



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Special Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday May 31, 2017
Mid-Valley Regional Library 16244 Nordoff Street, North Hills CA 91343

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1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dan Gibson called the Meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

2. Roll Call and announcement of Quorum and Voting Eligibility.

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Nine of the 13 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dan Gibson (President), Dave Brown (Secretary), Maggie Elliott, Garry Fordyce, Carol Hart, David Hyman, Sam Kwasman, Antonino Lovato and Madlena Minasian (Treasurer). Board Members Jay Beeber (Vice-President) (_un/excused), Armando Diaz (_un/excused), Punam Gohel (excused) and Kreshell Ramey (_un/excused) 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 <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 reported that all Board Members were eligible to vote. All 13 of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: eight Stakeholders and guests.

3. Announcements and Comments – President.

Mr. Gibson reminded of the need to allocate funds before the end of the Fiscal Year.

4. Public agency speakers and announcements.

There were no public agency speakers or announcements.

5. General Public Comments

There were no comments at this time.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the NHWNC April 2017 Monthly Expense Report.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hart): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2017.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gibson reported that “it has all the backups” and more documents were received today. Expenses were reviewed. Mr. Fordyce said “this is an incomplete package.” Mr. Gibson explained that “all we’re doing here is an extreme effort to be transparent.” Mr. Brown noted the currency of the documents and their availability for anyone to see on a laptop computer set up in the meeting room.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Gibson); no opposition.

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

7. **Discussion and possible action** to award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to Vintage STEM Magnet to support their National Aeronautics and Space Administration night on June 2, 2017 in an amount to be determined by the board (\$1,300 requested).

Copies were distributed of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant application and “NASA STEM Night” flier showing the event schedule. Ankur Patel, School and Community Coordinator for LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson (ofc. 818-654-3785; Ankur.Patel@lausd.net; <http://achieve.lausd.net/schmerelson>), presented, explaining that the event is “to develop the next generation of leaders and scientists.” [See below Item #11.]

8. **Discussion and possible action** to award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to New Horizons to help support their Technology and Media Arts program in an amount to be determined by the board (\$1,500 requested).

Copies were distributed of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant application. Mr. Brown explained the program. [See below Item #11.]

9. **Discussion and possible action** to award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Friends of the Mid-Valley Regional Library to provide books for the “Hot Off the Press” collection in an amount to be determined by the board (\$1,500 requested).

Copies were distributed of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant application. [See below Item #11.] Stakeholder Anita Goldbaum explained “Hot Off the Press”; the books “stay in this library” and “become part of the catalog.” Mr. Hyman noted that the NHWNC sticker is put on such books.

10. **Discussion and possible action** to award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the Mayall Academy of Arts and Technology Magnet for their Mural and Reading Garden Project in an amount to be determined by the board (\$5,000 requested).

Copies were distributed of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant application. Mr. Patel presented. The NHWNC logo could be on the mural. Ms. Goldbaum believed the allocation to be too much. Mr. Gibson requested future updates if an allocation is made. Mr. Brown suggested allocating some funding now and some next Fiscal Year. [See below Item #11.]

- 11. Discussion and possible action** to allocate via internal transfer up to \$1,000 each to the LA Congress of Neighborhoods – September 9, 2017 Annual Event, the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates, and the LA Congress of Neighborhoods – Networking/EmpowerLA Awards event.

Mr. Brown explained the Advocates' valuable work monitoring and making recommendations for the City budget and that they are "ongoing" and "can use the money immediately."

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Fordyce): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will allocate \$1,300 for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for the Vintage STEM Magnet to support their National Aeronautics and Space Administration night on June 2, 2017; \$1,100 to New Horizons to help support their Technology and Media Arts program; \$1,100 to the Friends of the Mid-Valley Regional Library to provide books for the "Hot Off the Press" collection; \$2,000 to the Mayall Academy of Arts and Technology Magnet for their Mural Project; and \$1,000 in an internal transfer to support the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates program; for a total of \$6,500.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Gibson); no opposition.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Brown, Elliott, Fordyce, Gibson, Hart, Hyman, Kwasman, Lovato and Minasian; zero opposed; zero abstained.

There was a recess at this time.

- 12. Discussion and possible action** to approve Treasurer's recommendations to revise budget category amounts.

Ms. Minasian explained the recommendations.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Minasian): The North Hills West Neighborhood Council will transfer \$8,000 from its Community Improvement budget category to its Neighborhood Purposes Grant category, and transfer \$1,149 from its Operations category to its Neighborhood Purposes Grant category.

13. Board Member Comments

Mr. Brown reported that CPAB [the Community Police Advisory Board; http://www.lapdonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station/content_basic_view/8984] now meets monthly at Fire Station 87 [10124 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, 91344]. Mr. Lovato encouraged learning CPR; there is no mouth-to-mouth resuscitation anymore; “just pump the chest.” Ms. Hart requested that NPG applications be submitted earlier in the year. She requested signage at Mayall Elementary School regarding their garden which the NHWNC helped fund. Mr. Gibson encouraged continuing helpful participation. He reported that the Veterans Administration now wants the storage container there; help may be needed unloading it. Ms. Elliott clarified that it is by Building Twenty.

14. Motion to adjourn

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kwasman).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:53 p.m.

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