



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, November 19, 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 www.nhwnc.net and shown online.

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 7:19 p.m.

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: Dave Brown (Secretary), Pat Crone (Vice-President), Maggie Elliott, Dan Gibson (Treasurer), Punam Gohel, Carol Hart (President) and Kreshell Ramey. Heather Hudson Beeber, Jay Beeber and David Hyman arrived later. Gil Brenner, Madlena Minasian and Carlos Pelaez 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 link at www.empowerla.org/nhwnc), so the Board could take such votes. Quorum was announced. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: at least 13 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Opening Comments – President.

Ms. Hart made announcements.

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

Michelle Vergara, Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-221-3718; Michelle.Vergara@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), reported that open enrollment for health insurance is until January 31st and that they can provide help for small businesses, IRS, social security, veterans affairs and other "federal issues."

Board Members Heather Hudson Beeber and Jay Beeber arrived at this time (7:32), making nine Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

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 Skateland property will be used as a homeless shelter. HOPE teams “have been officially disbanded as of today . . . LAPD will cease responding to homeless service calls unless there is a crime in progress”; Stakeholders are encouraged to contact homeless service providers at 2-1-1 [L.A. County information] or 3-1-1 [L.A. City information]. “An Order to Comply” was issued regarding the 13620 Chase St. property. Mr. Brown reported that abandoned cars were removed from Gothic Ave.

Christina Vega, with L.A. County, regarding the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study – Community Advisory Group (CAG), reported that the survey could be responded to until the end of November. Everyone is invited to attend the monthly CAG meetings; the next would be November 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

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>], reported that the Library is “still providing a variety of programs and services” and “has changed to a fine-free system” subject to certain rules.

Michael Menjivar, Deputy Director of Community Engagement for Kelly Gonez, LAUSD District Six Board Member (818-358-5042; ofc. 213-241-6388; Michael.Menjivar@lausd.net; <http://achieve.lausd.net/gonez>; social media handle @KellyForLASchools), reported that they are working to “strengthen the distance learning experience” and that they’re hoping to transition to “hybrid learning in January.” Parents and staff “would have to opt-in” to in-person learning. The COVID-19 Coronavirus Contact Tracing Program seeks to enable returning to campuses “as soon as possible.”

Gibson Nyambura, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 213-978-1551; Gibson.Nyambura@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), urged Board Members to ensure that they read their Monthly Profiles and that their trainings are up-to-date. All City Departments have had their budgets cut.

5. General Public Comments

Glenn Bailey, a Budget Advocate [www.BudgetAdvocates.org], reported that NCCongressLA.com has NC Congress information. The next VANC [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; VANC@EmpowerLA.org; <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2>] meeting will be the usual second Thursday, December 10th, focusing on elections outreach. He requested that the NHWNC consider Agendizing regarding the West Valley Animal Shelter’s status as a city-operated shelter.

Mr. Gohel noted the high number of COVID-19 Coronavirus infections and deaths; he encouraged socializing through social media instead of in-person at this time.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the October 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its October 15, 2020 General Board Meeting as written.

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, Gibson, Gohel, Hart and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the MER (Monthly Expenditure Report) for October 2020.

Ms. Hart noted that Dan Gibson is now the Treasurer. She reviewed expenses.

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

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, Gibson, Gohel, Hart and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

Mr. Bailey reported that the City Council estimates that there will be a \$600 - \$700 million budget deficit this Fiscal Year.

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.

There were no appointments or changes at this time.

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.

Mr. Gohel would soon have a Rules and Elections Committee meeting. Ms. Hart confirmed that anyone can serve on the Committee. Mr. Brown described how to find on the website which Board Seats are up for election. No Motion was made or vote taken.

11. Council File 20-1422 – Los Angeles COVID-19 Utility Grant Program / Administration / LADWP. Discussion and possible action - Motion to approve NHWNC issuance of a CIS (Community Impact Statement) supporting the City

Council's decision to waive prior Board of Water and Power Commissioners' review and approval to expedite City Council action – a motion empowering the LADWP administration of Federal CARES* Act funding (in the amount of \$50,000,000) and implementation of the COVID-19 Utility Grant Program on behalf of the City of Los Angeles. *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security.
http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-1422_CAF_11-05-2020.pdf.

Ms. Hart explained the above.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves Issuance of a CIS (Community Impact Statement) supporting City Council File 20-1422.

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, Gibson, Gohel, Hart and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

12. Council File 20-1354 – Zero Emission Vehicles / 2035 City Transportation.

Discussion and possible action - Motion to approve NHWNC issuance of a CIS (Community Impact Statement) supporting the City Council's decision to instruct LADWP to produce a REPORT on a plan for preparing the city's power supply for the transition to zero emission vehicles by 2035. This should include upgrades to infrastructure and any other preparations that are needed to adapt to this executive order. ... this report [should] evaluate the equity and environmental justice implications of the Governor's executive order [and] include how the environmental burden to accommodate this order may affect disadvantaged neighborhoods. The report should also study how this order will impact the mobility options of low-income residents. http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-1354_mot_10-20-2020.pdf.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves issuance of a CIS (Community Impact Statement) supporting City Council File 20-1354 – Zero Emission Vehicles / 2035 City Transportation.

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, Gibson, Gohel, Hart and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

13. Council File 20-1349 – COVID-19 Food Access Program. Discussion and possible action - Motion to approve NHWNC issuance of a CIS (Community Impact Statement) supporting the City Council's decision to instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, to develop a COVID19 food access program eligible for Community Development Block Grant supplemental Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding that focuses on assisting the hardest hit communities, specifically communities of color and poor/working class neighborhoods.

http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-1349_mot_10-20-2020.pdf.
http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-1349_rpt_HCI_11-13-20.pdf .

Board Member David Hyman arrived at this time (8:50), making ten Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves issuance of a CIS (Community Impact Statement) supporting Council File 20-1349 – COVID-19 Food Access Program.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ms. Beeber, Mr. Beeber, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

[There were no Item #s 14-18 on this Agenda.]

19. Committee & Liaison Reports

Ms. Ramey reported that Skateland “will become a bridge housing project” providing temporary housing for homeless people; the building will remain.

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

Ms. Hart encouraged requests. Mr. Brown announced a November 20th Emergency Preparedness kit distribution and blood drive event; see the website. He reported that crime has severely increased in the City.

21. Motion to adjourn

Ms. Hart **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 9:26 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 GBM 10/15/2020

AGENDA ITEM #	2 Roll Call	6 passed	7 passed	11 passed	12 passed	13 passed	
CAROL HART	X	X	X	X	X	X	
PAT CRONE	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DAN GIBSON	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DAVE BROWN	X	X	X	X	X	X	
JAY BEEBER	7:30 PM	X	X	X	X	X	
HEATHER HUDSON-BEEBER	7:30 PM	X	X	X	X	X	
GIL BRENNER	A	A	A	A	A	A	
MAGGIE ELLOITT	X	X	X	X	X	X	
PUNAM GOHEL	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DAVID HYMAN	A	A	A	A	A	X	
MADLENA MINASIAN	A	A	A	A	A	A	
CARLOS PELEAZ	A	A	A	A	A	A	
KRESHELL RAMEY	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Maker, 2nd by:		CH/PG	CH/PC	CH/PC	CH/PC	CH/PG	
TOTAL: Quorum is 7	9	9Y	9Y	9Y	9Y	10Y	
Agenda item description X=Yes, N=No, AB=Abstain, R=Recuse, A=Absent	Roll Call	Approve Oct 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes	Approve October Monthly Expense Report	Council File 20-1422	Council File 20-1354	Council File 20-1349	Adjourn 9:30pm