

## **North Hills West Neighborhood Council**

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## Board Meeting Minutes April 17, 2025 6:08PM-7:52PM (DRAFT)

Regular Meeting Location:
New Horizons
15725 Parthenia Street
North Hills, CA 91343
(MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

**Funding Vote Eligible\* Boardmember** Roll Call Category Angelica Aleksanyan NO General Stakeholder 2027 Absent Maria Carillo Absent YES Residential 2025 Pat Crone Present Residential 2025 YES Linda Erdman Absent YES Residential 2027 Garry Fordyce Present YES Residential 2025 Jane Lopez Present YES Residential2027 Leticia Martinucci YES General Stakeholder 2027 Absent Kreshell Ramey General Stakeholder 2025 Absent YES Martha Ugarte Present YES General Stakeholder 2027 Janayn Martinez Present NO Residential 2025 Vacant Residential 2025 Vacant Vacant Vacant Vacant Vacant Community Interest 2027 Vacant Vacant General Stakeholder 2027 Vacant Board Members -10 Present 05 Absent 05at Roll Call

- 1. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 6:04PM. Welcome-Everyone was welcomed by President Garry Fordyce. Pledge of Allegiance-The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2. Roll Call, Quorum Check Angelica Aleksanyan, and Janayn Martinez are ineligible to vote.

| NHWNC ITEM 2. Roll Call                 |                                    |            |  |  |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| Present –05                             | Absent-04                          | Excused-01 |  |  |
| Crone, Fordyce, Lopez, Martinez, Ugarte | Erdman, Carillo, Martinucci, Ramey | Aleksanyan |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; F=Funding training; N=not taken; **X**=expired \*\* Advance notice given for absence \*\*\*At Large Appointed (VOTE KEY: Yes, No, Abstain, Ineligible, Recuse, Absent)

- 3. President's Announcements, Comments:
  - a. Information for North Hills West Neighborhood Council Election-Reviewed
    - i. VOTE BY MAIL Registration: Begins March 21 and Ends May 11, 2025
    - ii. Region 2 Elections: May 20, 2025
  - b. Planning 101 Training Requirement: Angelica, Janayn, Kreshell, Leticia- Reviewed. Five members have taken Planning 101. To vote on Land Use Items, everyone needs to take it.
  - c. Statement Regarding Meeting Protocols. When Boardmembers need to speak, they need to raise their hands to be recognized.
- 4. General Public Comments on Non-Agenda items within the jurisdiction of the NHWNC. Each speaker may speak, one time, for up to two (2) minutes unless changed by the presiding officer. PLEASE ADVISE US IF YOU ARE A PAID LOBBYIST.
  - a. Stakeholder- We need to get new Neighborhood Watch Signs. She also wants to see permit parking.
  - b. Stakeholder- Own 6 homes together. The Homeless are out of control. DWP pole is oozing tar all over the street. (Chase and Gloria) The other DWP pole is deteriorating.
  - c. Stakeholder Demo notification for 15735 Plummer there is no ability to contact them and it did not go out to the neighbors as required.
- 5. Elected Officials, Public Agency Speakers, Field Representatives, and Public Service Announcements. Up to three (3) minutes per speaker. Stakeholders are allotted up to two minutes each for a question, for each Agendized public official who visits. Public Officials who do not give advance notice of their participation in the NHW Neighborhood Council meeting are limited up to two minutes of announcements, which must include their contact information.
  - a. Mayor Karen Bass Mayor LA City / West Valley Area Representative David Bright- No Report
  - b. City Council District 12 John Lee CD12 / Field Representative Lorena Espinal- Rapid Response 20 locations 103 pieces were picked up in your area. Haskell and Roscoe, we did receive a report of an encampment. There is also an encampment nears Golden Gate Storage. Both encampments are being serviced. There will be Outreach on April 29, 2025 and they will be serviced every two weeks. There will AAPI be a Day of Service at the Mid Valley Library on May 30, 2025 from 9:00AM -12:00PM. Councilmember John Lee will be in attendance. The LAMC 41.18 signs have not been put up yet.
  - c. L.A. County Supervisor District 3 Lindsey Horvath-No Report
  - d. State Senate District 20 Caroline Menjivar-No Report
  - e. State Assembly District 40 Pilar Schiavo / Field Representative Gaby Gurrola-No Report
  - f. U.S. Congress District 32 Brad Sherman-No Report
  - g. LAUSD School Board District 3 Scott Schmerelson-No Report
  - h. LAUSD School Board District 6 Kelly Gonez-No Report
  - i. LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Jerome Knopp-No Report
  - j. Mid-Valley Regional Library-No Report
  - k. L.A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment NEA John Darnell- He spoke about the City Budget and the work of the Budget Advocates. Budget Day will be on June 21, 2025 at City Hall. It starts at 7:00AM.
  - Budget Advocates, Fordyce-The Budget Advocates meet twice a month and there are many committees. The White Paper has been sent out to everyone. The Mayor's Budget will come out on April 21, 2025. The Budget Advocates will have a Zoom presentation on April 28, 2025 to go over the Budget.

- m. LAPD Volunteer Mikkie Loi- Burglaries are still up. Look for cars targeting the community. They have been going through sliding back doors. Start a Neighborhood Watch and know your neighbors. You can email your Senior Lead Officers. There has been more theft by trickery, be careful because they could follow you home. She spoke about the Drone as First Responder Program. This is a 90 day trial. Issues were brought up about unknown cars parking in the area. There was also talk about the vans at new Horizon sit and idle.
- 6. Possible Resignation and Appointment
  - a. Possible Motion, Discussion, Action: Appointment 2nd Bank Cardholder-Item Tabled
- 7. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to approve NHWNC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for March 2025

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed** 

| NHWNC ITEM 7. Motion to approve the NHWNC Monthly Expenditure Report Moved: Fordyce Seconded: Crone |       |                                    |          |   |  |  |  |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|----------|---|--|--|--|
| Yes-04  | No-00 | Abstain-00 Ineligible-01 Absent-05 |          |   |  |  |  |
| Crone, Fordyce,   | None  | None                               | Martinez | Martinez Aleksanyan, Carillo, Martinucci, |  |  |  |
| Lopez, Ugarte Ramey Erdman  |       |                                    |          |   |  |  |  |

8. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to approve NHWNC Board Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2025

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed** 

| NHWNC ITEM 8. Motion to approve NHWNC Board Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2025 Moved: Crone Seconded: Martinez |       |            |               |           |
|--|-------|------------|---------------|-----------|
| Yes-04   | No-00 | Abstain-00 | Ineligible-01 | Absent-05 |
| Crone, Fordyce, Lopez, Ugarte None None Martinez Aleksanyan, Carillo, Martinucci, Ramey Erdma                  |       |            |               |           |

- 9. Transfer Funds to Special Funds Account
  - a. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to create a North Hills West Neighborhood Council (NHWNC) Special Funds Account, transferring Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for purpose of Urban Forestry within the NHWNC Boundaries (Dead Tree and Stump Removal, Tree Trimming, Etc. All work Prioritized under direction of the NHWNC).

Public Comment: Superintendent for the West Valley Area, Stephan Urban Forestry-He has done survey of the area. They will remove the dead Liquid Amber Trees and do stump grinding. They will work with the Neighborhood Council on the locations and issues of Public Safety.

**Motion: Passed** 

NHWNC ITEM 9.a. Motion to approve to create a North Hills West Neighborhood Council (NHWNC) Special Funds Account, transferring Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for purpose of Urban Forestry within the NHWNC Boundaries (Dead Tree and Stump Removal, Tree Trimming, Etc. All work Prioritized under direction of the NHWNC)

**Moved: Fordyce Seconded: Crone** 

| Yes-03                | No-00 | Abstain-01 | Ineligible-01 | Absent-05                               |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|---------------|---|
| Crone, Fordyce, Lopez | None  | Ugarte     | Martinez      | Aleksanyan, Carillo, Martinucci, Ramey, |
|                       |       |            |               | Erdman                                  |

- 10. Budget Advocacy Special Account
  - a. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to Approve: Neighborhood Council Budget Day (L.A. Charter Section 909) in the amount of \$3000.00

Public Comment: Brian Allen-The Budget Representatives represent the Neighborhood Councils.

**Motion: Passed** 

| NHWNC ITEM 10.a. Motion to approve to fund \$3000.00 for Neighborhood Council Budget Day.  Moved: Crone Seconded: Martinez |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Yes-04 No-00 Abstain-01 Ineligible-01 Absent-05  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crone, Fordyce, Lopez None Ugarte Martinez Aleksanyan, Carillo,  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Martinucci, Ramey Erdman   |  |  |  |  |  |

11. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to Approve the purchase of a Canva Pro License for \$130.00 **The contract is good for one year.** 

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed** 

| NHWNC ITEM 11. Motion to approve the purchase of a Canva Pro License for \$130.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Moved: Fordyce Seconded: Martinez   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes-04 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-01 Absent-05                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crone, Fordyce, Lopez, Ugarte None None Martinez Aleksanyan, Carillo,             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Martinucci, Ramey Erdman  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- 12. New Horizons Rental Agreement
  - a. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to Approve paying New Horizons \$550.00 per meeting for the remainder of the 2024 2025 Fiscal Year. (The City Clerk will come up with a Service Agreement that both sides will sign, if the Board Approves.)

Public Comment: Stakeholder-Has anyone looked into Monroe High School, Valley Pres., Church of the Living word? Anhueser Busch. Other options for locations were discussed.

**Motion: Passed** 

| NHWNC ITEM 12.a. Motion to approve paying New Horizons \$550.00 per meeting for the remainder of the 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year. Moved: Lopez Seconded: Martinez |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Yes-03  | No-00 Abstain-01 Ineligible-01 Absent-05 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crone, Fordyce, Lopez  None  Ugarte  Martinez  Aleksanyan, Carillo, Martinucci, Ramey Erdman  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- 13. Second General Public Comments on Non-Agenda items within the jurisdiction of the NHWNC. TIME PERMITTING. Each speaker may speak, one time, for up to two (2) minutes unless changed by the presiding officer. PLEASE ADVISE US IF YOU ARE A PAID LOBBYIST.
  - a. Mikkie Loi- Saturday, April 26, 2025 at Devonshire Division, there will be an Open House, Car Show, and the PALS Pancake Breakfast. Coffee with a cop April 29, 2025 12:00PM Starbucks in the Northridge Mall. May 5 Granada Hills South Neighborhood Councils e mon 7 weeks fliers in the back, even if the class is full show up.
- 14. Board Member Announcements / Comments (No Discussion)
  - a. Martha Ugarte- Has issues with racial profiling
- 15. Future Agenda Items (Board) (No Discussion)- No Requests
- 16. Adjournment The meeting is adjourned at 7:52PM