



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016
New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills CA 91343

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1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dan Gibson called the Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

2. Roll Call and announcement of Quorum and Voting Eligibility.

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Twelve of the 13 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dan Gibson (President), David Phelps (Vice-President), Dave Brown (Secretary), Jay Beeber, Armando Diaz (Treasurer), Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, Carol Hart, David Hyman, Sam Kwasman, Madlena Minasian and Kreshell Ramey. Antonino Lovato arrived later. The NHWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. Quorum was announced. Mr. Brown reported that all Board Members were eligible to vote. All 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attended: 27 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Comments - President.

Mr. Gibson thanked Stakeholder Helen Donovan for helping organize the party before this meeting [applause].

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the NHWNC November 17, 2016 General Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to POSTPONE approval of the Minutes.

5. Public agency speakers and announcements.

Ruby Chavez, Chief of Staff for LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff (ofc. 818-252.5445; Ruby.Chavez@lausd.net; <http://Ratliff.LASchoolBoard.org>), reported that the elementary school semester ends Dec. 16th; winter classes are available for high school students. Classes resume January 9th. Martin Luther King Day will be honored on Monday, January 16th.

6. General Public Comment

Dr. Steve Fleischer encouraged attending the City Hearing regarding the 18-Bed Congregate Living Health Facility proposed for 16052 W. Chase St. Ben Fiss (land use consultant representing that proposal; 818-522-2823; Ben@PacificZoning.com) reported that he requested the City to “continue” the Hearing “at least until February . . . to see if there are any grounds to modify the project.”

7. Discussion and possible action for the NHWNC to ratify the President’s recommended Chair and Member appointments and changes to Standing and Ad Hoc committees.

There were no appointments or changes at this time.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the NHWNC November 2016 Monthly Expense Report.

Mr. Gibson requested and there was no opposition to this Item being deferred to the January 19th Board Meeting.

9. Committee Chair Reports

a. Outreach Sam Kwasman

Mr. Kwasman reported that the Committee is planning a March Open House.

b. Beautification Carol Hart

Ms. Hart indicated there was no report at this time.

c. Emergency Prep/PS Dave Brown

Mr. Brown reported there will be a January 7th free CERT [Community Emergency Response Team, 818-756-9674; www.cert-la.com, lafdcert@LACity.org] class.

Also, six Neighborhood Watch signs are available for installation; submit a location request to him at Secretary@nhwnc.net.

d. Land Use David Phelps

Mr. Phelps reported that the Committee probably will meet in mid-January. The proposed 18-Bed Congregate Living Health Facility at 16052 W. Chase St. will be discussed, as well as a homes subdivision and the proposed Starbucks at the northeast corner of Balboa and Lassen.

e. Rules & Elections Punam Gohel

Mr. Gohel reported that the Committee met. In the second week of January, they will discuss staggered elections, Board Member absences and an audio recording storage procedure.

f. Education Garry Fordyce

Mr. Fordyce reported that he visited every school in the NHWNC area and invited them to this meeting and party.

g. Budget & Finance Armando Diaz
Mr. Diaz indicated there was no report at this time.

2. Board Member Comments [actually Item #10]

Ms. Minassian encouraged not simultaneously scheduling Committee meetings. Mr. Gohel encouraged Board Members to attend Committee meetings.

Board Member Antonino Lovato arrived at this time (7:05), making 12 Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

Ms. Ramey encouraged emailing ideas regarding homelessness to her at KRamey@nhwnc.net.

3. Requests For Future Agenda Items [actually Item #11]

There were no requests at this time.

4. Motion to Adjourn [actually Item #12]

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Hyman).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:10 p.m.

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