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Oscar Jimenez	Keren Waters

## 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, April 03, 2018 at 6:30 PM**

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

#### **Roll Call** [Quorum Achieved (12 present/11 required)]

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

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

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

- (1) City Council approved Councilmember Englander's proposition to prohibit marijuana adverts, and has been referred to committee.
- (2) The seismic retrofit program was approved in order to assist with required improvements to earthquake retrofits.
- (3) Homelessness connect day is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> at Freedom Church in Chatsworth
- (4) The S.O.L.I.D. pancake breakfast is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### *SD18 Comments (Samantha Stafford & Raj Dhillon)*

- (1) Samantha Stafford is the new district representative for GHNNC area; will attempt to get Senator Hertzberg to the NC this summer
- (2) Comments that Senator Hertzberg apologizes for going back and forth due to legislative meetings, but has provided pizza as compensation for missing the meeting.
- (3) Senator Hertzberg's priorities for the upcoming year include bail reform, cannabis banking, publically identifying twitter bots, modification of SB1 (gas tax) in order to make allocation of funds from the tax more specific.
- (4) Maria Fisk asks regarding SB827 (transit-oriented development bill) – Senator Hertzberg is opposed in its current form – but is willing to see what amendments will be offered, as there may be some form of the bill that could gain Senator Hertzberg's support.
- (5) Richard Fisk asks regarding the proposed repeal of the gas tax – Samantha Stafford says that they will look into it but is unaware of Senator Hertzberg's position on outright repeal.
- (6) Ralph Kroy asks regarding arts programs in high schools – Samantha Stafford says that she will follow up.
- (7) Brian Allen asks regarding how Senator Hertzberg could change his mind in regards to SB827 – Senator Hertzberg is gathering feedback from the community and will evaluate any changes through what the community wants.
- (8) Kyle Ellis asks regarding bail reform and the impact on trial courts – Samantha Stafford will follow up.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Jimenez, while completing 1 hour and 57 minutes of the required 2 hours of ethics training, has not had his training certificate updated at this time, as the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will not re-authorize his ethics certificate while he is missing the remaining three (3) minutes. Accordingly, Mr. Jimenez's vote will be accounted for in these minutes, but any vote where he participates will be designated with an asterisk.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Rose does not have a current Ethics Certificate, and his vote will not be included in determination on any motion.

- (9) Michael Greenwald asks regarding the number of agencies in California, and comments that Senator Hertzberg may want to look into a reduction to the number of agencies.

*DONE Comments (Jose Galdamez)*

- (1) DONE is creating a series of Planning 101 workshops, with two scheduled for this month on April 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-8:30PM, and all are welcome.
- (2) City Clerk and EmpowerLA held election workshops to consider how NC elections will be held.
- (3) Bylaws amendment due on April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup> for budgets, June 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day for check payments, June 20<sup>th</sup> is last day for bank payments – Fiscal Year Budget due July 1<sup>st</sup>, a strategic plan is requested, but not required.
- (4) Bill Hopkins asks regarding what the departmental monetary deadlines are for City Departments – Jose Galdamez remarks that the deadlines are essentially the same as for NCs.
- (5) Kyle Ellis asks about the time requirements for ethics certificates – Jose Galdamez mentions that the requirement is 2 hours, no less, and a supplemental would be required to complete the training under the 2 hour mark.
- (6) Michael Greenwald mentions that Jose Galdamez is the best representative GHNNC has had from DONE.

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

*Public Comments*

- (1) John Pelzer is running for Congress in the 30<sup>th</sup> Congressional District against Congressman Brad Sherman; is running on a platform for not accepting money from corporations (or unions); mentioned that NCs are an incredible system; whether or not support him, he supports us and our work. Michael Greenwald asks whether he supports sanctuary cities, Mr. Pelzer supports sanctuary cities.
- (2) Mikkie Loi – Speaking in support of S.O.L.I.D.; which will be having the 25<sup>th</sup> annual pancake breakfast for Devonshire Division, 8:00AM-1:00PM on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- (3) Carter invites all to the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce Installation, will be awarding the Citizen of the Year award, Bill Hopkins is a nominee. GranadaChamber.com.

D. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

*EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)*

- (1) Box of band-aids, and asks for community support with Can of the Month program.

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

Kyle will modify to note that Bill Hopkins and Ralph Kroy left the room when they recused themselves.

**Motion:** Bill Hopkins

**Second:** Wayde Hunter

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

F. Executive Committee

1. **[TABLE]** Motion to approve up to \$500.00 to support the V.A.N.C Annual Forum in November.

**Motion to Table:** Brian Allen

**Second:** Kyle Ellis

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

2. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve up to \$500.00 to support the Budget Advocates.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Brian Allen briefly describes what the Budget Advocates are – they are citizen volunteers who review and advise the City on the City's budget to try to make the process more transparent and efficient. It is part of the NC system, and is empowered to sit down with City Departments to review their budgets.

- (2) Bill Hopkins asks about where the money will go – Brian Allen responds that it goes to Budget Day, the website, and activities related to their advocacy activities. Website is NCBALA.com.
- (3) Joe Vitti asks about accomplishments – Brian Allen notes that the Budget Advocates have suggested numerous improvements to City spending, and approximately 30% have been adopted by the City.
- (4) Oscar Jimenez asks whether there is a group within the City to review the number and size of departments – Brian Allen states that the Budget Advocates do those activities.
- (5) Keren Waters asks whether the departments can be consolidated – Brian Allen says the Budget Advocates are looking into that question, specifically in regards to the City’s financial departments.

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

- 3. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve up to \$500.00 to support the Congress of Neighborhood Councils.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Public asks where the location of the Congress is – Brian Allen says that it is at City Hall.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Brian Allen recommends that stakeholders attend the Congress, as there are numerous workshops, and the Congress can teach NC Board members to be better Board members.

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

G. Treasurer Report.

- 1. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve February MER Report.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Brian Allen notes difficulties in paying rent at our office location, notes that we have not paid for the office this year. Last payments before rent is the Emergency Preparedness Fair, and there is nothing new to spend on the horizon.
- (2) Bill Hopkins asks regarding an apparent discrepancy between \$2k and \$2.5k, Brian Allen notes that it is due to issues between the Bank and the City that require the difference for accounting.

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

- 2. Update on NC Equity Funding.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Michael Greenwald offers praise to Brian Allen for all the work that he does, and that he has received the EmpoweLA Spirit Award.
- (2) Brian Allen states that the City is looking at the NC funding system, and states that something needs to be done to change the system, particularly with the new subdivision system that allows for NCs with 3k people as compared to NCs with 90k plus receiving the same funds. BONC set up a work group that Brian Allen is chairing in order to figure out how to achieve equity funding. It will use (1) a base amount, (2) a population modifier, (3) a rollover component for funds, and (4) a cap of \$150k per NC.
- (3) Bill Hopkins asks whether the funding proposal is strictly a proposal, and whether this is an all-or-nothing proposal – Brian Allen states that the proposal is going to be sent to BONC for approval, and then BONC goes to the City Council; the working group will not have any ability to shepherd the proposal to the City Council.
- (4) Wayne Hunter asks what the minimum size is for an NC, and states that 22k people were required to form an NC when the system started – Brian Allen states that the 20k number was not a hard and fast rule, but a guideline. Wayne Hunter says there should not be an NC less than 20k.
- (5) Keren Waters asks whether GHNNC can strategize on this – Brian Allen says that we can always advise.

H. Planning and Land Use. Report.

*PLUM Chair Comment (Kyle Ellis)*

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to oppose the City's inclusion of Mexican Elderberry and Toyon Shrubs under the class of vegetation protected by the City's Protected Tree Ordinance.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Public asks regarding why these shrubs are being protected – some LA citizens feel strongly about those shrubs.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Notes that shrubs do not appear to be endangered, are ubiquitous, and the consensus is to not add regulations where none needed.
- (2) Kyle Ellis comments that he believes that we should say nothing on the subject and leave it up to the discretion of the City Council.

**Vote:** [Yes – 11;\* No – (Kyle Ellis); Abstain – 0]

2. Update on PLUM's discussion of Councilmember Englander's request for GHNNC to submit advice and recommendations on physical location within the community that could be made available for homeless housing.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Maria Fisk asks regarding the 220 pledge that the City Council made to house homeless in their districts – Kyle Ellis notes that, based on the last homeless count, the population of Council District 12, and the population of the area encompassed by GHNNC, the fair share of housing for our community would be approximately 80 people.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Kyle Ellis discusses some of the general principles that seem to have been accepted at the last meeting – that GHNNC area housing would need to focus on families, students in school, security, and community services.
- (2) Bill Hopkins clarifies that NCs were asked by Councilmember Englander to find places within our community to house homeless individuals at the last 'Conversations with Councils' meeting that occurred.

3. Update on the development project on San Fernando Mission and Woodley.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Kyle Ellis states that he called Harridge Development, and they informed him that they are currently working on the detailed designs for the buildings and working closely with City Departments to ensure the delivery of utilities and services. Their current expected timeline to begin demolition is by the end of 2018, or beginning of 2019.
- (2) Wayde Hunter asks about the inclusion of the promised community room – Michael Greenwald states that he intends to ask Councilmember Englander for GHNNC to be the manager of the room.

I. Outreach and Publicity Committee. Report.

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

- (1) June 9<sup>th</sup> is the next shredding event.
- (2) Bill Hopkins notes that there are other shred events in the community the next few months.
- (3) Keren Waters mentions that she is looking into when the next Outreach meeting will be.

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) Next Tuesday will be the next meeting.

L. Emergency Preparedness Report. Bill Hopkins.

*EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)*

- (1) Last month was the Emergency Preparedness meeting, the City resilience program, and how individuals can prepare in their own communities, Map Your Neighborhood (generally) adopted by the city.
- (2) Next month is going to be 'active shooter/active threat' response.

M. Board Member Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Board Comment*

- (1) Dave Parikh mentions that the traffic is horrendous during rush hour, that accidents are fairly bad, and our community needs to address this.
- (2) Michael Greenwald comments that he agrees with Dave Parikh's observations.
- (3) Oscar Jimenez comments that NCs face problems with additional involvement, whether something can be incorporated to allow time off for NC members from work in order to permit additional involvement.
- (4) Michael Greenwald needs someone to go to the Citywide meetings on our behalf, and we need a youth representative – Keren Waters states that she approached a cousin who attends Kennedy High School. Michael Greenwald also comments that he is looking for someone from the Odyssey restaurant to be our District 2 representative.
- (5) Brian Allen has the Budget Advocate white paper.

N. Adjournment

**Adjourned** [7:55 P.M.]

<b>Abbreviation Guide</b>			
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		