



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, April 25, 2019
at New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, CA 91343
Approved 6/20/2019

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1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dan Gibson called the Meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Twelve of the 13 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dan Gibson (President), Jay Beeber (Vice-President), Dave Brown (Secretary), Madlena Minasian (Treasurer), Pat Crone, Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, Carol Hart, David Hyman, Carlos Pelaez and Kreshell Ramey. Sam Kwasman was 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&dlta=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. Quorum was announced. Mr. Brown reported that all Board Members were eligible to vote except Mr. Beeber on funding Motions. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attended: 20 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Comments – President.

Mr. Gibson thanked resident Helen Donovan for printing materials, Mr. Brown for providing and operating the sound system, and the Minutes Writer. He announced that City Controller Ron Galperin will present at the May [16th] Board Meeting.

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-882-1212; Matt.Hernandez@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), reported that they are addressing homelessness issues. He encouraged texting him if bulky item pickups are needed; the Rapid Response Team works Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until noon.

John Parker, an LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station), for Senior Lead Officer Efren Corral (office 818-634-0579; 35472@LAPD.LACity.org), reported that Part 1 crimes are down 17.5% year-to-date. Property crimes, including burglary and robbery, are up across the City. He urged ensuring that “lighting is up to date . . . trees and shrubs near windows are cut back” and that there are “locks on side gates.” Close the garage door and do not be complacent about security. Avoid counting money or “looking at your phone as you’re walking” or driving; “go with a purpose.” Have packages delivered elsewhere besides home if you will not be home. Mail is stolen for identify theft. Be aware of social security scams; do not get a gift card if requested to by someone you do not know.

Linda Hernandez, Victim Service Coordinator, City Attorney’s Victim Assistance Program [818-832-1769; Linda.Hernandez@LACity.org; www.HelpLACrimeVictims.org], introduced herself and the Program.

5. General Public Comments

Stakeholder Anita Goldbaum noted that Senate Bill 50 passed the State Senate and urged contacting officials to oppose it. Resident Fran Potaski thanked the NHWNC for putting City Council File 1751 information on the website and was concerned about Van Nuys Airport noise. Erich King supported CD12 Chief of Staff John Lee for Councilmember in the June 4th election. Heather Hudson Beeber encouraged voting for her husband, Board Member Jay Beeber, for CD12 Councilmember (Jay4LA.com; Jay@Jay4LA.com; 818-205-4790), described his experience, and encouraged voting for her in the NHWNC election.

6. Update from Budget Advocates

Mr. Fordyce reported that the Advocates are distributing their White Paper and, in May, will meet with the City Finance Committee.

7. Update from Homelessness Liaison – Kreshell Ramey

Ms. Ramey reported that, on April 30th, the film “The Advocate” will be shown.

8. Update from Ad-committee chair Carol Hart concerning Haskell/Aqueduct parking issues.

Ms. Hart reported that another parking survey will be done; she requested that it be done at 8:00 a.m. in the morning, instead of the previously studied 12:00 p.m. noon.

9. 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.

There were no appointments or changes at this time.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the March 21, 2019 General Board Meeting Minutes.

Copies were distributed of draft March 21, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes. The following correction was requested: page two, Item #4: "Director of Community Relations, Gara Onofre" should read "Director of Community Relations, Cara Onofre."

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its March 21, 2019 General Board Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 11. Discussion and possible action** to approve the March 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report. (available on NC Funding System online portal: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>). Copies were distributed of the March "Monthly Expenditure Report," 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 March 2019.

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

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of \$1,103.52 for communications services to Moore Business Results. This amount is for 3 invoices – February # 0201 for \$397.58, March # 0301 for \$375.12, and April # 0401 for \$330.82 - all categorized as Outreach.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gibson explained this. Mr. Fordyce believed the website is "not user friendly" and he "cannot find any documents" on it. Ms. Hart noted that "It's been approved by the City . . . it's right there in the contract." Mr. Gibson reminded that "I've explained the circumstances."

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); one opposed (Fordyce); zero abstained.

- 13. Discussion and possible action** to approve specific expenditures from the previously allocated budget of \$15,000 for election outreach materials and services. Food, beverages, and paper goods for Election Day "Picnic". Election Banner.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #14.*] Ms. Hart explained this. Mr. Gibson indicated it will be paid with the credit card. There was extensive discussion of options.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves up to \$750 for food, water and sundries for the election picnic on May 4, 2019.

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

There was extensive discussion of election banner details; copies were distributed of a possible design.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Fordyce, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves two banners at \$30 each from AM Direct for calling out the election voting place. AM Direct committed to making the banners available for pickup by Monday night, April 29, 2019.

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

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Minasian): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the payment of Invoice #32944 for the amount of \$146.52 to Partners in Diversity for minute taking services.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gibson explained that “the City Clerk hasn’t had an issue with it” being paid through Paypal, however, it will be paid by check.

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

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Fordyce): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the North Valley YMCA for the Senior Dance to be held May 31, 2019 at Northridge Recreation Center in the amount of up to the \$500 requested.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gibson explained that “the Senior Dance is a big event.”

Board Member Kreshell Ramey left by this time, making 10 Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian and Pelaez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 16. Discussion and possible action** to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,200.00 for the NHWNC to host and co-sponsor, along with the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, a Council District 12 candidate forum to be held at New Horizons.

There was discussion about the sponsorship and location.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to \$1,200.00 for the NHWNC to host, with or without the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, a Council District 12 candidate forum to be held at New Horizons or at the Onion.

DISCUSSION: Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reminded to submit a completed event form.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian and Pelaez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 17. Discussion and possible action** to [see the below Motion].
Mr. Gibson explained this.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves a Community Impact Statement regarding Council File 19-600 recommending that the Mayor and City Council seriously consider recommendations made in the NC Budget Advocates’ 2019 White Paper while deliberating the FY 2019-20 Budget.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Galdamez reminded to submit a completed event form.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Minasian): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves a Community Impact Statement supporting Council File 19-0046 concerning regulations to restrict developer financial contributions that could possibly influence the discretionary approvals of development projects by elected officials.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gibson explained this. Ms. Goldbaum relayed that it was “recommended from the Ethics Commission.”

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

19. Committee Reports

Outreach -- Ms. Hart reported that 4,266 6” x 9” election postcards will be mailed.

Board Member Madlena Minasian left at this time (9:20), making nine Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

Emergency Preparedness / Public Safety -- Mr. Brown described the emergency plan on the website.

Land Use – Mr. Beeber encouraged contacting elected officials to oppose SB50; he said that www.2PreserveLA.org has information.

Rules & Elections -- Mr. Gohel indicated that there was no report.

Education -- Mr. Fordyce attended the March 25th Monroe High School ribbon-cutting ceremony; three buildings replaced fire-damaged ones. The High School would do graphics for only the cost of materials.

Executive – Mr. Gibson announced that an anti-theft steering wheel Club is available for attendees.

Mr. Hyman announced that Citrus Sunday will be June 2nd.

20. Adjournment

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:32 p.m.

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