



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, July 16, 2020

New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, CA 91343

DRAFT Minutes [to be replaced by "Approved _[Month]_ _[date]_, 202_[year]_"]

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this duly noticed meeting was held entirely online and telephonically.

Document copies were available at <https://www.nhwnc.net/event/north-hills-west-neighborhood-council-meeting-2>.

NHWNC (and all other) Meeting Minutes are a summary; Minutes were not, are not and are never meant to be an exact, verbatim, word-for-word transcript or comprehensive record of what was said at a Meeting. Exceptions: Motion(s) (included as stated at the Meeting, or, if not stated, as written on the Agenda); quotes (words that have quotation marks ("")) at the beginning and ending of a word or words); and Agenda wording copied into the Minutes.

1. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order

President Carol Hart called the Meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

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

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Nine of the 13 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Heather Hudson Beeber, Jay Beeber, Dave Brown (Secretary), Pat Crone (Vice-President), Maggie Elliott, Carol Hart (President), Madlena Minasian (Treasurer), Carlos Pelaez and Kreshell Ramey. David Hyman and Punam Gohel arrived later. Gil Brenner and Dan Gibson 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&dlta=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes.

Board Members Punam Gohel (7:17) and David Hyman (7:19) arrived by this time, making 11 Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

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: at least 21 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Opening Comments – President.

Ms. Hart reported on an event by Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-221-3718; Michelle.Vergara@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>).

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5.] Jonathan Coto, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman John Lee (818-882-1212;

Jonathan.Coto@LACity.org; www.CD12.org), reported that rent relief may be available at HCID.LACity.org. Small business financial help is available.

Gibson Nyambura, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 213-978-1551; Gibson.Nyambura@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), replacing Jose Galdamez, re-introduced himself.

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, though he's healthy, many Officers have contracted the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Nevertheless, the Police are available to help.

5. General Public Comments

Marilyn Koziatek, LAUSD School Board Candidate (www.MarilynForValleySchools.com), introduced herself. Stakeholder Anita Goldbaum wanted the San Marcos Food Truck to move from where it often parks and believed that the red curb was illegally painted gray. It was reported that the West Valley Alliance on Homelessness would meet July 20th; many elected officials planned to attend.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the June 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Ms. Crone, seconded by Mr. Beeber): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its June 18, 2020 General Board Meeting as written.

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, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

Mr. Bailey, a Budget Advocate [<http://ncbala.com>], reported; he can be emailed at GlennBaileyNCBA@yahoo.com. Ms. Crone reported that the Advocates recently held elections.

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.

Ms. Hart indicated that there were no appointments or changes at this time. No Motion was made or vote taken.

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

Copies were available at <https://www.nhwnc.net/funding> of the "Monthly Expenditure Report," and a receipt(s), statement(s) and/or invoice(s).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Beeber, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for June 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, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

[The following sentence is copied from the Agenda.] Items 10 – 13 are presented as recommendations from the Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee

Mr. Brown recused from voting (self-declared as ineligible to vote on the below Motion due to a possible or known conflict of interest), making 10 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the NHWNC quorum is seven). Recusing is different from abstaining, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”

- 10. Presentation** on plans for the 13th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. Linda Pruett, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Member and Southern California Preparedness Foundation Corporate Secretary, reported that the Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th, possibly as “a virtual Fair” due to COVID-19.
- 11. Discussion and possible action** to approve a Southern California Preparedness Foundation NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) in amount of \$1,500, for the 13th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held on or about Saturday 10/10/2020.
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #12.]

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Beeber, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves a Southern California Preparedness Foundation NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) in amount of \$1,500, for the 13th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held on or about Saturday 10/10/2020.

Ms. Elliott recused from voting (self-declared as ineligible to vote on the below Motion due to a possible or known conflict of interest), making nine Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the NHWNC quorum is seven). Recusing is different from abstaining, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”

DISCUSSION: Ms. Pruett explained that online speakers will speak.

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

Mr. Brown and Ms. Elliott’s recusals ended and they returned to the meeting at this time, making 11 Board Members present and eligible to vote.

- 12. Discussion and possible action** to approve a NHWNC Board Recommendation to Los Angeles City Council that they call for creation of a fillable web form for the purpose of streamlining HOPE Team Call-Out Requests & Homeless engagement in order to expedite their response and facilitate case management and ‘rehoming’ of these individuals? This would be very similar to the form used for reporting illegal

fireworks but for reporting homeless encampments, incursions onto private property, potential health issues (individual or public), or illegal activities.

Ms. Hart reported. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- 13. Discussion** calling upon stakeholder and Board Member feedback in designating three (3) more locations for installation of NC logo'd Neighborhood Watch signs (of the total 6 we have pre-paid ready to install).

The following locations were requested: Jeff Bankston, Rayen and Gaviota; Bonnie Cockerell, the northwest corner of Malden and Gloria; Mr. Beeber, Valjean and Nordhoff, across from the Library. Ms. Goldbaum: Malden and Collette; Mr. Hyman: Bryant and Gloria; and Rayen and [**CH/PC/DB CONFIRM:** ___ Haskell OR Woodley].

- 14. Discussion and possible action** calling for a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding opposition to SB1120 that would allow "by right" housing development containing two residences on all residential lots, removing all local control.

[The above and this paragraph are copied from the Agenda.] Unless this has already been discussed and a recommendation previously voted upon in committee, the President recommends referral to our Planning and Land Use Committee. Possible motion wording: Shall the NHWNC Board approve the submission of a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 20-0002-s101 and opposition to related Council File 20-0002-s107? The President's recommendation is that this topic and the exact motion wording should be discussed and determined in a meeting of the PLU Committee.

Ms. Beeber, Committee Chair, reported that "this is an important issue in our community." Mr. Beeber explained the issue and the Bill. Ms. Beeber said the Bill would be "giving all of the power over to our State legislator . . ." and noted that North Hills West and other neighborhoods are not the same as denser areas. Ms. Goldbaum encouraged contacting legislators to oppose the Bill.

Board Member Punam Gohel stepped out of the meeting at this time (9:31), making 10 Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

There was very extensive discussion; many Board Members and attendees opposed the Bill.

MOTION (by Mr. Beeber, seconded by Ms. Beeber): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the submission of two CIS - one supporting CF 20-0002-s101, the City Council's opposition to SB 1120, and 2nd: to oppose CF 20-0002-s107.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Ms. Beeber, Mr. Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Hart, Hyman, Minasian and Pelaez); zero opposed; one abstained (the NHWNC does not count abstentions as votes) (Ramey).

15. Community Impact Statement (CIS*) or official letter regarding illegal fireworks.

[This paragraph are copied from the Agenda.] As above the President recommends referral to our Emergency Preparedness & Public Safety Committee in a possible JOINT Committee meeting with our Planning and Land Use Committee. President requests that these committees study, for the purpose of making a recommendation to the NHWNC Board regarding the issuance of a CIS. The Committees shall report back to the Board the results of their discussion and consideration regarding formation of a task force, restricting usage, and their study of this public safety threat having quality of life repercussions. Possible motion wording: Shall the NHWNC Board approve the submission of a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 17-1421 to establish a Task Force to reduce use of illegal fireworks and bring awareness to this public safety issue.

Ms. Hart recommended and it was agreed to refer this Item to the Public Safety Committee. No Motion was made or vote taken.

16. Presentation by, or on behalf of, stakeholder advocates from the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study – Community Advisory Group will provide details on the current state of the disaster aftermath and the work their group is doing with a campaign launched on behalf of all people who live or work in the affected areas – the entire San Fernando Valley - who may be at risk from toxic chemical exposure.

Copies were available of an “Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study.” Andrew Krowne, of the Group (“CAG”), explained their work; they can be emailed at Members@AlisoHealthStudyCAG.org; the website is AlisoHealthStudyCAG.org. CAG is circulating a petition to urge Supervisor Barger to issue a Subpoena to SoCalGas for the list of chemicals used at Aliso: <https://bit.ly/3ezEEDO>. He said that six other NCs have passed this Motion or written a letter to the Supervisor. He noted that “your care is likely to be affected” if a doctor doesn’t know about the disaster or the chemicals involved. CAG’s next monthly meeting is Monday, July 27th; everyone is welcome to attend.

17. Discussion and possible motion to approve endorsement of this group’s efforts with the recommended motion, or a letter of our own with similar wording, addressed to the County Board of Supervisors, requesting action on our behalf.

[The above and this paragraph are copied from the Agenda.] “Motion to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council requesting that they use any and all methods at their disposal to obtain from So Cal Gas, the full list of chemicals emitted from the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility during the SS-25 blowout, well kill attempts, ongoing operation and from subsequent leaks. NHWNC requests that the list be made available and accessible to the community and our stake holders. NHWNC believes this information is critical and needs to be provided to all parties of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Aliso Canyon Health Study to ensure a thorough, accurate and science-based health study is conducted and so that our stakeholders have every chance to learn what health issues they may be faced with surrounding this historic disaster.”

Mary Blair, a CAG Member, spoke about the issue. It was agreed to add the wording “including but not limited to Subpeona power” to the Motion.

MOTION (by Mr. Beeber, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council requests that LA County and the City of LA use any and all methods at their disposal, including but not limited to Subpoena power, to obtain from So Cal Gas, the full list of chemicals emitted from the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility during the SS-25 blowout, well kill attempts, ongoing operation and from subsequent leaks. NHWNC requests that the list be made available and accessible to the community and our stake holders. NHWNC believes this information is critical and needs to be provided to all parties of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Aliso Canyon Health Study to ensure a thorough, accurate and science-based health study is conducted and so that our stakeholders have every chance to learn what health issues they may be faced with surrounding this historic disaster.

DISCUSSION: It was agreed to send the letter to County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.

Board Member Carlos Pelaez had left by this time, making nine Board Members present (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

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

Board Member Punam Gohel returned to the meeting by this time, making 10 Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

18. Committee & Liaison Reports

Ms. Hart requested and it was agreed not to address this Item.

19. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items.

Ms. Hart requested and it was agreed not to address this Item.

20. Motion to adjourn

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

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:44 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 Board Vote Count Summary July 16, 2020

AGENDA ITEM #	Roll Call	6 passed	9 passed	11 passed	12	13	14 passed	15 table	17 passed
DAN GIBSON	Absent (A)	A	A	A			A		A
CAROL HART	X	X	X	X			X		X
MADLENA MINASIAN	X	X	X	X			X		X
DAVE BROWN	X	X	X	Recuse			X		X
HEATHER HUDSON-BEEBER	X	X	X	X			X		X
JAY BEEBER	X	X	X	X			X		X
GIL BRENNER	Absent (A)	A	A	A			A		A
PAT CRONE	X	X	X	X			X		X
MAGGIE ELLIOTT	X	X	X	Recuse			X		X
PUNAM GOHEL	arr 7:17p	X	X	X			X		A
DAVID HYMAN	X	X	X	X			lv 9:31p		A
CARLOS PELEAZ	X	X	X	X			X		A
KRESHELL RAMEY	X	X	X	X			Abstain		X
Maker, 2nd by:		PC/JB	JB/PC	JB/PC			JB/HH	To Committee	JB/DH
TOTAL: Quorum is 7	10 yes	11 yes	11 yes	9 yes			9 yes		8 yes
Agenda item description	Roll Call	June 18th GBM Minutes	June MER	NPG 1,500 to SoCalPrep % Valley Disaster Fair	HOPE Team fillable online form request	Allocate 3 of 6 remaining Neighborhood Watch signs	CIS opposing SB 20-0002-s107, support SB 20-0002-s101	CIS supporting CF 17-1421 to mitigate illegal fireworks	RE: Aliso Canyon gas leak components disclosure letter/ CIS