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NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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Thursday, May 21, 2020

7:00 PM

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND
DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY.

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the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS The public is requested dial *9, when
prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on
an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being
considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's
jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the
Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment
period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting.

Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

**ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD.
PLEASE NOTE THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE BOARD MAY TAKE ITEMS OUT OF ORDER.
ALL SPEAKER CARDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS.**

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1. Welcome.
2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, and Voting Eligibility.
3. Announcements and Comments - President.
4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.
5. General Public Comments - 2 minutes per Speaker

The public may provide comments to the Board on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is placed on the agenda for discussion at a future public meeting.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the February 20, 2020, General Board Meeting Minutes.
7. Report from Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey and NHWNC Budget Representative Pat Crone.
8. 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.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve the February 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report.
10. Discussion and possible action to approve the March 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report.
11. Discussion and possible action to approve the April 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report.
12. Discussion and possible action concerning the official process of encumbering NC funds with possible NHWNC support of the process outlined in the *Neighborhood Council Presidents/ Chairs' Letter Regarding the Encumbrance of Funds into FY 20-21*.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding the NHWNC's position on the Mayor's Emergency Order as revised May 13, 2020 requiring all individuals to wear a cloth face covering when outdoors.

<https://www.lamayor.org/sites/g/files/wph446/f/page/file/20200513%20Mayor%20Public%20Order%20SAFER%20AT%20HOME%20ORDER%202020.03.19%20%28REV3%202020.05.13%29X.pdf>

14. Discussion and possible action regarding the NHWNC's position on the Mayor's indefinite extension of his Safer at Home Order and continued lack of any specific metrics provided to the public as to what conditions must be met before the Order is lifted.

15. Discussion and possible action regarding the NHWNC's position on the County's and City's restrictions on outdoor activities, including the requirement that beach visitors are required to be engaged in some sort of activity in order to be on the sand, such as walking, swimming and surfing.

<https://beaches.lacounty.gov/la-county-beach-rules/>

16. Discussion and possible action regarding the NHWNC's position on the City's indefinite commandeering of CD12 parks and rec centers to house the homeless.

<https://www.laparks.org/covid-19/shelter>

17. Discussion and possible action to approve adjustments to the 2019-2020 NHWNC Budget and Administrative Packet.

18. Committee and Liaison Reports.

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

20. Adjournment

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council Agenda is posted for public review at the following North Hills West locations: Uncle Joe's Donuts - 8704 Woodley Avenue and on our website at www.nhwnc.net

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RECONSIDERATION PROCESS - Reconsideration of a vote by the Board may be called as a Motion by the Board members that voted on the prevailing side of the decision.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS - A stakeholder or group of stakeholders may present a grievance concerning the legality of actions by the Board during public comment. Substantive grievances will be examined by a panel set by the Board, and the decisions may be appealed to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS - In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority of all of the Board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Dan Gibson, Board President, via email at dgibson.nhwnc@gmail.com, by phone 818-903-2259 or mail to NHWNC – PO Box 2091 – North Hills – CA – 91393.

NHWNC BYLAWS - Please be advised that the Bylaws of the North Hills West Neighborhood Council provide a process for reconsideration of actions as well as a grievance procedure. For your convenience, the Bylaws are available during every meeting.

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR AL CONCEJO VECINAL 3 DÍAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR CONTACTE A DAN GIBSON, PRESIDENTE DE LA MESA, POR EMAIL A dgibson.nhwnc@gmail.com O POR TELEFONO 818-903-2259.

Please Do Not Remove Before May 22, 2020

Neighborhood Council Presidents/Chairs' Letter Regarding The Encumbrance Of Funds Into FY 20-21

Dear Ms. Wolcott,

May 10, 2020

This letter is in reference to City Council file 20-0416 and the subsequent amending motion by Councilmember Kerkorian as passed by the council regarding the encumbrance of funds prior to June 30, 2020. It is our intention to bring clarity to this motion in absence of codified procedures for Neighborhood Councils to encumber funds to the next fiscal year.

During a meeting of NC presidents on May 8, 2020, this issue was discussed at length. The undersigned have interpreted the meaning of "encumbered funds" and have determined the elements for an official process for encumbering funds already exists. The steps in this process are as follows:

Step 1: NC Board approves an expenditure to be executed in FY 20-21. This board action is the actual act of encumbering the funds.

Step 2: Preparation of a Board Action Certification (BAC) form. This is the documentation of the act of encumbrance.

Step 3: Transmission of the BAC to a City Clerk Funding Representative et al. This is official notification to your office by a NC that the funds are encumbered and those funds are mandated to be made available to the NC in FY 20-21 for the purposes as stated.

Further, we interpret the amendment does not affect the ability of NCs to rollover \$10,000.00 without encumbrances.

Please communicate back to RVNC President Rachael Rose Luckey in the event your office has an alternate official method of encumbering funds and making notifications to your office of such funds.

Thank you for your immediate response to this matter.

Sincerely,

(Titles for Identification Purposes Only)

cc:
Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
Los Angeles City Council
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
Los Angeles City Attorney

I move that the North Hills West Neighborhood Council adopt the following resolution:

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council encourages all stakeholders to exercise personal responsibility to protect the health and welfare of their fellow stakeholders during the Covid-19 pandemic including following reasonable social distancing protocols such as maintaining a six-foot distance from non-household members and wearing a face covering when unable to maintain this six-foot distance, especially when indoors.

However, the North Hills West Neighborhood Council believes that some aspects of Mayor Garcetti's Safer at Home Order are over-broad and do not represent a reasonable approach to reducing the spread of Covid-19. Therefore, the North Hills West Neighborhood Council adopts the following resolution:

Whereas on May 14, 2020 Mayor Garcetti updated his Safer at Home Order requiring all individuals to wear a cloth face covering when outdoors,

And

Whereas there is no medical consensus as to the public health benefits of wearing a mask outdoors when two or more individuals are further than six feet apart,

And

Whereas the LA City Council previously considered and rejected a similar requirement proposed by Councilmember Paul Koretz

And

Whereas it can be dangerous for certain individuals to wear a face covering when engaging in strenuous exercise,

And

Whereas it is virtually impossible to reasonably enforce this order,

And

Whereas it is ill-advised for a government authority to impose a rule or law that the vast majority of citizens find arbitrary and unnecessary and will require enforcement at the barrel of a gun,

And

Whereas the vast majority of Angelinos are acting responsibly with regard to social distancing protocols recommended by qualified medical personnel to reduce the spread of Covid-19,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Hills West Neighborhood Council urges the Mayor to amend his Safer at Home Order to remove the requirement that all individuals wear a cloth face covering when outdoors, and instead adopt specific protocols calling on individuals wear a cloth face covering when they cannot maintain a six foot distance from non-household members. Be it further resolved that if the Mayor does not amend his Order, the North Hills West Neighborhood Council urges the LA City Council take the legal steps necessary to over-rule this provision of the Mayor's Order.

I move that the North Hills West Neighborhood Council adopt the following resolution:

Whereas on March 18, 2020 Mayor Garcetti announced plans to turn 42 recreation centers into temporary housing for the homeless,

And

Whereas the recreation center homeless program has now been in place for two months with no end date announced,

And

Whereas the persons placed in these centers have not been properly screened for criminal history or mental illness,

And

Whereas many of these new homeless centers are immediately adjacent to residential neighborhoods where the public, especially young children, live and recreate,

And

Whereas this policy is imposing an undue burden on the stakeholders living adjacent to these centers, including reports of increased crime, trash, public drug use and intoxication, public urination, and similar unsafe activity.

And

Whereas the stakeholders affected by this commandeering of local parks and rec centers were not consulted prior to implementation and have had no reasonable ability make their concerns known to the Mayor and City Council,

And

Whereas this program does not seem to have reduced the number of homeless on our streets and has potentially attracted additional homeless individuals to the area,

And

Whereas this program would likely never have been approved by the public under normal circumstances,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Hills West Neighborhood Council urges the Mayor and City Council to announce an end date to this program no later June 30, 2020, and to develop plans in consultation with local residents and other stakeholders to re-house the homeless in appropriate venues.

I move that the North Hills West Neighborhood Council adopt the following resolution:

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council encourages all stakeholders to exercise personal responsibility to protect the health and welfare of their fellow stakeholders during the Covid-19 pandemic including following reasonable social distancing protocols such as maintaining a six-foot distance from non-household members and wearing a face covering when unable to maintain this six-foot distance, especially when indoors.

On March 19, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Mayor Garcetti issued his Safer at Home Order which requires, subject only to specific exceptions, all persons living within the City of Los Angeles to remain in their homes indefinitely. The Order also shuttered the vast majority of private businesses except those that the Mayor, in his sole discretion, deemed “essential”. Although the Order has been amended to relax some of these restrictions on the personal liberties of Angelinos, the North Hills West Neighborhood Council believes that it is time that the Mayor and City Council provided specific metrics which they believe must be met before the Order can be lifted. Therefore, the North Hills West Neighborhood Council adopts the following resolution:

Whereas on March 19, 2020, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Mayor Garcetti issued his Safer at Home Order which requires, subject only to specific exceptions, all persons living within the City of Los Angeles to remain in their homes indefinitely, and which essentially shuttered the vast majority of private businesses except those that the Mayor, in his sole discretion, deemed “essential”,

And

Whereas this Order is an unprecedented response to the spread of an infectious respiratory disease,

And

Whereas the “lock-down” has resulted in extreme personal and financial hardship for those who live and work in Los Angeles,

And

Whereas when the Order was imposed, the public was told that the purpose of the lock-down was to “flatten the curve” and not overwhelm our healthcare system, and provide time to get the necessary medical supplies and personnel in place to deal with the expected surge in hospitalizations due to the disease,

And

Whereas the curve has now been flattened and our healthcare system is in no way in danger of being overwhelmed,

And

Whereas the number of daily deaths due to Covid-19 peaked around April 23rd, the curve has remained flat since that time averaging less than 45 per day and may be beginning to show a decline,

And

Whereas the rationale for maintaining the Safer at Home Order now seems to have shifted to an attempt to generally reduce transmission of the disease and prevent new cases,

And

Whereas the vast majority of deaths have occurred to those in nursing homes, the very elderly, and those with underlying health conditions,

And

Whereas we now have sufficient information as to how we can control the spread of the virus through proper social distancing and personal hygiene procedures and protect our most vulnerable population,

And

Whereas the current Order broadly covers every person regardless of age or medical condition,

And

Whereas other states and countries with health outcomes similar to LA and California have begun to relax their most onerous lock-down orders and have not seen an overwhelming surge in deaths or an overwhelming of their healthcare systems,

And

Whereas deaths unrelated to Covid-19 are occurring specifically due to the continued lock-down,

And

Whereas the vast majority of Angelinos are capable of acting responsibly with regard to social distancing protocols recommended by qualified medical personnel to reduce the spread of Covid-19,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Hills West Neighborhood Council urges the Mayor and City Council to immediately:

1. Publicly state the specific rationale for continuing the Safer at Home Order.
2. Provide specific metrics that must be met before the Order can be lifted, including but not limited to, the average number of daily deaths and new cases reported, amount of testing capacity currently available and needed, and medical capacity currently available and needed.
3. A time estimate as to when these metrics are expected to be reached.
4. Disclosure as to what specific steps the City and County are taking to achieve these metrics.

I move that the North Hills West Neighborhood Council adopt the following resolution:

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council encourages all stakeholders to exercise personal responsibility to protect the health and welfare of their fellow stakeholders during the Covid-19 pandemic including following reasonable social distancing protocols such as maintaining a six-foot distance from non-household members and wearing a face covering when unable to maintain this six-foot distance, especially when indoors.

However, the North Hills West Neighborhood Council believes that some aspects of LA County's re-opening rules for County Beaches are over-broad and do not represent a reasonable approach to reducing the spread of Covid-19. Therefore, the North Hills West Neighborhood Council adopts the following resolution:

Whereas on May 13, 2020 LA County issued re-opening rules for LA County Beaches that disallows sunbathing or sitting or lying on sand, picnicking, biking, fishing and use of chairs, canopies or coolers, and whereas Mayor Garcetti's Safer at Home Order also requires all individuals visiting beaches to comply with these orders,

And

Whereas the medical consensus is that transmission of Covid-19 is highly unlikely in an outdoor environment when individuals maintain a minimum six feet distance,

And

Whereas the medical consensus is that UV rays from sunlight rapidly kill Sars-cov-2 on surfaces,

And

Whereas it is virtually impossible to reasonably enforce this order without police intervention,

And

Whereas it is ill-advised for a government authority to impose a rule or law that the vast majority of citizens find arbitrary and unnecessary and will require enforcement at the barrel of a gun,

And

Whereas the vast majority of Angelinos are capable of acting responsibly with regard to social distancing protocols recommended by qualified medical personnel to reduce the spread of Covid-19,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Hills West Neighborhood Council urges the LA County Board of Supervisor to amend the beach re-opening rules to allow the public reasonable use of beaches including sunbathing, picnicking, biking, fishing, and the use of chairs, canopies or coolers while maintaining a six foot distance from non-household members.