



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, October 15, 2020

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-monthly-general-board-meeting-3> and shown online.

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1. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order

President Carol Hart called the Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Seven 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) and David Hyman. Punam Gohel arrived later. Gil Brenner, Dan Gibson, Madlena Minasian (Treasurer), Carlos Pelaez 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. 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 seven Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Opening Comments – President.

Ms. Hart announced that the Purchase Card limit was raised.

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

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 the paper shredding event "went very, very well." Also, parking restrictions are again being enforced. The "Small Business Angel Fund" still is

available. Anita Goldbaum thanked Mr. Hernandez for his work on 13620 Chase St. issues.

Gibson Nyambura, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 213-978-1551; Gibson.Nyambura@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that feedback, suggestions and comments are sought on the Election Workbook.

5. General Public Comments.

Stakeholder Brian Allen encouraged participation in the next Aliso Canyon Community Advisory Committee meeting, the date to be determined. Stakeholder Glenn Bailey reported that the recent NCs Congress went well.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the September 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 17, 2020 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by all seven Board Members present; zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 17, 2020 Special Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the MER (Monthly Expenditure Report) for September 2020.
Ms. Hart reviewed expenses.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2020 as presented.

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

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

Mr. Bailey had emailed information to the Board. He reported that “the City is facing a \$200-\$400 million shortfall because of COVID-19” and because of labor contracts agreed to before COVID-19. The City cut 3% from all department budgets. A Nov.

14 a Town Hall will be held regarding distribution of City resources. The new BA's website is www.BudgetAdvocates.org.

9. **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 encouraged Board Members to volunteer for committees.

10. **Discussion and request for comments on NC Election "Candidate Round Up."** Discussion and possible motion approving NHWNC Plan for NC Election "Candidate Round Up" for NC Elections to be held on April 27th, 2021.

Ms. Crone had emailed a "Voter Handbook"; all NHWNC voting will be vote-by-mail. Outreach help is needed, including from DONE, especially with the COVID-19 pandemic happening. She explained voting procedures. Mr. Brown suggested test-sending an outreach postcard. Mr. Nyambura reported that "we are not encouraging any type of activity" such as personal outreach, due to COVID-19. DONE will do "system-wide" outreach, but probably not NC-specific outreach. Mr. Bailey noted that, as of now, there will only be one NHWNC election ballot drop-off box, which will be attended by one staff, though an NC election ballot can be dropped off at other boxes within the region. Ms. Goldbaum suggested installing lawn signs; Mr. Brown said the metal stands already are available.

Board Member Punam Gohel arrived by 7:46, making eight Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

11. **Discussion and possible approval of collective NC Comments** regarding the rules laid out in the DRAFT 2021 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION HANDBOOK. Please email these and any individual comments to City Clerk - NC Election Unit: Clerk.ElectionsNC@lacity.org.

An "Election Information Worksheet" was shown online. Ms. Hart encouraged feedback, which she will forward.

12. **Discussion and ratification of ELECTION INFORMATION WORKSHEET** as filled out. The 2021 NC Elections will be Vote-By-Mail. We must provide the Office of the City Clerk with our preferred mail ballot drop box hours and, location, translation preferences, and election chair for the 2021 Neighborhood Council Elections. This worksheet will supplement the policies and procedures in the Neighborhood Council 2021 Election Handbook. Board action is required to confirm the information on this worksheet. If this worksheet is not returned to the City Clerk by November 13, 2020, the City Clerk will select the options for you. Each Neighborhood Council must agendaize, approve and submit a completed 2021 "Election Information Worksheet" by Friday, November 13, 2020. (Since this falls prior to our next meeting, we must do so tonight.) Motion: Move to approve of the ELECTION INFORMATION WORKSHEET as decided upon and filled out during the meeting. There was discussion to complete the Worksheet.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Election Information Worksheet as described.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by all eight Board Members present; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 13. Discussion and possible approval of purchase** – NTE \$100 – of shoulder straps and trimmer line for clean-up equipment.
Mr. Brown explained the equipment and information was shown online.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approval of purchase – not to exceed \$100 – of equipment to compliment already-purchased equipment.

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

- 14. Discussion and possible approval of CIS supporting Council File** 20-0002-S146, H.R. 8270 (Speier) / We are Vanessa Guillen Act of 2020 / Armed Forces / Sexual Harassment / Sexual Assault / Investigations Procedure Revision: Introduced on September 30, 2020 and referred to Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Resolution is requesting that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 8270 (Speier), the We Are Vanessa Guillen Act of 2020 which would significantly revise how the military investigates allegations of sexual harassment and sexual assault.
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/M.ClerkConnect/#CFIResult&ui-state=dialog>
Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee scheduled item for Council on October 14, 2020. [REPORT]
<https://riponadvance.com/stories/balderson-proposes-bipartisan-bicameral-bill-to-reform-u-s-militarys-sexual-assault-response/>
Ms. Hart read aloud the Resolution.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves a Community Impact Statement supporting Council File 20-0002-S146, H.R. 8270 (Speier) We are Vanessa Guillen Act of 2020 / Armed Forces / Sexual Harassment / Sexual Assault / Investigations, and sups / passage of HR8270 in the 116th Cong &/or 117th Congress.

Board Member Dan Gibson arrived at 8:30, making nine Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by all nine Board Members present; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 15. Discussion and possible approval of CIS supporting Council File 20-0002-S145, Reproductive Rights / Forced Hysterectomies Prohibition / Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Facilities / Human Rights Violation:** Introduced on September 29, 2020, and referred to Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Resolutions is requesting that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for any administrative or legislative action which would prohibit forced hysterectomies at ICE detention facilities.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council supports Council File 20-0002-S145, Reproductive Rights / Forced Hysterectomies Prohibition / Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Facilities / Human Rights Violation.

DISCUSSION: Mr. and Mrs. Beeber and Ms. Elliott don't support forced hysterectomies but were uncomfortable with the Motion. Ms. Crone and Ms. Hart noted that the Motion does not say that forced hysterectomies were done. There was extensive discussion of whether the Motion was appropriate.

Ms. Hart **CALLED FOR THE QUESTION**; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

- 16. Discussion and possible approval of CIS on Council File 20-1184, New Hotel Uses / Impact / Density Bonus / Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) / Affordable Housing:** Introduced on September 16, 2020 and referred to Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Motion is instructing the Department of City Planning and the CLA to report back on whether new hotel uses in conjunction with incentives based on residential use have the potential to negatively impact the overall goals of housing promoting incentive programs and policies such as the Density Bonus and TOC programs and consider whether hotel uses should be prohibited. Ms. Hart requested and there was no opposition to referring this Item to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

- 17. Discussion and possible approval of CIS on Council File 20-0769-S2, County of Los Angeles / Health, Mental Health, and Social Services Delivery / Unsheltered Residents / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority / Los Angeles City Health Commission:** Introduced on September 22, 2020. Homelessness and Poverty Committee scheduled item for committee on October 8, 2020. Motion is requesting the Los Angeles City Health Commission, with the assistance of the CLA, CAO and City Clerk, to hold hearings focused on people experiencing homelessness and the delivery of health, mental health and social services by the County of Los Angeles, LAHSA and other non-governmental partners.

Ms. Hart requested and there was no opposition to referring this Item to the Homeless Committee.

- 18. Discussion and possible approval of CIS on Council File 20-1203, Adult Residential Facilities / Residential Care Facilities / Board and Care / Elderly / Serious Mental Illness / City Homelessness Strategic Plan:** Introduced on September 22, 2020. Homelessness and Poverty Committee scheduled item for committee on October 8, 2020. Motion is directing HCID with the assistance of LAHSA to report to Council on the state of Adult Residential Facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly citywide, and to provide context and recommendations on how to further integrate Board and Care facility programs into the City's Homelessness Strategic Plan.
- Ms. Hart requested and there was no opposition to referring this Item to the Homelessness Committee.

19. Committee & Liaison Reports

Mr. Brown thanked participants in the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair, which went well. There will be a Nov. 21st Blood Drive somewhere to be determined in the north Valley area.

20. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items

Ms. Hart wanted Committee Chairs let her know which Thursdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m. they want for her to arrange for Zoom Committee meetings.

Mr. Brown wanted to Agendize consideration regarding distribution of vehicle Clubs to Stakeholders, of which the NHWNC still has six large and some small Clubs.

21. Motion to adjourn

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

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:44 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 SGBM 10/08/2020

AGENDA ITEM #	Roll Call	7	9	10A	10B	10C	Adjourn
CAROL HART	X	X	X	X	X	X	
PAT CRONE	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DAN GIBSON	A	A	A	A	A	A	
DAVE BROWN	X	X	X	X	X	X	
JAY BEEBER	X	X	X	X	X	X	
HEATHER HUDSON-BEEBER	X	X	X	X	X	X	
GIL BRENNER	A	A	A	A	A	A	
MAGGIE ELLIOTT	A	A	A	A	A	A	
PUNAM GOHEL	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DAVID HYMAN	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MADLENA MINASIAN	A	A	A	A	A	A	
CARLOS PELEAZ	A	A	A	A	A	A	
KRESHELL RAMEY	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Maker, 2nd by:							
TOTAL: Quorum is 7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
Agenda item description	Roll Call	Approve Madlena Minasian resign as Treasurer	Approve Dan Gibson as Treasurer	Reimburse Maggie Elliott for donuts for Shred Event	Reimburse Maggie Elliott for broken clean-up shovel	Reimburse Dave Brown, donuts for clean-up	8:07PM