



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, February 20, 2020
at New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, CA 91343
Approved May 21, 2020

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1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dan Gibson called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Eleven of the 13 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Heather Hudson Beeber, Jay Beeber, Gil Brenner, Dave Brown (Secretary), Pat Crone, Maggie Elliott, Dan Gibson (President), Punam Gohel, Carol Hart (Vice-President), Madlena Minasian (Treasurer) and Carlos Pelaez. David Hyman arrived later. Kreshell Ramey was 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. Mr. Brown confirmed that all Board Members' trainings were compliant and they were eligible to vote. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: 26 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Comments – President.

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

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that there will be "voting centers" instead of polling places; you can vote at any voting center in LA County. Also, BONC [the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners; Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org] voted to require "leadership orientation" for board members.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #6.] Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman John Lee (818-882-1212; Matthew.Hernandez@LACity.org; www.CD12.org), reported that he is working with the LAPD Valley Traffic Division regarding the Reseda and Devonshire intersection and other dangerous areas. He noted that data shows collisions that were near, not at, intersections.

Efren Corral, an LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-634-0579; 35472@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station), reported that “Devonshire is doing really good... 11.6% negative” below the previous year.

5. General Public Comment

Stakeholder Anita Goldbaum was concerned about the Motel 6 on Roscoe. Michael Cusick, Congressional Candidate, listed his priorities. Resident Mike Khalid believed that no outreach was being done to new homeowners. Resident Linda Erdman requested that an accident survey be done at the intersection of Woodley Ave. and Rayen St., generally between Parthenia and Nordoff Sts.; she suggested installing “flashing crosswalk signaling to alert motorists that pedestrians are in the crosswalk” and described walking and almost being hit by vehicles.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the January 16, 2020 General Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 16, 2020 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of all 11 Board Members present; zero opposed; zero abstained.

7. Report from Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey and NHWNC Budget Representative Pat Crone.

Mr. Bailey, a Budget Advocate [www.NCBALA.com], reported that the White Paper [of recommendations] was released and will be presented in March to the Mayor. Budget Day will be Saturday, June 20 at City Hall.

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.

There were no appointments or changes at this time.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the January 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2020.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ms. Beeber, Mr. Beeber, Brenner, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Minasian and Pelaez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

10. Discussion and possible action to [see the below Motion].

Copies were distributed of a completed Neighborhood Purposes Grant application.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Budget and Finance Committee): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to the \$2,500.00 requested for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Northridge Hospital Foundation (C.A.T.S) to support the Center for Assault Treatment Services 18th Annual Victory for Victims Walk/Run as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee. The event will be held on April 25, 2020, at Woodley Park.

DISCUSSION: Maggi Espada-Hernandez (881-438-2129; Magaly.Hernandez@DignityHealth.org), of Dignity Health, described their work helping victims of domestic violence, trafficking and more, and the Saturday, April 25 fundraiser event. They expect “close to 3,000 people ... a lot of free activities for kids.” The Neighborhood Council would be recognized in outreach. She listed event services and costs. In October 2019 they served 106 victims, almost all female. She noted that human traffickers recruit boys and girls at shopping centers.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ms. Beeber, Mr. Beeber, Brenner, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Minasian and Pelaez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Ms. Espada-Hernandez will report back about the event.

11. Discussion and possible action to [see the below Motion].

Copies were distributed of an invoice in the amount of \$750 for “Senior Symposium Participation.”

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Minasian): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to \$750.00 to participate as a Lunch Sponsor for the ONEgeneration Senior Symposium to be held on May 16, 2020. The sponsorship includes Booth, Canopy, table with two chairs, and lunch for 2. Also, the NHWNC logo will be displayed on all flyers, banners, programs, and other outreach materials for the event.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ms. Beeber, Mr. Beeber,

Brenner, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Minasian and Pelaez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

12. Discussion and possible action to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to \$250.00 to support the VANC 17th Anniversary Mixer to be held March 12, 2020, at CBS Studio Center.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that the event will be on Friday, March 13th, not Thursday, March 12th. Mr. Bailey, as a VANC [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; VANC@EmpowerLA.org; **[DL CONFIRM: _]** <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2>] representative, reported that the event receives no funding from the City.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ms. Beeber, Mr. Beeber, Brenner, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Minasian and Pelaez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

13. Discussion and possible motion to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Brown): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to \$250.00 to New Horizons for an IT/Sound Technician for the NHWNC April 16, 2020, General Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gibson explained the need.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ms. Beeber, Mr. Beeber, Brenner, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Minasian and Pelaez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

14. Discussion and possible action to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Minasian): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approve the expenditure of up to \$50.00 to Fashion Care Cleaners to dry clean the NHWNC 8ft. table cloth.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Elliott explained the need.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ms. Beeber, Mr. Beeber, Brenner, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Minasian and Pelaez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

15. Discussion and possible motion to [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by the Rules and Elections Committee): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Rules and Elections Committee's recommendation to revise Article V Governing Board, Section 1: Composition, of the NHWNC Bylaws to change the number of board members in the Residential Stakeholder category from the current number of 7 to 6, and the General Stakeholder category from the current number of 5 to 6. The Community Interest Stakeholder number stays at 1.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gohel explained the Motion and that the NHWNC had not been complying with its own Bylaws. He believed that the proposed alignment would help protect the Board from a takeover. Mr. Brown explained that "any changes would be made following the next Neighborhood Council election." Mr. Beeber believed that the Motion should be more specific and was concerned about unintended consequences; he wanted more research to be done.

Board Member David Hyman arrived at this time (8:28), making 12 Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

Extensive discussion continued, including the reminder that the Bylaws amendment deadline is April 15th.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Beeber, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council TABLES this Item #15.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

16. Discussion and possible action to [see the below Motion] - proposed by NHWNC Vice President and NC Sustainability Alliance Liaison, Carol Hart.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves NHWNC staffed Outreach display participation at the Climate Reality Presentation as requested by Senior Librarian Vicki Magaw. The presentation and Sunday movie screening will be held at the Mid-Valley Regional Branch Library on April 26, 2020, from 12:30-4:30 pm.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Hart reported that Vicky Magaw [Branch Manager, Mid Valley Regional Library; 818-895-3650; <http://www.lapl.org/user/82/contact>; <http://www.lapl.org/branches/mid-valley>], requested the Neighborhood Council's participation. Ms. Hart described that she and the Library will outreach.

MOTION to AMEND (by Mr. Beeber, seconded by Ms. Beeber): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council adds the following wording to the Motion at the end of the first sentence that ends "Vicki Magaw": "provided that Outreach does not give the impression that the NHWNC is sponsoring or endorsing the presentation."

MOTION to AMEND FAILED by a roll call vote with four in favor (Ms. Beeber, Mr. Beeber, Brenner and Elliott); eight opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Brown, Crone, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian and Pelaez); zero abstained.

MAIN MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Mr. Beeber, Brown, Crone, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian and Pelaez); three opposed (Ms. Beeber, Brenner and Elliott); zero abstained.

17. Discussion & possible motion to [see the below Motion].

Copies were distributed of the City Council Motion.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves submission of a Community Impact Statement asking the Homelessness & Poverty Committee to act on Council File 19-0602-S1, as made or amended, concerning Homelessness and the Obstruction of Public Right-of-Ways.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Hart corrected that this is regarding Council File 19-1413, not 19-0602-S1. She explained the Motion and that the Homelessness & Poverty Committee is an L.A. City Council Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

18. Discussion and possible action concerning the North San Fernando Valley Bus Rapid Transit Corridor. <https://www.metro.net/projects/north-sfv-brt/>

Mr. Beeber indicated that there was no report.

19. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement regarding Council File 20-0600 recommending that the Mayor and City Council seriously consider recommendations made in the NC Budget Advocates’ 2020 White Paper while deliberating the FY 2020-21 Budget.

Mr. Gibson requested and it was agreed to TABLE this item because the White Paper was not yet released. Mr. Bailey encouraged visiting NCBALA.com, where it will be posted.

20. Discussion and possible motion to for the NHWNC to send a letters to the Board of Library Comissioners and CD 12 Councilmember John Lee urging action to enhance the outside apprearance and upkeep of the Mid-Valley Regional Library located at 16244 Nordhoff St.

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Mlnasian): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will send letters to the Board of Library Commissioners and

CD12 Councilmember John Lee urging action to enhance the outside appearance and upkeep of the Mid Valley Regional Library located at 16244 Nordhoff St.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

21. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement supporting in part, and opposing in part, Council Files 19-0002-S9 and 20-0002-S1, concerning LADOT'S 2020 Legislative Proposals. LADOT has requested Council approval of their 2020 Legislative Proposals. A number of LADOT's Legislative Proposals are highly controversial and NHWNC may wish to support or oppose these proposals:

1. Setting and Enforcement of Speed Limits not based on a traffic and engineering survey as currently required.
2. Use of Automated Speed Enforcement Ticketing Cameras
3. Enactment of "Vulnerable Road User Laws" imposing higher penalties for injuring "vulnerable road users".
4. Regulation of Urban Aviation and Autonomous Vehicles
5. A Pilot program to regulate Local Transportation Network Companies
6. Use of Automated License Plate Recognition to ticket drivers parked in transit only lanes.
7. Reform California Disabled Parking Placard program to reduce fraudulent use of disabled placards.

The two council files both contain the same proposals and can be found at:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0002-S9>

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0002-S1>

Additional documentation can be found at <https://www.nhwnc.net/agendas-minutes/minutesand-agendas/>

MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves a Community Impact Statement supporting in part, and opposing in part, Council Files 19-0002-S9 and 20-0002-S1, concerning LADOT'S 2020 Legislative Proposals.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beeber explained the issue and that very short public notice was given of the meeting, then there was "very little discussion." He explained concerns regarding the proposals.

The above Motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

MOTION (by Mr. Beeber, seconded by Mr. Brown): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council shall submit a Community Impact Statement opposing in part, Council Files 19-0002-S9 and 20-0002-S1, concerning LADOT'S 2020 Legislative Proposals.

North Hills West Neighborhood Council opposes the following LADOT Legislative Proposals:

1. Legislative support or sponsorship of legislation that would change the California Vehicle Code (CVC) to allow local jurisdictions to deviate from the current methodology and requirements for setting speed limits in California.
2. Legislative support or sponsorship of legislation that would amend the California Vehicle Code to allow cities to “opt-in” to an Automated Speed Enforcement System.
3. Legislative support or sponsorship of legislation that would amend the California Vehicle Code to provide a definition of Vulnerable Road Users and provide heightened penalties.
4. Legislative support or sponsorship of legislation and/or administrative action that would amend the Civil Code and/or the California Vehicle Code to allow local authorities to use Automated License Plate Recognition technology in the issuance of Civil parking violations to enforce parking regulations in bus only lanes.

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council authorizes the President or his designee to craft and send communication to the City Council to effectuate this motion.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion opposing Agendized numbers one, two, three and six.

MOTION PASSED with nine in favor; zero opposed; three abstained (the NHWNC does not count abstentions as votes) (Gohel, Hart and Hyman).

MOTION (by Mr. Beeber, seconded by Mr. Gibson): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council shall submit a Community Impact Statement supporting in part, Council Files 19-0002-S9 and 20-0002-S1, concerning LADOT’S 2020 Legislative Proposals.

North Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the following LADOT Legislative Proposals:

1. Legislative support or sponsorship of legislation and/or administrative action that would implement a two-tiered disabled parking placard pricing system.

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council authorizes the President or his designee to craft and send communication to the City Council to effectuate this motion.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion supporting Agendized number seven.

MOTION FAILED by a hand vote with six in favor; six opposed; zero abstained.

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will re-allocate \$2,500 from Outreach to Neighborhood Purposes Grants to cover the Center for Assault Treatment Services NPG.

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

- 23. Committee and Liaison Reports**

Mr. Pelaez reported that he is working on Haskell parking. Mr. Brown reported on upcoming events. Ms. Hart reported that she is working with CD12 on Plummer St. planters watering. Mr. Gohel reported that the Bylaws Committee soon will meet. Ms. Beeber relayed that Ms. Ramey said she will attend a City meeting regarding homelessness.

- 24. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items.**

Ms. Hart requested Agendizing NC Sustainability Alliance Motions regarding Council File 19-0604, and recommendations for a letter to City officials regarding the Intermountain Power Plant. Mr. Brown reported that there will be CERT [Community Emergency Response Team; 818-756-9674; www.cert-la.com; lafdcert@LACity.org] classes in May.

- 25. Adjournment**

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

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:50 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>.

North Hills West NC GBM Board Vote Count Summary , February 20, 2020

AGENDA ITEM #	2 Roll Call	6 passed	8 passed	9 passed	10 passed	11 passed	12 passed	13 passed	14 passed	15 tabled	16 passed
Dan Gibson		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Madlena Minasian		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dave Brown		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carol Hart		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Heather Beeber		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N
Jay Beeber		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gil Brenner		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N
Pat Crone		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maggie Elliott		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N
Punam Gohel		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
David Hyman	Absent									X	X
Carlos Peleaz		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kreshell Ramey	Absent										
Maker, 2nd by:		DG/CH	none	DG/ME	Committee	DG/MM	DG/PG	DG/DB	DG/MM	tabled	CH/DH
TOTAL: Quorum is 7		11 yes	11 yes	11 yes	11 yes	11 yes	11 yes	11 yes	11 yes	12 yes	9 yes, 3 no
Agenda item description	Roll Call	Jan 16, 2020 Minutes	Approve NC Committee & Liaison changes	Approve January 2020 Monthly Expense Report	Approve NPG of \$2,500 to Northridge Hospital for CATS, Center for Assault Treatment Services	Approve up to \$750 as lunch sponsor for ONEgeneration Senior Symposium on May 16, 2020	Approve \$250 to support VANC 17th Anniversary Mixer on March 12, 2020	Approve up to \$250 to New Horizons on April 16th GBM for meeting/ Audio Tech	Approve up to \$50 to clean the NHWNC logo'd table cloth	Approve NHWNC Bylaws change	Approve NHWNC staffing (tabling) at April 26, 2020 Climate event at Library

AGENDA ITEM #	17 passed	18	19 tabled	20 passed	21.1 passed	21.2 failed	22 passed
Dan Gibson	X			X	X	X	X
Madlena Minasian	X			X	X	N	X
Dave Brown	X			X	X	N	X
Carol Hart	X			X	Abstain	N	X
Heather Beeber	X			X	X	X	X
Jay Beeber	X			X	X	X	X
Gil Brenner	X			X	X	X	X
Pat Crone	X			X	X	X	X
Maggie Elliott	X			X	X	X	X
Punam Gohel	X			X	Abstain	N	X
David Hyman	X			X	Abstain	N	X
Carlos Peleaz	X			X	X	N	X
Kreshell Ramey							
Maker, 2nd by:	DG/PG	none	tabled	DG/MM	JB/DG	JB/DG	DG/ME
TOTAL: Quorum is 7	12 yes			12 yes	9 yes, 3 abstain	6 yes, 6 no	12 yes
Agenda item description	Submit CIS re: CF 19-0602-S1 homelessness & obstruction of public right-of-ways	NSFV BRT	Submit CIS re: CF 20-0600 Budget Advocates White Paper	Submit letter requesting upkeep at Mid-Valley Regional Library	Submit CIS re: LADOT's 2020 Legislative Proposals: Opp ose # 1, 2, 3, 6	Submit CIS re: LADOT's 2020 Legislative Proposals: Support # 7	Approve adjustment(s) to 2019-2020 Budget: Move \$2,500 from Outreach to NPG category