



**NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**General Board Meeting Minutes**, Thursday, July 18, 2019  
at New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, CA 91343  
Minutes Approved 8/15/2019

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**1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.**

President Dan Gibson called the Meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. All 12 of the 12 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Gil Brenner, Heather Hudson Beeber, Dave Brown (Secretary), Pat Crone, Maggie Elliott, Dan Gibson (President), Punam Gohel, Carol Hart (Vice-President), David Hyman, Madlena Minasian (Treasurer), Carlos Pelaez and Kreshell Ramey. No Board Members were absent. Shirley Dabit had resigned [see below Item #11]. 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. Twelve of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat was vacant [General]; to apply, email [Secretary@nhwnc.net](mailto:Secretary@nhwnc.net). Also attended: 45 Stakeholders and guests.

**2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum and Voting Eligibility.**

Quorum was announced. Mr. Brown reported that all Board Members were eligible to vote.

**3. Announcements and Comments – President.**

Mr. Gibson thanked resident Helen Donovan for printing materials, Mr. Brown for providing and operating the sound system, and the Minutes Writer.

**4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.**

Hannah Kelley, District Representative for State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; [Hannah.Kelley@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Hannah.Kelley@sen.ca.gov); <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>), described recent legislation. She will bring information about the proposed North Valley Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, and about Senate Bill 258 (homeless people and pets) and SB 56 (cannabis banking).

Jessie Strobel, Deputy Chief of Staff for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-882-1212; [Jessica.Strobel@LACity.org](mailto:Jessica.Strobel@LACity.org); [www.CD12.org](http://www.CD12.org)), reported that the Councilman opposes AB 516 regarding towing vehicles parked for 72 or more hours. There will be community BRT meetings August 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The City is working to enforce Municipal Code 8502 regarding sleeping in vehicles.

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; [Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org](mailto:Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), reported that Ethics and also Funding Trainings are available. The next Bylaws amendments deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Patty Peteque, an LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (cell 818-832-0827; [31373@LAPD.LACity.org](mailto:31373@LAPD.LACity.org); [http://www.LAPDOnline.org/devonshire\\_community\\_police\\_station](http://www.LAPDOnline.org/devonshire_community_police_station)), reported that crime is down. She encouraged contacting her if a vehicle is parked in the same place for more than 72 hours, especially if someone is sleeping in it; she noted recent impoundments and citations issued. The Devonshire Division Open House will be Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### **5. General Public Comments**

Resident Anita Goldbaum spoke about the homelessness issue. Resident Jay Beeber is getting petition signatures to oppose the proposed BRT Nordhoff St. route. Elena Pelaez, Aqueduct Ave. resident, said she and “the majority of the people on Aqueduct” are opposed to parking permits for her street; “no overnight parking” enforcement is working well. Gerald White thanked the NHWNC for supporting no overnight parking on Aqueduct. Maria Carrillo, Aqueduct Ave. resident, reported parking and non-resident behavioral problems there and said “over 90% of our block wants the permitted parking . . . this has been a really big problem.” Dr. Lorraine Lundquist, City Council District 12 candidate ([Lorraine4LA.com](http://Lorraine4LA.com)), a CSUN Sustainability Professor and Co-Founder of the West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness, reminded of the August 13<sup>th</sup> election and described her background and experience. Glenn Bailey, of VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; [VANC@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:VANC@EmpowerLA.org); <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2>), reminded about the September 28<sup>th</sup> Congress of Neighborhood Councils all day at City Hall with 30 workshops, breakfast and lunch. Steve Slutzah supported CD12 Chief of Staff John Lee, a candidate for CD12 Councilmember.

#### **6. Presentation from Carlos Botifoll, Partnership Specialist, U. S. Census Bureau, encouraging participation in the 2020 census.**

Mr. Botifoll was not present; there was no presentation.

#### **7. Presentation from Ken Craft, CEO, Hope of The Valley Rescue Mission concerning the organization’s effort to assist the homeless in the San Fernando Valley.**

Mr. Craft noted the Mission’s extensive meal serving and homeless sheltering and described their history and programs, including training and placing homeless people

in housing. He explained challenges of establishing bridge housing and recognized community concerns regarding safety and health.

8. **Discussion and possible board action** regarding the North San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor (North SFV BRT). <https://www.metro.net/projects/north-sfv-brt>.

Ms. Beeber had presented at the Land Use Committee; at this Meeting she explained the issue and background. She noted that Metro was invited but declined to attend the Committee and this Meeting. She believed that Metro's outreach was inadequate and that "they're going to have to take away car lanes to do this," one in each direction; "this would also trigger transit-oriented development" in which, within a half-mile of bus stops, land could be up-zoned for higher density and the number of parking spaces required in housing developments reduced. She noted that most homes along Nordhoff are single-family; regular services such as trash pickup and mail delivery, and emergency services would block traffic. Metro is holding three community meetings with little outreach and, she believed, only in response to community complaints about the proposed Nordhoff route. Residents Norma Paladines, Consuelo Gonzalez-Padilla and Merced Gonzalez were concerned that they only heard about Metro's plan by word of mouth. Mr. Slutzah said Sherwood Forest neighborhood residents unanimously were opposed to the Nordhoff route. Garry Fordyce claimed that "this Board [did] taint this important issue . . . violated the Brown Act . . . DONE doesn't seem to be able to see it as it is and connect the dots . . . you're depriving this Community of their rightful say; they may have to go to other Neighborhood Councils to be heard . . . you're jeopardizing the voice of this community." Ms. Kelly said "we do need this and there is ridership"; she encouraged contacting her and attending community meetings. Ms. Goldbaum opposed the Nordhoff route. Mr. Brown believed that transit-oriented development is the main issue, which would "dramatically change the character of our neighborhoods." Ms. Beeber said Metro's own analysis indicated that there would be more bus riders on Roscoe Blvd. than on Nordhoff. Mr. Pelaez was concerned about how traffic would be routed around construction. Mr. Gohel recommended lobbying CSUN to have Metro not consider the Nordhoff route. Mr. Fordyce asked, "does the public have the privilege of seeing this document that's been referred to?"

**MOTION** (by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the recommendation from its Planning and Land Use Management Committee as follows: the NHWNC adopts the following:

Whereas LA Metro failed to conduct proper outreach to the residents that would be negatively affected by the proposed North San Fernando Valley Bus Rapid Transit Line (NSFVBRT), and

Whereas LA Metro has not done a proper analysis of the impacts that the potential routes of the NSFVBRT would have on the surrounding communities, and

Whereas LA Metro has failed to show a compelling need for the NSFVBRT, and

Whereas the NSFVBRT was added to Measure M for political purposes to gain support of Valley residents to pass Measure M, not as a result of a need for this particular transit project, and

Whereas the residents of the communities that would be affected by the NSFVBRT were never fully informed of the potential to remove car travel lanes from busy thoroughfares as a result of approving the NSFVBRT, and

Whereas the residents of the communities that would be affected by the NSFVBRT where never fully informed of the potential to up-zone single family neighborhoods as a result of approving the NSFVBRT,

Therefore be it resolved by the North Hills West Neighborhood Council that the NHWNC opposes the NSFVBRT route along Nordhoff Street and urges LA Metro to re-open the Alternatives Analysis process.

Further, the NHWNC urges LA Metro to mail notices to every household and business within 3000 feet along all potential routes with information about any upcoming community meetings. Within the heading or prominently displayed in the notice, LA Metro shall include information that this project would require the removal of car travel lanes on the streets where the bus would run, and that the areas along the route would be subject to Transit Oriented Development which would up-zone to allow apartment buildings with greater density, greater height, and reduced parking requirements, even adjacent to single family zones.

Further, Metro should also include the above info on the Metro NSFVBRT project landing page as well as in all future notices regarding this project.

All elected official representing the affected communities shall be provided with this resolution along with all Metro Board Members.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

9. **Report** from Budget Advocate Glen Bailey and NHWNC Budget Representative Pat Crone.

Ms. Crone reported on the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Budget Day. Mr. Bailey noted the Advocates' NCBALA.com address.

10. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the June 20, 2019 General Board Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its June 20, 2019 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED**; zero opposed; one abstained (Hyman).

11. **Discussion and possible action** to accept the resignation of Board Member Shirley Dabit.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council accepts the resignation of Board Member Shirley Dabit.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Gibson read aloud Ms. Dabit's resignation letter.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

12. **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.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council removes Shirley Dabit from the Outreach and the Rules & Elections Committees, and appoints Pat Crone to the Rules & Elections Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

*[This Agenda Item was returned to after Item #16.]*

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Kreshell Ramey as its Homelessness Committee Chair.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

13. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the June 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Ramey): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2019.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Fordyce said, "I'd like to know why, once again, this Board is delinquent . . . you're ignoring it and the public is unaware of it."

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Brenner, Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

14. **Discussion and possible action** to approve up to \$200 for bottled waters and coffee for the Sat July 20, 1-3 pm, 2019 CD12 Candidates Forum at Granada Hills Charter HS, Highlander Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave, where runoff CD12 candidates John Lee and Loraine Lundquist will answer questions. This is a collaborative event

supported by the five Neighborhood Councils within CD12. The other NC's are covering light snacks, paper goods, printing, and misc costs. There is no incurred cost for the venue. RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cd12-town-hall-forum-tickets-64909338579>. The runoff Election Day is Tuesday, August 13, 2019

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves up to \$200 for bottled waters and coffee for the Saturday, July 20, 1-3 pm, 2019 CD12 Candidates Forum at Granada Hills Charter High School, Highlander Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Brenner, Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

15. **Discussion and possible action** to approve up to \$300 for bottled waters for NNO, National Night Out, Tuesday August 6, 2019 at Northridge Park, 18300 Lemarsh St, Northridge. (with a movie after sundown) NHWNC has been the recognized annual water supplier for several years, much to the appreciation of all involved. Other NC's and CD12 provide other specific items directly.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Minasian): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves up to \$300 for bottled waters for NNO, National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Northridge Park, 18300 Lemarsh St, Northridge.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Brenner, Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

16. **Discussion and possible action** to allow the West Valley Alliance to utilize the NHWNC logo for events held by the Alliance.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council allows the West Valley Alliance to utilize the NHWNC logo for events held by the Alliance.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Ramey explained the above. Mr. Bailey clarified that the organization name is the West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness. Ms. Beeber was concerned regarding the views and connections of the Alliance; she would rather allow logo use "on a case-by-case basis." Ms. Ramey agreed to be the NHWNC liaison to the Alliance.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Hyman, accepted by Mr. Gibson): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council allows the West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness to utilize the NHWNC logo for events held

by the Alliance. Furthermore, this Board resolves to become a Member and participate in Alliance meetings and for the purpose of utilizing the logo as requested by the Alliance. The Board empowers its Homelessness Committee to make final decisions on the use of the logo.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Fordyce said “one Board Member decides to snipe and make allegations.” Mr. Beeber cautioned about allowing the NHWNC logo to be used and about joining organizations. Mr. Fordyce said “your ideas . . . do not coincide with anyone else’s.” Ms. Beeber believed that more information is needed about the Alliance. Ms. Ramey said that information about the Alliance has been available.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Gibson noted that the NHWNC can rescind its membership.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

17. **Report and discussion** from the Rules and Elections Committee regarding agenda items covered at the July 15, 2019 committee meeting.

Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

18. **Discussion and possible action** to approve adjustments to the 2019-2020 NHWNC Budget.

Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

19. **Committee Reports**

There were no reports at this time.

20. **Board Comments**

There were no comments at this time.

21. **Adjournment**

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

**MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:19 p.m.

*The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been copied from the Agenda. Minutes written by DL, possibly edited by NHWNC. The*

NHWNC Minutes page is <http://www.nhwnc.net/agendas-minutes/minutes-and-agendas>.

| <b>AGENDA ITEM #</b>                                           | <b>Roll Call</b> | <b>8 pass</b>                    | <b>10 pass</b>                                  | <b>11 pass</b>                            | <b>12 pass</b>                                                                     | <b>13 pass</b>         | <b>14 pass</b>                               | <b>15 pass</b>                                    | <b>16 pass</b>                                                                                      |
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| <b>DAN GIBSON</b>                                              | X                | Y                                | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                                                                  | Y                      | Y                                            | Y                                                 | Y                                                                                                   |
| <b>CAROL HART</b>                                              | X                | Y                                | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                                                                  | Y                      | Y                                            | Y                                                 | Y                                                                                                   |
| <b>MADLENA MINASIAN</b>                                        | X                | Y                                | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                                                                  | Y                      | Y                                            | Y                                                 | Y                                                                                                   |
| <b>DAVE BROWN</b>                                              | X                | Y                                | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                                                                  | Y                      | Y                                            | Y                                                 | Y                                                                                                   |
| <b>HEATHER HUDSON BEEBER</b>                                   | X                | Y                                | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                                                                  | Y                      | Y                                            | Y                                                 | Y                                                                                                   |
| <b>GIL BRENNER</b>                                             | X                | Y                                | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                                                                  | Y                      | Y                                            | Y                                                 | Y                                                                                                   |
| <b>PAT CRONE</b>                                               | X                | Y                                | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                                                                  | Y                      | Y                                            | Y                                                 | Y                                                                                                   |
| <b>SHIRLEY DABIT</b>                                           | Absent           |                                  |                                                 |                                           |                                                                                    |                        |                                              |                                                   |                                                                                                     |
| <b>MAGGIE ELLIOTT</b>                                          | X                | Y                                | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                                                                  | Y                      | Y                                            | Y                                                 | Y                                                                                                   |
| <b>PUNAM GOHEL</b>                                             | X                | Y                                | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                                                                  | Y                      | Y                                            | Y                                                 | Y                                                                                                   |
| <b>DAVID HYMAN</b>                                             | X                | Y                                | Abstain                                         | Y                                         | Y                                                                                  | Y                      | Y                                            | Y                                                 | Y                                                                                                   |
| <b>CARLOS PELEAZ</b>                                           | X                | Y                                | Y                                               |                                           | Y                                                                                  | Y                      | Y                                            | Y                                                 | Y                                                                                                   |
| <b>KRESHELL RAMEY</b>                                          | X                | Y                                | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                                                                  | Y                      | Y                                            | Y                                                 | Y                                                                                                   |
| <b>Maker, 2nd by:</b>                                          |                  | PLUM<br>Committ<br>ee            | CH                                              | CH                                        | ME                                                                                 | KR                     | DH                                           | MM                                                | KR                                                                                                  |
| <b>TOTAL: Quorum is 7</b>                                      |                  | 12 Y                             | 11 Y                                            | 12 Y                                      | 12 Y                                                                               | 12 Y                   | 12 Y                                         | 12 Y                                              | 12 Y                                                                                                |
| <b>Agenda item<br/>description<br/>NHWNC GBM<br/>7/18/2019</b> | Roll Call        | Oppose<br>North<br>Valley<br>BRT | Approve<br>June 20,<br>2019<br>draft<br>minutes | Accept<br>Shirley<br>Dabit<br>resignation | Committee<br>& Liaison<br>changes:<br>Delete<br>Dabit, add<br>Crone to<br>R&E Comm | Approve<br>June<br>MER | CD12<br>Candidates<br>Town Hall<br>NTE \$200 | Nat'l Night<br>Out NTE<br>\$300 bottled<br>waters | West Valley<br>Neighborhood<br>Alliance on<br>Homelessness<br>use of NHWNC<br>join & use NC<br>logo |
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| <b>AGENDA ITEM #</b>                                       | <b>17 Table</b>                             |
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| <b>DAN GIBSON</b>                                          | Y                                           |
| <b>CAROL HART</b>                                          | Y                                           |
| <b>MADLENA MINASIAN</b>                                    | Y                                           |
| <b>DAVE BROWN</b>                                          | Y                                           |
| <b>HEATHER HUDSON BEEBER</b>                               | Y                                           |
| <b>GIL BRENNER</b>                                         | Y                                           |
| <b>PAT CRONE</b>                                           | Y                                           |
| <b>SHIRLEY DABIT</b>                                       |                                             |
| <b>MAGGIE ELLIOTT</b>                                      | Y                                           |
| <b>PUNAM GOHEL</b>                                         | Y                                           |
| <b>DAVID HYMAN</b>                                         | Y                                           |
| <b>CARLOS PELEAZ</b>                                       | Y                                           |
| <b>KRESHELL RAMEY</b>                                      | Y                                           |
| <b>Maker, 2nd by:</b>                                      |                                             |
| <b>TOTAL: Quorum is 7</b>                                  | Tabled                                      |
| <b>Agenda item description<br/>NHWNC GBM<br/>7/18/2019</b> | Changes to<br>Bylaws &<br>Standing<br>Rules |
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