



North Hills East Neighborhood Council

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday – January 9, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Penny Lane Center - Rainbow Room, 15314 Rayen Street, North Hills, CA 91343

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OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

President, Italia Abundez – Vice President, Tony Wilkinson – Secretary, (vacant) – Treasurer, Perla Lagunas

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (INCLUDING OFFICERS)

Italia Abundez / Elvira Higuera Alvarado / Maricar Summer Bernardo / Christina Flores / Punam Gohel / Perla Lagunas / Joaquin Macias
Alberta Abundez Peralta / Sinue Peralta / Juana Ramirez / Regelio Soto / Bartolome Treviño / Tony Wilkinson / Antonio York - (14)

VACANCIES: Organizational - (1)

ALTERNATES: (1) Jill Akahosi, (2) David Herman, (3) Wilfred Negrete, (4) [vacant]

Public Comment Limited To 2 Minutes Per Speaker

Unless Waived Or Additionally Restricted By The Presiding Officer Of The Board

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PLEASE NOTE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING MAY TAKE ITEMS OUT OF ORDER.**

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YOU CAN MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT WITHOUT FILLING OUT A SPEAKER CARD.

**THE TIMES FOR AGENDA ITEMS ARE A GUIDELINE. THE MEETING DOES NOT HAVE A SCHEDULED ENDING
TIME. PLEASE KEEP COMMENTS BRIEF TO HAVE A QUICK MEETING.**

- 6:30 1. Call To Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Welcome**
(Italia Abundez, President) (3m)
- 6:33 2. Roll call of the committee and the board.** The board has 15 seats. Fourteen are filled. The quorum for the board is **8**. (2m)
- 6:35 3. Report from the Los Angeles Police Department:** Senior Lead Officer Charles Chacon, Basic Car 19A61 North Hills (cell: 818-634-0545, office: 818-838-9845, email: 35441@lapd.online) (10m)
- 6:45 4. Reports from other government officials: (12m)**
Council District 6 [south of Rayen Street] (Councilwoman **Nury Martinez**) / staff **Sylvester Partida** (818-771-0236, sylvester.partida@lacity.org)
Council District 7 [north of Rayen Street] (Councilmember to be elected, served by Council President **Herb J. Wesson, Jr.**) / staff **Cristina Coria** (818-485-0600, cristina.coria@lacity.org)
Los Angeles Mayor **Eric Garcetti** / staff **Brian Gavidia** (213-713-0960, brian.gavidia@lacity.org)
Los Angeles Unified School District, District 6 (Board Member **Mónica Ratliff**) / staff **Julio Anleu** (213-241-6388, julio.anleu@lausd.net)

Los Angeles County Supervisorial District 3 (Supervisor **Sheila Kuehl**, 213-974-1311) / staff

Benita Trujillo (818-901-3831, BTrujillo@bos.lacounty.gov).

Assembly District 46 (Assemblymember **Adrin Nazarian**) / staff **Angie Aramayo** (818-376-4246, Angie.Aramayo@asm.ca.gov)

State Senate District 18 (Senator **Bob Hertzberg**) / (Van Nuys District Office: 818-901-5588). Staff **Marco Santana** (818-901-5588, Marco.Santana@sen.ca.gov).

California Congressional District 29 (Congressman **Tony Cardenas**) / Staff **Joseph Kenneth La Salle** (818-781-7407, Kenny.LaSalle@mail.house.gov)

6:57 5. Public comment on non-agenda subjects. Please limit comments to two minutes per speaker.
Candidates for public office may speak during the public comment period. (8m)

7:05 6. Consideration and possible action to appoint candidates to the vacant Organizational seat, and to the vacant Alternate position on the Board. (5m)

7:10 7. Approve minutes of prior meetings. (4m)

7:14 8. Consideration and possible action to approve the Treasurer's financial reports as the official records of the Board, and to approve a new budget if necessary. (6m)

7:20 9. Consideration and possible action regarding committees, and committee reports. The Board may change its committees and its committee chairs to meet its needs. No committees are named in the current bylaws. The Board has a policy that all Board members and Alternates are automatically members of all committees, and that committees will be scheduled as joint meetings with the Board. People who are not on the Board are also welcome to serve on committees. (15m)

Beautification and Community Services: Summer Bernardo

Education: Summer Bernardo

Executive: Italia Abundez

Finance: Tony Wilkinson (Board Vice President, required by bylaws)

Land Use: Punam Gohel

Outreach: Italia Abundez

Public Safety: Bart Treviño

Alcohol and Drugs subcommittee Bart Treviño

Rules: Perla Lagunas

7:35 10. Consideration and possible action on the recommendation of the Vice President that the Board adopt a policy that the quorum for committees shall be three stakeholders, and that the three people must include the committee chair or vice chair and two Board members or Alternates (including, if applicable, the chair or vice chair). The bylaws are silent on the quorum for committees. Since the Board has a policy that any Board member or Alternate may attend and vote at any committee meeting, this policy will make it clear that a committee with only three people present (as defined in the policy) is an official meeting and can take action. (5m)

7:40 11. Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates report. This Neighborhood Council program offers opportunities for public participation in developing the city's budget for the next Fiscal Year. The council's Board has authorized **Punam Gohel** (punam.nhenc@gmail.com) and **Antonio York** (ayorkii@aol.com) as its Budget Representatives. **Ann Job** of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council (818-364-9318, Ann.Job@sylmarnc.org) is an elected Budget Advocate for the North Valley area. (5m)

- 7:45 12. **Consideration and possible action on the recommendation of the Beautification and Community Services Committee that the Board support a "Meet and Eat with North Hills East Neighborhood Council Committees" event on Friday, February 3 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Sepulveda Recreation Center, and authorize up to \$250 for light refreshments, decorations and outreach materials. (10m)**
- 7:55 13. **Consideration and possible action on the recommendation of the President and Outreach committee chair that the Board support the Council District 7 Candidates Forum that is being organized by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council on Saturday, February 11 from 11 am to 2 pm and authorize the city to transfer \$500 in outreach funds to the STNC for use at this event. The NHENC will be mentioned in the event ad in the Daily News, it can have an outreach table at the event, and it will receive recognition on a card at the refreshments table. (5m)**
- 8:00 14. **Consideration and possible action on the recommendation of the Vice President that the Board continue its support for an outreach presence at selected Coffee with The Principal and Coffee with the Senior Lead Officer events at local schools, and allocate up to \$500 for light food and refreshments for this purpose, for use during January and February. (10m)**
- 8:10 15. **Consideration and possible action on the recommendation of the President that the Board nominate one man and one woman who will volunteer to attend all three meetings of the Civic University 1.0 program, or authorize the President to appoint two people. The Civic University is a course in basic citizen action that is sponsored by the City of Los Angeles in partnership with California State University Los Angeles. The three classes will be held on Tuesday nights at the Ron Deaton Auditorium, 100 Main Street, just south of Los Angeles City Hall. The classes will run from 6 to 9 pm on January 17, 24 and 31. Candidates must attend all three classes in order to receive a certificate. Spanish translation will be provided on request. (7m)**
- 8:17 16. **Consideration and possible action on the recommendation of the Vice President that the Board write a letter to the city Department of Recreation and Parks advocating that a temporary office and classroom building be installed at North Hills Community Park in order to enable indoor meetings and craft activities during the park construction that will begin in March and continue possibly through June or later. The letter should say that the council strongly supports the activities that are being provided to the community at the park by the South Bay Center for Community Development and other organizations, and express concern that these activities may not continue during the park renovations without the provision of a temporary indoor space. Copies of the letter should be sent to the Mayor, Council Members in CD6 and CD7, and the LAPD. (8m)**
- 8:25 17. **Consideration and possible action on the recommendation of the Vice President that the Board write a letter to the city Department of Recreation and Parks supporting the continue waiver of park use fees for the South Bay Center for Community Development and other non-profit organizations who provide community activities at North Hills Community Park. Revitalization of the park is a priority project of the LAPD Valley Bureau, Councilwoman Nury Martinez, and this Neighborhood Council. It makes no sense to charge fees to agencies who are joining in the effort to renew the park through activity programs. Copies of the letter should be sent to the Mayor, Council Members in CD6 and CD7, and the LAPD. (5m)**
- 8:30 18. **Comments by Board members and seated Alternates on matters within the jurisdiction of the Neighborhood Council. (5m)**
- 8:35 19. **Adjournment.** (The times in this agenda are estimates. The meeting is not scheduled to adjourn at a particular time.)

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