



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 21, 2017
New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, CA 91343

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1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dan Gibson called the Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

2. Roll Call and announcement of Quorum and Voting Eligibility.

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Eight of the 11 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dan Gibson (President), Jay Beeber (Vice-President), Dave Brown (Secretary), Madlena Minasian (Treasurer), Maggie Elliott, Carol Hart, David Hyman and Sam Kwasman. Garry Fordyce arrived later. Punam Gohel and Kreshell Ramey were absent. The NHWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see the Bylaws at <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. Quorum was announced. All Board Members were eligible to vote. Eleven of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats were vacant (Residential (2); see below Item #5); to apply, email Secretary@nhwnc.net. Also attended: approximately 36 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Comments – President.

Mr. Gibson welcomed everyone.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the November 16, 2017 General Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kwasman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 16, 2017 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Board Member Garry Fordyce arrived at this time (6:40), making nine Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

5. **Discussion and possible action** to appoint Carlos Palaez to one of two vacant residential board seats.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Carlos Palaez to one of two vacant Residential Board Seats.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

State Senator Bob Hertzberg led Mr. Palaez in reading aloud the Oath of Office. *New Board Member Carlos Palaez was Seated with the Board, making ten Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).*

6. **Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.**

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #8.*] Semee Park, Director of Operations, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9898; Semee.Park@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), announced a girls leadership program to be held from January 4th through early February. Brian Allen, a Budget Advocate [http://ncbala.com], reported that Regional Budget Day will be January 20th at the Braude Center in Van Nuys. The Advocates are considering the economic impact of marijuana dispensaries.

Glenn Bailey, of VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; VANC@EmpowerLA.org; http://empowerla.org/vanc-2), reminded that VANC meets second Thursdays. Their anniversary mixer will be Thursday, March 8th; usually around 250 Valley Neighborhood Council Board Members attend. Nominations are being accepted for “best of” NC accomplishments. Mike Benedetto, Granada Hills South NC Vice-President, invited everyone to a February 1st, 6:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting at Granada Hills Charter High School [10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344] about CERT [Community Emergency Response Team; 818-756-9674; www.cert-la.com; lafdcert@LACity.org], Map Your Neighborhood and emergency preparedness information.

7. **General Public Comments**

Stakeholder Anita Goldbaum had a petition regarding gas taxes. Resident Chris Carle reported that “people have been setting up homeless encampments, selling drugs” near his home. He had a petition asking the City to install signs saying such things as “no loitering” . . . “no parking” . . . “no solicitations.” He has been communicating with Bryan Lium, Captain, LAPD Devonshire Division (818-832-0633; Bryan.Lium@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station) and wanted NHWNC support.

8. **Presentation by State Senator Bob Hertzberg.**

State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; http://sd18.senate.ca.gov/contact/email; http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg) spoke about economic and transportation issues. “River rocks” may be installed at the Roscoe/405 Freeway on ramps to replace foliage where there have been homeless encampments.

9. **Discussion and possible action** to ratify the President's recommended Chair and Member appointments and changes to Standing and Ad Hoc committees.
There were no recommendations at this time.

10. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the NHWNC November 2017 Monthly Expense Report.
Copies were distributed of the "Monthly Expenditure Report" for November 2017, and receipts and statements.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kwasman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2017.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

11. **Discussion and possible action** allocating up to \$300.00 to provide refreshments for the CERT 1 class beginning Jan 16th and continuing through Feb 27th @ Kaiser Permanente Medical Center.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$300.00 to provide refreshments for the CERT 1 class beginning Jan 16th and continuing through Feb 27th at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fordyce believed the Motion to be improper because the class would be held "outside our boundaries." Mr. Brown pointed out that the NHW, North Hills East and Panorama City NCs are co-sponsoring the free class; everyone is invited to sign up; and the Southern California Preparedness Foundation [<http://SoCalPrep.us>] will fund half of the purchase of emergency preparedness kits to be provided to attendees.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with eight in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Beeber, Brown, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Kwasman and Minasian); one opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Fordyce); zero abstained. Mr. Palaez was ineligible to vote due to not having completed Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

12. **Discussion and possible action** to regarding the PLUM Committee's position on the renewal of a conditional use permit (CUB - CONDITIONAL USE BEVERAGE) to allow the continued sale of beer and wine only within a 24-hour convenience store (7-11) for off-site consumption. (ZA-2017-3595-ZV). The applicant is requesting renewal of their conditional use permit (CUB - CONDITIONAL USE BEVERAGE) to allow the continued sale of beer and wine only within their 7-11 convenience store located at 16207 Parthenia St. 91343. No on-site consumption of alcohol would be permitted. Sale of alcohol would be for off-site consumption only. Supporting documents available on our website at www.nhwnc.net.

Applicant Sherry Olsen and Owner Naveen Bhardwa presented. The 7-Eleven has been there for six years with “no policing problems.” Mr. Beeber reported that the Committee unanimously recommended supporting the application.

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the application for renewal of a conditional use permit (CUB - CONDITIONAL USE BEVERAGE) to allow the continued sale of beer and wine within the 7-Eleven convenience store located at 16207 Parthenia St. 91343.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of the application.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

13. **Discussion and possible action** regarding the Rules and Elections Committee’s recommendation to add the proposed Policy of External Communications to the NHWNC Standing Rules. Supporting document available on our website at www.nhwnc.net

Copies were distributed of a “Policy on External Communications.”

MOTION (by the Rules and Elections Committee): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will add the proposed Policy of External Communications to the NHWNC Standing Rules.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beeber explained that letters would be “substantially in conformance” with what the Board agreed upon. Mr. Fordyce believed that to be “not transparent.” Mr. Beeber noted that the same policy was approved by DONE for another Neighborhood Council.

MOTION PASSED; one opposed (Fordyce); zero abstained.

14. **Motion to Adjourn**

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Minasian).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:40 p.m.

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