



**NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, December 20, 2018**  
at New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, CA 91343  
Minutes Approved 1/17/2019

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**1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.**

President Dan Gibson called the Meeting to order at 6:32 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. Ten of the 13 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dan Gibson (President), Dave Brown (Secretary), Pat Crone, Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, Carol Hart, David Hyman, Sam Kwasman and Carlos Pelaez. Jay Beeber (Vice-President) arrived later. Madlena Minasian (Treasurer), and Kreshell Ramey 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. Quorum was announced. Mr. Brown reported that all Board Members were eligible to vote. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: approximately 57 Stakeholders and guests.

**3. Announcements and Comments – President.**

Mr. Gibson thanked resident Helen Donovan for printing materials, Mr. Brown for providing the sound system, and Ms. Elliott and the Outreach Committee for set up.

*Board Member Jay Beeber arrived at this time (6:39), making 11 Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).*

**4. Public agency speakers and announcements.**

Jessica Orellana, Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (818-901-3831; [JOrellana@bos.LACounty.gov](mailto:JOrellana@bos.LACounty.gov); <http://www.lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl>), thanked Clean Streets/Clean Starts [[Info@CleanStreetsCleanStarts.org](mailto:Info@CleanStreetsCleanStarts.org); <https://CleanStreetsCleanStarts.org>] President Don Larson for cleanups. The January 22<sup>nd</sup> Homeless Count will be from 8:00-11:00 p.m.; volunteer at [www.TheyCountWillYou.org](http://www.TheyCountWillYou.org). "It's very safe . . . you will not engage with any individuals," just "drive or walk by streets." If you see a homeless person in a wash, contact the County; "it's County property."

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that nominations are open for EmpowerLA awards. IgniteLA workshops will “train women to run for Neighborhood Councils” on January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>. NHWNC election candidate filing begins January 19<sup>th</sup> [<https://clerk.lacity.org/los-angeles-city-clerk-election-division>].

Efren Corral, an LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-634-0579; 35472@LAPD.LACity.org), reported that Division crime has decreased 7.2% compared to last year; “this is still one of the safest areas to live in L.A.” Also, “no one wants assistance” at a homeless encampment at Plummer St. and the 405 Freeway; “we’re there every day” for “six months . . . I hear every single complaint . . . we take it seriously.” The City is “working . . . to clean the sidewalks.” Regarding fireworks, “if you have an exact address . . . call it in.” “Vehicle versus pedestrian accidents . . . are on the rise.” If there is a problem with Veterans Administration Buildings Four or Five, contact New Directions [(310) 914-4045; <https://ndvets.org>]; Officer Corral does “not have any authority” over that area. Stakeholder Bonnie Cockerell reminded that the Neighborhood Watch will meet Thursday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church [9501 Balboa Blvd., Northridge 91325].

Carolyn Hogikyan, Field Representative for State 46<sup>th</sup> District Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (818-376-4246; Carolyn.Hogikyan@asm.ca.gov; <https://a46.asmdc.org>), announced a Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00 p.m. Renters Rights Workshop. She presented a Certificate of Appreciation for the Board and can help with Caltrans complaints.

## **5. General Public Comments**

Glenn Bailey, for the Budget Advocates [<http://ncbala.com>], encouraged completing the City Services Report Card. Also, the NHWNC can display a banner at the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Anniversary Mixer [March 14, 2019 at Carla’s Café at CBS Studio Center 4024 Radford Ave. Studio City, CA 91604]. As Northridge East NC President, he reported that there will be a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary “commemoration” of the Northridge earthquake and a “preparedness event” on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Northridge Women’s Club; vendors will attend. Mr. Gibson noted that a steering wheel anti-theft Club was available for attendees.

## **6. Discussion and possible action to approve the November 15, 2018 General Board Meeting Minutes.**

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

## **7. Discussion and possible action to approve the November 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report. (available on NC Funding System online portal: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>).**

Copies were distributed of the October “Monthly Expenditure Report” and a receipt(s), statement(s) and/or invoice(s). Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

## **8. Adjournment**

Mr. Gibson declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:07 p.m.

*The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been copied from the Agenda.* Minutes written by DL, possibly edited by NHWNC. The NHWNC Minutes page is <http://www.nhwnc.net/agendas-minutes/minutes-and-agendas>.