

NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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Thursday, May 18, 2017 from 7:00 - 9:30 pm

NEW HORIZONS - SAM'S CAFÉ @ 15725 PARTHENIA STREET NORTH HILLS, CA 91343

Refreshments and Meet & Greet @ 6:30 PM

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Dan Gibson - President, Jay Beeber- Vice President, Madlena Minasian - Treasurer, Dave Brown - Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

Armando Diaz, Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, Carol Hart, David Hyman, Sam Kwasman, Antonino Lovato, Kreshell Ramey Michael J. Kabo - Parliamentarian

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD. PLEASE NOTE THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE BOARD MAY TAKE ITEMS OUT OF ORDER. ALL SPEAKER CARDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS.

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker.

Supporting documents available on our website atwww.nhwnc.net

- 1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Roll Call and announcement of Quorum and Voting Eligibility.
- 3. Announcements and Comments President.
- 4. Discussion and possible action to approve the April 20, 2017 General Board Meeting Minutes.
- 5. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.
- 6. General Public Comments 2 minutes per Speaker

The public may provide comments to the Board on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is agendized for discussion at a future public meeting.

- 7. Discussion and possible action to ratify the President's recommended Chair and Member appointments and changes to Standing and Ad Hoc committees.
- 8. Committee Chair Reports

a. Executive
b. Outreach
c. Beautification
d. Emergency Prep/PS
e. Planning and Land Use
f. Rules & Elections
g. Education
h. Budget & Finance

Dan Gibson
Sam Kwasman
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- 9. Homelessness Liaison Report Kreshell Ramey
- 10. Website Report Dave Brown
- 11. Budget Representatives Report
- 12.Discussion and possible action to approve the NHWNC March 2017 Monthly Expense Report.
- 13. Discussion and possible action to approve the NHWNC April 2017 Monthly Expense Report.
- 14.Discussion and possible action to approve NHWNC's Beautification & Infrastructure Committee's recommendation for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. For the amount of \$4,999, for clean-up and weed abatement along targeted streets and public thoroughfares. Presentation from LACC. (15 min, including questions).
- 15.Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$500.00 for tools and supplies needed for clean up events and announcements/invitations to be distributed to the residents of the area involved.
- 16.Discussion and possible action to spend up to \$120.00 for water, coffee, and refreshments for the volunteer clean up team for each clean up event.
- 17.Discussion and possible action to award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Valley Relic Museum to support the District 12 Annual Senior Dinner /Dance/Award night on Friday June 2, 2017, at Lemarsh Park in Northridge in an amount to be determined by the board. (\$500.00 requested).
- 18.Discussion and possible action to select NHWNC Senior of the Year, to receive an Award Certificate from District 12-Councilmember Mitch Englander, at the Senior Dance Event.
- 19.Discussion and possible action to award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to Vintage STEM Magnet to support their National Aeronautics and Space Administration night on June 2, 2017 in an amount to be determined by the board. (\$1,300 requested). Presentation by Principle Nancy E. Williams-Mourao. (10 min.).
- 20. Discussion and possible action to award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to New Horizons to help support their Technology and Media Arts program in an amount

- to be determined by the board. (\$1,500 requested). Presentation by Shade Mokuolo of New Horizons. (10 minutes).
- 21. Discussion and possible action to award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Friends of the Mid-Valley Library to provide books for the "Hot Off the Press" collection in an amount to be determined by the board. (\$1,500 requested). Presentation by Vicki Magaw, Branch Manager of the Mid-Valley Regional Branch Library. (10 minutes).
- 22. Discussion and possible action to award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Mayall Academy of Arts and Technology Magnet for their Mural and Reading Garden Project in an amount to be determined by the board. (\$5,000 requested). Presentation by Principle Linda Kim. (10 min).
- 23.Discussion and possible action to participate in the Northridge Hawaiian Festival of the Arts, at Lemarsh Park in Northridge which will be held Sat. June 3 and Sun. June 4, 2017. This participation is subject to sufficient board member and stakeholder volunteers to staff a NHWNC info table on Sat. June 3rd.
- 24. Discussion and possible action to approve \$500 for the Northridge Hawaiian Festival of the Arts. Payment would be made by a funds transfer to the City of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation who is hosting the event.
- 25. Discussion and possible action to allocate any remaining budget balance via internal transfer up to \$1,000 each to the LA Congress of Neighborhoods September 9, 2017 Annual Event, the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates, and the LA Congress of Neighborhoods Networking/EmpowerLA Awards event.
- 26.Discussion and possible action to approve Treasurer's recommendations to revise budget category amounts.
- 27.Discussion and possible action regarding the Board's position concerning a Starbucks development located at 9900 BALBOA BLVD/16937 LASSEN ST.

 Applicant is requesting a conditional use permit for a 2,240 sf Starbucks restaurant with drive-thru and outdoor seating operating from 4 am to 12 midnight. A new Starbucks pole sign will be constructed on the corner. Supporting documents available on our website atwww.nhwnc.net
- 28.Discussion and possible action on the possibility of a request to move the North Hills West community west of the 405 San Diego Freeway into either the Northridge or Granada Hills Community Planning Area.

 Currently the North Hills West community is designated as part of the Mission Hills-Panorama City-North Hills Community Planning Area. However, the North Hills West community is quite different in land use from communities on the east side of the 405 freeway. Those communities have more intense land use which is more commercial and dense apartment housing. The land use in the North Hills West community is more closely aligned with land use in the Northridge and Granada Hills

Community Planning Areas. The PLUM Committee passed a motion in support of the above recommendation to begin exploring this possibility.

29. Discussion and possible action to ask for support from residents in North Hills West who may become aware of any large parcels of property that are for sale and to notify the Neighborhood Council of such.

The following motion was approved by the PLUM committee: Move that the Neighborhood Council include in outreach to the community including but not limited to newsletters, e-blasts, posting to NHWNC website, posting to the Nextdoor website, and announcements at board meetings a request from community members to notify the board when they become aware of any large parcels of property that are for sale and/or might be developed.

30.Discussion and possible action regarding a motion to send a letter to Los Angeles elected officials and Planning Officials asking for a more open and transparent planning process with regards to updating the city's General Plan and Community Plans.

Request to authorize the PLUM committee chair and other interested stakeholders to meet with our City Council representative and/or planning staff to begin discussions on the eventual update to our community plan and how it may impact the North Hills West community. There has been a proposal by City officials to lump together the entire South Valley into a mega-district to encompass the first 5-6 updated Community Plans. No Neighborhood Councils within these 5-6 Valley-area Community Plans, huge areas, were asked if they were willing to be lumped together for the purpose of planning their futures around Measure M transit projects and a fixed rail line that does not yet exist.

- 31.Discussion and possible action to select from options concerning the Neighborhood Council 2020 elections.
- 32.Discussion and possible action for the NHWNC to support a motion passed by the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance on January 28, 2017.

This motion supports the inclusion of \$192,000 as a multi-departmental budget item in the 2017-18 city budget to cover the cost of 4 staff and related expenses. Two staff members for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and two for the Emergency Management Department, who will work on preparing a disaster preparedness plan which will lead to preplacement of supplies for first responders and training of individuals at the neighborhood level.

- 33. Discussion and possible action to support the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their White Paper dated 3/8/2017 and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council File: 17-0600. For more information please click here: http://ncbala.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/SEmpowerLA117030812520.pdf
- 34. Board Member Comments (1- 2 minutes each)
- 35. Requests For Future Agenda Items

36. Motion to Adjourn

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council Agenda is posted for public review at the following North Hills West locations: Uncle Joe's Donuts - 8704 Woodley Avenue and on our website at www.nhwnc.net

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS – The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item on the Agenda PRIOR to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments on other matters, not appearing on the Agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items period.

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RECONSIDERATION PROCESS - Reconsideration of a vote by the Board may be called as a Motion by the Board members that voted on the prevailing side of the decision.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS - A stakeholder or group of stakeholders may present a grievance concerning the legality of actions by the Board during public comment. Substantive grievances will be examined by a panel set by the Board and the decisions may be appealed to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS - In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the Board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda please contact Dan Gibson, Board President, via email at dgibson.nhwnc@gmail.com, by phone 818-809-9158 or mail to NHWNC – PO Box 2091 – North Hills – CA – 91393.

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