



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 19, 2018
New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, CA 91343
Approved May 17, 2018

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1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dan Gibson called the Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Eleven of the 13 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Pat Crone, Dan Gibson (President), Jay Beeber (Vice-President), Dave Brown (Secretary), Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Carol Hart, David Hyman, Sam Kwasman, Carlos Pelaez and Kreshell Ramey. Punam Gohel and Madlena Minasian (Treasurer) were absent. The NHWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see the Bylaws at <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attended: 23 Stakeholders and guests.

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

Quorum was announced. Mr. Brown reported that all Board Members were eligible to vote.

3. Announcements and Comments – President.

Mr. Gibson thanked Stakeholder Helen Donovan for printing materials and Mr. Brown for providing and operating the sound system.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the March 15, 2018 General Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kwasman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its March 15, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED with 11 in favor; one opposed (Fordyce); zero abstained.

5. Public Agency Speakers And Announcements.

Jaqueline Serrano, Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-781-7407; cell 818-821-4684; Jaqueline.Serrano@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), reported that services are available on federal issues such as Social Security. There will be a grants workshop on May 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Also on May 2nd will be the Congressional Art Competition Show from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at L.A. Mission College's New Media and Performing Arts Center.

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reminded that May 20th is the last day to submit event approval requests. He "will share the exemptions" for a Neighborhood Council to meet outside its boundaries and report back to the NHWNC regarding its request to continue to be able to meet at Fire Station 87; he also will advise when BONC [the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners; Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org] will consider it.

Carolyn Hogikyan, Field Representative for State 46th District Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (818-376-4246; Carolyn.Hogikyan@asm.ca.gov; <https://a46.asmdc.org>), announced an ArtWalk on June 2nd, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., and reported on Assembly Bill 1857 regarding earthquake building safety and Bill 2681 regarding all California cities compiling a seismically unfit buildings list.

Ms. Hart encouraged for Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Matt.Hernandez@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), that "bulky items for pickup" be reported.

6. General Public Comments

Stakeholder Anita Goldbaum believed that homeless shelters will bring unwanted behaviors. Glenn Bailey, of VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; VANC@EmpowerLA.org; <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2>), announced that Scott Schmerelson, LAUSD District Three Board Member, will speak at the next Northridge East NC Meeting on Thursday, May 16th at the Northridge Women's Club. Also, five Neighborhood Councils are involved in proposals regarding meeting outside their boundaries. He suggested considering having a joint meeting with another NC.

7. Report from Budget Advocates

Mr. Bailey reported for the Budget Advocates [<http://ncbala.com>] that the Mayor released the draft City budget and that June 23rd will be Budget Day.

8. Report from Homelessness Liaison Kreshell Ramey.

Ms. Ramey reported that on April 11th the NC Homeless Liaisons met with the Mayor regarding his "A Bridge Home Initiative"; for information contact her at K.Ramey.NHWNC@gmail.com. Mr. Hyman reported that on Saturday, May 12th postal workers will collect food for food banks "nationwide."

9. Update from Carol Hart regarding Haskell/Aqueduct parking issues.

Ms. Hart reported that a Preferential Parking District was being discussed. She reminded that it is illegal to paint a curb red without City authorization. Mr. Brown reported that the LAPD Quality of Life Committee meets every first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Mission Station [11121 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345] to address issues such as abandoned cars.

10. Election of Board Officers

Mr. Galdamez conducted the elections.

A. President

MOTION (by Mr. Beeber, seconded by Mr. Hyman): to nominate Board Member Dan Gibson as the North Hills West Neighborhood Council President.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gibson accepted the nomination.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Vice-President

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kwasman): to nominate Board Member Jay Beeber as the North Hills West Neighborhood Council Vice-President.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beeber accepted the nomination.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Secretary

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Hyman): to nominate Board Member Dave Brown as the North Hills West Neighborhood Council Secretary.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Brown accepted the nomination.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. Treasurer

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kwasman): to nominate Board Member Madlena Minasian as the North Hills West Neighborhood Council Treasurer.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Minasian accepted the nomination.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

11. Discussion and possible action to ratify the President's recommended Chair and Member appointments and changes to Standing and Ad Hoc committees as well as

NHWNC liaisons. Planning and Land Use Committee: Remove Treasurer Madlena Minasian and add board member Pat Crone.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Hyman): to replace Board Member Madlena Minasian with Board Member Pat Crone on its Planning and Land Use Committee.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beeber noted that Ms. Minasian needed the time to be Treasurer.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve the February 2018 Monthly Expense Report.

Copies were distributed of the "Monthly Expenditure Report" for February 2018, and a receipt(s), statement(s) and/or invoice(s).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2018.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fordyce was concerned that one receipt was too small to read and believed there were other problems.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Kwasman, Pelaez and Ramey); one opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Fordyce); zero abstained.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve the March 2018 Monthly Expense Report.

Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

14. Discussion and possible action to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will award a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Friends of the Mid-Valley Regional Library to provide books for the "Hot Off the Press" collection in an amount up the \$1,000 requested.

DISCUSSION: Copies were distributed of a filled-in Neighborhood Purposes Grant application. Vicky Magaw, Branch Manager, Mid Valley Regional Library (818-895-3650; <http://www.lapl.org/user/82/contact>; <http://www.lapl.org/branches/mid-valley>), and Bobbi Diamond, Secretary, Friends of the Mid-Valley Regional Library, presented. Ms. Magaw said the collection "allows us to have best-selling, high-demand" books available; the NHWNC logo would be on each book. The funding would be used to purchase 12 titles each month. There are "four electric car parking stations in the parking lot" and the Library has lots of cultural and educational programs. Mr. Fordyce believed the application to be "incomplete." Ms. Magaw showed completed documents.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Gibson): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will award a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Friends of the Mid-Valley Regional Library to provide books for the “Hot Off the Press” collection in an amount up the \$1,000 requested, contingent upon receipt of the IRS 501(c)3 Determination Letter.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fordyce claimed that the Friends of the Library President’s signature was forged.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Gibson); zero opposed; zero abstained.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Kwasman and Pelaez); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce and Ramey); zero abstained.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Kwasman and Pelaez); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce and Ramey); zero abstained.

15. Discussion and possible action to clarify the motion of agenda item #18 of 7/20/2017 – funding of \$1,000 for the 2017 L. A. Congress of Neighborhoods – and approve the \$1,000 payment to Goodway Print & Copy.
Mr. Galdamez is working with the City Council on this and explained details.

16. Discussion and possible action for the NHWNC to approve up to \$1,000 to support the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their 2018 White Paper and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council file 18-0600.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Ramey): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves up to \$1,000 to support the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their 2018 White Paper and approves the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council File 18-0600.

MOTION to DIVIDE the MOTION (by Mr. Beeber, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will divide the Item #XVI Motion into two Motions labeled “XVI. A” and “XVI. B.”

MOTION to DIVIDE the MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION #16. A. (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kwasman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves up to \$1,000 to support the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates.

DISCUSSION: Brian Allen, a Budget Advocate [<http://ncbala.com>], explained that the funding is to produce the White Paper and to hold Regional Budget Day. Mr. Bailey added that probably more than half of NCs allocated zero.

FUNDING MOTION #16. A. PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Kwasman and Pelaez); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Ramey); zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION #16. B. (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Fordyce): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council File 18-0600 and the Budget Advocates 2018 White Paper.

AMENDMENT to FUNDING MOTION #16. B. (by Mr. Beeber, seconded by Mr. Gibson): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council File 18-0600 requesting the City Council to consider the Budget Advocates 2018 White Paper in detail.

AMENDMENT to FUNDING MOTION #16. B. PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION #16. B. PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

17. Discussion and possible action to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Ramey): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves up to \$1,000 to support the L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods 2018 event to be held Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Los Angeles City Hall.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bailey reported that “the annual Congress costs . . . approaching \$45,000.”

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Kwasman, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

18. Discussion and possible action to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves up to \$500 to support the L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods Networking/EmpowerLA Awards event.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bailey explained that “it’s a fund . . . you can contribute any time during the year.” Mr. Galdamez added that “it’s a special funding account . . . the funds roll over to the next Fiscal Year.”

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Kwasman, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

19. **Discussion and possible motion** to approve funding up to the \$5,000 requested to award an Neighborhood Purposes for the Teen Court Program. Presented by Lucy Boyzhyan, Community Representative of PESA (Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action).

Ms. Boyzhyan [800-894-7201; Lucy.B.PESA@gmail.com; www.PESAForBetterSchools.com] and Nataly Kemdjian [Nataly.PESA@gmail.com] presented. Copies were distributed of a brochure and a filled-in Neighborhood Purposes Grant application. PESA works to reduce hate crimes in Middle and Elementary Schools, and more than 40 High Schools in the L.A. area. Ms. Hart clarified that “it’s a diversionary program.” It would be held at Monroe High School for their students. Board Members were concerned with how they would know that the funding would be used at Monroe. The staff gets paid a twice-a-year stipend. Other Neighborhood Council “partners” include Northridge East, Northridge South, Mid-Town North Hollywood, Greater Valley Glen and Granada Hills South. Mr. Bailey said that Northridge East and Granada Hills South funded this at \$1,000 each.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Fordyce, seconded by Mr. Gibson): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves funding up to \$1,500 to award a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for the Teen Court Program.

MOTION to TABLE (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Ramey): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council Tables Item #19 for one month.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED by a hand vote of the 11 eligible voters present with six in favor; five opposed; zero abstained.

20. **Motion and possible action** to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Ramey): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves up to \$750.00 to participate as a Lunch Sponsor for the ONEGeneration Senior Symposium to be held May 19, 2018. The event will be held at the ONEGeneration Senior Enrichment Center from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The sponsorship includes one table with canopy, two chairs, and lunch for two. Also, the NHWNC logo will be displayed in all marketing materials used to promote this event, recognition in the event program, and on a banner with the participating Neighborhood Councils displayed during the event.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Pelaez and Ramey); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Kwasman); zero abstained.

21. **Discussion and possible approval** of up to \$4000 to pay for this Community Improvement Project: The Bureau of Street Services Crews will perform repairs not otherwise scheduled. These funds should be sufficient for up to 3 trucks and 2 crews to repair damaged pavement in North Hills West Alleys, as designated by prior inspection by the BSS Repair Crew Supervisor. (B&I Chair has made suggestions based upon stakeholder complaints and physical inspection at each site.)

Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to Table this Item.

22. **Discussion and possible action** to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves NHWNC's Beautification & Infrastructure Committee recommendation for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the amount of up to \$4,999 for clean-up and weed abatement along targeted streets and public thoroughfares.

DISCUSSION: Copies were distributed of a filled-in Neighborhood Purposes Grant application. Ms. Hart distributed photos showing the last cleanup and said "they did a great job." Ms. Ramey requested to "ask the schools for volunteers." Mr. Fordyce asked, "where is the return on investment?" and stated that "I've never had evidence" of monitoring of City services. Ms. Hart indicated that City Council District 12 referred the L.A. Conservation Corps. Mr. Brown explained that there are photos of "work done and in progress" on the NHWNC website; "it's all there."

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Kwasman, Pelaez and Ramey); one opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Fordyce); zero abstained.

23. **Discussion and possible action** to approve adjustments as needed to budget category amounts.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Fordyce): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will move \$4,999 from its Beautification and Infrastructure account to its Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) account, as well as \$1,000 from its Outreach account to its NPG account.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Kwasman, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

24. **Motion to Oppose** Council File No: 18-0002-S30 (Koretz): Resolution that the City of Los Angeles include into its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2363 (Friedman) that would authorize a local authority to establish lower speed limits on the basis for an accident surveys.

Councilmember Koretz, has introduced a Resolution that the City of LA support Assembly Bill 2363 (Friedman) which expands the definition of a traffic and engineering survey to include the “potential for or frequency of traffic collisions that result in deaths or injuries” and allows local authorities to round speed limits to “within” 5 mph of the 85th percentile, rather than rounding to the nearest 5 mph of the 85th percentile, and allows local authorities to further reduce the speed limit an additional 5 mph for specified factors. The effect of the bill would be to allow local authorities to set speed limits up to 9 mph below the 85th percentile speed for any factors currently specified and adds the additional factor of the “potential for or frequency of traffic collisions that result in deaths or injuries”. The bill would significantly weaken protections in current law against local jurisdictions setting up speed traps and would likely make violators out of the vast majority of drivers on some roadways. Last month, after a presentation by Vice President Jay Beeber on how speed limits are set under current state law, NHWNC voted to oppose Council File No: 18-0002-S20 (Englander), which sought authority for the city to support any legislation similar to AB 2363. Subsequent to that vote, CM Koretz introduced a resolution specifically supporting AB 2363. A vote in favor of this current NHWNC motion to oppose the Koretz resolution would be consistent with last month’s vote to oppose the Englander motion.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0002-S30>.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kwasman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council opposes Council File 18-0002-S30 (Koretz): Resolution that the City of Los Angeles include into its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program support for AB 2363 (Friedman) that would authorize a local authority to establish lower speed limits.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beeber noted that he presented about this issue at the last [March 15th] Board Meeting. He explained that this Motion is regarding specific legislation. Mr. Fordyce believed that the Motion was “without facts or documentation.”

MOTION PASSED with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Beeber, Brown, Elliott, Gibson, Hyman, Crone, Kwasman, Pelaez and Ramey); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce and Hart); zero abstained.

25. Motion to Support Council File No: 17-1311: Recommendations included in the 2017 FUSE Corps Fellow Report Related to Street Infrastructure.

As a result of a desire of the Mayor and Council to improve the delivery of public works services, the CAO retained a FUSE Corps Fellow to prepare a report on the state of street related infrastructure. That 400 page report included a number of recommendations to improve city services. The recommendations are separated into three Tiers based upon the scale of the recommendations:

Tier 1: Improvements to the City’s Infrastructure Delivery Ecosystem

- 1.1: Improve coordination by bringing all transportation programs into the Department of Public Works to make the Board of Public Works the single oversight authority for all activities over, on and under the street. Moves DOT into Public

Works as a Bureau. This recommendation also includes eliminating the Transportation Commission and the Taxicab Commission and placing those responsibilities with the Board of Public Works.

- 1.2: Address the lack of proactive strategic planning, comprehensive project management, under use of existing data sets and interdepartmental program goals by creating an Office of Infrastructure Management within the Board of Public Works that will serve as the citywide lead on all infrastructure programs to drive cross functional performance improvements.

Tier 2 and Tier 3 Recommendations are focused on more specific aspects of the City's infrastructure activities where specific improvements are recommended such as converting utility coordination from a manual process to an electronic system or implementing improvements to the City's 311 system.

Reports from the CAO, CLA, etc. can be reviewed on the Council File Management System at:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-1311>

Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to Table this Item.

- 26. Motion to Support** Council File No: 17-1426 (Koretz): City Attorney and Chief Legislative Analyst to review the legislative and regulatory opportunities the City may have for mitigating the impacts of all kinds of group homes on surrounding neighborhoods and communities, including a thorough review of such efforts undertaken in other jurisdictions, and to report back to the City Council within 120 days with analysis, options and recommendations. <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-1426>.

Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to Table this Item.

27. Committee Reports

There were no reports at this time.

28. Motion to adjourn

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Elliott).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:16 p.m.

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