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Granada Hills South
Neighborhood
Council

Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 4th, 2024
6:30 PM

**Granada Hills Charter High School-
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The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities

- I. CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER , 2023 BOARD MEETING
- IV. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS/ FUNDING MOTIONS

- A. Nominations are open for the GHSNC Presidency
- B. Nominations are open for Vice President
- C. Nominations are open for Secretary
- D. Motion to appoint of Colleen Toumayan to cochair the Outreach committee
- E. Motion for Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for October, November and December 2023
- F. Approval of the Minutes for Nov. 2, 2023

V. ELECTED OFFICES/ DEPARTMENTS/ ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. PRESENTATION BY Lydia Grant on Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights

A. Discussion and possible motion to adopt the Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights

LANCC Working Group for Constructive Change

The Working Group for Constructive Change (WG4CC) is a city-wide steering committee, created under the auspices of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), to identify areas of concern within the Neighborhood Council (NC) system which impact NCs, their board members and stakeholders, and present them at LANCC to enable Neighborhood Councils to reach their fullest potential.

Whereas, the people of the City of Los Angeles enacted, in the charter of 1999, a system of Neighborhood Councils, whose missions are “to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs” and, Whereas, in order to fulfill these missions, Neighborhood Councils must be empowered to operate as independently as possible of the City’s officials, departments, and agencies and not subject to undue influence or control by those officials, departments, and agencies, Therefore, the Neighborhood Councils of the City of Los Angeles declare: Neighborhood Councils’ Board members are elected officials of the City of Los Angeles. The method by which Board members are chosen shall be determined solely by the Bylaws of each Neighborhood Council. The sole authority to censure, suspend, remove, or otherwise discipline a Board member is vested in the Neighborhood Council of which that individual is a Board member. Each Board shall determine the composition of its Bylaws and no other agency or commission of the City, with the exception of Board composition and boundaries of the Neighborhood Council, may alter or amend those Bylaws following initial Council certification and approval by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. No official or agency of the City of Los Angeles may delay or otherwise impede the action of a Neighborhood Council to amend its Bylaws or rules. Neighborhood Councils shall be meaningfully consulted prior to the appointment of individuals to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and the appointment of any individual as the general manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Motion: the Granada Hills Council moves to adopt and support The Declaration of Counsel Rights

VII. Discussion and possible action on a Board motion that the Granada Hills Neighborhood Council contact other Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley to determine their interest in co-sponsoring a joint public forum, possibly on a quarterly basis, on issues regarding the management of city resources across the northern and northwestern region of the San Fernando Valley, at a date and location to be determined.

- a. Note this motion was passed Sept. 14, 2023 unanimously by a vote of all nine Board Members present; with zero opposed and zero abstentions.
- b. If any new information is available by the Board meeting, the above item shall serve as a placeholder for any necessary board action.

VIII COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTING PRESIDENT - We need to move our storage from public storage to nova storage at the end of January; as previously passed

A. Public Safety

1. Need commitments from committee members regarding their availability for a committee meeting in January for committee action on the following, as soon as possible:
2. Discussion and possible Board action regarding Capital Improvement Project funding by the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council of security improvements at the Granada Hills Recreation Center (i.e. 'Petit Park,') including but not limited to the park, the gymnasium, the pool, and the Granada Hills Library, in the amount of up to \$5000.
 - a) Background – On July 19, 2023, there was a homicide at Petit Park. On Sept. 14, 2023, representatives of the Los Angeles Police Department, City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, the City of Los Angeles Public Library system, and the City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment spoke in regards to the murder and on-going security and safety issues at the recreation center at regular monthly meeting of the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council.
 - b) During the meeting, city staff reported there is no security camera system at the park; the same city staff members suggested the GHSNC consider supporting installation of such a system through a designated Capital Improvement Project.
 - c) On Oct. 26, 2023, the PSEP committee approved a motion to the board to provide such funding. On Nov. 2, 2023, the Board approved the following:
 - a. The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council ("Neighborhood Council" or "GHSNC") supports allocating Capital Improvement Project funding from the GHSNC for security improvements at the Granada Hills Recreation Center (i.e. 'Petit Park,') including but not limited to the park, the gymnasium, the pool, and the Granada Hills Library, in the amount of up to \$5,000.
 - d) Note the above occurred at the same meeting the Board voted to provide \$5,000 in GHSNC funding to the LAPD DEVONSHIRE IS S.O.L.I.D. to renovate and furnish the area formerly used for training to be used as a meeting room for the community volunteers now serving the LAPD Devonshire Division.
 - e) Note that the PSEP chair has informed representatives of CD 12, LAPD Devonshire, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Library, and DONE of this vote. In addition, the chair has requested Mr. Mario Hernandez, the GHSNC's DONE NEA, provide a briefing at this meeting on how to move forward with this funds transfer.
 - f) If any new information is available by the Board meeting, the above item shall serve as a placeholder for any necessary board action.

B. Cultural Affairs

C. Education

D. Homelessness – Report

E. Outreach

1. Report on tree lighting held on December 1, 2023
2. Report on Holiday Parade held on December 3, 2023

F. Planning and Land Use

1. Update on conditional use permit for daycare center located at 17345 W. Chatsworth St., Granada Hills/Knollwood community plan area.
2. Letter of correction regarding conditional use permit for the above stated daycare center as described in item 6a above
3. Need for PLUM committee commitments

1. Need commitments from committee members regarding their availability for a committee meeting in January for committee action on the following, as soon as possible:

2. Discussion and possible action by the Board regarding Los Angeles City Planning Case Number [CPC-2022-1981-CU-DRB-SPP-SPR](#); (i.e. **proposed Home Depot development** located at 16830 West Devonshire Street (CPC-2022-1981-CUSPP-SPR/[ENV-2022-1982-EAF](#)), as submitted to the City by representatives of the applicant. Note that on May 11, 2023, the PLUM Committee voted 4-0 to recommend the following to the GHSNC Board; on Aug. 3, 2023, the GHSNC Board voted unanimously by a voice vote to approve the motion below (note: zero opposed; zero abstained.)

- a. The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council accepts the recommendation of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUMC) to **request the City of Los Angeles require a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** on Los Angeles City Planning Case Number CPC-2022-1981-CU-DRB-SPP-SPR; (i.e. proposed Home Depot development located at 16830 West Devonshire Street (CPC-2022-1981-CUSPP-SPR/[ENV-2022-1982-EAF](#)), **in order to comply with all requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**.
 - b. The above request, and a link to the [minutes from the Aug.3 meeting](#), have been submitted as part of the public record to the City Planning Department, directly to Ms. Renata Ooms, the city planner assigned to this project.
 - c. Before the holidays, Ms. Ooms informed the PLUM committee chair that **no action was expected on this matter before the New Year**. As of the week of Dec. 24-31, no approved documents are posted at the above link, and the project is listed as being “on hold.”
 - d. If any new information is available by the Board meeting, the above item shall serve as a placeholder for any necessary board action.
2. Discussion and possible action by the Board regarding Los Angeles City Planning Case Number [ADM-2023-7417-DB-HCA-ED1](#) (i.e. a proposal to demolish two existing single family residences, at 17188 and 17184 Chatsworth Street, respectively, and replace them with a **39,528 sq ft, six floor, 49 unit** 100% affordable housing project).
- a. Note that these two adjoining properties are on the south side of Chatsworth Street; 17188 is the southeast corner of the intersection of Chatsworth and Aldea, and 17184 is the property immediately east of the corner. Other properties on the same block include both single family residences and multi-unit-apartment buildings.
 - b. Note the above project site is one block east of a proposed child care facility at 17247 Chatsworth Street, which the applicants have said publicly would serve as many as 60 children and 14 staff M-F. See item #5, below.
 - c. Next steps would be, as per regular order, to invite the developer to present to the community on this project at a committee meeting, and for the committee to make a recommendation to the board regarding the applicant’s request.
 - d. Before the holidays, Ms. Ooms informed the PLUM committee chair that **no action was expected on this matter before the New Year**. As of the week of Dec. 24-31, no approved documents are posted at the above link, and the project is listed as being “on hold.”
 - e. If any new information is available by the Board meeting, the above item shall serve as a placeholder for any necessary board action.
3. Discussion and possible action by the Board regarding Los Angeles City Planning Case Number [ADM-2023-8062-DB-VHCA-ED1](#), (i.e. a proposal to demolish an existing 1,234 sq ft single-family dwelling at 16136 West Devonshire Street - and construction of a 10,647 sq ft three-story, 44-foot, 100% affordable housing apartment building development with 15 total units.
- a. Note that this property is on the south side of Devonshire, three parcels east of Woodley Avenue. There is a commercial property at the southeast corner of Woodley and Devonshire, but the remainder of the block – ~12 homes, including one west of this property and separating it from the existing commercial development – is entirely single-family, as is most of the same the block on the north side of the street (~10 homes). Similar zoning and uses are in place east to Haskell (south side, ~21 homes) and Aqueduct (north side, ~31 homes).

- b. Next steps would be, as per regular order, to invite the developer to present to the community on this project at a committee meeting, and for the committee to make a recommendation to the board regarding the applicant's request to waive the City's development standards to permit this development.
- c. Note that among others, this includes a request to permit **a 19-foot height increase** from the LAMC 12.21.1-A, 10 limit of 25 feet within 49 feet of an RS zone to 44 feet, a **100% reduction of required parking from 23 spaces to 0 spaces, an 80% reduction of the required building line setback from 25 feet to 5 feet, and a 100% reduction of required open space from 1,800 sf. to 0 sf.**
- d. As of the week of Dec. 24-31, no approved documents are posted at the above link; however, the project is not listed as being "on hold."
- e. If any new information is available by the Board meeting, the above item shall serve as a placeholder for any necessary board action.

3 Discussion and possible action by the Board regarding Los Angeles City Planning Case Number [ZA-2023-3912-CU](#), (related: [ENV-2023-3913-EAF](#)) i.e.: a proposed "new child care facility with 60 children on-site" at 17345 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills. This site east of the intersection of Andasol Avenue and Chatsworth Street, on the north side of Andasol. Note that all project details are drawn from materials submitted by the applicant's consultant (Mailian & Associates, 4447 Sunset Avenue, Montrose, CA 91020) to the City of Los Angeles Planning Department and/or the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council.

- f. Note that on Dec. 4, 2023, the City of Los Angeles, Office of Zoning Administration, announced this project could forward, with multiple conditions. See attached letters of Dec. 4, 2023 and Nov. 15, 2023.
- g. Request these letters should be included as elements of the agenda and minutes for the GHSNC, to preserve them as an element of the public record regarding this project.
- h. If any new information is available by the Board meeting, the above item shall serve as a placeholder for any necessary board action.

4. Discussion and possible action on a Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommendation to the Board regarding testimony and information presented by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to the Van Nuys (VNY) Airport Citizens Advisory Council.

- a. See "[Vision Study](#)," regarding the capacity expansion proposals; note that all three alternatives include aviation capacity expansion (i.e. from 2-4 new "change to Aviation Area," options, all beyond current uses, at the airport). Also note that the "[Vision Study](#)" is the first step for future planning," at Van Nuys Airport, according to LAWA, and that LAWA is at the "select Vision Study Preferred Land Use Alternative" as of May, 2023.
- b. Note that the LAWA Board of Airport Commissioners' regular meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 10:00 am has been cancelled.
- c. Note that in May 11, 2023, the PLUM Committee voted 4-0 to recommend the following to the GHSNC Board; the motion was approved by the Board on Aug. 3, MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.
- d. The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council ("Neighborhood Council" or "GHSNC") accepts the recommendation of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUMC) to contact other Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley to determine their interest in co-sponsoring a joint public forum on issues regarding the management of Van Nuys Airport, at a date and location to be determined.
- e. If any new information is available by the Board meeting, the above item shall serve as a placeholder for any necessary board action.

G. Sustainability - Report

- 1. Update on A More Sustainable Granada Hills survey and farmers market feasibility study

H. Seniors

- I. Youth
- J. Beatification - Report

IX. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT OF NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

X BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XI Next meeting will be held on February 2, 2024

XII ADJOURNMENT

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