



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, December 19, 2019

at New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, CA 91343

DRAFT Minutes [to be replaced by "Approved _[Month]_ _[date]_, 201_[year]_"]

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1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dan Gibson called the Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Brown.

2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum and Voting Eligibility.

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Ten of the 13 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Heather Hudson Beeber, Jay Beeber, Dave Brown (Secretary), Pat Crone, Maggie Elliott, Dan Gibson (President), Punam Gohel, Carol Hart (Vice-President), David Hyman and Carlos Pelaez. Gil Brenner, 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 confirmed that all Board Members' trainings were compliant and they were eligible to vote. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: 41 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Comments – President.

Mr. Gibson thanked resident Helen Donovan for printing printed materials, Mr. Brown for providing and operating the sound system, and the Minutes Writer.

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that the Department submitted their budget proposal, which includes expanding administrative support for Neighborhood Councils. Bylaws amendments are due by April 20th. Mr. Galdamez encouraged submitting, on a form emailed to Board Members, names and locations of landmarks in the area for inclusion on a City registry.

Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman John Lee (818-882-1212; Matthew.Hernandez@LACity.org; www.CD12.org), reported regarding legislation to close the Aliso Canyon gas facility, and regarding street vending, which is legal in the entire state, to ensure compliance. He met with Andrew Nyman, LAPD Valley Traffic Division Captain. Ms. Hart and Mr. Brown reported problems with street vendors using dangerously bright lights that distract and blind drivers, blocking sidewalks, and propane tanks. Mr. Hernandez said that City inspectors “will be working at night.”

Efren Corral, an LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-634-0579; 35472@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDOnline.org/devonshire_community_police_station), reported that “Devonshire Division’s been really really busy... Our crime rate is down... 10%.” He reported that Councilman Lee allocated extra funding “directly to the Police Department,” Which is using it for “addressing abandoned vehicles... illegally parked on the streets... [and] enforcing the street signs on Aqueduct.” Regarding food trucks at Woodley and Parthenia, Officer Corel indicated that since the law allows street vending, there is little the police can do, though he tried. A vehicle can be moved as little as two inches and be “in compliance.” Anyway, “the City attorney’s office said those signs are unenforceable.”

Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey [www.NCBALA.com] reported that starting January 1st Street Services will start strict enforcement of sidewalk vending, which “they have promised.” He encouraged submitting complaint details such as days, times and locations, and violations to the City. He invited the NHWNC to coordinate with the North Hills East and Northridge Neighborhood Councils about this. Budget Advocates recommendations will soon be sent to Neighborhood Councils for feedback; he requested agenda consideration of the 2020-2021 City budget, City Council File 20–0600. The projected deficit is as much as \$200 million. The next Budget Day will be Saturday, June 20th at City Hall.

5. General Public Comments

Stakeholder Joe Benitez thanked Officer Corral for having an abandoned car removed. Stakeholder Jeff Bengston commented about Aqueduct Avenue permit parking; Officer Corral reported that “it was addressed.” Stakeholder Peggy Burgess alerted regarding scam smoke and wind damage repairs that especially target disabled senior citizens. She also encouraged not signing a Proposition 13 petition. Stakeholder Linda Erdman thanked Ms. Hart and Mr. Pelaez for their work regarding Aqueduct parking. Dr. Lorraine Lundquist, CD12 candidate in the March 3rd election, described her background and community service.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the November 21, 2019 General Board Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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 as well as NHWNC Liaisons.
Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to TABLE this item.

8. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the November 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report.
Copies had been distributed of the November "Monthly Expenditure Report," and a receipt(s), statement(s) and/or invoice(s).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Beeber): approves the November 2019 monthly expenditure report.): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2019.

Board Member David Hyman left at this time (7:25), making nine Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Heather Hudson Beeber, Jay Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart and Pelaez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

9. **Discussion and possible action** to approve adjustments to the 2019-2020 NHWNC Budget and/or Administrative Packet.
Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

10. **Committee and Liaison Reports**
Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

11. **Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items.**
Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

12. **Adjournment**

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Beeber, seconded by Ms. Beeber).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:28 p.m.

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