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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 November 07, 2017 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: Michael Greenwald, Brian Allen, Alfredo Castillo, Kyle Ellis, Sid Gold, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Rahim Kazi, Ralph Kroy, Dave Parikh, Skylar Rose, Andres Topete, Joe Vitti, Keren Waters
- (2) Absent: Ray Pollok, Jan Subar, Oscar Jimenez, Rob Sherman

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

#### CA38 (CA Rep. Acosta) Comments

- (1) Angelica Chavez. Bills that have passed: AB539 permits a court order regarding invasion of privacy issues; AB1027 would authorize the DMV to accept training program certificates for motorcycle licensing; AB1172 transfers the Sierra Highway to the City of Santa Clarita at the city's request.
- (2) Gas tax – Acosta voted no, and so far 30% of the monies have gone to items other than roads; the cost of registration will be an issue with up to \$125-\$175 extra each year; plus the costs on all movable goods will go up.
- (3) Leginfo.ca.gov is a resource for info on legislation.
- (4) Community events, (1) Vincenzo's pizza, (2) it's a grind, (3) Shephard's; check social media and flyers that will be posted soon.
- (5) On Thursday Dec. 7 there will be an open house in Santa Clarita – please bring a toy (unwrapped) for the toy drive.
- (6) Mentions claimit.ca.gov as a resource to reclaim monies that belong to you.
- (7) The assembly member is in district until January, please contact the office to schedule a time to meet him.

#### CD12 (L.A. CM Englander) Comments

- (1) Jessica Strobel requests input from the Board regarding the traffic congestion on Balboa, particularly during rush hour. Michael Greenwald comments that 5-10am should be no left turns on a portion of the street to mitigate some of the congestion issues. Brian Allen comments that on San Fernando Road towards Valencia, CalTrans blocks one lane; and that there needs to be more police on the road. Sid Gold mentions that there will be a large development in Santa Clarita, that will impact traffic in the coming years. Wayde Hunter comments that that Fridays are the worst for traffic, and that control officers are needed on hand; he also mentions that Balboa is designated as a Highway, but it does not properly connect up to the I-5.
- (2) Report on the Aliso Canyon gas leak. Regarding health, a new study has results reporting elevated levels of toxins in the area, and CM Englander is moving the City Council to require the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and other agencies to report on the issue.
- (3) CM Englander voted to expand the list of prohibited items under municipal code that are banned at public assemblies.
- (4) Discusses the Nurse Advanced Provider Response Unit, where pursue practitioners act as mobile urgent care units. They have been particularly effective in engaging 'super users' of ambulances and emergency

rooms, as well as intoxicated-in-public users; 9-1-1 will screen and route calls for these users when they are activated.

- (5) CM Englander moved in Council that bike lanes not be installed on roads unless they are in 86% or better condition. Bill Hopkins mentions that there are practically no streets in LA that would satisfy that criteria, thus no new bike lanes.
- (6) Public asks about street cleaning; response is to call 311 or contact CM Englander's office.
- (7) Keren Waters asks about safety of holiday parade – nothing special known about event preparations at CD12.
- (8) Wayde Hunter states that the health issues with the Aliso Canyon gas leak are likely bad, but Sunshine Canyon is also bad for health exposures; asks that CM Englander pursue a health study/risk assessment for Granada Hills while the same is being pursued for Porter Ranch.

#### *DONE Comments*

- (1) Jose Galdanez, announces that DONE and personnel are putting together the mandatory trainings into the City portal.
- (2) 'Civic U' is taking place in January, suggests participation for all GHNNC members and members of the community.
- (3) Asks regarding inventory, of the GHNNC office and is directed to speak with Brian Allen.
- (4) Neighborhood Council-City Hall concierge service for city council files and other business is being launched.
- (5) On Oct 24, there was a proposed ordinance change to the definition of stakeholder; states that there is still time for GHNNC to consider and weigh in on the issue for BONC to make additional changes. The changed language specifically relates to a "substantial and ongoing" presence within the neighborhood.
- (6) Mentions the existence of a NC equity group, asks about nominations for commission.

#### *LAPD*

- (1) Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Janine Angeles and SLO Danny del Valles. Asks regarding clarification on backup on San Fernando Mission/Valencia. Brian Allen mentions that CalTrans blocks the Old Road on one lane construction.
- (2) Dave Holdey, Senior Lead for Traffic – Area was recertified and more enforcement will be coming regarding speeding and the bike lane; Bill Hopkins asks about lowering the speed limit, but officer does not know (expects 45MPH for the area). Balboa and Rinaldi is now going to be always open for extra enforcement due to traffic and accident problems.
- (3) Basic car regarding North Rinaldi and East Balboa – mentions to the public, do not leave items in your car as there have been lots of vehicle windows smashed, as well as 7 reports of windows shot out with BB guns; probably kids.
- (4) CM Englander stated that they are a few weeks away for no parking at Woodley and 118.
- (5) States that the LAPD were at maximum deployment for Anti-fascists on November 4. Last week there were 19 arrests related to the Porter Ranch protests.
- (6) Holidays coming up, don't leave presents visible in your cars, and if you put any in your trunk move your car or else thieves may pop your trunk and steal the items so placed.
- (7) Homeless HOPE team has been working on homeless population in the division.
- (8) Michael Greenwald asks about mail theft, relates incidents thereof to the officers. Officers tell Michael Greenwald that this should be reported to USPS, as they have their own investigation/law enforcement division for mail crimes. Everyone should still practice safety with mail handling by taking checks and packages to the post office for posting.
- (9) Brian Allen asks about people running stop signs, relates that its one person in a grey Mercedes running stop signs all the time. However, LAPD is at full deployment, and not a lot of time to cover other, less serious, issues.
- (10) Tomorrow at ToGos, there is coffee with an officer; Thursday at the Greek Orthodox church is a Basic Car meeting/potluck.

- (11) Sid Gold asks about masks and the first amendment; asks about officers at the department downgrading crime statistics. LA Times says that the Police Department in Van Nuys has downplayed the amount of crime to boost reputation.

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

*Public Comments*

- (1) Jon Pelzer comments on a non-agenda item; 35-year resident, running for U.S. Congress in 30<sup>th</sup> District as a Democrat. Runs against big money, talks about moving voting to the weekend, in favor of healthcare and immigration – priority on family. Advocates the use of federal funds for waste treatment and green initiatives.
- (2) William Kuzman on non-agenda item; appreciates the binder with documents in the back of the room, wants links; comments on speaker cards and says that there is no disclaimer on the card regarding public record requests.
- (3) Barbara Malin on non-agenda item; talks about good neighbor laws from City Attorney office. Will send out email that has the laws.

D. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

*EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)*

- (1) Roll of adhesive tape. There is literature as well for the public including an ‘EP list.’
- (2) Mentions the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair, and has souvenir programs available.
- (3) Can of the Month program, will take to a regional food bank.

E. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the October 03, 2017, Board meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Brian Allen

**Second:** Kyle Ellis

**Vote:** [Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 2 (Bill Hopkins, Sid Gold)]

F. Executive Committee

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for up to \$500.00 for the robotics program and up to \$500.00 for the Academic Decathlon team at Granada Hills Charter High School.

*Board Comment*

- (1) (Public)Kuzman asks to split the motion and requests that the items be handled separately.
- (2) Bill Hopkins comments that its one NPG, and cannot be split by GHNNC.
- (3) Brian Allen comments that the dates need to be changed.
- (4) Alfredo Castillo comments that Granada Hills Charter is outside our area, Brian Allen and Michael Greenwald state that Granada Hills Charter attendees are nevertheless our students from GHNNC area.
- (5) (Public) half the area of Granada Hills Charter is in the GHNNC area, and they do outreach at El Oro elementary.

**Vote:** [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Alfredo Castillo)]

2. **[TABLED]** Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for up to \$1,000 for four Lego 2.0 kits to assist classroom teaching at El Oro School.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that these consist of architecture kits.
- (2) Alfredo Castillo mentions that there is an email requesting a withdrawal of the NPG; Kyle Ellis checks and mentions that such an email was received by GHNNC.

**Motion to Table:** Kyle Ellis

**Second:** Brian Allen

**Vote:** [Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

3. **[TABLED]** Motion to deny a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for up to \$5,000.00 for program expenses of PESA (Parents, Teachers/Educators & Students in Action).

*Board Comment*

- (1) Comments about whether the motion is proper. Brian Allen clarifies that the motion is written by the Executive Board to deny the NPG.

**Motion to Table:** Michael Greenwald

**Second:** Brian Allen

**Vote:** [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Sid Gold)]

4. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve up to \$200.00 for Outreach activities at “Grubfest” in Granada Hills.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Michel Greenwald comments that Kyle Ellis and Brian Allen are trying to do outreach at the Grubfest do community outreach, elicit feedback, etc.
- (2) Rahim Kazi clarifies that it is on Friday evenings.

**Vote:** [Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

5. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve up to \$600.00 for a Shredding Event to be held on December 9, 2017.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Michael Greenwald comments that the most calls he gets from the community regards the shredding event.

**Vote:** [Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

G. Treasurer Report.

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve September and October Reports.

*Board Comment*

- (1) MERs for Sep. and Oct.; mostly refreshments.

**Moves:** Brian Allen

**Second:** Michel Greenwald

**Vote:** [Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

2. Follow up on outstanding items.

*Board Comment*

- (1) No Comment

3. Budget Advocate Report.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Meetings, and looking for input.

H. Planning and Land Use. Report.

*PLUM Chair Comment (Kyle Ellis)*

- (1) Report:

1. **[PASSED]** 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*

- (1) Kyle Ellis explains the proposal.
- (2) Dave Parikh asks about permitting fees, and comments that they may accelerate into significant fees.
- (3) Keren Waters asks regarding food safety rating.
- (4) Brian Allen comments about security, and how there are diseases from food carts.
- (5) Rahim Kazi asks about superseding previous position.
- (6) Alfredo Castillo asks about the street vendors coming to the NC as part of the permitting process.

- (7) Sid Gold asks about letter grades being a County issue, Kyle Ellis comments that it should be left up to the City, and the proposal just requests compliance.
- (8) Rahim Kazi asks regarding marijuana.
- (9) Skylar Rose asks regarding logistics of vendors coming to the NC for opinions.
- (10) Alfredo Castillo asks about logistics again.
- (11) (Public) Maria Fisk – States that opt-in opt-out provision should be included in the motion, and should consider the legislative report recently published by the City.

**Vote:** [Yes – 9; No – 5 (Bill Hopkins, Alfredo Castillo, Brian Allen, Rahim Kazi, Dave Parikh); Abstain – 0]

- 2. **[PASSED]** Motion to perform outreach at the Granada Hills Grubfest to promote a dialog with the public regarding the Los Angeles City’s General Plan and the mission of the GHNNC.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Kyle Ellis explains the motion, and explains that the grubfest is a weekly event each Friday night on Chatsworth Street near Zelzah Avenue.
- (2) Michael Greenwald states that the Executive Committee added the other motion regarding funding.
- (3) Sid Gold notes that the people at the grubfest become spokespersons for GHNNC.

**Vote:** [Yes – 13; No – 1 (Joe Vitti); Abstain – 0]

- 3. **[PASSED]** Motion to request that Councilmember Englander review the status of the members on the Granada Hills Specific Plan Design Review Board, and work with GHNNC to solicit community input on possible candidates for any open positions to more equitably distribute the make-up of that Board.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Kyle Ellis explains the motion.
- (2) Michael Greenwald states that the Design Review Board does not have Granada Hills North representation.

**Vote:** [Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

I. Outreach and Publicity Committee. Report.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Shred event will occur on December 9, and we need volunteers.
- (2) The next Outreach meeting will be on Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, at 5:30PM in the GHNNC Office. Bill Hopkins mentions that the Emergency Preparedness meeting is right afterwards.

J. Citywide Committee Report. Sid Gold.

*Citywide Chair Comment (Sid Gold)*

- (1) Mentions that there was a highlight email sent out. Comments on Mike Feuer’s non-attendance at the last meeting.
- (2) Mentions the city’s transition to equity metrics.
- (3) Office of public accountability and the ratepayer advocate is up for nomination for the same position, and Sid Gold comments that current ratepayer advocate is likely to be re-nominated.
- (4) Lots of comments from apartment owners regarding that tenants do not have incentive to save water, but new apartments will have individual water meters. Kyle Ellis comments that urbanization helps with the issue of capital costs for public utilities.
- (5) City lost \$1 million regarding illegal dumping.
- (6) City planning regarding equity and zoning.
- (7) Michael Greenwald mentions that there is very little illegal dumping in Granada Hills North, but much worse in other parts of the city.
- (8) City is looking for extra money for advertising NCs, DONE is working with Budget Advocates.

K. Public Safety, Report. Ray Pollok.

*Public Safety Chair Comment (Ray Pollok)*

- (1) Next meeting is one week from today at 2PM.
- (2) Will be following up on the letter to LA Department of Transit regarding the stop signs and stop lights.

L. Emergency Preparedness Report. Bill Hopkins.

*EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)*

- (1) Passes on commenting.

M. Board member Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Board Comment*

- (1) Wayde Hunter states that the Air Quality Management District hearing is tomorrow and Thursday, SCLCAC meets on Thursday as well.
- (2) Joe Vitti will attend with Wayde Hunter regarding sunshine canyon.
- (3) Bill Hopkins apologizes regarding the PA system not working, making it more difficult for the public to hear.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Public Question, street vendors and restroom facilities; Michael Greenwald asks CD12, and they will look into it.

N. Adjournment

**Adjourned** [8:22 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		