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North Hills West Neighborhood Council Regular Board Meeting Agenda

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New Horizons Sam's Cafe 15725 Parthenia Street, North Hills, CA 91343

Thursday, August 17, 2023 6:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting will be in person, not virtually on Zoom.

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 one (1) minute per speaker unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. Alternatively, public comment *may* also be sent to Secretary@nhwnc.net **at least two hours before the meeting starts**; include in the email Subject Line "Public Comment" and the appropriate agenda item number.

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD

Supporting documents are available on our website at: www.nhwnc.net

Agenda items not completed may carry to the next GBM on Thursday, September 21, 2023

NHWNC Board Members:

Dave Brown, Pat Crone, Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Madlena Minasian, Kreshell Ramey

- 1. Call to order and Welcome by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Voting Eligibility Report, and call for agenda item(s) recusals.**
- 3. Vacancies: The NHWNC is currently seeking one (1) Residential Board Member, Seat term expiring 2025; one (1) General Board Member, Seat term expiring 2025; one (1) Residential Board Member, Seat term expiring 2027; one (1) Community Interest Stakeholder Board Member, seat term expiring 2027; and, two (2) General Board Members, Seat terms expiring 2027.**
- 4. The board may appoint the following vacancies at this meeting:**
 - a. Discussion and possible action to appoint one stakeholder to fill the Community Interest Stakeholder Board Seat, term expiring 2027**
 - b. Discussion and possible action to appoint one stakeholder to fill one vacancy for Residential Board Seat, term expiring 2027.**

5. Swearing-in of newly elected Board Members. Neighborhood Council Board Oath:

I pledge to represent my neighborhood with dignity, integrity, and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value, and consider everyone's opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. I will act at all times in accordance with our bylaws and will conform fully, both in spirit and intent. To my neighbors and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.

6. Selection of Officers to serve on North Hills West Neighborhood Council. Nominations will be taken, and candidates will have up to three (3) minutes to address the Board.

Please visit www.empowerla.org/NHWNC to review the NHWNC Bylaws.

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

7. Selection of funding officers. For information on the Neighborhood Council Funding Program, please visit: <https://clerk.lacity.gov/clerk-services/nc-funding>

a. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Second signer for FY 2023-2024.

- i. Verifies Funding Program documents have been correctly filled out before being submitted for processing.
- ii. Acts as the second signer as required on Funding Program documents.

b. Discussion and possible action to appoint an Alternate signer for FY 2023-2024.

- i. In the absence or unavailability of the Treasurer or 2nd Signer, the Alternate Signer can sign Board-approved funding documents to be submitted to the NC Funding Program.

c. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Bank cardholder for FY 2023-2024.

- i. Maintains secure custody of the NC's bank card.
- ii. Ensures card is used for payment transactions as approved only by the Board.
- iii. Obtains itemized receipts or itemized paid invoices for every card transaction.
- iv. Submits (uploads) itemized receipts or itemized paid invoices for card no later than ten (10) days after the date the transaction posts.
- v. Must not accept cash refunds. All refunds must be made as a credit return.
- vi. Notifies the Funding Program immediately of lost or stolen cards.
 - 1. Bank must be notified immediately by the NC bank cardholder to block any further usage of the card.
 - 2. A new card can be ordered upon notification.

3. The Neighborhood Council will be limited from accessing its available funds through the bank card while a new card is being requested from the bank.

vii. Notifies NC Funding Program upon resignation or removal as the NC bank cardholder.

1. The NC will be limited from accessing its available funds through the bank card when a cardholder has resigned or has been removed and a new card is requested from the bank for a newly appointed cardholder.

viii. Can only serve as a cardholder for one NC at a time.

ix. Is the only Board member authorized to pick up the NC bank card, issued to his/her name, from the NC Funding Program Office.

d. Discussion and possible action to appoint 2nd bank cardholder.

- i. In the absence or unavailability of the Bank Cardholder, the 2nd Bank Cardholder can use the bank card for Board-approved funding purchases.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the [June 15, 2023 Draft Board Meeting Minutes](#)

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the [June 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report](#)

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the [July 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report](#)

11. Elected Officials, Public Agency Speakers, Field Representatives, and Public Service Announcements. Up to three (3) minutes per speaker. Stakeholders are allotted one minute each for a question for each Agendized public official who visits. Questions do not count against public comment time totals. Public Officials who do not give advance notice of their participation in the NHW Neighborhood Council meeting are limited to one minute of announcements, which must include their contact information as part of their announcement.

- a. Mayor Karen Bass - [Mayor LACity](#) / West Valley Area Representative - Erin Seinfeld - [Email](#)
- b. John Lee - [CD12](#) / Field Representative – Lorena Espinal - [Email](#)
- c. L.A. County Supervisor [District 3: Lindsey Horvath](#)
- d. State Senate [District 20: Caroline Menjivar](#)
- e. State Assembly District 40 [a40](#) – Pilar Schiavo / Field Representative - Gaby Gurrola - [Email](#)
- f. U.S. Congress [District 32: Brad Sherman](#)
- g. LAUSD School Board [District 3: Scott Schmerelson](#)
- h. LAUSD School Board [District 6: Kelly Gonez](#) / Deputy Director Anthony Garcia – [Email](#)
- i. LAPD Devonshire Division [LAPD](#) - Senior Lead Officer (SLO) - Jerome Knopp [Email](#)
- j. Mid Valley Regional Library - [Mid Valley Library](#)
- k. [L.A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment](#) / NEA - John Darnell - [Email](#)
- l. To find your elected representatives, City agencies, departments, etc.: [NeighborhoodInfo](#)
Additional neighborhood information: [KnowYourCommunity](#)

12. Guest Speakers and Informational Presentations.

- a) Presentation LANCC/WG4CC regarding the proposed [Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights](#)
- b) Discussion and possible action to support the LANCC Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights.

- 13. General Public Comments on Non-Agenda items within the jurisdiction of the NHWNC. Each speaker may speak one time for up to one (1) minute. PLEASE ADVISE US IF YOU ARE A PAID LOBBYIST.**
- 14. Discussion and possible action regarding appointing up to two Budget Representatives.**
- 15. Discussion and possible action to contribute up to \$1500 to the Congress of Neighborhoods**
- 16. Selection of Board members and stakeholders to committees. All Standing and Ad Hoc Committees shall be established by the Board. Suggestions for committees may come from Stakeholders or from members of the Board. All committees shall be voted upon by the Board. All Standing Committees shall be comprised of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) Board members and may include any interested Stakeholders. The Committee Chair shall be a member of the Board. Committee members and the Committee Chairperson shall be appointed by the President and ratified by the Board. Board members may be appointed to a maximum of two (2) standing committees. General Board to ratify all committee appointments except Executive Committee. The committees of the NHWNC are the following:**
- a. Budget and Finance
 - b. Events, Marketing and Outreach
 - c. Planning and Land Use Management
 - d. Beautification & Infrastructure
 - e. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
 - f. Rules & Elections
- 17. Discussion and possible action to appoint (or remove) up to five (5) Community Impact Statement (CIS) filers. The filers must be members of the Board. The filers are responsible for filing the CISs into the City Clerk's CIS portal. Any CIS is a position by the Board and may be sent to any City commission and/or put in the City Council's file management system. For more information, please click here:**
<https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/How-to-Submit-CIS-FINAL-COMBO.pdf>
- 18. Discussion and possible action to appoint members to serve as representatives to various Neighborhood Council alliances and coalitions. For the complete list and additional information, click the link**
<https://empowerla.org/alliances/>
- a. Budget Representative
 - b. LADWP Advocacy and Oversight
 - c. LGBTQ+ Alliance
 - d. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)
 - e. Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (NCEPA)
 - f. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA)
 - g. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC)
 - h. Plan Check Neighborhood Councils (PlanCheckNC)
 - i. West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness (WVNAH)
- 19. Board discussion and appointment by Chair for members to serve as liaisons to certain City departments and programs. The City of Los Angeles elected officials, departments, and even other Neighborhood Councils (NC) frequently seek a contact person to work with on a particular subject matter. During the year, agencies will ask the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) for liaison contact**

information to send invitations to meetings or events of interest, receive feedback, or request help sharing information with NCs and stakeholders. Your willingness to be that contact person will help your NC improve government responsiveness to your community's needs. Thank you again for doing your part to EmpowerLA! The official list of liaison positions is the following:

- a. (These positions should either be appointed by the President or chosen by the Board and then recorded in the minutes)
- b. Aging Liaison
- c. Animal Services Liaison
- d. Emergency Preparedness Liaison
- e. Film
- f. Homelessness Liaison
- g. LADWP
- h. Public Works
- i. Resilience Liaison

20. Board member announcements

21. Committee, Ad-hoc, Coalition, Liaison, and CIS filer Reports. Up to two (2) minutes each.

22. Requests for Future Agenda Items. Send to: President@nhwnc.net at least 10 days before the meeting date, with "AGENDA REQUEST" in the subject line. Please attach documents with sufficient information and links to support adequate descriptions for discussion. August 7th is the deadline to submit agenda requests for August 17th GBM.

23. Upcoming events: click the link → [NHWNC Calendar](#).

24. Finishing Roll Call & Adjournment.

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In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the Board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at <https://www.nhwnc.net>

If you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact secretary@nhwnc.net

Reconsideration and Grievance Process -

For information on the NC's process for Board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and on our website <https://www.nhwnc.net/agendas-minutes/minutes-and-agendas/bylaws/>

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For more information about the NHWNC, please call – 818-369-1708 – mail P.O. Box 2091 – North Hills, CA 91393-2091 or email: Board@nhwnc.net. We look forward to hearing from you!



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**Next General Board Meeting of North Hills West Neighborhood Council
September 21, 2023, 6 pm**

Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights

Whereas, the people of the City of Los Angeles enacted, in the charter of 1999, a system of Neighborhood Councils, whose missions are “to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs” and,

Whereas, in order to fulfill these missions, Neighborhood Councils must be empowered to operate as independently as possible of the City’s officials, departments, and agencies and not subject to undue influence or control by those officials, departments, and agencies,

Therefore, the Neighborhood Councils of the City of Los Angeles declare:

Neighborhood Councils’ Boardmembers are elected officials of the City of Los Angeles.

The method by which Boardmembers are chosen shall be determined solely by the Bylaws of each Neighborhood Council.

The sole authority to censure, suspend, remove, or otherwise discipline a Boardmember is vested in the Neighborhood Council of which that individual is a Boardmember.

Each Board shall determine the composition of its Bylaws and no other agency or commission of the City, with the exception of Board composition and boundaries of the Neighborhood Council, may alter or amend those Bylaws following initial Council certification and approval by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

No official or agency of the City of Los Angeles may delay or otherwise impede the action of a Neighborhood Council to amend its Bylaws or rules.

Neighborhood Councils shall be meaningfully consulted prior to the appointment of individuals to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and the appointment of any individual as the general manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

June 3, 2023