



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, April 21, 2022
Approved May 19, 2022

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/board-meeting-2022-04-21> and shown online.

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1. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order.

President Carol Hart called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Eight of the 10 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Dave Brown (Secretary), Angel Collins, Pat Crone (Vice-President), Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Carol Hart (President), David Hyman and Madlena Minasian. Punam Gohel and Kreshell Ramey arrived later. No Board Member was absent. Sam Acosta had resigned. 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. Mr. Brown confirmed that all Board Members' trainings were compliant and they were eligible to vote. Three of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Three Board Seats were vacant (General, 1; Residential, 2); to apply, email Secretary@nhwnc.net. Also attended: at least 20 Stakeholders and guests.

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

Ms. Hart encouraged applying to become a Board Member.

4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.

A. Elected Officials' Field Representatives

There were no speakers or announcements.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #7.

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

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #7.] John Darnell, a Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org], reminded the NHWNC to find an in-person meeting location for when the City requires in-person meetings. The Congress of Neighborhoods will be Saturday, September 24, 2022; see NCCongress@EmpowerLA.org and NeighborhoodCongress.LA.

The next Agenda Item addressed was, again, Item #7.

5. Guest Speaker Public Service Announcement & Informational Presentations.

- A. Dark Streets are a Public Safety Issue – we invite public testimony reporting specific locations of street light outages throughout our community due to the virtual flood of vandalism and copper wire theft.
- 1) Bureau of Street Lighting, CD12, LAPD, and other city agencies are invited to address this topic.

Resident Anita Goldbaum urged contacting City Council District 12 to report outages. Resident Linda Erdman reported that her street's lights were out for six months.

Board Members Punam Gohel (at 7:15) and Kreshell Ramey (at 7:20) arrived online, making 10 Board Members present online (the NHWNC quorum is seven).

There was very extensive reporting and discussion of what can be done.

6. Report from Budget Advocates – Glenn Bailey and/or NHWNC Budget Representative.

[This Item was addressed after Item #7.] Mr. Bailey, a Budget Advocate [LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com; www.BudgetAdvocates.org], reported that Neighborhood Council funding by the City will remain at \$32,000 per year. Budget Day will be Saturday, June 18th, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #9.

7. General Public Comment

Ms. Goldbaum asked if the cannabis store at Parthenia and Woodley ever presented to the NHWNC for consideration; Ms. Hart suggested and Ms. Crone agreed to add it to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee Agenda.

The next Item addressed was Item #4. B.

This Item was returned to after Item #4. B. Daniel Mick, of CSUN, showed slides and presented regarding the North Hills West Resiliency Plan Project. He reviewed survey results. A report will be released in the Summer; copies will be available online and at the Library.

The next Agenda Item addressed was, again, Item #5.

8. Previous Meeting Minutes & Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs) - Discussion and possible action.

A. Motion to approve the March 17th Minutes.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its March 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting as written.

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

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

B. Motion to approve the February Monthly Expenditure Report.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2022.

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

C. Motion to approved the March Monthly Expenditure Report.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Elliott): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2022.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with six in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Brown, Crone, Elliott, Hart, Hyman and Ramey); one opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Fordyce); zero abstained.

D. Motion to approve the May 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Hart explained that these Minutes had been Tabled last May.

MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as written.

Board Member Kreshell Ramey had left by this time, making six Board Members present online, short of the NHWNC Board quorum of seven, so no vote was able to be taken.

E. Motion to approve the May 25, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Hart requested and it was agreed to TABLE the above Item.

9. **Volunteers Cleaning Communities** - Presentation and Submittal of Neighborhood Purpose Grant for tools and supplies to be used by a North Hills Affiliate Member for community clean ups in and around North Hills West - Discussion and possible action to approve the granting of up to \$1,500 out of the total projected cost of \$2,756.68. (Subject to debate and decision to set this or a lesser amount, to be determined during the course of the meeting.) Motion: North Hills West Neighborhood council approves funding of the VCC NPG not to exceed \$1,500.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #6.] Jill Mather, Founder of "Volunteers Cleaning Communities" [VCC; JillMather@earthlink.net], explained VCC's goals and that many organizations and volunteers will participate in an upcoming cleanup.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves funding of the VCC (Volunteers Cleaning Communities) NPG in the amount of \$1,500.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Mather further explained in detail the funding request and how the funding would be used.

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

Board Member Punam Gohel had left by this time, making nine Board Members present online (the NHWNC Board quorum was seven).

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

10. **S.O.L.I.D.** - Presentation and Submittal of Neighborhood Purpose Grant for remodeling of the SLO Trailer and the purchase of new flooring and furniture - Discussion and possible action to approve the granting of up to \$5000 out of the total projected cost of \$72,012.00. (Subject to debate and decision to set this or a

lesser amount, TBD). Motion: North Hills West Neighborhood council approves funding of the SOLID NPG not to exceed \$5,000.

Dale Penn, of SOLID's [Supporters Of Law enforcement In Devonshire; 818-756-9011, ext. 1200; 818-718-9498; www.SOLIDDevonshire.org], showed slides and presented about their Trailer Upgrade and Renovation Project 2022. He said that the 12-year-old trailer is in disrepair. He reported that presentations have been made to all Neighborhood Councils in City Council District 12. "These are non-City buildings" that were donated by the community and will not be funded by the City. There was very extensive discussion about costs and funding. The project would start in May.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Hyman): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves funding of the SOLID NPG in the amount of \$5,000.

Board Members Angel Collins and Madlena Minasian had left by this time, making seven Board Members present online (the NHWNC Board quorum was seven).

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

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #8.

- 11. NHWNC Zoom Account** - Discussion and possible action to approve the annual expenditure of \$200 for an individually billed Zoom Account which will be set up based on current City of LA Zoom account parameters.

Ms. Hart requested and it was agreed to TABLE the above Item.

- 12. Board Telephone** – Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to \$1000 for a new 5G Telephone to retain greater accessibility to the Board through the availability of telephonic communications. Board.

Ms. Hart explained that Verizon won't service the NHWNC's 3G phone. She requested and it was agreed to TABLE the above Item.

- 13. Budget Expenditure** Recommendation for Outreach – Discussion and possible motion approving a budget of up to \$5000 for the purchase of various logo imprinted promotional items such as pot holders, note pads, local emergency info refrigerator magnets, and emergency preparedness items to be included in Outreach grab bags.

Ms. Hart requested and it was agreed to TABLE the above Item.

- 14. Discussion and possible action** to appoint a board member to serve as our new Treasurer.

Ms. Hart requested and it was agreed to TABLE the above Item.

- 15. Discussion and possible action** to appoint a board member to serve as our new President.

Ms. Hart explained that she needed to step down as President. She reminded that the NHWNC exists to help each other and the community, and encouraged being kind to each other and recruiting other volunteers. She requested and it was agreed to TABLE the above Item.

- 16. Committee & Board Liaison Reports.**

There were no reports.

- 17. Board Member Announcements and Requests for Future Agenda Items.**

Ms. Hart reported that Ms. Erdman worked very hard on Haskell parking issues.

- 18. Motion to adjourn.**

Ms. Hart **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 11:13 p.m.

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