



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 18, 2016
New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills CA 91343

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1. Welcome and Flag Salute and Roll Call for announcement of quorum.

President John McGovern called the Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Ten of the 13 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: John McGovern (President), Patrick Santos (Treasurer), Carol Hart (Secretary), Dave Brown, Armando Diaz, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, David Hyman, Mike Khalid and Nancy Xander. Three Board Members were absent: Dan Gibson (Vice-President), Daniel Mick and David Phelps (all excused). The NHWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/NorthHillsWestNC-Bylaws.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: 27 Stakeholders and guests. Mr. McGovern announced that "there will be no April Elections" due to a lack of Candidates.

2. Motion to review and approve prior Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its December 17, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed or abstained.

MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 21, 2016 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; one abstained (Hyman).

3. **Public Agencies** - speakers

Erick King, Public Safety Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Erick.King@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), reported that the Porter Ranch / Aliso Canyon gas leak was capped.

Dora Esparza, Field Representative for State 46th District Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (818-376-4246; Dora.Esparza@asm.ca.gov; <http://asmdc.org/members/a46>), reported that “we will be hosting Women’s Self-Defense Workshops . . . everyone is invited” on March 5th, 12th and 19th.

Marco Santana, District Representative for State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; Marco.Santana@sen.ca.gov; <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>), reported that there will be a Transportation Summit March 3rd, 6:00 p.m. at CSUN; arrive by 5:30 to get better parking. Metro funding and more will be discussed. CicLAVia (213.355.8500; Info@CicLAVia.org; @CicLAVia) will be March 6th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Van Nuys Blvd. will be closed from Roscoe to San Fernando Road. The Senator will participate.

Julio Anleu, Field Deputy for LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff (ofc. 818-241-6388; cell 818-935-7049; Julio.Anleu@lausd.net; <http://Ratliff.LASchoolBoard.org>), reported that the proposed DWP rate increase “will cost the District \$22 million” and affect teacher and other staff jobs. There will be a Town Hall Meeting at Pacoima Middle School March 1st 8:00 a.m. with Michelle King, new LAUSD Superintendant, Ms. Ratliff and other officials.

[This Agenda Item was continued after Item #9.] Lydia Grant, BONC [L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] Commissioner (ofc. 213.978.1551; cell 818-470-6629; Lydia.Grant@LACity.org; Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that “we’re making it mandatory that Neighborhood Councils post their [Board] Meeting Minutes . . . that gives you the opportunity to go look at their website . . . and see what they did . . . a draft copy needs to be posted before the next Meeting.” Also, BONC Motioned “for Neighborhood Councils to have priority” at City facilities for the use of shared space for Board and Committee Meetings and office space. In addition, she explained that the City Attorney opined that if any Board Member has a child attending a school in their Neighborhood Council area, that entire Board cannot Agendize allocating or allocate funding to that school. LANCC (the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition) (www.LANCC.org), which meets the first Saturday each month, Motioned that, if the City Council legalizes street vending, guidelines would be mandated. LANCC is working to make the allowance of street vending an opt-in decision by Neighborhood Councils.

[This Agenda Item was continued after Item #10.] Glenn Bailey, Budget Advocate [www.BudgetAdvocatesLA.com], reported that the Advocates will publish a White Paper on the Mayor’s proposed 2016-2017 Budget. Also, there will be radio shows in April and May with City officials answering questions. The September 24th

Congress of Neighborhood Councils, which costs \$40,000 to hold, will have a planning committee meeting March 5th after the LANCC Meeting; funding will be requested from each Neighborhood Council.

4. Public Comments - speakers

Stakeholder Anita Goldbaum wanted more Election outreach.

5. Discussion and possible Motion to allow Verizon wireless to build a new cosmetic tower cover at an existing cell cite on Nordhoff street and Woodley Ave. Verizon wireless will have a speaker at meeting to discuss the plan with residents.

Brendan Minor and Matt, Verizon representatives, presented slides of the proposed cover's coverage area, and photos of the existing and proposed tower and cover. They said "it's a facility that's an expansion of an existing one." The facility is "50 feet tall; we're proposing a . . . 10-foot extension" to 60 feet. Mr. Minor detailed that "the [two] antennas would be mounted at about 54 feet." They said it is "a single-family residential area not appropriately zoned for wireless." There was extensive discussion of power frequencies, emissions and service quality. Mr. Minor indicated that the tower emits five percent of the government standard maximum. AT&T owns the original tower; Verizon would co-locate on top. Ms. Xander and Mr. McGovern requested and Mr. Minor agreed to send the presentation to Mr. Gibson.

MOTION (by Ms. Xander, seconded by Mr. Diaz): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will allow Verizon wireless to build an extension of ten feet (10') on a new cosmetic tower cover at an existing cell cite on Nordhoff street and Woodley Ave.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Brown, Diaz, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern, Santos and Xander); one opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Fordyce); zero abstained.

Board Member Dave Brown recused (self-declared as ineligible to vote on the below Motion due to a possible or known conflict of interest) from voting on the below Motion and left the room at this time, making nine Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven). Recusing is different from abstaining, which is declining to vote "yes" or "no."

6. Discussion and possible motion to approve a NPG for the 2016 Emergency Preparedness Fair in the amount of \$750.00 (Dave Brown).

Ms. Xander explained the Saturday, October 1st event with many organizations, probably at Fire Station 87.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Xander, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for expenses for the Southern California Disaster Preparedness Foundation in the amount of \$850.00.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of event sponsorship and non-profit status.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Diaz, Fordyce, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern, Santos and Xander); zero opposed; zero abstained; one recused (Brown).

Board Member Dave Brown returned to the room at this time, making 10 Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

7. **Discussion** on working with EPF group on their BBQ as to holding a separate BBQ of our own.

Mr. McGovern encouraged the Board to consider that the NHWNC could save money by partnering with the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on a barbeque.

8. **Discussion and possible motion** to approve \$250.00 for MARCH 2016 VANC mixer event (Nancy).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Fordyce): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves \$250.00 for March 10, 2016 VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Mixer event.

DISCUSSION: Mr. McGovern noted that the Mixer for Neighborhood Council Board Members will be held at CBS Studios in Studio City.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Fordyce, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern, Santos and Xander); zero opposed; zero abstained

9. **Motion to approve any outstanding MERS.**

Mr. Santos reviewed December expenses of \$7,735.09.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Santos, seconded by Mr. Diaz): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2015.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Fordyce, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern, Santos and Xander); zero opposed; zero abstained

Mr. Santos reviewed January expenses of \$509.79.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Santos, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2016.

DISCUSSION: Mr. McGovern and Mr. Santos confirmed that the year cannot be entered next to the month on the MER form. This was addressed in response to a Stakeholder’s request.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Diaz, Fordyce, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Khalid, McGovern, Santos and Xander); zero opposed; zero abstained

10. Board Comments

MOTION (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Brown): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council removes Dave Brown and Darleen Rogers from its Rules and Elections Committee.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote of the 10 eligible voters present; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Fordyce was working on the NHWNC being able to meet at Monroe High School. Mr. Khalid noted and Mr. McGovern will Agendize about that thousands of new homeowners may not know of the NHWNC. Ms. Hart still is working with the Recycled Water Advisory Group. Mr. Santos thanked everyone “for the opportunity to serve the community”; he will be deployed in the military. Ms. Xander relayed that Assemblyman Nazarian is willing to address a small group of people about their concerns; contact her to attend. Mr. Gohel requested to Agendize the DWP’s proposed rate increase and also Gas Company rates.

11. Motion to adjourn

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Ms. Xander).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed or abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:29 p.m.

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