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**GRANADA HILLS NORTH  
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**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, May 01, 2018 at 6:30 PM**

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

**Roll Call** [Quorum Achieved (15 present/11 required)]

- (1) Present: Brian Allen, Alfredo Castillo, Chris Coyle, Kyle Ellis, Michael Greenwald, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Oscar Jimenez,<sup>1</sup> Rahim Kazi, Ralph Kroy, Dave Parikh, Skylar Rose,<sup>2</sup> Joe Vitti, Keren Waters, Sade Williams<sup>3</sup>
- (2) Absent: Sid Gold, Ray Pollok, Jan Subar, Andres Topete,

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

*CD12 Comments (Jesse Strobel)*

- (1) The City Council Budget Committee is going through the Mayor’s budget at the moment.
- (2) Councilmember Englander submitted a resolution regarding residential healthcare facilities requesting that any such services in residential areas must be located at the address of the facility. This was introduced to prevent clustering of treatment neighborhoods and the creation of ‘campuses’ within residential areas.
- (3) Councilmember Englander sent a request for LADWP to draft a report regarding the possibility of installing floating solar panels on top of the Van Norman Reservoir as a pilot program. The intent is to eventually expand the use of such solar panels to all LA reservoirs.
- (4) Councilmember Englander additionally submitted a motion for the provision of ‘marijuana amnesty boxes’ at the Los Angeles International Airport in order to help prevent people from flying with marijuana, which is not legal.
- (5) Finally, Councilmember Englander requests participation with the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission in their “Donuts & Donations” event, they are asking for donations and for gently used clothes and items.
- (6) Wayde Hunter asks why GHNNC was not informed about the floating solar panels in our area prior to the public announcement, and why no Boardmember was invited from GHNNC. Comments that he has serious reservations about the proposal, and would like Councilmember Englander to supply GHNNC’s PLUM Committee with all documentation regarding work that he and the LADWP have done so far. Additionally comments that LADWP’s environmental division is incompetent.
- (7) Ralph Kroy comments that the announcement stated that the solar panels are estimated to provide electricity sufficient for 3,000 homes, but such electricity will need to be stored for night use. Jesse Strobel comments that the motion, and subsequent LADWP work, will address these issues. Ralph Kroy further asks about the use of black balls currently in the Van Norman Reservoir. Jesse Strobel states that the report will look into that issue.
- (8) Bill Hopkins comments that the news release included the reduction of evaporation as a benefit of floating solar cells, which he notes is probably not a substantial benefit because our reservoirs in the City

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Jimenez presented his completed ethics certificate at the meeting.  
<sup>2</sup> Mr. Rose presented his completed ethics certificate at the meeting.  
<sup>3</sup> Ms. Williams was added to the Board of Directors during the course of the meeting.

are either covered or have the black balls in them. Bill Hopkins comments that Councilmember Englander's failure to advise Neighborhood Councils ahead of taking actions is a pattern; Michael Greenwald agrees.

*Mayor's Office (Tenas<sup>4</sup>)*

- (1) Introduces herself as the new West Valley Representative from the Mayor's Office, and has been on the job for 5 months.
- (2) Comments that the mayor's office is working to try to resolve the issues associated with homelessness on three bases: (1) housing, (2) crime, and (3) clean streets.
- (3) Metro has announced the 28 by 28 initiative, which will try to complete 28 transit project by 2028.
- (4) Finally, announces that the budget has come out and is now online.

*DONE Comments (Jose Galdamez<sup>5</sup>)*

- (1) Department has set up a new process for the public records act [cla.pra@lacity.org](mailto:cla.pra@lacity.org) for requests.
- (2) Funding deadline for NCs is May 20, June 1 is check request deadline, June 20 is last day for credit card payments. Mentions that no budget packet is required, but to please conduct a community need assessment.
- (3) There is a new civic youth program at DONE that seeks to get youth interested in City government, civics, and community involvement.
- (4) Bill Hopkins asks regarding whether the funding date for checks is end of business on June 1<sup>st</sup>; deadline will extent through midnight June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- (5) Michael Greenwald asks to send an email regarding the public records request.

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

*Public Comments*

- (1) Trish Pulos comments regarding the North Valley Military Institute, currently co-habituated in Sun Valley, but have Granada Hills children in attendance. They have military style color guard and band that will be performing a May 18<sup>th</sup> review at the Sun Valley campus. All students are CERT members. They request that the Board place the institute's NPG submission<sup>5</sup> on the agenda for funding. They state that they are a public charter, 501c(3). One of the Board members asks whether they can receive a NPG grant from GHNNC without being in Granada Hills, and another responds that they may be able to given that they may have Granada Hills stakeholders as students.
- (2) Glenn Bailey comments that the GHNNC needs more agendas, noting that the only available agenda is in the notebook provided for public use. Comments that there will be a planning forum in November for VANC. Congress of Neighborhoods is on September 22, 2018. Finally, encourages board members to subscribe to early notification service, as there are errors that need to be caught. Bill Hopkins asks regarding how many of our stakeholders are on the early notification service list, Mr. Bailey comments that Jose Galdamez should be able to get that list, otherwise Mr. Bailey only knows the number as-of May 2017.
- (3) Stakeholder Kevin Kilroy comments that he was at PLUM last week to comment about the traffic going through the neighborhoods. Specifically comments that the traffic on Sesnon is going through the neighborhood, to Balboa, and then to Santa Clarita. Asserts that the problem is that the traffic lights are letting too many people into the neighborhood at a time, and they need to be slowed down. Additionally asserts that there needs to be no-left-hand-turn signs on Balboa during traffic hours.

D. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

*EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)*

- (1) Item of the Month is sterile roller gauze. Informs the public that there are handouts and information available at the back of the room. Asks the public to participate in the Can of the Month.

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<sup>4</sup> Unsure of spelling or last name. Could not locate information online.

<sup>5</sup> Personally handed to the Secretary, who in turn gave it to the Treasurer for consideration.

E. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the April 03, 2018, Board meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Keren Waters

**Second:** Wayde Hunter

**Vote:** [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Skylar Rose)]

F. Executive Committee

1. **[TABLED]** Discussion and possible motion to approve an NPG for up to \$500.00 for the Annual Seniors Dance and Social being held on June 1, 2018 at Northridge Park.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Jesse Strobel (CD12) comments that the YMCA and CD12 does not usually receive all of the money requested from NCs, and the request for \$500 is intended to cover the expected failure of funding from at least some of the NCs.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Bill Hopkins ask who it was made out to – Michael Greenwald answers that the NPG would go to the Young Men's Christian Association (“YMCA”).
- (2) Michael Greenwald comments that the YMCA discriminates based on family size, where cost is cheaper for larger families but more expensive for individuals.
- (3) Wayde Hunter comments that the item is not agendized properly as it does not mention the YMCA; Brian Allen concurs.

***Motion to Table***

**Motion:** Brian Allen

**Second:** Kyle Ellis

- (1) Bill Hopkins comments that if we vote to table the motion, then we cannot fund it as grants cannot be for past events, and the event will be over by our next scheduled board meeting.

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

2. **[Barbara Malin Nominated]** Nominate an “Outstanding Senior” to be honored at the Annual Seniors Dance and Social.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Maria Fisks requests that the board withdraw the name of William Kuzman due to ‘certain unethical actions’ that she asserts occurred.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Bill Hopkins comments that William Kuzman be nominated; Michael Greenwald comments that Mr. Kuzman played a significant role in improving his work as the President of GHNNC.

**Vote:** [2 in favor]

- (2) Keren Waters suggests Barbara Malin for her service to the community.

**Vote:** [12 in favor]

3. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve the appointment of Sade Williams to the Board as Student Representative.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Sade Williams comments that she would like to work on behalf of her peers and fellow students. She is excited to do more for the community in addition to what she does at school. She considers this work important for the community to understand the needs of students, and students to work with stakeholders. She wants to be an example for the upcoming generation. She further comments that she has sufficient time to work as a Board Member because she is not involved in sports.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Keren Waters introduces Sade Williams as her cousin and a student at Kennedy High School.
- (2) Ralph Kroy asks whether she lives in the area and whether she works with students in the area.
- (3) Bill Hopkins asks whether she knows what the bylaws require for the position of Student Representative. Sade Williams states that she has read them but does not specifically remember

the Student Representative requirements. Bill Hopkins comments that the requirements are (1) being the correct age, and (2) being willing and able to represent all of the students in the GHNNC area, including those that are not attending Kennedy High School.

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

#### G. Treasurer Report.

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

##### *Board Comment*

- (1) Brian Allen states that \$14,000 will be coming out for office rent in the next month; and discovered that there were two outstanding from previous years to city services, which had not been submitted by the City until this year, including one item from 2014.
- (2) Alfredo Castillo asks regarding refunds to the City having an expiration date; Brian Allen comments that such an expiration date does not exist as between two parts of the City.
- (3) Bill Hopkins asks for a year-end summary before the end of the fiscal year. Brian Allen estimates that we will have approximately \$21,000 to \$22,000 unspent from the GHNNC budget.
- (4) Ralph Kroy comments that the billing from 2014 is very late. Asks the same question as Alfredo Castillo. The Board responds, and Ralph Kroy comments that he is amazed at the City's double standard. Brian Allen says that he will be raising this issue with the Budget Advocates.
- (5) Bill Hopkins also comments that NCs have a narrow window of funding, and that the City should follow the same rules as us. Brian Allen says that this will not happen.

**Vote:** [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Bill Hopkins)]

2. Update on NC Equity Funding.

##### *Public Comment*

- (1) Jose Galdamez comments that the time, date and location for the next meeting on this topic will be at City Hall, May 16, 6:30PM.

##### *Board Comment*

- (1) Brian Allen states that nobody has weighed in as to equity funding on the Board. Believes that NCs will end up with a base funding with a population modulator. GHNNC may lose some money, there may be some roll-over provision. Otherwise, there are other concerns with operations and training, and where certain things should be spent as between NCs and DONE.
- (2) Bill Hopkins comments that the Board comments last meeting, and that if it were a major concern, there should be a detailed email. Brian Allen responds that every NC will have an opportunity to weigh in with BONC and the City Council once the proposal is distributed.

3. **[WITHDRAWN]** Discussion and possible motion on the Budget Advocate's white paper.

#### H. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report.

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

- (1) Keren Waters states that 'teamwork makes the dream work', and comments that only she and Brian Allen attended the Saturday Outreach meeting.
- (2) Bill Hopkins comments that we don't know who is on the committee. Keren Waters comments that several people volunteered at the March General Board Meeting, but did not show up.
- (3) Keren Waters further comments that there are other items in the pipeline regarding (1) a Jazz Festival, which she observes to be great events; (2) a Granada Hills cultural festival of nations where the community would have festivals for all the cultures in the community; and (3) Michael Greenwald's suggested free wi-fi. Also notes that Sade Williams will be on the committee.
- (4) Michael Greenwald comments that he asked Keren Waters to lead te committee because we need out-of-the box ideas, and observes that the shred event was one such idea that has been so successful it has been copied by other NCs. Additionally asks about nameplates for Board Members; Keren Waters states that

they should ready before the next General Board meeting. Several NC Board Members need official nameplates.

1. **[PASSED]** Motion to approve up to \$600.00 for a shredding event on June 9, 2018.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Joanne asks what the shred event is. Keren Waters and Michael Greenwald comment that you can have up to five bankers boxes of paper shredded.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Brian Allen comments that we may need \$100 more as the cost increased, but we can add more next month, and he will try to negotiate the amount downwards.
- (2) Bill Hopkins asks whether we could amend the motion up to \$700. Jose (DONE representative) states that we cannot amend upwards, only downwards.
- (3) The event will be at Knollwood Plaza, 8:30-11:30AM, Board Members will volunteer.

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

## I. Planning and Land Use. Report.

*PLUM Chair Comment (Kyle Ellis)*

1. **[TABLED]** Motion to oppose any homeless housing within the GHNNC area.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Kyle Ellis describes the events of the last meeting, and the community response. Requests the opportunity to take the motion back to PLUM committee in order to draft a report based on the comments received from the community.
- (2) Michael Greenwald comments that will be no solution if each community does not take responsibility.

***Motion to Table***

**Motion:** Kyle Ellis

**Second:** Michael Greenwald

- (1) Wayde Hunter is opposed to tabling the motion, and comments that if we accept homeless into our community and nobody else does, then they will all come here. Also comments that the GHNNC area already has more Locally Unacceptable Land Uses than any other place in the City with the Landfill, Metropolitan Water District, LADWP infrastructure, and the LAPD EVOC.
- (2) Brian Allen comments that there may be some value somewhere in the community, but that there is a heightened security requirement here because of all of the different land uses in the area.
- (3) Bill Hopkins comments that he appreciated the work that went into the report.
- (4) Dave Parikh comments that the motion is to table, not to discuss the merits of the underlying motion.
- (5) Keren Waters comments that the signs being put in under the overpasses has helped. Other board members comment that the homeless have already returned.

**Vote:** [Yes – 7; No – 6; Abstain – 1 (Chris Coyle)]

2. **[PASSED]** Motion for the City to conduct a full-fledged traffic study of the GHNNC area by no later than the end of the year in order to find ways to reduce gridlock and traffic on neighborhood streets.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Kevin Kroy states the Waze is not the problem, but letting people onto the neighborhood streets in the first place is the issue that should be addressed.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Kyle Ellis comments that the issue appears to be the traffic applications, the number of commuters from the North County, and the only real solution is to transition those commuters out of their cars and into public transit.
- (2) Michael Greenwald comments that his own experience with Waze has been that it will direct people through a myriad of local streets to avoid any modicum of traffic.

- (3) Brian Allen comments that public transit is likely not the best solution, but we should add more roads through the Santa Monica Mountains so that the traffic is disbursed through Chatsworth and Porter Ranch.
- (4) Alfredo Castillo comments that gridlock is only half the issue, people speeding on the local streets and additional volume of use is the other side of the issue. Alfredo Castillo's personal experience has been that people stuck in gridlock on Balboa are not the issue, but those using the local streets are.
- (5) Michael Greenwald comments that the signal timing is the same as the last 6 years.
- (6) Bill Hopkins comments that PLUM Committee should be the place this conversation occurs, and that the PLUM and Safety Committees should address this issue in their May meetings.
- (7) Wayde Hunter comments that while the timing may be changing, it is the system doing it automatically, and that certain no-turns have helped in the past, but believes that the issue is Waze. Also says that Granada Hills is unique to have all roads be feeder roads to Balboa. Comments that specific suggestions are a heavy lift because the NC has no ability to direct such suggestions to the City or the State.

**Vote:** [Yes – 15; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

3. **[PASSED]** Motion in support of the re-inclusion of the Opt-In provision of the Street Vending Ordinance in its full scope and effect. If that is impossible, Opt-In should be the default provision for all residential streets.

*Public Comment*

- (1) Maria Fisk comments that the Council File No. 13-1493.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Kyle Ellis describes the vote that took place at the City Council, and that there is still time to comment on the last-minute changes made by the City to the Street Vending ordinance.

**Vote:** [Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstain – 2 (Oscar Jimenez, Alfredo Castillo)]

4. **[PASSED]** Motion for the City to adopt a new flag design for the flag of the City of Los Angeles by (a) holding a city-wide contest that (b) allows individuals to submit a single flag design to their local Neighborhood Council, which (c) selects a single flag design per Neighborhood Council to (d) submit to the City Council, which (e) selects the final flag design.

*Board Comment*

- (1) Skylar Rose comments that this should be at outreach and not conducted through PLUM. Kyle Ellis comments that he agrees that any activities related to this should be done through the Outreach Committee.
- (2) Wayde Hunter comments that he completely agrees with this motion, and believes that a new flag would be great for the City.

**Vote:** [Yes – 15; No – 0; Abstain – 0]

- J. Citywide Committee Report. Sid Gold.

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

- (1) No Comments.

- K. Public Safety, Report. Ray Pollok.

*Public Safety Chair Comment (Ray Pollok)*

- (1) Ray Pollok is absent. No Comments.

- L. Emergency Preparedness Report. Bill Hopkins.

*EP Chair Comments (Bill Hopkins)*

- (1) Last EP meeting was active shooter/active threat presentation. Joint effort between LAPD and training experts with Emergency Management Department (“EMD”). Information is free via the EMD website, and at the LAPD Operation Valley Bureau.
- (2) Next month is Captain Szabados from the Los Angeles Fire Department Station 18, above the Knollwood Shopping Center, regarding brush clearance. Alfredo Castillo asks about touring the station, Bill Hopkins comments that May includes fire service day, and the public should look for the hanging signs at the Fire Departments.
1. Report on GHNNC/POCBTF CERT class.
  - (1) Recently concluded a CERT class in Granada Hills North/Knollwood. All CERT signups are on Eventbrite, and signups stop at 50,<sup>6</sup> so sign up early. There are a lot of resources and information available through the CERT program. Patriot Oil provides room rental fees and refreshments for graduation day.

#### M. Board Member Comment on Non-Agenda Items

##### *Board Comment*

- (1) Keren Waters comments that the Board will need to sign up for the shred event before leaving.
- (2) Wayde Hunter states that Thursday, May 10, is the next SCL-CAC meeting.
- (3) Joe Vitti comments that he is happy that Kyle Ellis brought up the flag design issue, and thinks that it is a great idea.
- (4) Ralph Kroy wants an item for the next agenda regarding the 2014 bill from the City.
- (5) Bill Hopkins comments that the students from the CERT class put together a thank you card for the GHNNC, which he presented to Michael Greenwald.
- (6) Alfredo Castillo comments that Kevin Kilroy was emotionally charged, and that the Board did not do enough to reach out to him; Barbara Malin has his email; Kyle Ellis and Michael Greenwald comment that Mr. Kilroy has attended the last Executive Board Meeting and PLUM Committee meeting in order to express his perspective.
- (7) Michael Greenwald thanks all of the Board members for their hard work. Requests Joanne to forward a biography for Barbara for GHNNC’s nomination of her as our “Outstanding Senior.”

#### N. Adjournment

**Adjourned** [8:27 P.M.]

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<sup>6</sup> As-of the June 05, 2018, this number has been reached.

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		