



North Hills Community Association Board Meeting Agenda

January 17, 2022 DRAFT

7:00 PM

Meeting Via Zoom

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Board Members

Carolyn Burgess, Public Safety Chair

Celine Gyger

Steve Hanson - Chair

Chris Johnson –Second V. Chair for Public Safety, Communications Chair

Nancy Mueller

Elizabeth Stage –V. Chair, Public Safety V. Chair

Guests:

Mark Lecker

1. Call to order

2.Introduction of Guests

Please introduce yourselves at the appropriate time

2.Review and approval of draft minutes- No meeting or action items in December 2021

3.Review of agenda- adoption of agenda – January 17, 2021

4. Election of Officers

a. **Secretary** – In nomination, Nancy Mueller

5. Election of New Board Member

a. Mark Lecker

6. Treasurer’s Report

a. Report on Fundraising for End of Year 2021

- b. General Financial Report for end of year 2021
- c. Reconciliation of Garden funds
- d. **Budgets for next year- Administration – Communication – Garden – Public Safety** – No budgets have been adopted as yet

7. **Communications Committee**—Chris Johnson

- a. Newsletter and campaign success - Net Income
- b. Report by Steve on the ongoing Web-site Maintenance and updates. Dora La Flora Czifra called and did not bill us for December. We posted nothing. We need to continue updating and posting on our website pertinent information or change the contract.

8. **Public Safety Committee**—Carolyn Burgess with assistance from Elizabeth Stage

- a. Next Public Safety Committee – Oakland DOT? Hosted on zoom
- b. Continued monitoring and reporting on Redistricting Commission setting Council and School board districts. On-going – Elizabeth.

9. **Garden Committee**— Vacant Chair

- a. Current Status of the Firestorm Memorial Garden
 - 1.) CCTV camera reactivation? Uses Verizon cell service and notifies account holder.
 - 2.) No agreement with Caltrans, other than verbal that we can access and maintain. The reconstruction of the site with the road improvements brought that to the attention of Caltrans. Something we may want to address.
 - 3.) Donna Karch and another neighbor will work with the volunteers and Mary Alice (?) will continue to handle the trash and speak to the people who are loitering.
- b. Current Status of the Gateway Garden and Emergency Preparedness Center
 - 1.) Letter sent to Thang Nguyen, City Real Estate Department, rejecting their terms for the expansion of the garden across the street.
 - 2.) Is anyone playing the role that Donna and others are playing at Firestorm?
- c. Review of Garden Finances
 - 1.) Last year's budget
 - 2.) This year's budget
 - a.) Are there contracts for services or other obligations that must be met?
- d. Given this situation, what are our immediate next steps and what are our ideas about recruiting a new Garden Committee Chair?

10. **New Business**

- a. Goals and programs for 2022. Do we need to set aside some time to discuss what are programs will be for next year? Special meeting?

11. Old Business?

12. Adjourn

(Attachments)

Draft Board Minutes - No
Letter to Thang Nguyen

NHCA Board of Directors

Carolyn Burgess -
2nd Vice Chair and Public Safety
Chair

Celine Gyger – Garden
Committee, Co-Chair

Steven Hanson - Chair

Chris Johnson - Treasurer

Nancy Mueller

Susan Piper – Secretary -
Garden Committee Chair

Elizabeth Stage - Vice Chair

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December 28, 2021

Thang Nguyen,
Real Estate Agent
Real Property Asset Management Division
Economic & Workforce Development Department
250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Suite 3315
Oakland, CA 94612

Sent Via Email and US mail

Subject: **License Agreement for Community Garden**

Dear Thang,

Thank you very much for your patience with the North Hills Community Association as we wrestle with our many community-oriented projects. We just spent considerable time and resources commemorating the 30th anniversary of the 1991 Firestorm – in the Oakland/Berkeley Hills. That was a major undertaking, and we appreciate all the effort on behalf of the City, particularly its Fire Department in helping us with our Community Comeback -Then and Now Event.

Regarding the subject agreement, we have given very careful consideration to the Agreement that we negotiated over the past many months. We appreciate your time, that of the City Administrator's office, the City Attorney's office, and that of your office as well, in helping craft an agreement for this garden.

We continue to be committed in maintaining our community gardens and that includes the Gateway Gardens (The Gateway Emergency Preparedness Exhibit Center) for which we have an Adopt-a-Spot agreement to maintain. We also maintain The Firestorm Memorial Garden – for which we have permission by agreement with Caltrans.

The Board of the North Hills Community Association, after much consideration, could not agree to the terms of the offered agreement as it puts too much liability and responsibility on our organization. Therefore, after all this time, we must apologize and as well decline the City's offer to allow our organization to volunteer and maintain that section of City property.

As you might be aware, we have been maintaining that property on an ad-hock basis, however, at this point, we must turn over the maintenance of the property -for the purpose of vegetation management and the like - back to the City. We simply cannot muster the resources to continue with the agreement as such.

We again apologize, perhaps at some point we may be able to reconsider, but at this point, please accept our gratitude for working on drafting the agreement for the volunteer maintenance of this property.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



Steven Hanson, Chair

cc: NHCA Board