



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, October 21, 2021
Approved November 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.

Document copies were available at www.nhwnc.net and shown online.

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1. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order.

President Carol Hart called the Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Ten of the 13 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Sam Acosta, Dave Brown (Secretary), Angel Collins, Pat Crone (Vice-President), Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Dan Gibson (Treasurer), Punam Gohel, Carol Hart (President) and David Hyman. Kreshell Ramey arrived later. 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) was 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 11 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Opening Comments – Carol N. Hart, President.

A. Update on California Redistricting Commission Resources: Redistricting Meetings and Hearings (COI = Community Of Interest) <https://laccrc2021.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/City-of-LA-Draft-Map-K-2.5-with-numbers.pdf> <https://laccrc2021.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/LA-City-Draft-L.pdf>. This link works for all upcoming meetings: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1615454787?pwd=MHJRWW10WHN1b0dmR29zMXMvMldkdz09#success>. Special Meeting - Presentation #3 of Draft Map: <https://laccrc2021.org>. 10-13-21, Wednesday, 2021, (6PM) Special Meeting - Presentation #4 of Draft Map: <https://laccrc2021.org>. 10-16-21, Saturday, 2021, (10AM) Special Meeting – Adoption of Final Map: <https://laccrc2021.org>. 10-21-21, Thursday, 2021, (6PM) Special Meeting – Adoption of Final Report:

<https://laccrc2021.org>. 10-28-21, Thursday, 2021, (6PM) October 21st is International ShakeOut Day. This day we practice drop, cover, and hold at work, in homes & schools.

Mr. Brown showed a slide and Ms. Hart reported that redistricting concerns about the Aqueduct Ave. area have been put to rest; it will stay in the North Hills West/City Council District 12 area. Near the end of this meeting, Stakeholder Glenn Bailey reported that the City Council approved redistricting maps.

- B. Call for Cool Blocks Leaders - sign up to work with program resources and funding to encourage neighborhood participation in learning about practices we can all take to help cool down our local communities - like planting City Plants shade trees to create cooler, more walkable neighborhoods. Cool Blocks Program Website in English and Spanish: general information, meeting dates, and sign-ups are available on NCSA website: ncsa.la/cool_blocks_la [ncsa.la/programa_de_cool_blocks_la]. Cool Blocks Program Video - Per video: "Learn about the Cool Block program, where neighbors gather block by block working to reduce carbon, conserve water, become disaster resilient, increase livability on their block, and empower others!" <https://vimeo.com/198096342>.

Mr. Brown showed a slide and Ms. Hart reported that the City seeks volunteers.

Board Member Kreshell Ramey arrived online by 7:16, making 11 Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

A. Elected Officials' Field Representatives.

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 City Council approved vaccine mandate legislation; Councilman Lee voted "no" because he believed it was unclear regarding adherence requirements. Anti-camping legislation was approved; "a substantial amount of available beds" exist for homeless people. The City Street Services Dept. issues street vending permits, then the County oversees them. Ms. Ramey noted that, related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, the City temporarily allowed unpermitted street vending. Mr. Hernandez reported that Health Inspectors have been visiting street vendors.

B. City Agencies, including the City of Los Angeles' Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Lorenzo Briceno, a Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; Lorenzo.Briceno@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org], reported that BONC will consider every 30 days whether NCs must meet in person. Bylaws amendments are being accepted until April 1, 2022.

5. General Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

6. Guest Speaker Public Service Announcement & Informational Presentations.

A. Vaccine Presentation – As the holidays are coming, MEND (a local non-profit service organization) wants to make sure that everyone knows how to stay safe when gathering with friends and family. Through public outreach presentations they are helping ensure parents of eligible kids know the guidelines regarding their vaccine mandate. Strategic Partnership Associate, Jose De Santiago, will provide updated information about latest developments in the struggle to achieve herd immunity.

MEND [Meet Each Need With Dignity; 818-686-7348; <https://mendpoverty.org/contact-us>; <https://mendpoverty.org>]'s Community Ambassador Anahy Alcantara [Anahy@MENDPoverty.org] and Health Educator Angella Nantale presented. They usually are available on site on Tuesdays and Fridays. Ms. Alcantara explained their services, including COVID-19 vaccinations. Ms. Nantale explained the value of getting vaccinated, which protects the vaccinated person and other people. Booster doses also are available. Ms. Alcantara reviewed current local guidelines.

7. Report from Budget Advocates – Glenn Bailey and/or NHWNC Budget Representative Pat Crone.

Glenn Bailey, a Budget Advocate [LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com; www.BudgetAdvocates.org], reported that the August 21st Budget Day had 261 registered attendees and a number of public officials; the website has a Budget Day video and budget information.

8. Previous Meeting Minutes - Discussion and possible action: Motion to approve any outstanding*Minutes <https://www.nhwnc.net/minutes/august-19-2021-general-board-meeting-draft-minutes-bvc-summary-zoom-recording>.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its August 19, 2021 General Board Meeting as submitted.

Board Member Punam Gohel was unavailable to vote at this time, making 10 Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum was seven).

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

9. Previous Months’ MERs (Monthly Expenditure Reports) - Discussion and possible motion to approve any outstanding* MERs <https://www.nhwnc.net/reports/august-2021-monthly-expense-report>. <https://www.nhwnc.net/reports/september-2021-monthly-expense-report>.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2021.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Acosta, Brown, Collins, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman and Ramey); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce); zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Crone): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2021.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Acosta, Brown, Collins, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman and Ramey); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce); zero abstained.

10. Treasurer’s Report: Discussion and possible action: Update to Administrative Packet (Budget) for FY 2021-2022.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the update to the Administrative Packet (Budget) for FY 2021-2022, by allocating from the \$10,000 rollover, \$5,000 to the Neighborhood Purposes Grant category and the other \$5,000 to the Community Improvements category.

Board Member Punam Gohel was again available to vote by this time, making 11 Board Members present online (the NHWC Board quorum was seven).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Acosta, Brown, Collins, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

11. Discussion and possible action to renew our Moore Business Results Service Agreement which includes outreach and communications content creation (writing and graphic design work) e-blasts and regular updates to our website. Full scope in this proposal:
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=39ed0c18cd&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1712076057144621214&th=17c2841a5e8e789e&view=att&disp=inline>.

Ms. Hart noted that the City Clerk NC Funding Unit is currently reviewing the agreement. Funding’s Paola indicated that no Board vote is required. No Motion was made or vote taken.

12. Neighborhood Purposes Grant Applications to be considered (if any): (None put forward this month).

Ms. Hart noted the above.

- 13. Nomination of Committee Chairs, Members, and various NC Liaisons - Discussion & possible action.** Stakeholders are welcome to nominate themselves or others. This includes but is not limited to: Data Liaison Appointments: (We still need to appoint up to 4 people to compile reports using available data) A. Discussion and decision as needed to establish Committees Co-Chairs, if desired by a Committee. Note: the Co-Chair can be a Stakeholder.

Ms. Hart reported that Mr. Pelaez cannot continue as the Beautification Committee Chair.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council appoints Kreshell Ramey as the Beautification Committee Chair.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Acosta, Brown, Collins, Crone, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Gohel, Hart, Hyman and Ramey); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Ms. Hart volunteered as the Data Liaison; Mr. Brown volunteered to support her. It was noted that Stakeholder Susan White had volunteered at the August 19th Board Meeting.

- 14. Board Member Expense Reimbursement - Discussion and possible motion** to approve reimbursement for appropriate, legitimate, and reasonable purchases made between meetings for Office or Operating expenses.

Mr. Brown explained that long-ago former Board Member Darryl Murphy's email account finally closed. Mr. Brown paid five years in advance for the NHWNC domain name registration and forwarding as needed to other addresses, for a total of approximately \$500; he will report the exact amount when it is known. Ms. Hart will re-Agendize this. No Motion was made or vote taken.

Bylaws submissions are currently being accepted for consideration by DONE. Each of the following items are presented for discussion and possible action (Brown):

- 15. Bylaws add:** NC President serves as an ex officio member of all committees (All Zoom webinar-meetings must be facilitated by the NC President).

Mr. Brown showed the Agenda online. Mr. Briceno did not know of any problems with this.

MOTION (by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council adds the following to the Bylaws: "the NC President serves as an ex-officio member of all committees, including making quorum and the ability to vote."

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fordyce believed "the Board is being denied" a "red-line strikeout version . . . this is a blank check." Mr. Briceno noted that the amendment will need to appear anyway with red lines and strikeouts when it is submitted to DONE.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Ms. Elliott). **PASSED**; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Board Members Angel Collins and Punam Gohel were unavailable to vote at this time, making nine Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum was seven).

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Acosta, Brown, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman and Ramey); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce); zero abstained.

- 16. Bylaws add:** General Board to ratify all Committee appointments except Exec Committee.

Ms. Hart explained this.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Brown): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council adds the following to the Bylaws: “General Board to ratify all Committee appointments except Exec Committee.”

Board Member Angel Collins was again available to vote by this time, making 10 Board Members present online (the NHWNC Board quorum was seven).

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Acosta, Brown, Collins, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman and Ramey); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce); zero abstained.

- 17. Bylaws change:** Eliminate Tech Support Committee.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council eliminates the following from the Bylaws: “Tech Support Committee.”

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

- 18. Standing Rules: Change** minimum retention time for NHWNC meeting recordings from (current) 60 to (new) 180 days, following approval of the minutes that meeting represents.

Ms. Hart and Mr. Brown explained this.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Brown): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council changes in the Standing Rules the “minimum retention time for NHWNC meeting recordings from (current) 60 to (new) 180 days, following approval of the minutes that meeting represents.”

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

- 19. Standing Rule: Add:** Aside from routine agenda introductions like prior Minutes, MER’s, etc, which are typically announced during meetings by President or Presiding Chair, each agenda item should have a “shepherd” name associated with it, that is knowledgeable about the item to introduce it and initialize any potential motion wording for 2nd and discussion.

Ms. Hart explained the need for Agenda item requesters to provide needed information, such as proposed Motion wording, to put on Agendas. Mr. Brown added to that. Mr. Gibson, immediate Past President, explained the importance.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Brown): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council adds the following to the Standing Rules: “aside from routine agenda introductions like prior Minutes, MER’s, etc, which are typically announced during meetings by President or Presiding Chair, each agenda item should have a “shepherd” name associated with it, that is knowledgeable about the item to introduce it and initialize any potential motion wording for 2nd and discussion.”

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Acosta, Brown, Collins, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart, Hyman and Ramey); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce); zero abstained.

- 20. Re-introduce into NHWNC Bylaws** the removed section - relating to Removal of Board Member by Stakeholders, with a (new) petition count of 100, from 150 (old count).

Mr. Brown explained that “this would be adding to” the Bylaws.

MOTION (by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council re-introduces into the NHWNC Bylaws the removed section relating to Removal of Board Member by Stakeholders, with a (new) petition count of 100, from 150 (old count).

DISCUSSION: Stakeholder Brian Allen believed that the lack of a stated Bylaws section could be problematic. Mr. Briceno advised ensuring that the section does not conflict with existing wording. Mr. Brown noted that NHWNC.net has Bylaws and Standing Rules links. Mr. Bailey believed that BONC approved wording regarding Board Member censure and removal; he encouraged consulting with them. Mr. Brown indicated that that wording “is intact”; a section about removal by Stakeholders is “missing” and would not conflict with existing wording. Mr. Fordyce believed that screen sharing information “is totally inadequate . . . we need to see this in advance.”

Board Member Sam Acosta was unavailable to vote at this time, making nine Board Members present online (the NHWNC Board quorum was seven).

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Brown, Collins, Crone, Elliott, Gibson, Hart and Ramey); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Fordyce); one abstained (the NHWNC does not count abstentions as votes) (Hyman).

The President committed to publish the redline version of the NHWNC Bylaws upon completion and availability.

Community Impact Statement Proposals: CFMS = Council File Management System (LA City Clerk). Discussion and possible motion to approve generation of Community Impact Statements on:

- 21. Council File 19-0603 motion** calling for the creation of a feasibility study regarding the effects of expanding Fire District 1 - <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0603>. Please review this Department of Building & Safety Report Relative To Expanding Fire District 1, California Department Of Forestry, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, City High Wind Velocity Zone; CF 19-0603 https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2019/19-0603_rpt_dbs_%205-27-21.pdf (Hart)

Ms. Hart referred this to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- 22. Council File 21-0975 Illegal Street Racing / Reckless Driving Exhibition / Spectator Gathering / Promotion Facilitation - Discussion and possible motion** to approve submission of a CIS in support of Council File motion by our Councilmember John Lee. The proposed ordinance will criminalize the promotion of illegal street races and side shows, making organizing, participating, promoting, and spectating in these dangerous events a misdemeanor. https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2021/21-0975_misc_8-31-21.pdf (Brown).

Mr. Brown explained people are “staging for-profit . . . events” including filming from drones and charging for viewing. Ms. Hart can hear drag-racing “just about every night” and has seen property damage caused by it. They noted safety problems caused by such events. Mr. Brown clarified that this is targeted at promoters of such illegal events, and that many “spectators” have been filmed “cheering on” such illegal activity. Mr. Hyman noted that most such events are held late at night when most innocent people are not out.

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

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will generate a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 21-0975 Illegal Street Racing / Reckless Driving Exhibition / Spectator Gathering / Promotion Facilitation.

Board Members Sam Acosta, Angel Collins and Punam Gohel were unavailable to vote at this time, making eight Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum was seven).

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

- 23. Californians for Community Planning Initiative** - Shall NHWNC submit an open CIS letting City Council know that if they take a position on the initiative, we’d like them to endorse the effort to put this item on the November 2022 statewide ballot. (This initiative is a response to the passage of SB9 and SB10 which many perceive to be a threat to single family zoning in the State of California.) The initiative would amend the state constitution to prohibit state control over local land use policies. <https://www.communitiesforchoice.org> (Brown).

Ms. Hart explained. PC will Ag for PLUMC. No Motion . . .

- 24. Committee & Liaison Reports** (if any). Discussion and possible action on the formation of new Ad Hoc Legislative changes to Standing and Ad Hoc committees as well as NHWNC Liaisons Tracking Committee,

KR reported that the eviction moratorium changed October 1st; <https://housing.ca.gov> (833-430-2122) has housing cost assistance information. Ms. Elliott added that the website also has information for landlords. No Motion . . .

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

Mr. Brown announced upcoming community events, including the free Saturday, November 13th Air Show at Hanson Dam [<https://www.heroes-airshow.com/events/los-angeles>].

- 26. Motion to adjourn**

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Crone).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:17 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 Board Meeting Minutes page is <http://www.nhwnc.net/agendas-minutes/minutes-and-agendas>.

North Hills West NC Board Vote Count Summary GBM 10/21/2021

AGENDA ITEM # 7:00P-10:04P cap 31	2 Roll Call, Eligibility	8 Approve August 19, 2021 minutes	9 Approve August 2021 MER	10 Approve Sept 2021 MER	10 Modify Budget 10K rollover > 5K CIP, 5K >NPG	13 Kreshell Ramey > Chair Beautification & Infrastructure Committee	15 Bylaws add: President is ex officio member of all committees	16 Bylaws Add: General Board ratify all committee appointments	17 Bylaws change: Delete Tech Support Committee
CAROL HART	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PAT CRONE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DAN GIBSON	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DAVE BROWN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SAM ACOSTA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ANGEL COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X
MAGGIE ELLIOTT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GARRY FORDYCE	X	X	N	N	X	X	N	N	X
PUNAM GOHEL	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O	O
DAVID HYMAN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MADLENA MINASSIAN	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
CARLOS PELEAZ	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
KRESHELL RAMEY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maker, 2nd by:		CH/PC	CH/ME	CH/PC	DG/DH	CH/PG	DB/ME	DB/ME	CH/ME
TOTAL: Quorum is 7	11	10Y	9Y, 1N	9Y, 1N	11Y	11Y	8Y, 1N	9Y, 1N	10Y
Agenda voted item description X=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, R=Recuse, O=Absent I=Ineligible	Roll Call					Data Liaisons: Carol Hart, Dave Brown, Susan White Homeless Liaison: Kreshell Ramey NC Sustainability Carol Hart		Except Executive Board	

18 Standing Rule change: 60 to 180 days hold time for meeting recordings	19 Standing Rules add: A shepherd to introduce non- routine agenda items	20 Bylaws add: Add previous (currently deleted) section regarding removal of Boardmember by Stakeholder	21 CIS Council File 19-0603 Fire District 1	22 CIS Council File 21-0975 Street Racing
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	Explain item, make motion wording, ask for 2nd	Change petition count from 150 to 100 signatures	Refer to PLUM Committee	