



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, January 21, 2021
Minutes Approved 2/18/2021

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.

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 7:03 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 11 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Dave Brown (Secretary), Pat Crone (Vice-President), Dan Gibson (Treasurer), Carol Hart (President), David Hyman, Carlos Pelaez and Kreshell Ramey. Maggie Elliott, Punam Gohel and Madlena Minasian arrived later. Gil Brenner was absent. Heather Hudson Beeber and Jay Beeber had resigned. 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. Mr. Brown confirmed that all Board Members' trainings except himself were compliant and they were eligible to vote on funding Motions. Eleven of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats were vacant. Also attended: approximately 12 Stakeholders and guests.

a. Attendance Requirements

1. Discuss Bylaws requirements pursuant to discussion and possible action to remove Board Members.

Mr. Brown reviewed the requirements. Ms. Hart noted that the Bylaws require a removal per the Bylaws for lack of attendance. Gil Brenner and Carlos

Pelaez automatically were removed for lack of attendance. Ms. Hart noted that both had asked to be considered to be appointed back onto the Board.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council removes Board Member Gil Brenner in consideration of the Bylaws policy that no more than three consecutive Board Meetings or five cumulative Board meetings within any 12-month period can be absent.

Board Members Maggie Elliott and Madlena Minasian had arrived at this time, making nine Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

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

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Ramey): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council removes Board Member Carlos Pelaez due to attendance issues.

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

2. Discuss Bylaws procedure for re-instatement of Board Members upon their request, with Board approval.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Jessica Orellana's Item #4 report.]

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Ramey): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council welcomes Carlos Pelaez back onto the Board.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Brown was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

b. Certification Requirements

1. Discuss City requirements of current and up-to-date Ethics, Funding, and Code of Conduct Certification.

This Item was not addressed.

c. Required ACTIONS: designation of member who are ineligible to vote, voting removals & reinstatements

This Item was not addressed.

3. Announcements and Opening Comments – President.

Ms. Hart noted that COVID-19 vaccinations are available for those 65 and over; information is at VaccinateLACounty.com and 833-540-0470 between 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Board Member Punam Gohel arrived at this time (7:27), making 10 Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

Jessica Orellana, Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (818-901-3831; JOrellana@bos.LACounty.gov; <http://www.lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl>), reported that more COVID-19 testing sites are being opened for appointments and drive-ups.

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.

Efren Corral, an LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-634-0579; 35472@LAPD.online; http://www.LAPDonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station), reported that vaccinations of officers started. Starting February 14th, all officers assigned to homeless issues will be re-assigned. “Evictions are still going on . . . through the Sheriff’s Department,” not the LAPD. The COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic “is real . . . we need to get everyone vaccinated . . . you’ve got to take it seriously.” Illegal sidewalk vendors still are a problem.

Gibson Nyambura, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 213-978-1551; Gibson.Nyambura@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported on Neighborhood Council election outreach work.

5. General Public Comments

John commented about a land use project being built next to their home in Northridge. Garry Fordyce wanted information about demolitions in Reseda. Glenn Bailey reported that VANC’s [Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; VANC@EmpowerLA.org; <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2>] next meeting will be the usual second Thursday, February 11th.

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

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gibson): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its December 17, 2020 General Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Brown was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman, Minasian, Pelaez and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Brown was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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

Mr. Bailey, a Budget Advocate [<http://ncbala.com>], reported on the projected \$675 million City budget deficit, projected to be \$1 billion next Fiscal Year; revenue ideas are welcomed. He noted that Mr. Gohel is now also a Budget Advocate.

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 indicated that there were none at this time.

10. Call for board member & stakeholder participation in NC Elections Outreach Task Force vs. committee work. ALL NHWNC Board Members are requested to contribute to these efforts whether they're committee members or not for both candidate and voter outreach for NHWNC Elections being held on April 27th, 2021. Note: The Candidate Filing period for Region 2 begins on December 26 and lasts 45 days until February 9th.

Ms. Hart encouraged volunteering.

11. Neighborhood Council Elections / Fiscal Year 2020-21 REPORT: Thomas Soong, City Program seeking Nonprofit Community Partners to assist with NC Election Outreach.

Mr. Soong was unable to attend; no report was given.

12. Stakeholder Engagement - Accessibility is enhanced with online candidate & voter registration and with mail-in ballots making the process easier than ever before. However, voter turnout is contingent upon a robust outreach campaign. Discussion and possible action to determine the types of outreach & vendors we'll use.

Ms. Hart encouraged outreaching. She displayed on the screen draft election outreach flyers and encouraged input. No Motion was made or vote taken.

13. Discussion and possible action concerning the distribution of face masks and other PPE in light of current Red Flag warnings (FIRE & Smoke Inhalation Danger) and predicted spikes in COVID-19 and variant strains.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

14. Discussion on the intersection of Housing, Homelessness, Energy, Air Quality, and Transportation. Join the discussion to find out how these issues are interconnected and how they all affect our quality of life.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

15. Update on CF 17-0413 Citywide Cat Program – Mayor approved on 12/15/2020 – two new ordinances: 186864 & 186865 effective 1/21/21 17-0413_ORD_186864_01-21-2021.pdf (lacity.org) & 17-0413_ORD_186865_01-21-2021.pdf (lacity.org).

No Motion was made or vote taken.

16. Discussion: Proper care of parkway and private property trees can prevent damage to sidewalks, blight, disease and costly removal. Saplings don't sequester carbon or produce oxygen like mature trees so it's important to learn how we can better care for trees throughout the city - we'll all breathe easier with a healthy green tree canopy.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

17. Discussion: Council File 16-1027-S1 California Independent Petroleum Association v. City of Los Angeles and Youth for Environmental Justice et al. Great news: The City WON the case against it and the group 'Youth for Environmental

Justice' who come from communities most affected by petroleum drilling, extraction, and storage. This is a huge savings for tax payers who would have been on the hook for any monetary settlement and it means cleaner air, water, and soil for all Angelinos! Here's a letter from the City Attorney: LAND USE_KM_554eA-20190305131229 (lacity.org).

Ms. Hart explained the issue. No Motion was made or vote taken.

18. Committee & Liaison Reports

Mr. Brown said that LAPDOnline.org can be used to report non-injury accidents. Mr. Gohel encouraged people to work for the betterment of the community.

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

Ms. Hart will Agendize an Item regarding the election.

20. Motion to adjourn

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Hyman, seconded by Ms. Crone).

Ms. Hart **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 9:27 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 the NHWNC. The NHWNC Minutes page is <http://www.nhwnc.net/agendas-minutes/minutes-and-agendas>.

North Hills West NC Board Vote Count Summary GBM 1/21/2021

AGENDA ITEM #	2 Roll Call 7:10PM	2a1	2a1	2a2	6	7	19 Adjourn
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	I	I	I	I	I	
JAY BEEBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HEATHER HUDSON- BEEBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	
GIL BRENNER	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MAGGIE ELLIOTT	X	A	A	X	X	X	
PUNAM GOHEL	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DAVID HYMAN	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MADLENA MINASIAN	X	X	X	X	X	X	
CARLOS PELEAZ	X	X	X	0 X	X	X	
KRESHELL RAMEY	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Maker, 2nd by:		CH/PC 2nd	CH/KR 2nd	CH/KR 2nd	CH/DG 2nd	CH/PC 2nd	
TOTAL: Quorum is 7	10	8 Y, 1 Abstain	8 Y, 1 Abstain	8 Y	9 Y	9 Y	
Agenda item description	Roll Call	Remove Gil Brenner per bylaws for absences	Remove Carlos Peleaz per bylaws for absences	Reinstate Carlos Peleaz per bylaws	Approve December 17, 2020 GBM Minutes	Approve December 2020 Monthly Expense Report	9:26 PM
X = Yes, N = No, A = Abstain, I = Ineligible							