



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, June 17, 2021
Minutes Approved 7/15/2021

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this duly noticed meeting was held entirely online and telephonically.

NHWNC (and all other) Meeting Minutes are a summary; Minutes were not, are not and are never meant to be an exact, verbatim, word-for-word transcript or comprehensive record of what was said at a Meeting. Exceptions: Motion(s) (included as stated at the Meeting, or, if not stated, as written on the Agenda); quotes (words that have quotation marks ("")) at the beginning and ending of a word or words); and Agenda wording copied into the Minutes.

1. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order

President Carol Hart called the Meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

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

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. All 13 of the 13 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Sam Acosta, Dave Brown (Secretary), Angel Collins, Pat Crone (Vice-President), Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Dan Gibson (Treasurer), Punam Gohel, Carol Hart (President), David Hyman, Madlena Minasian, Carlos Pelaez and Kreshell Ramey. No Board Members were absent. The NHWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was seven (see the Bylaws link at www.empowerla.org/nhwnc), so the Board could take such votes. Quorum was announced. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: at least seven Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Opening Comments – Carol N. Hart, President.

Ms. Hart reported that the Library soon will be re-opening.

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

a. Elected offices representatives.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Jose Galdamez' report.] 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 that volunteers are sought for the CD12 volunteer list; contact him or Councilmember.Lee@LACity.org. All City Council meetings are again in-person, no more on Zoom.

- b. Government agencies, including the City of Los Angeles' Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that, if a Board Member has a conflict of interest, they should ask for the Item to be Tabled or they should recuse from voting on that Item.

Jessica Orellana, Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (818-901-3831; JOrellana@bos.LACounty.gov; <http://www.lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl>), reported that most facilities no longer require mask-wearing. Summer youth jobs are available. The Supervisor's office still is working virtually.

5. General Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #7.

- 6. Discussion and possible action:** Motion to approve the May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Hart declared and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

- 7. Discussion and possible action:** Motion to approve the MER (Monthly Expenditure Report) for May 2021.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2021.

Board Members Carlos Pelaez and Kreshell Ramey were unavailable to vote at this time, making 11 Board Members present online (the NHWNC Board quorum was seven).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with eight in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman and Minasian); one opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Fordyce); zero abstained. Two were ineligible to vote (Acosta and Collins) due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #6.

- 8. Report on the FYTD (Fiscal Year-to-Date) expenditure of Encumbered Funds** – President/Treasurer.

This Item was not addressed.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #10.

9. **Discussion and possible motion to approve the Annual Budget Packet** as posted (but yet to be signed).

This Item was not addressed.

10. **Report from Budget Advocates** – Glenn Bailey and/or NHWNC Budget Representative Pat Crone.

Mr. Bailey, a Budget Advocate [<http://ncbala.com>], reported.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #9.

11. **Presentation on Illegal Fireworks**, including Council File 21-0318 and Senate Bill 277 - Dave Brown.

Online illegal fireworks reporting: <https://complaint.lacity.org/Complaint/fireworks>

Online illegal fireworks survey: <http://surveys.mysafela.org/index.php/642974?lang=en>

Proposals for additional legislation Additional information: <https://www.nhwnc.net/comprehensive-plan-to-address-illegal-fireworks>

Luis Fierro of MySafeLA [213-634-0100; <https://www.mysafela.org>] showed slides and presented. Their organization educates people about fire safety, resilience, and education and awareness. Around half a million students as young as fourth grade have participated in their program. He reported that “all fireworks are illegal in the City of L.A.” They are working to create a “heat map” of fireworks “hotspots.”

12. **Discussion and possible motion** to approve generation of a Community Impact Statement on CF 21-0318.

MOTION (by Mr. Fordyce, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves generation of a Community Impact Statement on CF 21-0318 in support of the L.A. City Council and Mayor. [*There was additional wording.*]

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Hart): The NHWNC adds the appended list in “illegal fireworks mitigation” to the Motion.

MOTION and AMENDMENT both WITHDRAWN (by Mr. Fordyce).

MOTION (by Mr. Fordyce, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves generation of a Community Impact Statement on CF 21-0318 in support of the L.A. City Council and Mayor to include the conditions as listed in the fireworks mitigation document.

Board Members Carlos Pelaez and Kreshell Ramey were again available to vote at this time, making all 13 Board Members present online (the NHWNC Board quorum was seven).

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Acosta, Brown, Collins, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; one abstained (the NHWNC does not count abstentions as votes) (Crone).

[*This paragraph is copied from the Agenda.*] Note: the following two items have been placed on the agenda at least twice before but were not discussed due to having insufficient time for a proper discussion, debate, and deliberation.

- 13. Discussion and possible motion** to approve generation of a Community Impact Statement on CF 21-0002-S18 Housing Development Ministerial Approval / Duplex and Parcel Map Division / Environmental Review Exemption Resolution (Koretz - Krekorian) relative to including in the City's 2021-22 State Legislative Program its position on SB 9 (Atkins), which would require cities and counties, including charter cities, to provide for the ministerial approval of a housing development containing two residential units (a duplex), and a parcel map dividing a lot into two equal parts, for residential use; and exempts environmental review. Last changed on 6/9/21 Status: pending in committee (Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee) See City Clerk Connect CMS - http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2021/21-0002-S18_reso_12-15-2020.pdf.

Maria and Jeff Kalban showed slides and spoke on the issue. They noted that “local zoning may no longer apply.” They believe that Senate Bill 9 helps developers and is too expensive for homeowners, and has “no mandate for affordable housing.” Also, that it would help create a “heat island effect” and not provide for any supporting infrastructure for additional development. The State Senate already approved it; the State Assembly is considering it. They will send more information.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Fordyce): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves generation of a Community Impact Statement on CF/Council File 21-0002-S18 in approval of the City Council’s Motion.

Board Member Angel Collins was unavailable to vote at this time, making 12 Board Members present online (the NHWNC Board quorum was seven).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Acosta, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 14. Discussion and possible motion** to approve generation of a Community Impact Statement on CF 21-0002-S21 Midrise, Medium-Density Housing / Public Transportation / Jobs-Rich neighborhoods Resolution (Koretz - Krekorian) relative to including in the City's 2021-22 State Legislative Program its position on SB 10 (Wiener), which requires that cities allow midrise, medium-density housing on sites that are either within one-half mile of high-quality public transportation, or within a jobs-rich, high-opportunity neighborhood close to key job centers, without affordability requirements or sensitivity to the character of existing neighborhoods. . Last changed on 6/9/21 Status: pending in committee (Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee) See City Clerk Connect CMS - http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2021/21-0002-S21_reso_12-15-2020.pdf.

See the above Item #13 presentation.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Fordyce): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves generation of a Community Impact Statement in support of CF/Council File 21-0002-S21.

DISCUSSION: Resident Anita Goldbaum encouraged supporting the Motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Acosta, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 15. Discussion and possible motion** regarding future NC “Hybrid” meetings; combination in-person with online component.

Ms. Hart declared and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

- 16. Discussion and possible action:** Motion to approve adjustments to the 2020-2021 NHWNC Budget and Administrative Packet. (See revised Budget & Administrative Packet submitted for Board approval attached).

Ms. Hart declared and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

- 17. Committee & Liaison Reports** (if any). **Discussion and possible action:** Motion to ratify recommended Chair and Member appointments and changes to Standing and Ad Hoc committees as well as NHWNC Liaisons.

Ms. Hart declared and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

18. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items.

Ms. Hart declared and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

19. Motion to adjourn

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Elliott).

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:07 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 the NHWNC. The NHWNC Board Meeting Minutes page is <http://www.nhwnc.net/agendas-minutes/minutes-and-agendas>.