is spent merely on architecture for the pool.

**Vote:** [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 0; Ineligible – 0]

2. **[PASSED]** Motion to support the proposal of the Encino Neighborhood Council to implement a legal mechanism in the Los Angeles Municipal Code to enforce the prohibition of destroying trees in the public right of way without first obtaining a permit. *See Attachment.*

*Board Comment*

- (1) Oscar Jimenez is concerned with enforcement, and how there is no practical mechanism for enforcement.
- (2) Sid Gold asks if there is a council file on this. There is not.
- (3) Keren Waters asks how this affects homeowners, Kyle Ellis responds that this would only affect parkways between homes and the street.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Loraine Lundquist comments that there has been a consultant for forest management citywide, so there may be a comprehensive solution forthcoming. NC sustainability alliance works with NCs who are removing trees.

**Vote:** [Yes – 11; No – 0; Abstain – 2 (Rahim, Berj Demirjian); Ineligible – 0]

I. Citywide Committee Report. Sid Gold.

*Citywide Chair Comment (Sid Gold and Brian Allen)*

- (1) LADWP oversight meeting regarding long-term resource planning for power in the city. Goal to remove fossil fuels entirely from the City by 2060; there is a mandate of 60/40 by 2030. Solar is becoming cheaper, but there is an overabundance during the day and none at night.
- (2) LANCC meeting was well attended of over 100 people resolution for Jose Huisar to resign from the city council.
- (3) Filing online for NC candidates. There will be a 24-hour turnaround, and should be easy to apply.
- (4) Presentation by the mayor on bridge homes for the homeless with housing and services, there will be 50,000 units in ten years with security and other services.
- (5) There was also a motion regarding road diets – a lot of people in attendance spoke in favor, some against. No action was taken.
- (6) There is an opening for a north valley representative that needs to be appointed.

J. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report.

*Outreach Chair Comment (Keren Waters and Brian Allen)*

- (1) On hiatus last month.
  1. Call for volunteers for the December 8, Shred Event.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Shred trucks will be there from 8:30am-11:30am.
- (2) Michael Greenwald, Andres Topete, Skylar Rose, Keren Waters, Oscar Jimenez, Ralph Kroy, Rahim Kazi, Wayde Hunter.
- (3) Michael Greenwald contacted daily news, and secured Knollwood Plaza. Asks for an updated City insurance letter, current one is from 2015.

2. Election planning.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Michael Greenwald suggests using outreach as the election committee.

K. Public Safety, Report. Ray Pollok.

*Public Safety Chair Comment (Ray Pollok)*

- (1) The motion regarding the no left/no right turns has moved through to CD12, and LADOT is working on the issue. Traffic has gotten worse through the holiday traffic.

- (2) Nothing on the agenda for the public safety meeting.
- (3) Gives thanks to Richard Fisk for creating a map regarding the new senior lead officer meetings of the LAPD for GHNNC area.

L. Emergency Preparedness Report. Bill Hopkins.

*EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)*

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that Bill had an EP meeting in November, but lost information sent by Bill Hopkins.

M. Board Member Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Board Comment*

- (1) Keren Waters asks about 440 project, Jesse Strobel comments that she will look into it.
- (2) Sid Gold mentions that there will be no online voting this year. Leads into comment that he is concerned about the safety of elections in general.
- (3) Wayde Hunter says that there is an abatement meeting on Dec. 12 in Diamond Bar regarding Sunshine Canyon Landfill.
- (4) Rahim Kazi wishes happy and healthy holidays for everyone.
- (5) Ralph Kroy comments that at 4pm there is a parade of cars down Meadowlark to bypass balboa and we need the controls. Elected to the Chamber of Commerce for Granada Hills.
- (6) Michael Greenwald thanks the Board for attending the meeting, wishes the Board and the public a safe holiday.

N. Adjournment

**Adjourned** [8:21 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 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		